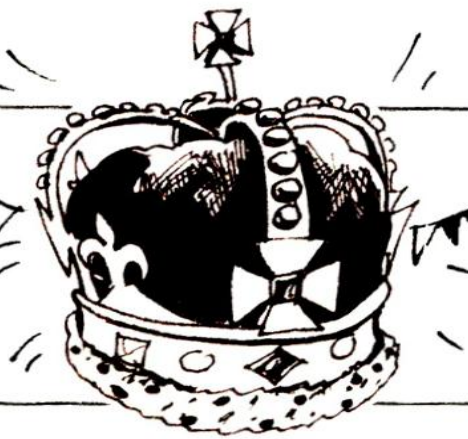


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We welcome all people to our church; you don't need to be a member to attend our worship.

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

'Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee to you; each one of you is to return to his family property and each to his own clan. The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee to you' (Leviticus 25 v 10ff)

As we enter June the nation will come together to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen Elizabeth II. She is only the second monarch in British History to reign for more than 60 years. Only Queen Victoria lies ahead of her in terms of longevity. To celebrate this achievement we will all be witness to street parties, a pageant upon the Thames, a Grand Concert and splendid Ceremonies. It will remind some of us of the Golden Jubilee in 2002 when similar events took place and others of her Silver Jubilee in 1977. That year I was only 9 years old but remember standing on a roundabout in Exeter to watch the Queen pass by as part of her national tour. I think we waited for several hours and it was over in a matter of minutes!

In the Bible we find stories of many different Kings and Queens, some good and some whose reign was feared. We think of the Kings of Israel, of Saul, David and Solomon and in the New Testament of King Herod and King Agrippa. Of all of these the longest reign of which I am aware is that of Mannasseh who ruled Judah for 55 years but if you can find a King or Queen recorded in the Bible who had a longer reign I would be interested to know. However, Kings and Queens aside, amidst these Jubilee celebrations we should be reminded that the ancient people of Israel under the laws of God as recorded in the Book of Leviticus established the principle of a Jubilee Year every 50 Years. This would be a year when debts would be cancelled and land and servants returned to their original owners, a year when those enslaved because of debts were freed, lands lost because of debt were returned and any community torn apart by inequality was restored. It was a way of insuring that greed never ran out of control, that no one ended up in an endless cycle of poverty and that each generation was able to start with a clean slate. It is also interesting to place this in the context of Jesus announcement in Galilee which may have been alluding to this Year of Jubilee (Luke 4 vv 18 – 19):

“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 favor.”

So let us in this Jubilee Year when we mark the Queen’s 60 years commit ourselves anew to the God whose years are eternal and whose own ordained Jubilee Year reminds us that we are called to a way of life that provides justice, hope and opportunity for all. Every Blessing

Andrew

PS. Please note the details of our Church Anniversary Services and Gift Day on Sunday 17 June when we welcome Rev Andrew and Julie Biggs as highlighted in a separate article in this magazine and the change to services on the morning of 3 June to accommodate a baptism and which will mean we will have an additional early morning communion service at 9.00am.

Birthday Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and cards that I received for my recent 70th birthday - they were much appreciated. I had an extended birthday celebrating with my family and friends and everyone made it very special.

Thank you.

Joan Brabon-Hibbs

Holy Humour

This week’s Holy Humour is thanks to Jennifer Angell. Please look out for them throughout the magazine.

Sunday's Services

June

3rd	10.45am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout Messy Church Rev Ajay Singh	Communion
10 th	10.45am 6.00pm	Mr Kevin Duffy Rev Andrew Prout	
17 th	10.45am 6.00pm	Rev Andrew Biggs Rev Andrew Biggs	Communion
24 th	10.45am 6.00pm	Mrs Joy Harris Mrs Veronica Jackson	

Dates for the Diary

3 June	Early Morning Communion at 9.00am Baptism of Ria Fergie Smart at 10.45am Messy Church at 4.00pm
7 June	Worship Consultation at 7.30pm
9 June	Messy Church Planning Meeting at 7.30pm
17 June	Church Anniversary Services and Parade Service led by Rev Andrew Biggs at 10.45am Evening Communion Service at 6.00pm
24 June	Bright Hour Anniversary Service at 6.00pm
27 June	Church Council at 7.30pm

Please note that owing to the baptism taking place during the Morning Service of 3 June at 10.45am the planned Communion Service will now take place at 9.00am and all are welcome.

Church Anniversary: 17 June 2012

We look forward on Sunday 17 June to celebrating the Church Anniversary. The Church itself was built in 1851 by local collier families and labourers and later united with Hanham High Street Methodist to form the Church we know today. It is always humbling to think of the long tradition in which we stand and the saints who have gone before us. This year for our Church Anniversary we welcome Rev Andrew Biggs who will be leading a Parade Service in the morning at 10.45am and a service with Holy Communion in the evening at 6.00pm.

In advance of the day by way of a personal written invitation from myself and the Church Stewards Church Members and Friends will be invited to bring with them their Annual Gift. This is an opportunity for members and friends of the Church to financially support the ongoing work and ministry of the Church and assist in funding particular projects. Last year the Property Committee oversaw the installation of the new boiler and the replacement of some of the external fascias. This year it is hoped to complete the decoration of a number of rooms and your Gift is essential to making this possible. In regard to your Annual Gift you should shortly be receiving a letter with an envelope for your Gift. If you do not receive a letter and wish to contribute please ask a steward for a letter or collect one from those placed in the vestibule. Please give as generously as you are able in these financially challenging times and make every effort to attend the Services on the Sunday as we come together as a Church Family and give thanks for all that God is doing in and through our Church.

With thanks and every blessing

Rev Andrew Prout

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Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."  
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Invitation to Ystrad Mynach

Our good friends from across the water have invited us for tea and evening worship on 12 August. This will be the fourth occasion that we have visited and I am sure we will, as always, be royally entertained.

In order to make transport arrangements we need to get an early indication of numbers. If you think you will be able to come could you please give your name to either Tim or Hilary Lansdown or John or Pam Liddiard. As a guide the cost last time was £12 per head but the price will of course depend on the cost of transport and the numbers who go. We will be leaving the church at 2.00pm and arriving back at about 9.00pm.

Tim Lansdown

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

Christian Aid

A big thank you to everyone who supported and worked for Christian Aid week. Details of the totals raised will follow.

Pat Saunders

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

Crossword

Across

8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)

9 In favour of (3)

10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)

11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)

13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)

16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)

19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)

22 Holy Communion (9)

24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)

25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)

2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)

3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)

4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)

5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)

6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)

7 'The fathers have eaten sour

grapes, and the children's teeth are set — — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)

12 Ate (anag.) (3)

14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)

15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)

16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)

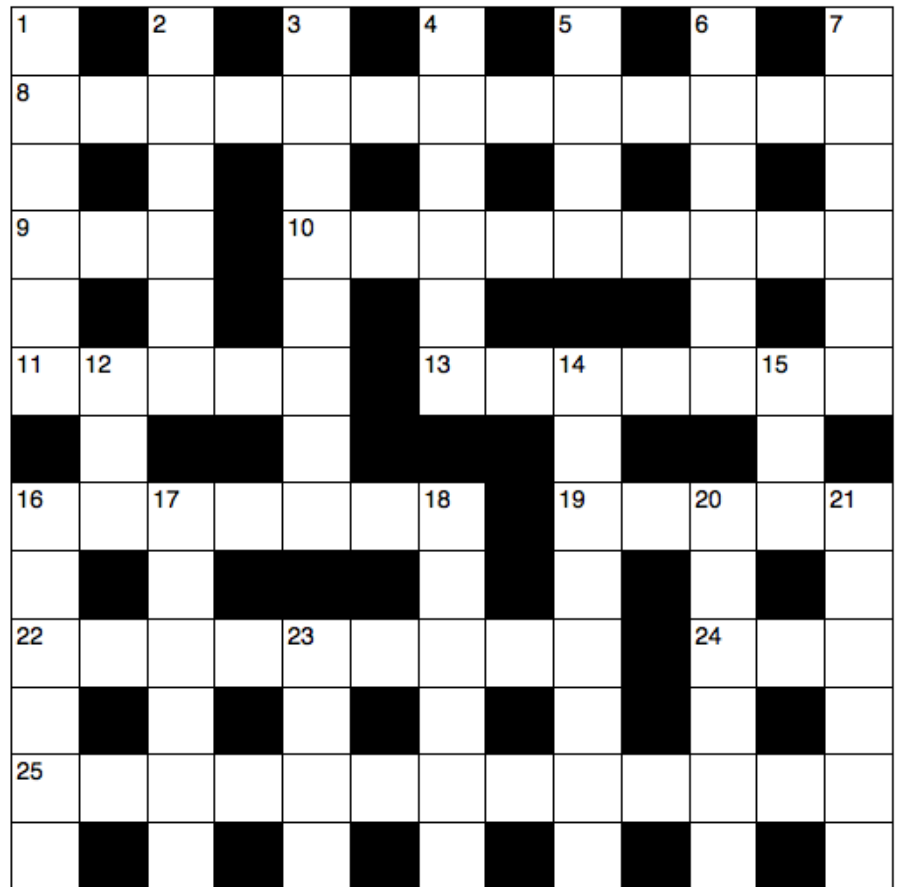
17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)

18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)

20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)

21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)

23 Diva (anag.) (4)



Sudoku

Easy

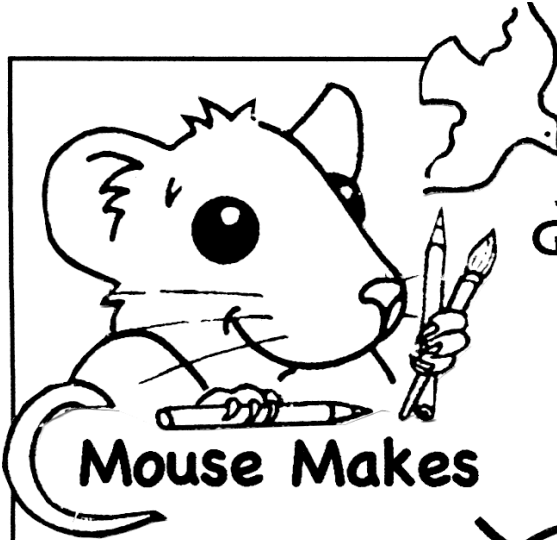
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For the Children – Mouse Makes



Mouse Makes

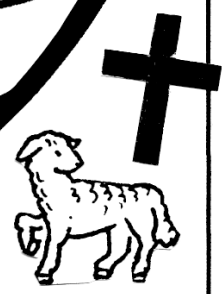
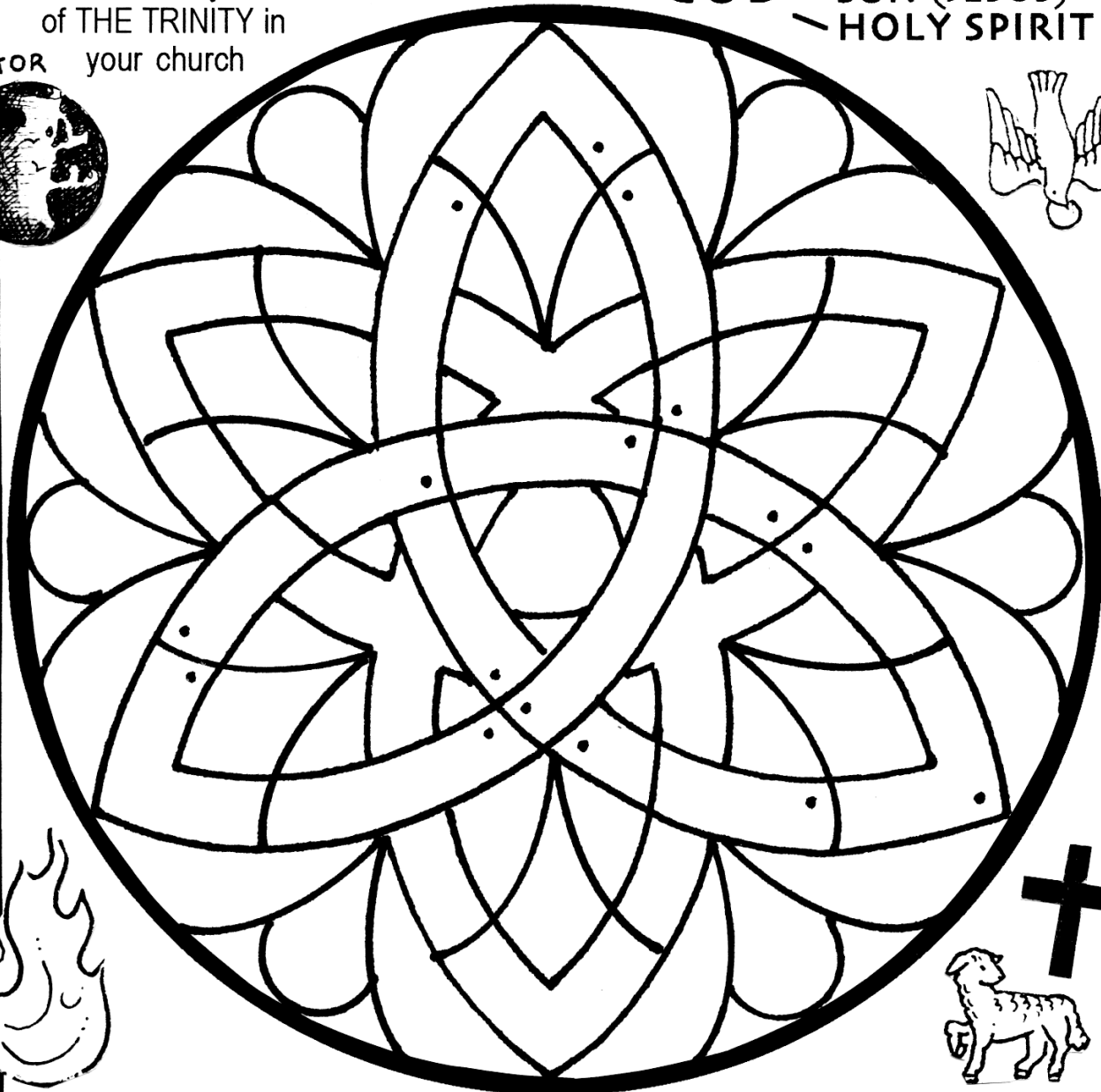
“May the *grace* of the Lord **JESUS** Christ and the *love* of **GOD** and the *fellowship* of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you”


2 Corinthians 13 verse 13

The Bible teaches us that GOD is three persons in one:

GOD — **FATHER**
— **SON (JESUS)**
— **HOLY SPIRIT**

Look out for symbols of **THE TRINITY** in your church



Christians have symbol to picture **THE TRINITY**. Find out what it is by colouring in **BLACK** all the shapes with a dot  in them. Then colour all the other shapes with bright colours like a stained glass window.

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"
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A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "
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Leaving Methodist International House [Student Style]

Naturally, as studies came to a close, preparations were made to return to families and friends.

The majority of our students were determined to get back home as swiftly as they could even though in many cases, the conditions of living were often easier in this country. To use their new skills or educational qualifications was a priority. Hopefully they could be involved in improving the way of life for their families and countrymen.

It was interesting to see the multifarious items selected to embark on these new schemes! A few might surprise you too. As I have mentioned previously, a new electric stove was sent to a school in St. Lucia as a gift, following fund raising, as was a full set of recorders for a school in Anguilla.

Purchased by a lady student teacher from Jamaica [but for home use] was a difficult to transport item which even the coach driver at Bristol bus station refused to stow in the luggage compartment. After a frantic call back to M.I.H. a kind hearted English student fetched her and her luggage from a deserted bus station then drove her and it to London where we assumed she caught her flight. The item was.....a rotary clothes line closing down to about 8ft. long.

A group of young engineering students from India, studying aircraft maintenance, purchased an old car, spent ages renovating it and organised for that to be shipped home [full of other spares too]. Another, having bought and used a bike to cycle to U.W.E., dismantled it and carried it with his hand luggage to London for a flight home. {I remember Jonathan bringing a 'self constructed' cycle complete with a cycle rack back from Holland — but it was in a hire van}.

Africa had its share of odd items too. To South Africa went a 5 gallon drum of Kleen-e-zee washing up liquid; to Nigeria just over 200 pairs of ladies panties; with a Ugandan headmaster, 2 sewing machines (hand operated), 2 type writers, and numerous carpentry tools. (This was before the Tools for Self Reliance scheme was started.**) A student at the Eye Hospital took a quantity of old spectacles, donated and calibrated, to use in her hospital many miles away from a major centre in South Africa.

A gentleman from Nigeria had 'always' suffered from being unable to breathe through his nose. Following conversations with our lady cleaner, he discovered that if he breathed in the vapours of Olbas Oil, he felt great relief, as his airways cleared. He became a vocal advert for Olbas Oil in the student community, sang hearty praises to and about his 'lady cleaner', and purchased and packed four dozen small bottles of the aforesaid oil in his home going luggage! He comes to mind when I have the need to use my one, long lasting, bottle, as I wonder if there is a use by date for Olbas oil.

A Japanese professor took a warm woollen winter coat, as a gift for a 3-year-old daughter he had never seen, and a Doctor returning to Sri Lanka carried several packets of disposable nappies and a sleeping bag for his new daughter.

When we go on holiday we probably return with a memento — but possibly not quite as odd as some of these seem to be. However I wonder if our purchases are as useful or essential?

As we continue our journey through life, maybe we should be more discerning regarding the items we collect and carry with us. I don't necessarily mean the physical or practical things but perhaps the things we burden ourselves with within. We often make heavy going of our circumstances when we could and should share our problems. After all Jesus has promised to be with us as we journey on. He has also told us he listens to and answers our prayers. One of the most loved hymns reminds us to 'Take it to the Lord in Prayer'. So we should, shouldn't we?

Dorothy Blackmore

** 'Tools for Self Reliance' – ask about it. Mel Morgan is actively involved in it, and the local base is at Warmley Museum.

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

Signposts

During the last month or so we have experienced glorious sunshine, as hot as summer. Sorry, that's how I started last year and how in a year so much can change. This year glimpses of sunshine, drying winds, floods whilst told it is a time of drought no wonder we get confused.

Lamenting with a neighbour over the fact that some seeds planted have failed to germinate, but still some things take a more normal course as looking out into the garden this week, just as it was getting dusk, five young fox cubs were romping round the shrubs at the top of the garden.

A friend also told me this week that he no longer buys a newspaper as the news is so miserable a reminder of Frazer in 'Dad's Army' – 'Doomed' 'Doomed'. So perhaps we should look forward in greater Hope. Be thankful for so many things in life for which we have been blessed, try to give thanks for something each day and also to try and do somebody some good each day. To remember the love which we have been freely given in Jesus.

Arnold Wheeler

Anniversary Thank You

We would like to thank the friends at Hanham Methodist Church for your kind thoughts and wishes on the occasion of our 40th wedding anniversary. It was very much appreciated.

Valerie and John Smith

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

What makes you happy?

What does it take to make you happy? Getting into bed between freshly washed sheets, or finding a £10 note in our jeans is enough to set most of us off, it seems. We also feel happy when people tell us they think we have lost weight. Praise from our boss, or even waking up to a sunny morning, can also bring a surge of simple joy.

The Top 20 Things that make us happy include: sitting in the sun, getting a nice message from a loved one, listening to our favourite song, finding a bargain, getting a promotion, and even the smell of the Sunday roast. Three Barrels Brandy, which conducted the research, said: "It would seem that it does not take much to lift our spirits. Small gestures from friends and family can work wonders. Simple things can make such a positive difference."

Solomon agreed: "I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live." (Eccles 3:12)

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently.

"But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

Seven interesting facts about global Christianity

- 1) In 2012, there are 43,000 different denominations worldwide (340 are in the UK!).
- 2) In 1900, 70% of the world's Christians lived in Europe, but only 26% in 2012. In 1900, just 2% of the world's Christians lived in Africa, but 22% in 2012.
- 3) In 2012, there are an estimated 4.7 million congregations worldwide, just under half of these in Asia.
- 4) The number of mission workers globally is estimated at 420,000 people
- 5) The world's population will reach 7.1 billion in 2012, and 2.3 billion (33%) of these will be nominally Christian. A further fifth (22%) are Muslim.
- 6) Half (51%) of the world's population live in urban areas, including 505 "megacities" with a population of over a million people. Of these, perhaps 41% are nominally Christian.
- 7) Half (51%) of the world's Christians are Roman Catholics, a fifth (22%) are Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and other Protestants, one in seven (15%) are Pentecostals and other Independent churches, and the remaining 12% are Orthodox.

Crossword Answers

Across: 8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

Down: 1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armllet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Tune: The Church's One Foundation

With thankful hearts and gladness
We rise to bless the Lord!
A jubilee proclaiming –
A people's thanks outpoured!
Our Queen has ruled this nation,
And served her subjects well;
For sixty years of service
Let hymns of gladness swell.

For all her solemn duties
And all affairs of state;
For all her counsel offered,
We praise and celebrate!
May God the King of heaven
Bestow upon our Queen –
Continued grace and favour,
And blessings yet unseen.

O Lord may we, your people,
Hold fast to truths of old.
Through prayer and supplication,
May faith be real and bold.
So when our days are over
And others heed the call –
May Kingdom work continue
'Til Christ is Lord of all.

Pause for Thought

Call to Jubilee

God of the lowly, God of Liberty
Call down your justice. Call for Jubilee!
Bind up the broken, set the captives free.
Bring in the homeless, help the blind to see.
Call out your people. Help us see our sin.
Bring us to repentance and never sin again.

Grant us your blessing, mold us in your peace.
Grant us your wisdom, help our warring cease.
Come God of mercy, break the debtors chains,
Call down your justice on the wicked's claims.

God of the lonely, God of mystery,
God who knows the poor in solidarity

Guide us from darkness, guide us from fears,
Give us the courage to wash away our tears.

Help us to stand and fight for liberty

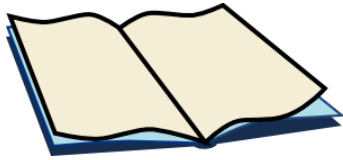
Help us to live in solidarity

Help us to hear cries of captivity

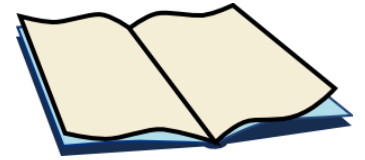
Help us God that we may be your Jubilee!

Stan G. Duncan – Jubilee USA Network

Rotas



Door & Books



June	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th
am	M Golding H Teague	J White B White	P Webber J Tippett	M Frost W Frost
pm	B Griffen W Stamford	J Morgan M Morgan	H Wheeler A Wheeler	T Lansdown A Angell



Flowers



3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th
Church			
Catherine Garland	Vron Jackson	Bob Stapleton	Maureen Stone
War Memorial			
Joyce Godwin	Free	Pauline Kirby	Free

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