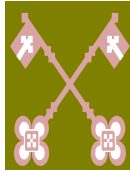


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Parish News



August 2011

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Dear Friends,

Be not afraid! The long wait is almost over. Wimbledon is over, the Open has been won and the Test matches are well advanced. Summer sport is fine even in a non Olympic year but for those pining for competitive football, nothing quite hits the spot does it?

Visitors to the Wanderers website can find a clock counting down the days, hours, minutes and yes, seconds remaining to the beginning of the first match against QPR. Certain members of the congregation are beginning to look more cheerful (surely no coincidence!) and as transfer deals bring new faces to the Reebok then we know that the new season cannot be far away.

For those who do not love the national game then I guess it will seem no more than five minutes since the last season finished. Well however you feel about it, it really wasn't that long ago and it was only about six weeks ago that I had the honour of leading the end of season annual memorial service at the Reebok which commemorates the names of loved ones passed away in any way connected with the club. This year we also commemorated the 65th anniversary of the Burnden disaster and of course remembered and gave thanks for the life and contribution of Nat Lofthouse OBE.

This week an exhibition which celebrates the life and career of Nat Lofthouse has opened at Bolton Museum. I was fortunate enough to be there at the opening and so can heartily recommend a visit. There are all sorts of memorabilia on display including a pair of truly daunting football boots from the era Nat played. They look more suitable for climbing in the Himalayas than for running about in! The exhibition runs until 29 October and I'm sure it will be very popular.

This week also saw a ceremony to mark a year to the day to the Opening Ceremony of the 2012 Olympics. Bolton marked this in some style with some impressive sporting taster sessions on Victoria Square. Amongst other things there was a climbing wall and a boxing ring with queues of young people eager to take part.

The Mayor led an impressive ceremony which featured a number of athletes who hope to take part in the Games, health and form permitting.

The medal-winning cyclist Jason Kenny was joined by two other very impressive Boltonians, Josh

Ramm and Dave Clarke who spoke eloquently about their different journeys that hopefully will lead to the Olympic judo hall for Josh and the Transplant Games for Dave. Their stories spoke volumes about dedication and determination. It was very moving to see and hear at first hand such clear examples of the indomitability of the human spirit.

As the Olympics draw ever nearer and as the new football season kicks off, we can sometimes feel cynical about the impact of big money and celebrity with its cottage industry of phone hackers and others to whom the honourable traditions of football and the Olympic spirit are like relics from a bygone age in some other kind of museum. Seeing those would-be Olympians and sharing in the activities of a club which keeps faith with its traditions and its town, as BWFC does, provides much needed refreshment of spirit.

Whether we are sporty or not, fans or really not, we too find ourselves called to run a race, to run the race of life with courage and perseverance looking to Jesus. In so doing we can trust that the victor's wreath is already ours. Thanks be to God!

With my love and prayers,

Matt Thompson

Sport in the Bible?

- ***Golf***: I have finished the course (2 Timothy 4:7).
- ***Cricket***: Peter stood up with the Eleven [and was bold] (Acts 2:14).
- ***The football team Solomon supported***: Queen of the South (1 Kings 10).
- ***The church football team motto***: So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home... or away (2 Corinthians 5:9).
- ***The team manager's prayer***: Find someone who plays well and bring him to me (1 Samuel 16:17).

CALENDAR for AUGUST 2011

2	Tuesday	12.30 - Holy Communion
3	Wednesday	12.30 - Prayers for Healing
4	Thursday	12 Noon - Holy Communion
5	Friday	St Oswald , King of Northumbria & Martyr [642]
6	Saturday	The Transfiguration of Our Lord
7	SUNDAY	Seventh Sunday after Trinity 8.00 - Holy Communion 10.30 - Parish Communion 6.30 - Evening Prayer (said)
8	Monday	St Dominic , Priest and Friar [1221]
9	Tuesday	Mary Sumner , Founder of the Mothers' Union [1921] 12.30 - Holy Communion
10	Wednesday	St Lawrence , Deacon and Martyr [258] 12.30 - Prayers for Healing
11	Thursday	St Clare of Assisi , Founder of the Poor Clares [1253] 12.00 - Holy Communion
13	Saturday	Jeremy Taylor , Bishop of Down & Connor [1667]
14	SUNDAY	Eighth Sunday after Trinity 8.00 - Holy Communion 10.30 - Sung Eucharist 6.30 - Evening Prayer (with hymns)
15	Monday	The Blessed Virgin Mary
16	Tuesday	12.30 - Holy Communion
17	Wednesday	Parish Outing to Harrogate & Ripon 5.30 - BPC Choir sing Choral Evensong at Ripon Cathedral
18	Thursday	12 Noon - Holy Communion
20	Saturday	St Bernard , Abbot of Clairvaux [1153]
21	SUNDAY	Ninth Sunday after Trinity 8.00 - Holy Communion 10.30 - Sung Eucharist 6.30 - Evening Prayer (said)
23	Tuesday	12.30 - Holy Communion
24	Wednesday	St Bartholomew, Apostle 12.30 - Prayers for Healing
25	Thursday	12 Noon - Holy Communion
27	Saturday	St Monica , Mother of St Augustine of Hippo [387]
28	SUNDAY	Tenth Sunday after Trinity 8.00 - Holy Communion 10.30 - Parish Communion 7.30 - Bolton Festival Concert
29	Monday	Beheading of St John the Baptist
30	Tuesday	John Bunyan , Spiritual writer [1688] 12.30 - Holy Communion
31	Wednesday	St Aidan , Bishop of Lindisfarne & Missionary [651] 12.30 - Prayers for Healing

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him. The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We've reached the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost."

God listened very patiently and kindly to the man and after the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well. How about this – let's have a man-making contest." To this the scientist replied, "OK, great!" But God added, "Now, we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam." The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt. God just looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You go and get your own dirt!"

Church Services

Sundays	08.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Parish Communion
	18.30	Evening Prayer
Tuesdays	12.30	Holy Communion
Wednesdays	12.30	Prayers for Healing
Thursdays	12.00 noon	Holy Communion

In addition to the times shown above, Church will be open for private prayer and visitors as follows: 12.00 noon to 1.15 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 11.30 am to 12.45 pm on Thursdays, and, when Stewards are available, between 11.30 am and 1.30 pm Tuesday to Saturdays.

For Baptisms and Weddings please contact the Lecturer on 01204 522226.

For Funerals please contact the Vicar on 01204 845332.

The Sea Shore

The sea shore is another world
Where I tread golden sands,
All the while unravelling
my tangled thoughts.

A fresh breeze clears my head,
and the sight and sound of
the rolling sea lifts me!
Crashing waves shift the dormant sand,
and ancient pebbles clink, disturbed,
As an incoming tide surges forth
relentlessly, persistently and surely
As night follows day.

Overhead, wheeling gulls screech for food,
miniature jet-planes in the azure sky.
Oh, powerful sea, your waves surround me,
My troubles drift along with floating seaweed,
Lie forgotten as empty shells
On your ocean floor!

Freda Rothwell

(Written in memory of family holidays and swimming, on
the remote but beautiful beaches of the Llyn Peninsula,
North Wales.)

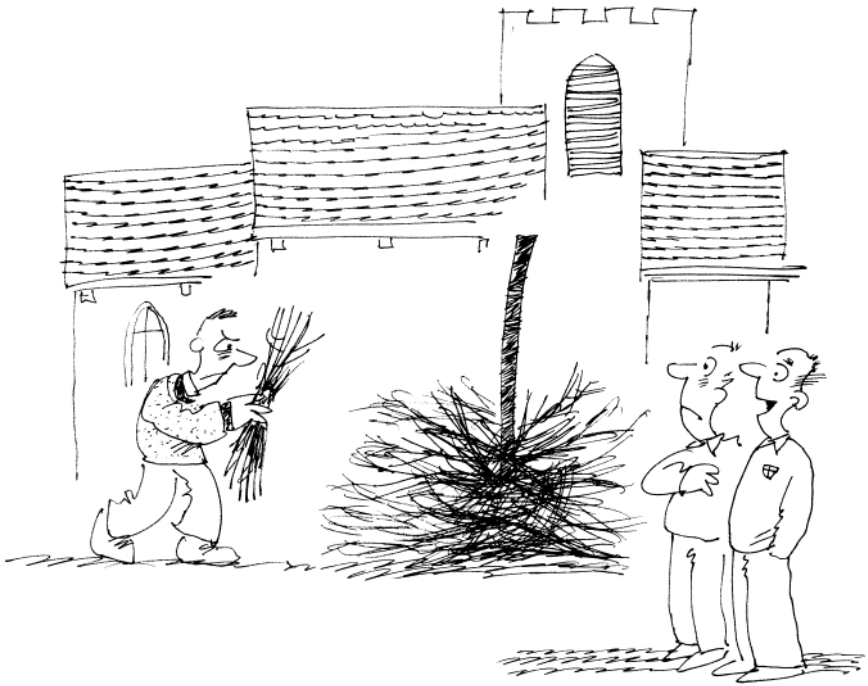


A BIG THANK-YOU

To Brenda Pearson, Joy Ryner and Christine Walsh who prepared and served the refreshments at the Lunchtime Concerts this season—much appreciated!

Also to Geoffrey Dowling, whose invaluable assistance with so many aspects of the church's music makes my life much easier!

Michael Pain



HELLO - LOOKS LIKE THE ORGANIST AND THE VICAR HAVE FALLEN OUT AGAIN!

(Not in our Church!!!)

Shrinking the Earth

(Author unknown)

If we were to shrink the earth to a hamlet with a population of precisely 100 people, but with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, there would be.....

57 Asians

21 Europeans

14 from the western hemisphere, north and south

8 Africans

52 females

48 males

70 non-whites

30 whites

70 non-Christians

30 Christians

89 heterosexuals

11 homosexuals

6 people possessing 59% of the entire world's wealth, and from the United States.

80 living in sub-standard housing

70 unable to read

50 suffering from malnutrition

1 near death

1 near birth

1 with college education

1 owning a computer

When we consider our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. If you can attend a church without fear, harassment, arrest, torture or Death, you are more blessed than 3 million people in world. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of the world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealth. If you can read, you are more blessed than over two million people in the world who are unable to read.

August Music

- Sun 7th How Beautiful upon the Mountains – Stainer
- Sun 14th Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – Bach
- Wed 17th *5.30 pm Evensong at Ripon Cathedral:*
Responses: Reading
Psalm 89
Canticles: Sumsion in A
My Soul, There is a Country – Parry
- Sunday 21st Tu Es Petrus – Palestrina
Prelude and Fugue in A minor BWV 543 – J. S. Bach
- Sunday 28th Let Thy Merciful Ears – Mudd

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

September Magazine

Copy for the September magazine should be submitted by Thursday 25 August. Items for inclusion can be sent directly to the editor: judy@postlude.org or:

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The following 'quick guide' to the books of the Bible may be useful as a handy reference to anyone doing the Thirty Books of the Bible puzzle a couple of pages forward.

In Genesis the world was made by God's creative hand;
In Exodus the Hebrews march to gain the Promised Land;
Leviticus contains the Law, holy, and just and good,
Numbers records the tribes enrolled, all sons of Abraham's blood.
Moses in Deuteronomy records God's mighty deeds.
Brave Joshua to Canaan's land the host of Israel leads.
In Judges their rebellion oft provokes the Lord to smite,
But Ruth records the faith of one well pleasing in His sight.
In 1st and 2nd Samuel of Jesse's son we read;
Ten tribes in 1st and 2nd Kings revolted from his seed.
The 1st and 2nd Chronicles see Judah captive made,
But Ezra leads a remnant back by princely Cyrus' aid.
The city walls of Zion Nehemiah builds again,
While Esther saves her people from the plots of wicked men.
In Job we read how faith will live beneath afflictions' rod,
And David's Psalms are precious songs to every child of God.
The Proverbs, like a goodly string of choicest pearls, appear;
Ecclesiastes teaches men how vain are all things here.
The mystic Song of Solomon exalts sweet Sharon's rose,
While Christ the Saviour and the King the rapt Isaiah shows.
The warning Jeremiah - apostate Israel scorns,
His plaintive Lamentations their awful downfall mourns.
Ezekiel tells in wondrous words of dazzling mysteries,
While kings and empires yet to come Daniel in vision sees.
Of judgment and of mercy Hosea loves to tell,
Joel describes the blessed days when God with man shall dwell.

Among Tekoa's herdsmen Amos received his call,
And Obadiah prophesies of Edom's final fall.
Jonah enshrines a wondrous type of Christ, our risen Lord;
Micah pronounces Judah lost - lost but again restored.
Nahum declares on Nineveh just judgment shall be poured
When Christ our risen Saviour shall come to be adored.
A view of Chaldea's coming doom Habakkuk's visions give,
While Zephaniah warns the Jews to turn, repent and live.
Haggai wrote to those who saw the Temple built again,
And Zechariah prophesied of Christ's triumphant reign.
Malachi was the last to touch the high prophetic cord;
His final notes sublimely show the coming of the Lord.
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John the Holy Gospels wrote,
Describing how the Saviour died – his life and all he taught.
Acts tells how the apostles preached with signs in every place,
And Paul in Romans teaches us that man is saved by grace.
The Apostle in Corinthians instructs, exhorts, reproves;
Galatians shows that faith in Christ alone the Father loves.
Ephesians and Philippians tell what Christians should be;
Colossians bids us live to God and from all sin be free.
Thessalonians teaches that the Lord will come from Heaven,
In Timothy and Titus a bishop's rule is given.
Philemon marks a Christian's love as only Christians know;
Hebrews reveals Christ's priestly works prefigured long ago.
James teaches without holiness, faith is but vain and dead;
While Peter points the narrow way in which the saints are led.
John in his three epistles on love delights to dwell;
But Jude gives awful warnings of judgement, wrath and hell.
The Revelation prophesies of that tremendous day
When Christ in glory comes again and earth shall pass away.

Thirty Books of the Bible – A Puzzle

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours.

He enjoyed it so much; he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on it while fishing from his john-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot.

That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraphs.

During a recent fund raising event which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi Lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over two hundred patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you to compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus; there really are thirty books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.



Answers next issue

National Poems For Cathedrals got underway in July at Lichfield Cathedral as part of the city's annual arts festival. The project involves the Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy writing a poem for every English cathedral. She will be visiting cathedrals to perform a poem for each city as part of her time in post. The national poets of Wales and Scotland have agreed to join the project, giving it the potential to include every cathedral on the British mainland.

Parish Records

Baptisms:

3 July	Adam Mugal Star Amy Leigh Sayers Zak David Liptrott
7 July	Stuart Bengner
10 July	Imogen Rose Morris
16 July	Anthony Francis John Connolly
17 July	Jacob Paul Hindley Harley Mason Wright Destiny Jade Wright

Weddings:

16 July	Anthony John Connolly & Jo-Anne Louise Hughes
23 July	Darren Thomas Hogg & Christina Caron Turner

Funerals:

4 July	Brenda Rossi
6 July	Jack Hindley

Meditation Group News

Over the past eight weeks, to lead us into silent prayer, the group has used talks on CDs given by Kim Nataraja. Kim has been a contemplative since her youth and joined The World Community for Christian Meditation in 1993. Since 1999 her service has been to help Laurence Freeman OSB in guiding and directing the International School.

Kim has written a book entitled “Dancing with your Shadow”. In the introduction to this very interesting book, she asks the question - what is meditation? *Dancing with your shadow* deals with the journey of meditation and with what helps and hinders us in practising this discipline. She goes on to say “Meditation is a universal spiritual discipline central to most of the World Religions and Wisdom Traditions. There are many different forms of meditation in these various traditions, all equally valid in their own way. In all, the emphasis is on practice and experience rather than theory and knowledge.

It is also an authentic discipline in Christianity, although sometimes it feels like this is the world’s best kept secret. Jesus taught contemplation and this way of prayer flourished especially in the 4th century amongst the Desert Fathers and Mothers of Egypt and Palestine. John Cassian collected their teachings in his book of *Conferences*. It is these writings that John Main OSB, a Benedictine Monk, re-discovered this tradition for our time and opened it up for all people, calling it Christian Meditation.”

We read in the first Chapter – *Meditation – the art of arts that “Meditation is a powerful discipline for integration and transformation. By turning inward in silence and solitude we re-tune the whole of our fragmented being and moreover become aware of our link to Ultimate Reality.*

It works on three important integrally related levels: body, mind and spirit. The body/mind connection is clearly shown in the working of

The brain. The changes that are brought about in this way often require a real shift of perspective, which may well feel like a leap into the unknown. Courage and perseverance are needed, as the ego tries to resist the changes involved. The self, however, helps us through intuitive insights.”

I feel we have all gained much from Kim’s talks and some of us are following it up by going on a silent retreat in Wales, led by Kim, in August.

Another date for the diary is Lancashire region’s annual Away Day at Tabor Retreat House on October 8th. Everyone is welcome to this event which this year is led by Bob Morley from the Cumbria region and is entitled “Awareness of Love in the Silence of the Heart”. Further details from Lesley Easterman or members of the group.

The group will have a break during August from its weekly meetings and resume again in September when we will look at the wisdom from other faith traditions.

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400 m gold medallist reads Olympic prayer

This summer, with a year to go to the start of the London Olympics, the Church of England released a prayer for those preparing for the 2012 Games. It asks God to be with the athletes, their supporters and families, and the thousands of churches preparing to organise Olympics-themed events in their communities, and it is read on a new podcast by GB Olympic 400 m gold medallist Christine Ohuruogu MBE.

The Church of England is a member of the organisation More Than Gold, which supports churches of all denominations around the UK with resources and ideas as they prepare to engage with the Games. The Revd Duncan Green, the Church of England's Executive Olympics Coordinator, said: "More than Gold are resourcing and equipping the Church to respond to the tremendous mission and outreach opportunities afforded by the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This prayer will encourage churches and all those preparing for the 2012 Games."

The prayer, composed by the Revd Christopher Woods, the Church of England's National Worship Development Officer, reads as follows:

A prayer in preparation for the 2012 Games

Eternal God,

Giver of joy and source of all strength,

we pray for those

who prepare for the London Olympic and Paralympic games.

For the competitors training for the Games and their loved ones,

For the many thousands who will support them,

And for the Churches and others who are organising special events and who will welcome many people from many nations.

In a world where many are rejected and abused,

we pray for a spirit

of tolerance and acceptance, of humility and respect

and for the health and safety of all.

May we at the last be led towards the love of Christ who is more than gold, today and forever.

Amen

Beyond the Gold

By Bryan Mason. Authentic Media, £7.99. ISBN: 9781860248115

The London 2012 Olympic Games will be THE biggest sporting event ever to hit the UK.

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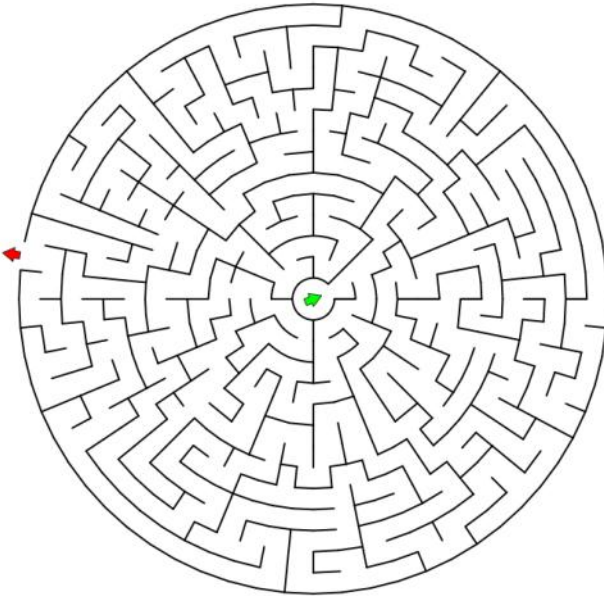
Rosie Seddon



Norwegian Forest Cat

Rosie's cat is a Norwegian Forest—an ancient breed which originated in Norway more than 500 years ago. Some believe however that the breed could be up to 2000 years old. There are stories of these thick coated cats having accompanied the Vikings as they sailed off to war. The breed is known for being very energetic. These cats love climbing and jumping on things, so the situation that prompted the poem is no surprise—not is the refusal of help! The combination of athleticism and a friendly and gentle nature and makes them ideal family

August Maze



Next time you pray,
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ANOTHER CHANCE

The Bible gives us some lovely pictures of how God is always willing to give us another chance. One story you may not know is of Jeremiah and the potter...

Jeremiah was a prophet, a person who gave God's message to the people. One day he watched a potter using a simple wheel to make cooking pots. One of the pots wasn't quite right, but the potter didn't throw it away and start another one. He just squashed it down and started again, this time turning it into a perfect pot. The clay had a second chance to be beautiful and useful.



Jeremiah realised that God was showing him that all of us are in God's hands. God, like the potter, gives us another chance to what we should be.

GINGERBREAD SHAPES

100 g (4 oz) margarine
100 g (4 oz) sugar
275g (10 oz) plain flour
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
3 teaspoons ground ginger
golden syrup
(warmed, about 2 tablespoons)

Heat the oven to 180C (350F, Gas 4) and line a baking tray.

Cream together the margarine. Sift together the dry ingredients and add to the creamed mixture. Add enough syrup to make a dough.

Now all you have to do is roll out the dough on a floured board and cut it into shapes. You can make gingerbread people or any thing. If you are not happy with how they look you can, like Jeremiah's potter, squash it and start again.

Put the shapes on the baking tray and cook for 15 minutes. Cool on the tray. Finish with icing, chocolate drops etc.



What did the gingerbread man put on his bed?
A baking sheet.

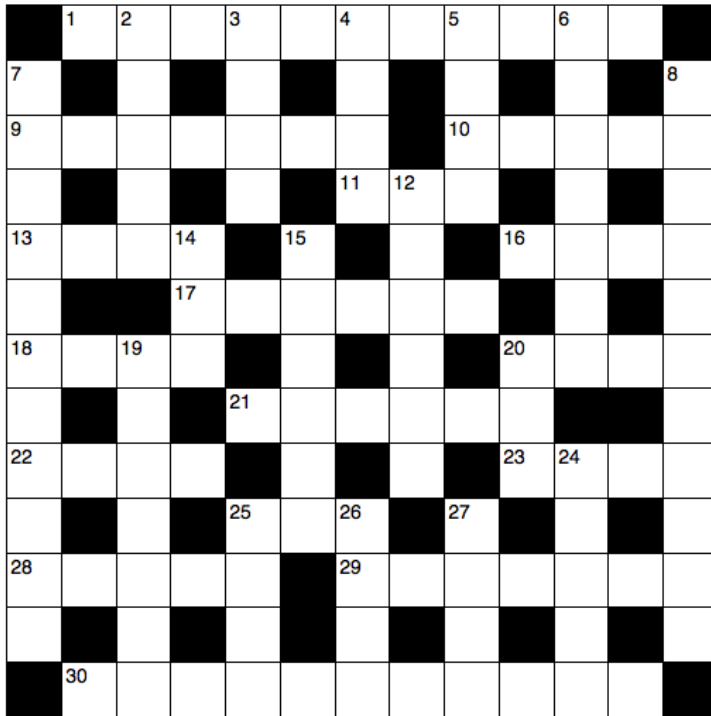
Deck of Cards

Some readers may remember this record, which was a hit for Wink Martindale back in 1959, staying in the Top Fifty until 1963. The words were spoken, not sung!

During the North African Campaign,
a bunch of soldier boys had been on a long hike,
and they arrived in a little town called Casino.
The next morning, being Sunday, several of the boys went to church.
A Sergeant commanded the boys in church,
and after the chaplain had read the prayer,
the text was taken up next.
Those of the boys who had a prayer books took them out,
but, this one boy had only a deck of cards,
and so he spread them out.
The Sergeant saw the cards and said, "Soldier, put away those cards".
After the services were over, the soldier was taken prisoner,
and brought before the Provost Marshall.
The Marshall said " Sergeant, why have you brought this man here?"
"For playing cards in church Sir."
"And what have you to say for yourself Son?"
"Much, Sir," replied the soldier.
The Marshall said, " I hope so, for if not,
I shall punish you more than any man was ever punished."
The soldier said, "Sir, I have been on the march for about six days,
I have neither Bible nor prayer book, but I hope to satisfy you, Sir,
with the purity of my intentions."
And with that, the boy started his story.
"You see sir, when I look at the Ace,
it reminds me that there is but one God,
and the deuce, reminds me that the bible is divided
into two parts, the old and the new testament.
When I see the trey, I think of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost.
And when I see the four, I think of the four Evangelists who preached
the Gospel There was Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
And when I see the five, it reminds me of the five wise virgins
who trimmed their lamps, there were ten of them,
Five were wise and were saved, five were foolish,
and were shut out.
When I see the six, it reminds me that in six days,
God made this great Heaven and Earth.

Crossword

Solution on inside back cover



Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
 13 Taverns (4)
 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
 8 'This is a day you are to —' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
 27 See 18 Across

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Can you fill in the missing numbers?

Insert numbers between one and nine to solve the mathematical equations.

	/		X		-		29
-		/		-		X	
	/		+		+		31
-		-		/		+	
	+		X		-		6
-		-		+		-	
	X		-		-		135
-22		-10		25		41	

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Hello friends,

Job is a real rags to riches tale. He started off rich, then lost everything before God gave him everything back and more.

When Job was at his lowest point he still refused to blame God for any of the bad things that had happened to him.

After God makes everything better, Job realises that God is amazing: "No one can upset your plans," he says as he praises God.

If you're having a bad day, don't blame God but remember that your heavenly father cares for you and wants the best for you.

Ask him to help you find things to praise him for!

Love Barney



Barney's jokes

Doctor, doctor,
I can't stop
playing Scrabble.
My word!

Why do cows
wear bells around
their necks?
Their horns
don't work!



In God we trust



God's word

Job answered God: "I'm convinced:
You can do anything and everything.
Nothing and no one can upset
your plans.

Job 42:1-2 (The Message)



Find the words

The following words from our Bible passage are all in the grid below. Can you them?

J	P	L	A	N	S	Y	A
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JOB
GOD
ANYTHING
NOTHING
NO ONE
CAN
UPSET
YOUR
PLANS

Let's talk to God!

Dear God, Thank you that nothing can upset your plans. Please help me to trust you always. Amen

As the Duke of Edinburgh turns 90...

This summer the Duke of Edinburgh reached his ninetieth birthday. Those of us who can remember the tall, fair-headed naval officer who married Princess Elizabeth in 1947 have become used to his figure walking just behind the Queen on royal occasions over the last 64 years, often raising a laugh as he follows her along a line of well-wishers with a few well-chosen (or occasionally not quite so well chosen) remarks. His has been a remarkable life and his continuing energy and individuality as the Prince Consort have been remarkable. It's hard to believe that he is ninety.

Yet the truth is, we are becoming increasingly aware that more and more people around us are reaching that once rare milestone. I remember being taken as a child to see a great-aunt who had just had her ninetieth birthday. We were ushered into the room to be confronted with a frail figure, mouth open, pale eyes almost invisible - a kind of living wax-work. Today among our friends, neighbours and fellow church members there will probably be many ninety year olds - and even centurions- who are far from being wax-works. People may not yet match Methuselah in the Bible, who (it is claimed) reached 969 years, but we are on average living longer, and that prolonged life more often retains a degree of good health and activity.

Yet we live in a world which worships youth! The reason the Bible lists all those legendary men of old in Genesis (chapter 5) is that old age was seen as the mark of wisdom, something to be valued and revered. The leaders of Israel, and the leaders of the early churches, were called 'elders', because it was inconceivable that younger men could do it. None of that 'too old at fifty' in those days!

It's an observable fact that congregations in our churches are, on the whole, well above the national average age. That probably doesn't matter too much, so long as they are constantly fed with the rising age-groups. As one shrewd observer commented to me, 'It's quite natural to mug up for finals!' St Paul told Timothy not to let the people among whom he ministered 'despise his youth' (he was well over thirty at the time). We now need the balancing advice. Let no one despise the elderly! We're not just hanging around. Like Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, we'll faithfully do our bit until we topple off the perch.

David Winter, Parish Pump

Crossword Solution

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