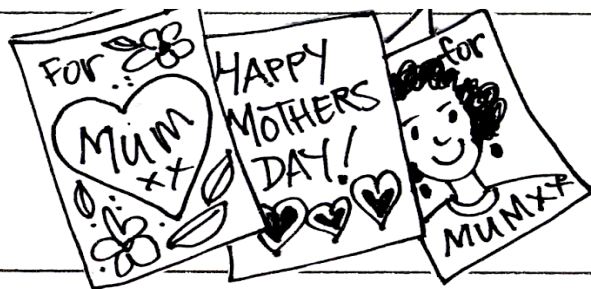


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Word from the Minister

Dear Friends

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." (Mark 8 vv 27 – 29)

I have just returned from the cinema having watched 'The Artist', a film I found richly deserving of all the awards it has received, a homage to the silent era of film. The film revolves around the story of George Valentin, a star of the silent era who tragically refuses and fails to embrace the new era of the 'talkies', or if you like to take on board new ideas and a new way of thinking and being. In the season of Lent we remind ourselves that Jesus has challenged us to a new way of thinking and being.

This year we are following in our Lenten Cross the story of Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem as told in the Gospel of Mark, the set Gospel for this year. In the first eight chapters of his gospel Mark has made clear that this is 'The Gospel about Jesus Christ the Son of God' (Mark 1 v1), demonstrating the truth of this claim in recalling the events of Jesus' baptism, teaching, authority over demons, healing of the sick, calming of the storm, feeding of the multitude and raising of the dead. There are those who question Jesus and oppose Him but Jesus' action leads to a pivotal moment towards the latter part of His Galilean Ministry when He turns to His disciples at Caesarea Philippi and asks them directly 'Who do you say I am'. Peter then replies 'You are the Christ'. Jesus then begins to prepare His disciples for His final journey and to teach His disciples that He will suffer and die but this makes no sense to them. As they leave for Jerusalem they ask themselves 'How can God's Son suffer such a fate? Surely He will deliver Israel to its former glories and as He rules like an earthly king they will sit on His right and his left'.

In Mark Chapters 8 v 27 to 11 v 11, as we shall observe in our Morning Services through Lent, we physically follow Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. During this journey Jesus firmly tells His disciples they must embrace a new way of thinking and being. Jesus talks of discipleship in terms of the giving up of material wealth, concern for the poor, the

importance of putting others before self, of service, and of greatness being found in humility and self sacrifice. And He will go before them laying down his own life upon a cross in order that they and we may see the true extent of God's love, the true nature of God's kingdom, and ourselves be reconciled to God and to each other and to a new way of thinking and being, a path that will lead us to true life and full salvation. So, this Lent, as Easter draws near, let us as is the Christian tradition through Lent examine every aspect of our lives and let us consider if we are on that true path to which we are called as followers of Jesus, and let us ask ourselves if we have truly embraced that new way of thinking and being of which Jesus speaks and which He exemplified in His earthly life. Let us in doing so not only with Peter name Jesus as the Christ but come to know and understand all that it means to name and confess him as Lord. May God by His Spirit strengthen us in this task and help us in all things to be the people His Son called us to be. Peace in Christ.

Andrew

PS. Please look out for details of Easter dates in forthcoming notices including an evening of meditation and music on Tuesday 3rd April.

Sunday's Services

March

4 th	10.45am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout Messy Church Mrs Ros Sledge	Communion
11 th	10.45am 6.00pm	Mr Tim Lansdown Circuit Service	
18 th	10.45am 6.00pm	Youth Church Rev Barry Bishop	Communion
25 th	10.45am 6.00pm	Mr Arnold Wheeler Café Church	

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 3 March at 9.30am: Coffee Morning arranged by Family Committee

Tuesday 6 March at 10.45am: Forward in Faith 7.30pm

Tuesday 6 March at 4.00pm: Messy Church

Saturday 10 March at 9.30am: Prayer Meeting

Sunday 11 March at 4.00pm: Circuit Service at HMC 6.00pm

Tuesday 13 March at 7.30pm: Messy Church Planning Meeting

Friday 23 March at 7.00pm: AGM

Saturday 24 March at 9.30am: Prayer Meeting

Sunday 25 March at 6.00pm: Café Church

Church Annual General Meeting

On Friday 23 March we shall be holding the Church Annual General Meeting commencing at 7.00pm. During the meeting we review our Church Life over the last year and elect Church Stewards and Representatives to the Church Council. This year we have two vacancies for the post of Church Steward. There are also up to eight vacancies in terms of election of representatives to the Church Council. This is because eight people will have attended in this capacity without a break for more than six years. They must under Methodist Standing Orders make way for any new members who wish to serve. If any of the eight spaces remain vacant the existing members can be re-invited. Please give your thought to becoming a Church Steward or sitting on the Church Council as a Representative. If you would like to know more about what is involved please speak to myself or to a Church Steward.

Nominations for Church Steward or Representatives to the Church Council should be given to me in writing not less than seven days in advance of the Meeting with the consent of the person being nominated.

Finally, please could all Church Groups and Committees also note that if they wish to submit an item for inclusion in the Annual Report that this should be submitted by e-mail to me and the Church Secretary Brenda Thompson by Sunday 4 March.

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for all Church Members and Adherents to come together for mutual support and fellowship. It is intended the meeting will last approximately an hour and will then be followed by a Faith Supper.

This year we shall also utilize the meeting to formally adopt our response to the Circuit Review as we continue to map out alongside the Church Development Plan our future hopes for our work, mission and ministry at Hanham.

Both Church Members and adherents are welcome to attend.

Rev Andrew Prout

One Sound Concert; Saturday 14 April 2012

Over weekend of the 14 and 15 April we are privileged to be hosting One Sound a national youth orchestra and choir consisting of approximately 60 young people (including Jessica Warrey) whose history is rooted in the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs (MAYC). You can now book your place at the concert on Saturday Evening 14th April taking place at Woodlands Church commencing at 7.30pm by signing the form in the vestibule (Tickets £10.00 adults / £6.00 Under 18s or those in FTE) or contacting Caroline Warrey direct on 0117 9609600 / EMail: (caroline.warrey@bluyonder.co.uk). Please put your name down to avoid late disappointment and to give this event your full support. Please let me know if you need assistance with transport.

Rev Andrew Prout

Circuit Service; 11 March 2012 at 6.00pm

On the evening of Sunday 11 March we are pleased to be hosting a Circuit Service when we welcome members from the other Methodist Churches who comprise the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit. The reason for this occasion is that two people, Ros Sledge of Potters Wood Methodist Church and Howard Wilson of Horfield Methodist Church will be accredited as Local Preachers having completed their formal training. This should be a wonderful occasion and it is our great privilege at Hanham to be hosting this service. Please give it your every support and hold Ros and Howard in your prayers as they take this important step and join the fellowship of preachers in our Circuit.

Rev Andrew Prout

Café Church; 25 March 2012 at 6.00pm

It was back in 2007 that we held our first Café Church led by Deacon Gary Hoare and Phillip Warrey. Since then first once every three months and then once every two months we have held in place of our traditional evening service a Café Church as we have sought to embrace a different form of worship, respond to the different needs of our congregation and also to reach out to some people who might otherwise not come to Church. Currently about 25 people attend. It was felt at the end of last year with changes in staff to review Café Church and the result of this review is that the next two to be held on March 25th and May 20th will be held in the Church Lounge as opposed to the Church Hall. The services will be kept under review and we will see where God leads and takes us. Café Church includes a time of worship, a space to think about faith, and an opportunity to hold a conversation over a light tea and cup of coffee. Please feel most welcome to attend. If there is a precedent in our Methodist tradition for Café Church it is in the Agape Meetings or Love Feasts that John Wesley encouraged his societies to embrace.

Rev Andrew Prout

Fundraising: CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young)

Natalie is fundraising for Cardiac Risk in the Young.

As some of you are aware, my beautiful friend Laura recently passed away (aged 21) from a sudden cardiac arrest. Laura was a loving and compassionate friend who was an active member of my Youth Group from my church in Scotland.

With approximately 16 'fit and healthy' young people dying suddenly each week from an undiagnosed heart condition and with 80% of these people showing no symptoms, I want to do as much as I can to raise awareness of the risk of sudden cardiac deaths and support the registered charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). CRY is an amazing national charity that aims to support medical research into young sudden cardiac deaths



and provides essential support to the families of those young people who have tragically passed away from a heart defect.

CRY also provides heart screening in order to prevent such tragedies. Most cardiac abnormalities can be identified through a simple non-invasive ECG (electrocardiogram) test and, if any abnormalities are detected, a cardioverter-defibrillator can be implanted to save the person's life. However, although CRY provides screening for young people throughout England, Wales and NI, they do not have testing facilities in Scotland. It is, therefore, my aim, through fundraising, to bring the mobile screening unit to Scotland so a screening programme can be established to save young lives in Scotland.

In order to raise money, I will be taking part in a four day cycling challenge from London to Paris in May 2012 in loving memory of my dear friend Laura. Below is a breakdown of what I will be doing:

Day 1: London to Calais (approx. 95 miles)

Day 2: Calais to Abbeville (approx. 75 miles)

Day 3: Abbeville to Beauvais (approx. 70 miles)

Day 4: Beauvais to Paris (approx. 60 miles)

My target is to raise £1,500. I am sure you can understand that this is a massive challenge and is something that means a lot to me. I would really appreciate your help and support to ensure I can provide CRY with funding. Please do come and see me should you wish to sponsor me.

Many thanks,

Natalie Mair

Lent House Groups

The dates and venues of the house groups are as follows:

Wednesday 29 February	@ 4 Hunters Close
Thursday 8 March	@ 4 Hunters Close
Tuesday 13 March	@ 58 Greenbank Road
Thursday 22 March	@ 4 Hunters Close
Tuesday 27 March	@ 58 Greenbank Road

The course, from York Courses, is entitled 'Handing on the Torch' and the handbooks have been ordered at a cost of £3.25. Please let either Rosemary Ireland or myself know if you intend to come. The York Courses have been excellent in the past and we trust that we shall have a worthwhile time together over the Lent period.

Tim Lansdown
Worship Committee Chairman

The Y's Men's Club of Hanham - The Gaswork Singers
Saturday 24 March 2012

Please come and join us for an evening of musical entertainment, the Gasworks Singers sing Pop, Soul, Gospel, Folk, Funk and Classical so there should be something for everyone.

Start Time: 7.30 pm

Admission: £5 including light refreshments.

Names to any Y's Man or pay on the door.

Look for good pasture

There are some people who inspire you to be all you can as a Christian. When you meet one of these, stay near them, and learn all you can. We are affected by the people whom we spend time with – pray that you will meet people who will lift you up in your Christian walk. 'He who walks with wise men will be wise.' (Proverbs 13:20)

Many Christians admit that their present Christian faith was built on the wonderful example of Christians they met during their teenage years. They were inspired and encouraged and moulded by these older Christians. What a wonderful gift they were given.

Seeing God bless someone else can increase your desire to reach higher, and also be blessed in that way. But remember – Jesus said that HE is the vine, and we are only the branches. No branch is ever going to flourish unless it stays deeply attached to the vine.

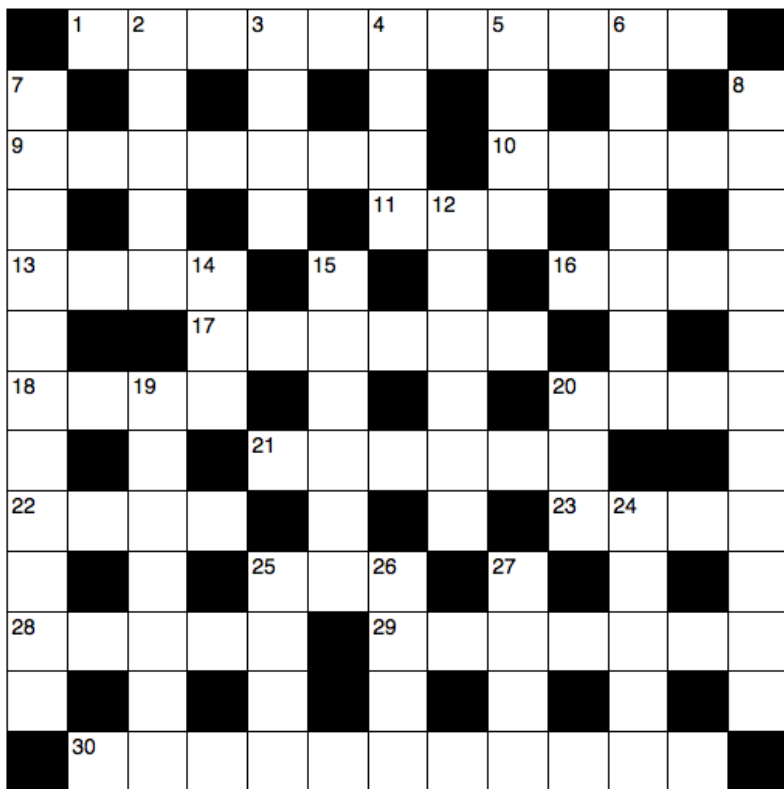
Crossword

Across

- 1** These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
13 Mede (anag.) (4)
16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
23 Edit (anag.) (4)
25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been —, he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2** 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1)
4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not



- at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — —' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

Sudoku

Easy

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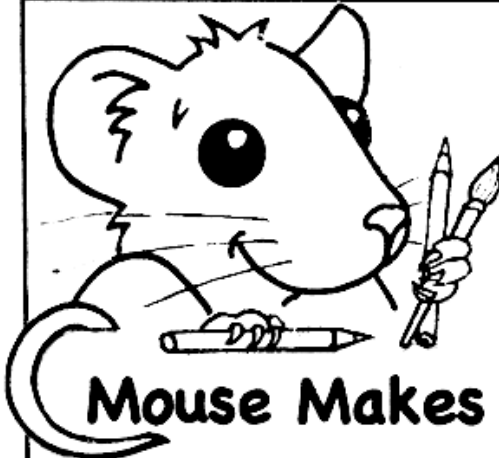
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Intermediate

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For the Children – Mouse Makes

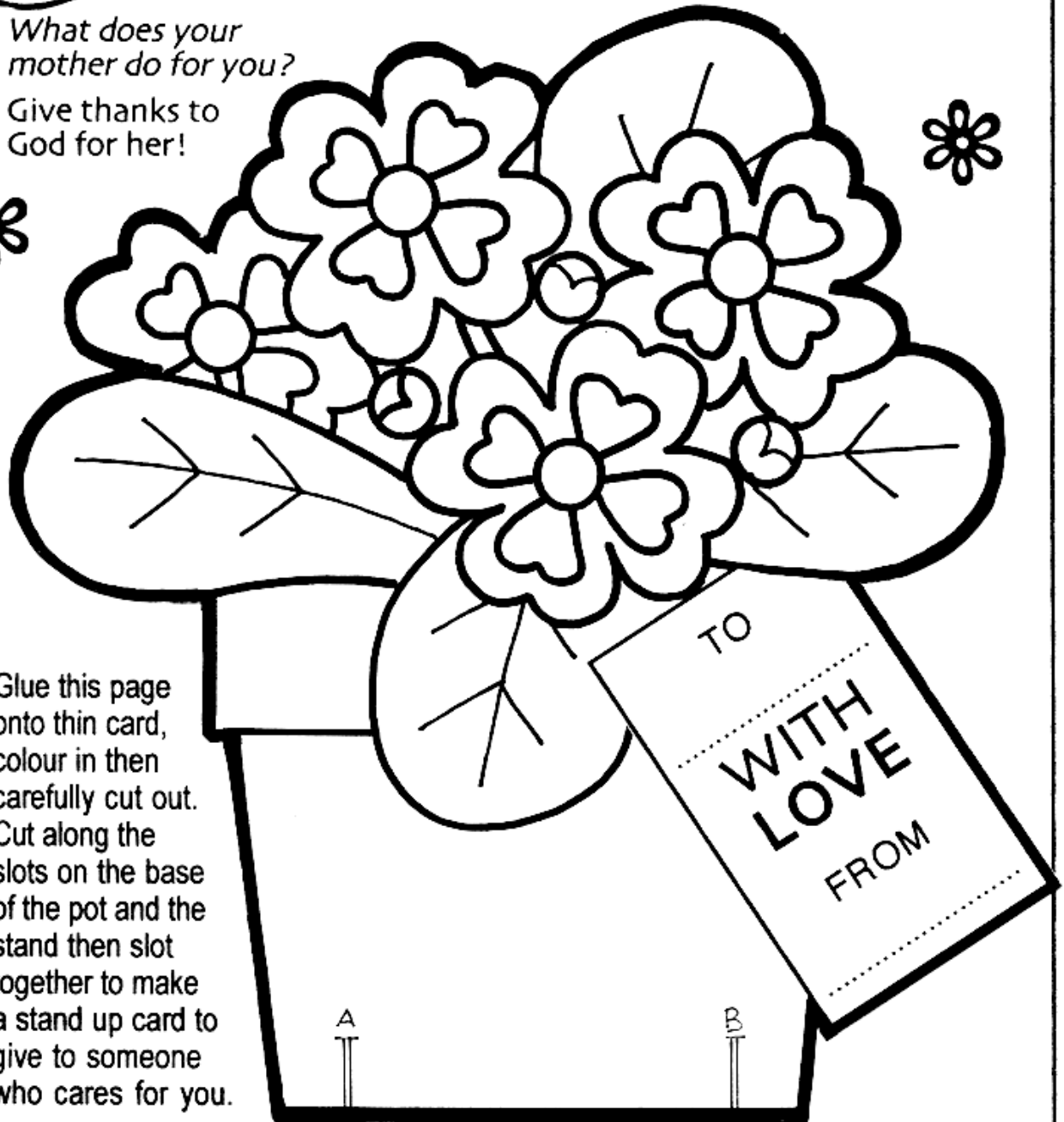


Jesus was **loved** by his mother Mary...
...she **cared** for him, **worried**
about him and **prayed** for him,
she washed his clothes,
cooked his food and
hugged him when he cried.

Mary cuddled Jesus when he was
born, cried when he died and rejoiced
when he rose from the dead.

What does your
mother do for you?

Give thanks to
God for her!



Glue this page
onto thin card,
colour in then
carefully cut out.
Cut along the
slots on the base
of the pot and the
stand then slot
together to make
a stand up card to
give to someone
who cares for you.

Mar12

A

THANK YOU

B

STAND

Mission Committee Future Events

"Not So Simple Lunch", Sunday 11 March

A delicious 3 course meal for £7.

Come and join us as we enjoy a meal together and support our charities.

Pizzas & Party Games, Saturday 12 May, 6.00 – 8.00pm

Cost £3 Adults and £1.50 Children - more details later.

Signposts

This is a good time to look forward as we come to the period of Lent culminating in the Good News of Jesus, a time to consider the suffering of the cross but also the joy of the gift of resurrection and eternal life in knowing Jesus as Lord.

As the snow gradually disappears the promise of spring is before us and the consideration of what might be planted in the gardens so summer might blossom into colour.

One lectionary reading for February comes from Corinthians where Paul writes –

1 CO 9:24 *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly;*

Good advice for the year of the Olympics but also we who may not be able to be athletic could take onboard the advice to know where we are going and what to do.

Jesus came and called Andrew, Peter, James and John and the other disciples to follow Him and go into the world to tell the Good News.

Now in a disturbed world where even in our country we are expected to keep our belief inside the four walls of the church we might be reminded of the words of Studdert-Kennedy (World War 1 Army Chaplain) '*Nobody worries about Christ as long as He can be kept shut up in churches. He is quite safe inside. But there is always trouble if you try and let Him out.*'

Jesus came showing the love of God, how sin and evil can be overcome and lives changed.

Time maybe to rethink our commitment to the church and our task when called to follow Jesus.

Arnold Wheeler

Smile!

How God works

A grandmother was taking her young grandson for a walk in the park. The daffodils were in bloom, and it was a beautiful Spring day. Wanting to encourage her grandson's spiritual understanding of the world, she said: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God did all this?"

Her grandson replied: "Oh yes, and God did it left handed, too." In astonishment, the grandmother asked what he meant. "Well, he must have done," said her grandson, "because we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

Present

For the elderly minister's 70th birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. He was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, and said: 'Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit.'



WHO CAN JUDGE?

Thomas Guy was a bookseller in London during the time of the Great Plague and the Great Fire in 1665/6. His business was very successful and he did well but people looked down on him because they thought he was mean. They saw him eating his lunch of dry bread in his shop, he wore worn out clothes and would only light one candle at a time. What people didn't know was that he lived in this way for a reason. When a new hospital was built at London Bridge they heard that it had been completely paid for by Thomas Guy. And on his death he left a huge sum of money as an endowment so that the hospital could continue to provide treatment for London's poor.

Even today Guy's Hospital is one of the most famous London teaching hospitals. Thomas Guy could have ignored the suffering all around him and eaten grand meals off fine china; instead he chose to eat dry bread wrapped in paper. So often we are wrong about people because we do not know all the facts.

JUMBLED BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. e r e d m o n t y o u
2. a h a c e h i r z
3. a k m r
4. a e d i l n
5. b e e w r s h
6. c c e h i l n o r s
7. a e v e l i n o r t
8. e d g j s u
9. t e e p r
10. a l m p s s

**Doctor, Doctor my son has
swallowed my pen, what
should I do?**

Use a pencil 'till I get there.

**Doctor, doctor, I feel like a
dictionary.**

I'll have a word with you later.



**Doctor, doctor, I've been stung
by a bee. Shall I put some
ointment on it?**

Don't be silly - it must be miles
away by now.

Answers: 1.Deuteronomy 2.Zechariah
3.Mark 4.Daniel 5.Hebrews
6.Chronicles 7.Revelation 8.Judges
9.Peter 10.Psalms

The Way I See It: Make Way For Mum

By the well known writer and broadcaster David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC.

It's possible to make a few fairly specific forecasts about Sunday 18 March. The most certain is that all over Britain mothers will receive cards, the best ones being home-made with crayons or felt-tip pens and featuring hearts and smiley faces.

From a more senior source might come some flowers, a book, some half-decent perfume, or a subscription to a fashion magazine. If, however, he's got it wrong she might find herself with a toaster, or even a season ticket for the local football club. It's *Mothers' Day!*

Of course, as far as the Church is concerned it's nothing of the kind. It's 'Mothering Sunday', which sounds quite menacing, really - too near 'smother' for comfort. Yet it did all start in church long ago, with a Lesson for the fourth Sunday of Lent which included the phrase 'Jerusalem which is above, the mother of us all' and a tradition of welcoming apprentices home halfway through the Lenten fast, bearing simnel cakes for mums.

But then the occasion spread to America and *bingo* - it was suddenly big business. Of course it's more than that. It's also a welcome opportunity to thank our mothers. On the whole, Mothering Sunday/Mothers' Day is definitely a 'good thing'. It's also quite a good thing for the church, because families like to come together on this particular day, and by tradition (fairly recent, I suspect) posies of flowers are provided for the children to give to their mums - and sometimes grandmas, too. Because the following weekend is the feast of the Annunciation (the angel Gabriel telling Mary that she was going to have a baby), preachers may justifiably point out how crucial the role of motherhood is in the whole Christian story. All those paintings and stained glass windows of the Madonna and Child remind us that, just like all the rest of us, Jesus had a mother who fed and nurtured him, guided him through the years of childhood and stood by him later on when things were dark and dreadful.

Some chocolate, some flowers, a phone call, a nice lunch out - only a gesture, perhaps, but they are ways of saying 'thank you, mum'. She deserves it, doesn't she?

Pause for Thought

In the season of Lent ...

A journey lasting forty days
Through barren country, bare of shoots,
Still in the grip of winter's chill
Where plants lie frozen at the roots.
Takes us, as days grow longer, and
The sun gains strength to melt the frost,
Onward towards Jerusalem,
Where one Man's death redeemed the lost.
Though all seems dead, the buds break through
And bright Lent Lilies nod and wave,
As from the gloom of Lent's dark days
He springs victorious from the grave.

Katherine Middleton from Donald Hilton – Liturgy of Life

Rotas

Door & Books

Feb	4th	11th	18th	25th
am	M Wilby N Hogg	A Dayer B Jones	S Brown J Hurfurt	E Everson M Golding
pm	J Morgan M Morgan	H Lansdown T Lansdown	H Wheeler A Wheeler	A Houlden M Houlden

Flowers

4th	11th	18th	25th
Church			
Flower Committee	Bill Frost	Lynn	Philip Warrey
War Memorial			
Flower Committee	Pat Saunders	Free	Philip Warrey

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