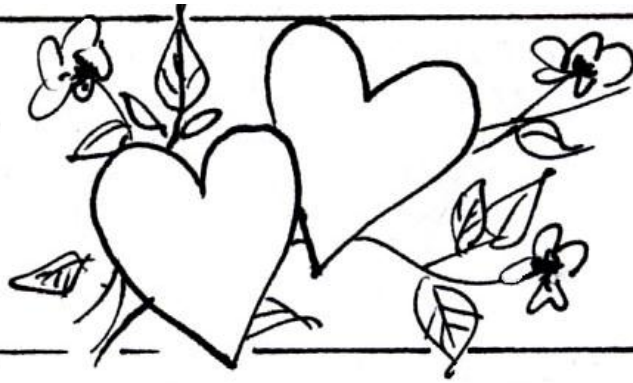


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**Live joyfully  
with the wife  
whom you love.**

**Ecc. 9:9**



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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

Luke 4 vv 14 – 21: Jesus at Nazareth

*Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:*

*'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'*

*Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'*

As I write this article various politicians once again are debating Europe and our relationship with the European Union. Some advocate closer ties, some a renegotiation and others that we should leave the union. In such matters politicians seek to set out their intentions and agenda. At the outset of his ministry Jesus returned to his home town of Nazareth and there in the synagogue he clearly set out his agenda.

He quoted the prophet Isaiah and in doing so was unreservedly saying that he was God's messenger empowered by the Spirit to announce the Good News of the Kingdom of God. And what was this Good News? It was to speak of a reordering of society and to work towards a society where all would be treated with dignity and worth, where the poor were given a new start and where principles of justice, mercy and peace would be paramount. The Kingdom of God would be one where people would be set free from their poverty and from their spiritual binds. Christ would open the eyes of both the blind and the spiritually blind. He would set free those who were oppressed either by unjust laws or by sin. As we reflect on Jesus manifesto

in the synagogue of Nazareth we are reminded that we are called to complete the work that He began as His body here on earth. We are challenged in these words of Jesus to consider how today we can feed the hungry, set free the oppressed and open the eyes of the blind. We might for example support a charity working to give sight to the blind in the third world through basic surgeries or become a member of Amnesty International. In our Church we should not forget that at Easter and Christmas a small group of our members visit Eastville Prison. Our task as God's People today is with Jesus to also open the eyes of the spiritually blind, in grace to help set people free from sin, and to help the oppressed of body, mind and soul.

As we approach the season of Lent perhaps this year we might use this season to reflect on how we must fulfill these words of the prophet Isaiah in the same way as Jesus. How can we as God's People fulfill our mission to speak good news, be good news and bring good news to the world and to people around us? May God ever place this calling before us and may we in fulfilling it truly follow in the footsteps of Christ, for in further words of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of Luke (the set gospel for this year)

*'Whoever wants to save His life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it' (Luke 9 v 24)*

Peace in Christ.

**Andrew**

## Sunday's Services

### February

3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.45am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout Messy Church Rev Barry Bishop	Communion
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am 6.00pm	Mr David King Mrs Alison Smith	
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am 6.00pm	Mr Tim Lansdown Rev Andrew Prout	Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am 6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout Miss Jessica Cheetham	

### February Dates

3 Feb	Messy Church at 4.00pm
9 Feb	Prayer Meeting at 9.30am
19 Feb	Messy Church Team Meeting at 7.30pm
23 Feb	Prayer Meeting at 9.30am
24 Feb	Parade Service (Guides – Thinking Day) at 10.45am
25 Feb	Church Council at 7.30pm

### Church Council

Could all members of the Church Council ensure that all reports or items for the agenda are with myself and Brenda Thompson by February 17th in readiness for the meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>. This is in order that an agenda and papers can be prepared and circulated.

## **Lent House Groups**

We are again running House Groups during Lent and will be using the excellent material supplied by York Courses as we have previously. This year the course is entitled 'Glimpses of God' and is written by Canon David Winter, a name familiar to listeners to 'Thought for Today' on BBC Radio 4.

The dates and venues are as follows:-

Thursday 21 Feb at 4 Martins Close

Tuesday 26 Feb at 58 Greenbank Road

Wednesday 6 March at 4 Martins Close

Tuesday 12 March at 58 Greenbank Road

Wednesday 20 March at 4 Hunters Close

Judging by last year's course I am confident that again we will find great benefit in using this well presented material

**Tim Lansdown**

Worship Committee Chairman

### **Church Musician**

Hanham Methodist Church, Bristol seeks a musician to use a two-manual pipe organ and clavichord for traditional and contemporary worship.

Sunday mornings and / or evenings.

Suitable remuneration will be given

Full details can be found at [www.hanhammethodist.org.uk](http://www.hanhammethodist.org.uk)  
or telephone 0117 960 6864

## HMC Family Forum

Family Forum provides an opportunity for all groups that meet on the premises, church related or not, to come together for mutual sharing of information and support. The Forum is chaired by Claire Angell and we welcome all groups who would like to attend meetings to represent the views of their members.

At our most recent meeting the Forum heard from some of our youth groups who are in current need of your support.



Both Rainbows and the Guides currently need adult volunteers to help at their weekly meetings due to recent staff changes and shortages of trained leaders. This could be on an occasional or a more permanent basis as required by the units. Guiding rules state that units need a stated ratio of adults to girls for meetings to go ahead for safeguarding and safety reasons and without help the guides and Rainbows may struggle to continue. If you feel that you could help in any way please contact Claire Angell, Tel: 0117 9675132 or Rev. Andrew Prout via the church office, Tel: 0117 9353308 and your details will be forwarded to the relevant leaders.

The Boys Brigade are currently recruiting new members for Anchor Boys (age 5 to 8) and Juniors (age 8+) to attend meetings on Thursday evenings. For further details of the opportunities in Boys Brigade, activities and meeting times for the various sections please contact Mike Vernon, Captain, Tel: 0117 9603551



If you feel your group is not currently represented at Family Forum and you would like to be involved please contact Claire Angell on the telephone number above.




## **Ash Wednesday: a good time to admit you are sorry**

Have you done something which haunts you? Which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

'Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55.7)

'Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.' (Joel 2:12-13)

God is inviting you to come to him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it, and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.



Ash  
Wednesday

Dear Lord, As we enter  
this Solemn and Holy  
Season, we pray that  
you would send your  
Holy Spirit upon us that  
we might prepare ourselves  
for these coming 40 days of Lent.  
Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth  
and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so  
that we can understand the magnificence of Your  
Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your  
Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of  
Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.

# Crossword

1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)

4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)

7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)

8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)

9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)

13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)

16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)

17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)

19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)

24 Simon had (anag.) (8)

25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)

26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)

27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Down

1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)

2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)

3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)

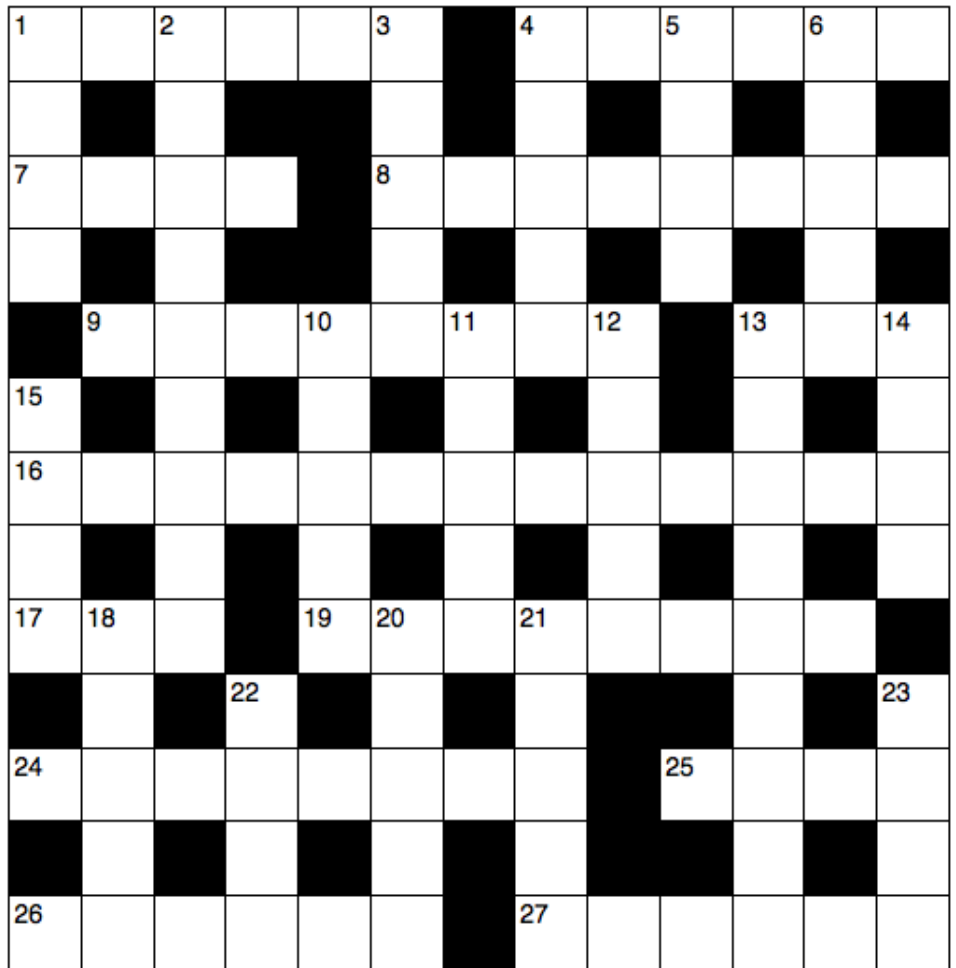
4 Belief (5)

5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)

6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)

10 A seer (anag.) (5)

11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm



139:10) (5)

12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)

13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)

14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of

16 Across, — and Dolls (4)

15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)

18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)

20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)

21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)

22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)

23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

# Sudoku

## Easy

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

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## Intermediate

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

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## For the Children – Mouse Makes

### THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After he was baptised Jesus returned full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. In all that time he ate nothing, so that he was hungry when it was over.

The Devil said to Jesus, "If you are

### Mouse Makes

God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread." But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, **"Human beings cannot live on bread alone."**

Then the Devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. "I will give you all this power and all this wealth, it has been handed over to me and I can give it to anyone I choose. All this then will be yours if you worship me." Jesus answered,

*'The scripture says, **"Worship the Lord your God and serve only him."***

Then the Devil took Jesus to the Temple and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here. For the scripture says, 'They will hold you up with their hands so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'

But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, **"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."**

READ  
Luke 4: 1-13

THE DEVIL SAID:  
"If you are God's Son,  
order this stone to  
turn into bread."

JESUS REPLIED:  
**"Human beings  
cannot live on  
bread alone."**

read Deuteronomy 8:3



WE LEARN:  
**Read the Bible  
Learn God's word.**

THE DEVIL SAID:  
"I will give you power  
and wealth if you  
worship me"

JESUS REPLIED:  
**"Worship the  
Lord your God and  
serve only him"**

read Deuteronomy 6:13

**1**

WE LEARN:  
**Put God first  
Worship only Him**

THE DEVIL SAID:  
"If you are God's Son,  
throw yourself  
down, the scriptures  
say God will take  
good care of you"

JESUS REPLIED:  
**"Do not put the  
Lord your God to  
the test."**

read Deuteronomy 6:16



WE LEARN:  
**God cares, trust Him  
do not test Him.**



Cut out the three cards  
and during Lent learn  
the bible verses

## **A Farewell To Natalie**

She came among us for a few short months  
Then sadly had to leave  
Like a comet moving across the sky  
She lit up our church and then she was gone.

But we will always remember her  
Remember her commitment, her reliability,  
Her preparation and her musicality

But more than that we remember her for herself,  
Her smile, her humour, her warm personality.

She did not come just to play the organ  
But to worship with us and to be one of us,.

But now she is gone,  
Goodbye Natalie, thanks and God bless

**Tim Lansdown**

## **News from the Mission Committee**

### **Pancake Evening Shrove Tuesday - 12<sup>th</sup> February**

We should like to invite you to the "Pancake Evening" to be held at 6.30pm on Shrove Tuesday. Traditionally this is the day to eat up all fats, cream, cheese and meat, before the Fast of Lent. The cost is £2 for two pancakes (additional ones 50p) and a light hearted evening to include Pancake races & a quiz. All proceeds go to the Mission charities.

### **"Not So Simple Lunch"**

Again in aid of our charities, this will be held on the weekend of "Music & Flowers", Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 12.15pm.

This is our traditional 3 course meal, served in pleasant surroundings and pleasant company at a cost of £7 per person. Please put this date in your diary.

## **Simple Lunch**

The next Simple Lunch will be 19<sup>th</sup> May and will be in aid of Christian Aid.

## **Forward Notice - Supper Concert**

Forward notice, there will be a "Supper concert" on the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> October, more details later.

## **Charity giving over the Christmas period**

A very big thank you for all the gifts donated at the Gift service, we have distributed them to the various charities and have received grateful thanks from them all. The Christmas tea & Christmas Day offering amounted to £295, which has been forwarded to the "Jude Appeal".

Over £80 was collected as a result of the Christmas Card Tree.

## **Midland Road**

The Methodist Centre at Midland Road is regularly the recipient of "Goodies" from our Church, especially at Harvest & Christmas. Members of the Mission committee thought that it would be a good idea to re-instate the box under the table in the Foyer, for your surplus to requirement tins / BOGOF items. We will see that its contents are regularly transported to Midland Road.

## **Shawl Ministry**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January, everyone is welcome for knitting, crochet, tea and a chat. Donations of wool are always welcome.

AND LASTLY, a reminder that the Charities we are supporting this year are; the Local Food Bank & the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa.

## **Pam Blackmore**

Mission Chairman

## **February Dates from The New Room**

- Fri 8<sup>th</sup>     1.00pm     Holy Communion     Jonathan Doble  
                 1.20pm     Alice Howse soprano, David Ogden piano  
                 6.00pm     Prayer Walk (CTB) from The New Room to Bristol Cathedral - An initial talk will be given by Gary Best (Warden of The New Room)
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup>     1.00pm     Holy Communion - Ruth Carter (Bristol and South Gloucester Circuit). The service includes a meditation for the beginning of Lent  
                 1.30 pm     Rachel Burke soprano, Jane Cottrell contralto, Philip Carter organ
- Thu 21<sup>st</sup>     10.00am – 3.00pm     ‘What shall I do my God to love?’ A retreat at Charles Wesley House
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>     1.00pm     Holy Communion     David Weeks (New Room Chaplain)  
                 1.20 pm     ‘Celebrating Sam’ - Philip Burnett & University Students mark Samuel Wesley’s 247<sup>th</sup>. Birthday
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup>     2.00 – 4.00pm - Diverse Open Doors Day - A multi church event in Central Bristol.

## **New Year's Day**

Many thanks to the Mission Committee for re-launching the New Year's Day time of reflection with its music, readings and pictures

I always love the New Year as it heralds the turn towards lighter evenings and the promise of Spring. And to have the opportunity to spend an hour or so in quiet reflection and prayer and to greet friends over refreshments only added to my joy,

The event was well attended and I hope now that it will become an annual fixture in our church calendar

**Tim Lansdown**

## Signposts

No sooner than the Christmas Decorations have gone then into February and well into another year which going by the newspapers and media appear to echo 'Frazer' of 'Dad's Army' - "doomed – doomed". Austerity and cold weather, well we should expect cold weather in winter, shouldn't we. Although despite days of cloud and mist a day breaks forth in clear skies and sunshine. Looking out of the window at breakfast time (not too early) along the top of the beech hedge sat nine or ten sparrows sunning themselves, the morning frost gradually going from the shed roof and even clouds of vapour rising from a neighbour's wooden fence. In the garden, even if it has been under water for long periods the Autumn planted bulbs are beginning to push through the ground.

Yes, quite a lot to be dispirited about but rather than look too far ahead maybe it is good to look around us and give thanks for many even small things of life which give hope and promise.

Recently we have celebrated not only the wonderful coming of Jesus into the world, the world in which we live but also the celebration of the Covenant which God has made with His people, His promise of love and redemption to all who would come to Him.

Look forward in hope in a New Year.

**Arnold Wheeler**

### Crossword Answers

**ACROSS:** 1, Credit. 4, Tackle. 7, Cain. 8, Kenaniah. 9, Strength. 13, Beg. 16, Salvation Army. 17, ARC. 19, Every day. 24, Admonish. 25, Dire. 26, Sneeze. 27, Bronze.

**DOWN:** 1, Cock. 2, Epistolic. 3, Taken. 4, Tenet. 5, Cane. 6, Leave. 10, Erase. 11, Guide. 12, Honey. 13, Barbarian. 14, Guys. 15, Asia. 18, Rod in. 20, Voice. 21, Rahab. 22, Hope. 23, Mene.





## **The very first Valentine card - a legend**

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison waiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.'

So the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.



## **Pause for Thought**

Reflecting on Luke 2 vv 14 - 21

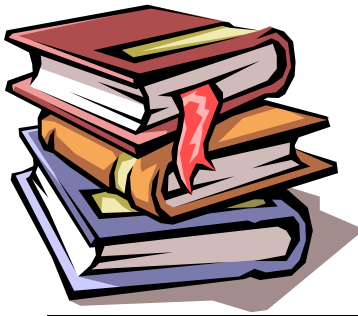
The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
The outcast are welcomed, God's banquet to share;  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

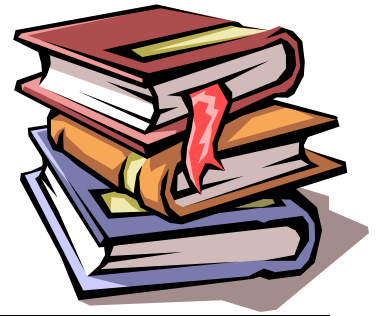
The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:  
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call  
And all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

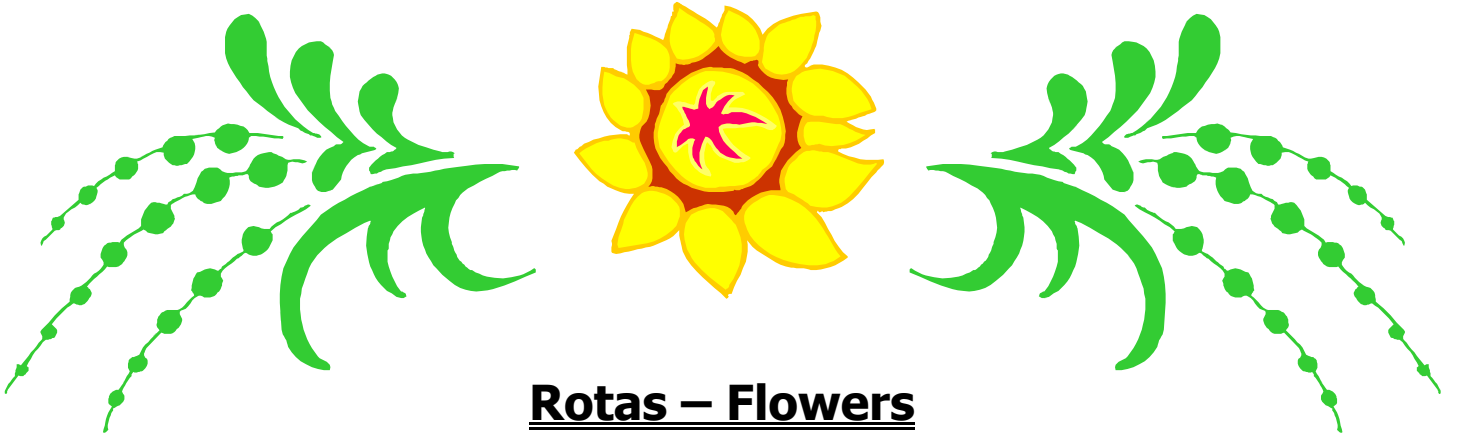
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## Rotas – Doors and Books

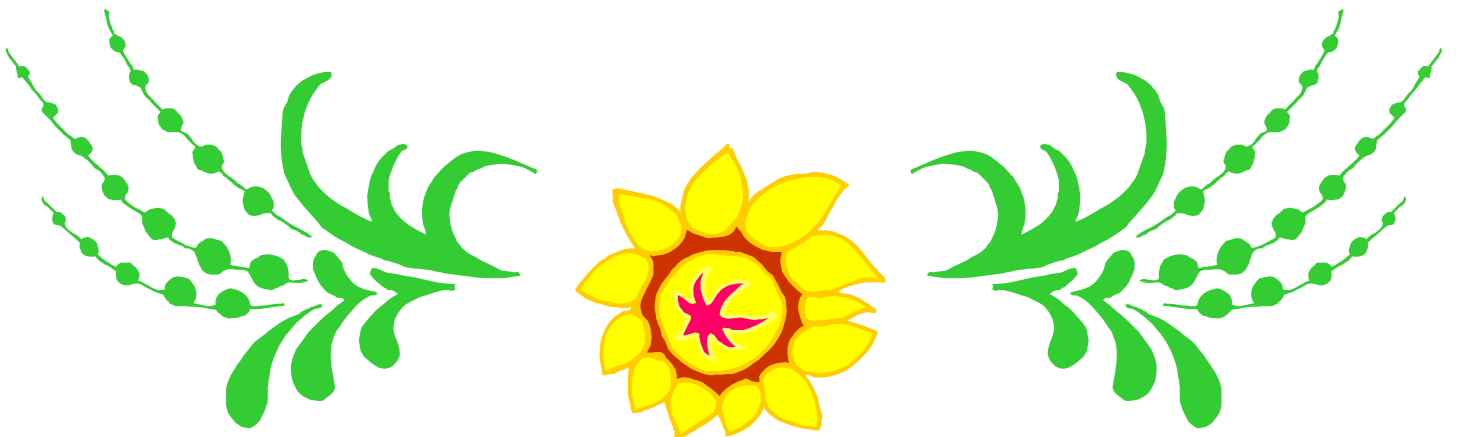


<b>Feb</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>am</b>	M Golding M Stone	P Blackmore J Green	A Sagar M Sagar	N Hogg M Wilby
<b>pm</b>	W Stamford B Griffen	R Ireland C Haycock	J Morgan M Morgan	A Angell T Lansdown



## Rotas – Flowers

<b>February</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>
Church	Free	Phil Bond	Joan Brabon-Hibbs	Carol Haycock
War Memorial	Ann Houlden	Pat Webber	John Brown	Joyce Godwin



## 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