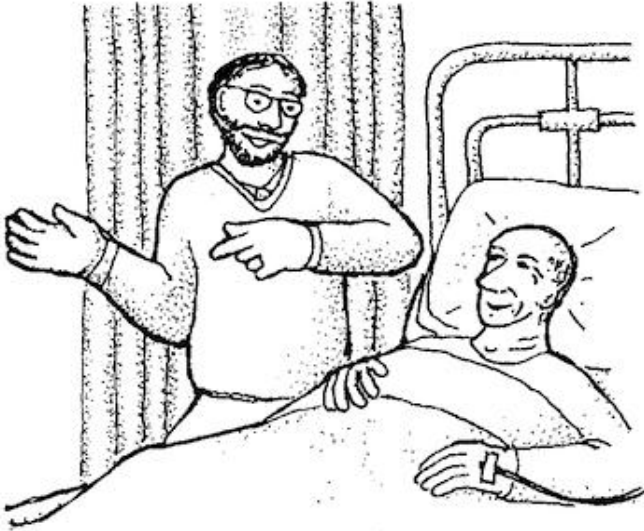




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We welcome all people to our church; you don't need to be a member to attend our worship.

## Worship at Hanham Methodist Church

Worship at Hanham is traditional Methodist, in an informal and welcoming style. Hymn singing is led by our traditional pipe organ and we have a loop system for those who are hard of hearing. Notices, Service Sheets and the Church Magazine are all available in larger print and Services on CD are available for the housebound.

Everyone will be most welcome at any of our services.

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## Word from the Minister

Dear Friends...

See No Evil – Speak No Evil – Hear No Evil



The above picture (which I trust brings a smile to your place) was taken just following Rev Philip Warrey's welcome service in Southend on Saturday 8th September. I had travelled up with Revd Andrew and Julie Biggs to support Phillip, Caroline and Jessica on this special day. After the service and tea and refreshments the three of us sat down on a bench outside the entrance and I gave birth to the idea that led to the photograph. The picture is of course inspired by the ancient Chinese / Japanese image known as 'The Three Wise Monkeys' whom were pictured in similar pose in order to emphasize the important teaching and saying 'See no evil, speak no evil, hear no evil'. This injunction of old I believe may be taken as both an instruction and a rebuke. As an instruction it is telling us to be wary of evil and to be watchful lest we allow evil to seed itself in our lives. As a rebuke it is warning us not to close our eyes and ears and mouths to the wrong there is in the world but to perceive and to speak out against all forms of evil. In our monthly Bible Study Meeting through the Autumn we have been working through the first 11 Chapters of Genesis, the first book of the Bible. After the Creation story in Genesis Chapters 1 and 2 the following nine chapters describe among other things the 'Fall of Man' and a

time in the days of Noah when the earth had become full of wickedness. As Christians these stories remind us we must ever be watchful lest we fall under the wrong kind of influences, ever praying 'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil'. And as Christians in the footsteps of the prophets and indeed of Christ we are also reminded we must always be ready to speak out against injustice and wrong. I'll leave you to think about such matters in the words of Jesus – 'He who has ears to hear let him hear'. But before I conclude it leaves me to say that we continue to wish Phillip and Caroline and Jessica well in their new life in Southend not forgetting Theresa who is remaining here in Hanham. We continue to hold them in our prayers along with Andrew and Julie and all who have travelled from our shores. We especially wish Jessica well as she commences a three month placement with the VSO (Voluntary Service Organisation) in the Philippines in the coming days.

Finally you may be aware that as at the 1st September with various changes to Circuit Staff over the Summer I have now been installed as Deputy Superintendent which will involve me in certain Circuit responsibilities and in covering for Rev David Hart when he is away with a particular mind to his sabbatical in the New Year. To assist me given this additional work David King who is a member of Unity Oldland Methodist Church, a Local Preacher and a Full-Time Lay Pastoral Worker in the Circuit currently undertaking work at Staple Hill, Fishponds and Yate Methodist Churches is going to be giving some of his time to assist me in the pastoral work here at Hanham. I hope to introduce David to the congregation on the 4th November and at the Church Council which precedes it on 29th October. We also wish Eleanor Bakker well as she proceeds with her Worship Leader Training with the intention of becoming a fully accredited Worship Leader in the New Year.

Peace and Blessing

**Andrew**

PS. Please consider coming to the Circuit Conference, a resource day for Churches engaging in Mission and Ministry at St. Andrews Methodist Church on Saturday 13 October (see separate advertisement and leaflet) where you will also be able to see the newly acquired Circuit Bus otherwise known as the 'Ark Project'.



# **Circuit Conference and Resource Day**

**Saturday 13 October at St Andrews Methodist Church**

From 10.30am - 3.30pm please come along to St Andrew's Methodist Church, Elm Park, Filton, Bristol BS34 7PS for the Circuit Conference and Resource Day – a free event for Church Members and Officers of all the 47 Churches in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit. This is an opportunity to meet with other church members and officers, to attend seminars and to view various exhibitions. The seminars include – Pastoral Visitor Training, Becoming a Worship Leader or Local Preacher, Managing Risks within Churches and Godly Play. Exhibitions include - Creating a Website, Methodist Women's Network, Methodist Chaplaincy, Methodist Insurance, Circuit Youth and Children's Mission, Methodist Homes for the Aged and Messy Church. The new Circuit Ark Bus will also be in the car park for all to experience and for Churches to book for future use. Further details about the day and on how to book a place for one of the seminars can be found in the programmes distributed and available in your local church. For further information please consult the programme or see one of the Church Stewards

## **Who'd be a landlord?**

*Excerpts from real life requests sent by tenants*

- 1.The toilet is blocked and we cannot bathe the children until it is cleared.
- 2.This is to let you know that there is a smell coming from the man next door
- 3.The toilet seat is cracked: where do I stand?
- 4.I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is running away from the wall.
- 5.I request your permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.

## **What you need**

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?"

There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin?"

## HMC Retreat Day

HANHAM METHODIST CHURCH

will be holding an in-house

RETREAT DAY

on Saturday 6 OCTOBER 2012

10.00am – 3.30pm



The theme for the day will be

**“UNEXPECTED JOURNEYS”**

The cost is £6 and this includes a buffet lunch.  
Please get names as soon as possible to Tim Lansdown  
or Joan Brabon-Hibbs.



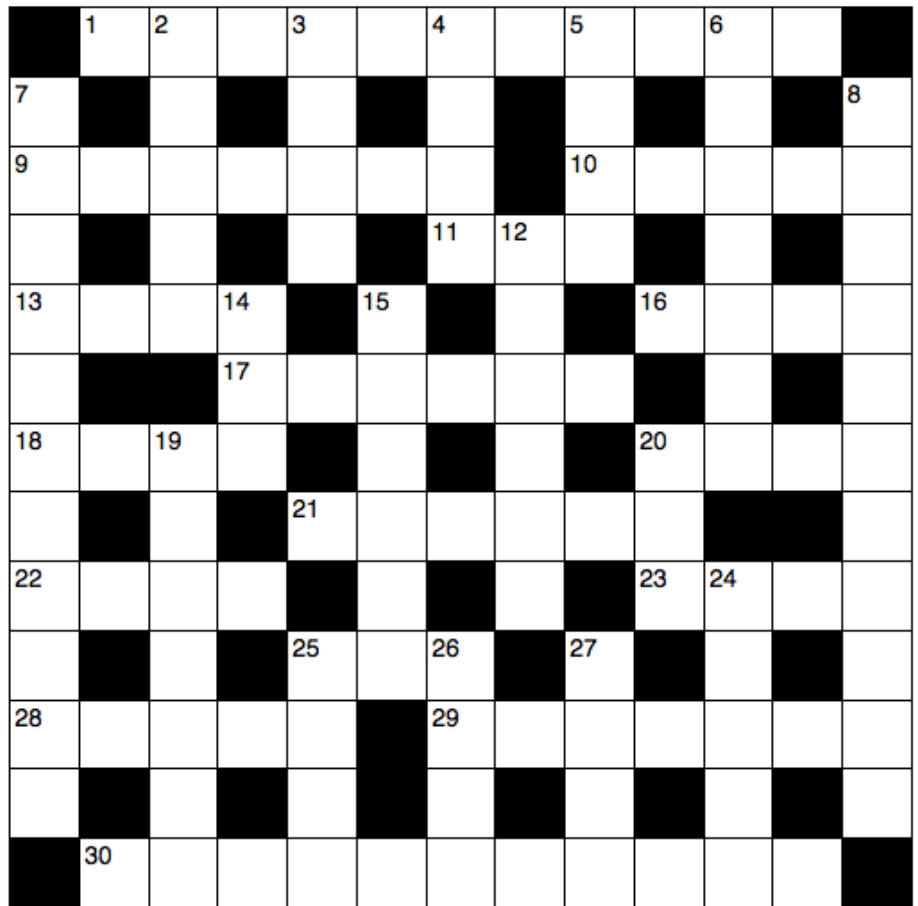
## Crossword

### Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16 Metallic element (4)
- 17 At line (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
- 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
- 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
- 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

### Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)



- 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
- 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
- 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
- 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
- 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
- 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
- 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
- 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
- 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
- 26 Heroic tale (4)
- 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

# **Circuit Conference & Resource Exhibition**

# **Seminar Details**

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# Programme & Booking Form

# Sudoku

## Easy

	1	9		6			3	
8	5				2	1		
	3		9			6	8	
	8				9	3	7	
3	9			7			2	1
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	6	4			1		5	
		3	4				1	6
	7			5		2	4	

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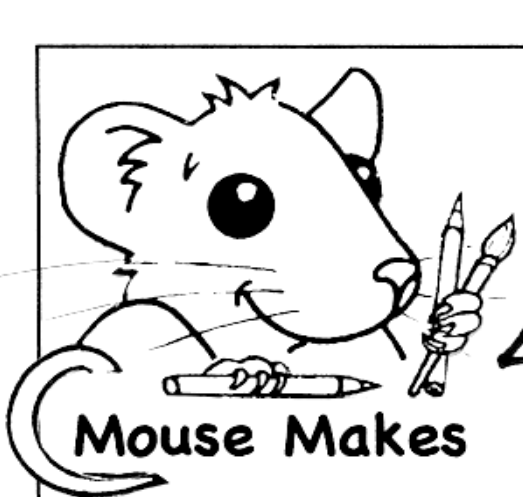
## Intermediate

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4			3					
1	8				4	7		

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# For the Children – Mouse Makes



Jesus said:  
"The kingdom of heaven is like a \_\_\_\_\_ seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the wild \_\_\_\_\_ come and nest in it's branches".

Read  
Matthew  
13:31-32

**GOD** is the one who gives seed to those who plant, and he gives bread for food. And **GOD** will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will produce a *great harvest* from your goodness"

2 Corinthians 9:10

"You do not need more faith. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. if you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree "Go jump

into the lake", and it would do it"  
Luke 17:6

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

Look out for seeds in the garden and the park and in the kitchen store cupboard.

How many different seeds can you find?

"So begin planting early in the morning and don't stop working until evening. You don't know what might make you rich. Maybe everything you do will be successful"  
Ecclesiastes 11:6

## **Signposts**

Harvest time and what a wonderful time to be thankful, the church colourfully decorated with flowers and the fantastic array of produce with the central Harvest loaf display. So many giving their time and energy for a wonderful time of coming together to give thanks and celebrate. That even in a difficult year from drought to flood from across the world come all sorts of food for us all. Also a time to remember the difficulties in so many countries where war, drought and poor harvests have left many people in need and is a challenge to us to consider how we can share.

At this time of year also when Autumn shows us the changing colours the drab days of grey cloud or darker rain clouds can be forgotten, on what was an unusual summer for us, and now we can see in the orange, yellow, rust and brown the changing season and what will come, the promise of new life and if we have patience the new life of Spring.

The crisp mornings and Autumn sun, whatever time of year is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the wonderful gifts in a changing and mysterious world.

**Arnold Wheeler**

## **No newspaper**

I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night and asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21st century, dad," he said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPhone."

I can tell you, that fly never knew what hit it!

## **What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?**

Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury.

David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.

Honda because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Volkswagen Beetle: 2 Cor. 4:8 "We are pressed in every way, but not cramped beyond movement."

## **Charity Concert**

The Bristol East and Kingswood Band and the South Wales Male Choir are holding a combined Charity Concert at Wesley Memorial Church on Saturday 27 October at 7.00pm.

Proceeds will be for the 'Cots for Tots' charity and tickets cost £7 (Concessions £5). These are available from 07528 596251

## **The New Room Hymn Festival**

It will prove to be an event not to be missed. The New Room Hymn Festival is on Sunday 21 October.

3.00pm—Speaker Revd Brian Hoare, Methodist minister and hymn writer)

4 20 pm—Festival Service of Hymns led by Gary Best, Warden

More details to follow—but we already know that we shall be singing a fine range of hymns by a variety of authors and composers.

## **PARAPROSDOKIANS...**

... are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

1. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
2. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
3. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
4. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
5. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted pay cheques.

## **Crossword Answers**

**ACROSS:** 1. Bartholomew. 9, Evil one. 10, Adore. 11, Ran. 13, Oreb. 16, Zinc. 17, Entail. 18, Hung. 20, Lehi. 21, Joshua. 22, Pity. 23, Wide. 25, Age. 28, Alarm. 29, Partake. 30, Sennacherib.

**DOWN:** 2, Alive. 3, Took. 4, Over. 5, Onan. 6, Emotive. 7, Jehoshaphat. 8, Melchizedek. 12, A light. 14, Beg. 15, Strong. 19, Not have. 20, Law. 24, Iraqi. 25, Amen. 26, Epic. 27, Free.

## Pause for Thought

### ***From Hymns and Psalms No. 712 A Hymn and Prayer in our fight against evil:***

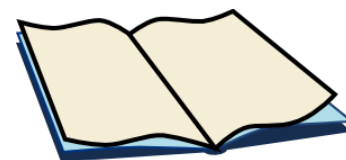
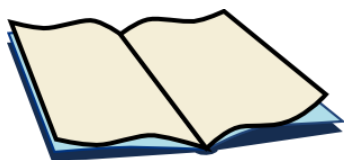
God of grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power.  
Crown Thine ancient church's story,  
Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us,  
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways.  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days,

Cure Thy children's warring madness,  
Bend our pride to Thy control.  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,

*H. E. Fosdick 1878-1969.*

## Rotas – Doors and Books



Oct	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>am</b>	H Teague B Jones	S Brown J Hurfurt	M Stone M Golding	B White J White
<b>pm</b>	T Lansdown A Angell	A Houlden M Houlden	M Kenway M kenway	R Ireland C Haycock



## Rotas – Flowers



	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
	Lilian Curnock	Don & Dot Blackmore	Audrey Dayer	Barbara Lewis
	Iris Tucker (Curtis)	Free	Audrey Dayer	Brenda Jackson

## Weekly Activities

You are invited to share in our services and activities as listed below.

If you would like an introduction to any of the groups / activities please contact the Minister or a Church Steward.

Details of further events inside.

### **Sunday**

10.45am Morning Worship, Youth Church & Creche  
4.00pm Messy Church (First Sunday of each month)  
6.00pm Evening Worship

### **Monday**

10.00am – 3.00pm Friendly Table  
2.30pm Bright Hour  
Evening Brownies, Guides & Rangers  
Table Tennis

### **Tuesday**

7.30pm Girl's Night In  
(First Tuesday of the month, ask about venue)

### **Wednesday**

1.30pm Mums & Toddlers  
Evening Rainbows  
7.30pm Wives Group (Alternate weeks)  
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

### **Thursday**

2.15pm Shawl Ministry (Last Thursday of the month)  
Evening Boy's Brigade (Anchors, Juniors, Company & Seniors)  
Brownies

### **Friday**

7.30pm Y's Men (Third Friday of the month)  
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

### **Saturday**

9.30am Prayer Meeting (Second & Fourth Saturday of the month)  
Coffee Morning