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THERE IS NO NEWSLETTER IN JANUARY – so be aware of that when sending in items for December.

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As well as the Circuit Facebook page – **Torridge Methodist Circuit**, we have a private Facebook Group where we care share thoughts, prayers & other material on **Torridge Methodist Circuit Group**. If you wish to join please push the Join button & I can add you.

Please pray for our Ministers, Rob Blackhall & Andrew Vidamour, for Frank Watson & Sarah Richards and all involved in the varied life of the Circuit; for those connected to the various Chapels & the communities in which they live & work.

CIRCUIT ZOOM SERVICES

The Circuit Services continue to take place ON VARIOUS Sunday's on Zoom using the Services that are printed in the Circuit Newsletter. The Services are on Sunday Evenings starting at 6.30pm – but the 'doors will be open' at about 6.15pm. The contact/entry details will be send out during the preceding week & the Service can be accessed via a computer/laptop with camera/microphone, I Pad/Phone or using a 'normal' phone. Even if you have a device with camera/microphone & do not wish to be seen – you can join in without the camera on.

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FROM REV ROB BLACKHALL – SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

Dear Friends

John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields" is inexorably linked with the First World War, indeed this was the part of the choice of a Poppy as a symbol of remembrance.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Between 1st July and 18th November 1918, the infamous battle of the Somme took place. On day ONE the British suffered over 54,470 casualties of whom 19,240 were killed. As the battle raged over three million took part and over a million were either wounded or killed. Talk about the carnage of war.

And so many other similar battles, Passchendaele,, Ypres, Verdun. What carnage, what stupidity. A picture of inhumanity. H.G. Wells called it the "war that will end war".

Sadly, he was wrong. In 1939 another global confrontation took place and even since the end of World War Two there has hardly been a day free from war.

And today the litany remains – Ukraine, the Middle East, Yemen, Sudan and South Sudan. Don't we ever learn. It seems not.

We know in our personal lives that relationships can be complicated. On the international scene there are entanglements and histories going back centuries that make the resolution of disputes complex to say the least. This is certainly true in the Middle East. Part of the genesis of the current situation has been, in my opinion, the failure for the past 20 years or so to wrestle with the issues and work towards peace.

And in November, we remember, the cost of war; the futility of war; the pain of war. As a way of solving human disputes it is not a good solution.

As we remember our pray is also for peace.

Many of the prophets of the Old Testament lived in very troubled times, but could still articulate God's wish for another way. In words repeated elsewhere Micah eloquently states: -

*4 In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's temple
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
2 and many nations shall come and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
3 He shall judge between many peoples
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more;
4 but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid,
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.*

*5 For all the peoples walk,
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
forever and ever.
(Micah 4:1-5)*

"All we are saying is give peace a chance". It is time.

May the peace of Christ be with us. Rob

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Our series of discussions continues on Wednesday 20th November at 10am at Torrington. We will be thinking about War and Peace.

And why not come at 9.30am for prayers led by Frank. Coffee and tea will be provided!

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Making our places of worship a Safer Space is one of the aims of Safeguarding. We are aware that many, young and old alike are vulnerable; as indeed we can be too. Church should be a place we feel welcomed, where we can be ourselves without fear. Church should be a place where everyone matters and we can build each other up in the love of Christ.

Safeguarding is an important part of our caring.

We are grateful to our Church Safeguarding Officers, to our Circuit Safeguarding Officer, Jacqui Watson and to say many others involved in this vital work.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all; not just those who hold office.

One of the insights of Safeguarding is to invite us all to be curious – to see that is going on around us.

The material suggests

What to look for...

*Something you see... Does it look right? or
Something you hear... Does it sound right? or
Something that troubles you... Does it feel right?*

May God grant us help in caring for each other and those around us.

CHRISTMAS

Hush the Noise - Join the love song this Christmas

Christmas is loud, isn't it? So much expectation. So many voices. Telling us how to celebrate, what to wear, what to eat and drink, what to watch and what to buy.

Instead, this Christmas we're inviting everyone to hush the noise. To listen for the love song that the angels bring, this and every year. They sang it for the first time more than 2,000 years ago, on the 'midnight clear'. They're just waiting for us to join in.



Please share the postcards and display the posters.

LENT 2025 NO MEETING LENT

Lent is such an important part of the Christian year. Starting on Ash Wednesday we begin the journey with Jesus towards the Cross and the great events of Easter.

It is an opportunity to consider once again the person and purpose of Christ as he goes towards Jerusalem and to his suffering.

It is also a time for examination of ourselves in the light of who and what Jesus is; as we prepare ourselves for what is coming.

In the past we have always kept Holy Week – Palm Sunday to Good Friday free from business meetings so that we can concentrate on the final week of Jesus' life.

At a recent Superintendents Consultation (we meet four times a year) it has been suggested that we have a NO MEETING LENT, as far as this is possible.

I think a better way of seeing this is to see Lent as a time to be about the work of the Kingdom of God. I hope that this will help us all on our following of Jesus towards Good Friday and beyond.

I hope that Churches will find creative ways to use this time.

Is this a time to visit members and friends of the Church? Or to read a particular course of Bible Readings? Maybe to find time to sit with fellow Christians in prayer and discussion – or both. Maybe we could spend time outside of our Churches in our communities – offering to serve?

We need to be about our Lord's work. Here is the space and time to do so.
Every blessing – Rob

HARVEST IN THE BARN

Thank you to all who came to the Harvest in the Barn event at Melbury Farm, Parkham on Sunday 22nd September.

There was a good number of people there, of all ages.

There was plenty for people to do, from potato printing, to making a bird feeder, origami, Wonky Vegetables, planting something to eat.

There was also old farm implements and the very popular old tractor.

We were graced with the presence of the donkeys, the pygmy goats, as well as pony and sheep.

We sang our songs, said our prayers and the puppets Daisy and Charlie entertained us and reminded us of why we were there - to thank God for the Harvest.

We were provided with Good food, pasties and cake, as well as plenty to drink.

All this did not happen by accident.

A big, big thank you to Sarah and Mike Badham for hosting us; to the Young People and family committee for all their hard work, not just on this occasion, but throughout the year.

To Eileen Brown for the wonderful pasties; and all who brought cake and other things for us to enjoy.

To the singers who lead our worship, and Peter Price for making sure we could be heard and providing the background songs.

This was a lovely celebration of the harvest.

Thanks to all

Every blessing - Rob

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

During our discussion on Marriage and Relationships those of us who meet to wrestle with some difficult material were aware that there are things that we as Christians disagree. We came to the conclusion that while that might be so, and while that we were one in Christ; that we should be thinking about some of the major issues of our day; and about our faith. Hence, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

These will take place one a month from 10-12 in various locations. It will be an opportunity to discuss and meet together. What might the Bible teach us? How has the Christian Church looked at a particular question over the years? Where does our God given reason lead us? Have we any experience that adds light in given area?

DISCUSSION MORNINGS - WHAT DO YOU THINK?

There are things we don't always agree on, but should think about

10-12am

Wed 13th Nov	Torrington
Tue 10th Dec	Buckland Brewer
Wed 15th Jan	Torrington
Thurs 13th Feb	Langtree
Mon 10th March	Northam
Mon 7th April	Alverdiscott
Tues 13th May	Buckland Brewer
Wed 11th June	Torrington

New Venture in Sheepwash - FROGS

Friends of God. Intergenerational and family friendly crafts, stories and songs.

Second Saturday starting at 10am in the Village Hall

Jan Hayward reports:-

There were 2 families for the first session in September. That was 6 children and 10 adults.

For our October session we had 4 families (11 children). Someone had invited a friend from school, and she came with her mum and brother and sister (they live in the village)

The other family that came also live in the village, not sure if they read it in the Sheepwash Chronicle or saw it on the Sheepwash sandwich board.

Not as many adults to support in the second session so it was quite hectic but we were so grateful that a delightful teenager who helped with Summer Holiday Club in Shebbear came along and worked her socks off.

The first month was based on Friendship and the story of the paralysed man and Chloe led the second session based around the potter and the clay and Jonah.

We both, Jan and Chloe, feel really positive about meeting a need in our community.

Roll on November. Jan

ADVENT 2024

Thursdays 2pm at Torrington on November 28, December 5,12,19

CAUGHT UP IN CHRISTMAS

1. Mary and Joseph
2. Shepherds
3. Magi
4. Us



In each session we shall look at the Biblical passages and consider the way that God breaks through into people's lives as the Saviour is born.

Submissions for the 2025/2026 Prayer Handbook now welcome!

Our Story, Our Song

"O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day"

Psalm 96:1-2

From ancient times, communities have defined themselves by the stories they tell and the songs they sing about themselves. In 2025/2026 we call upon the Methodist people to join us in a soul expedition deep into the heart of our calling, journeying afresh into the story of grace and the vocation that God has placed upon us.

We invite you to immerse yourself in the story of grace – learning to live, work, pray and play in ways both true to our roots and open to the presence of God in the songs and stories of others.

We encourage churches, circuits and districts to ask some fundamental shaping questions about themselves: What story do we want to tell about ourselves? What song is God calling us to sing? How shall we sing our song in a strange land? How will the story of grace root us and shape us as we unfold the next chapter of our story?

The Methodist Church is committed to living out a story that calls us to respond to the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ by living out our discipleship in worship and mission.

We seek to sing a song rooted in grace, deep memory and present experience, which yearns for the transformation of ourselves, our neighbours and our world, building communities that are growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice seeking – shaped by the pattern of Christ and empowered by God's Spirit. The psalmist calls us to express this in vibrant, festal worship in the context of God's glory and presence and a vision of all people and all creation bringing their praise.

As we explore this theme, we pray that as a people we will grow in hope and confidence learning to sing afresh, or perhaps for the first time, songs new and old, discovering:

- **A Shared Story** – exploring the richness of God's love and grace to, with and for us in Christ, learning to live by hope for the future, and rediscovering our story by celebrating our roots.
- **A Shared Harmony** – responding by living in a way that draws others to bring their praise to Jesus and by longing and working for a world transformed.
- **A New Song** – sharing in a soul expedition as we journey with God's Spirit to discover the new songs that God is inspiring within, among and around us.
- **A New Chapter** – rediscovering the gifts of testimony and storytelling as we commit ourselves to hear not only our own voices, but the voice of Christ amongst those who are marginalised, sharing stories of lament, hope, surprise, expectation and festal joy for opening a new chapter in our mission.

For further details see

https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/methodist-prayer-handbook/?fbclid=IwY2xjawGApgVleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHZQAGM0FGwIQbj__hmQFS0dVd3YtEEL_10JXRsiaB41tjxKGisuByZ7NMw_aem_Yv_DKSWPs1ldfgJMKpzFZA

FROM REVD ANDREW VIDAMOUR

Dear friends,

Some years ago, I remember visiting the Chapel of Christ the Healer at Le Monnaie, St Andrew's in Guernsey. This was built by Rev Frank Drake in the grounds of his home and was dedicated in 1957.

The vision for this Chapel came from the death of Robin Drake, the son of Frank and Joanna, in his mid-twenties, from cancer. Regular Services of Healing and of Holy Communion were held at the Chapel, where there was also a considerable prayer ministry.

I recall the Chapel as a very peaceful place, and significantly rooted in everyday life, with chickens from the smallholding there running around outside the building. Clearly, this place had emerged from the need for some sort of inner healing following bereavement, and the vision for it meant that others too have found a measure of Christian healing there over the years.

The topic of the Christian healing ministry is vast, and we may find some signposts for it in this Chapel and its background and purpose.

Firstly, Christian healing is grounded in day-to-day life, as that Chapel at Le Monnaie was placed in a farmyard. Jesus encountered people with a whole range of physical, psychological and spiritual needs, and he often met those people where they were, in their communities (and when they travelled to him, these encounters were still generally in the midst of daily life).

Secondly, Christian healing does not always mean a cure of any or all of the symptoms involved, whatever the nature of the illness or condition. Sadly, Robin Drake died at a young age, but we hope that he found some peace and strength in his suffering through the care and prayers of others, and so a measure of grace and healing also.

And thirdly, Christian healing is so often rooted in prayer, meditation and the sharing of Holy Communion. Often, Jesus withdrew from the crowds to pray, and prayer was at the heart of the ministry offered at Le Monnaie as well. There are many questions and mysteries around the realities of pain, suffering and healing, but prayerful concern (as well as listening, encouragement and practical support) can have a great effect.

So we may all play a part in the ministry of Christ the Healer, in our own healing and the healing of others, as we hold our needs and those of others in the presence of God.

And I encourage you to read at least some of the healing miracles of Jesus in the Gospels, and to reflect on the nature of these healings and so on the nature of Christian healing itself.

BURIED TREASURE

If you have any buried treasure in the form of archive documents (minute books, account books, property papers, correspondence, baptism registers etc), Dave Watson or I would be pleased to

receive it as we make deposits of historic material at the North Devon Record Office from time to time, and other material can be retained locally.

In particular, we would be pleased to have any photographs of the interior of Bridge Street Methodist Church, Bideford (which can be copied and returned if necessary).

Thank you for your help in this – it is important to be good stewards of past records as part of our Christian calling.

With every blessing
Andrew Vidamour

EDI TRAINING

- If you wish to do the EDI course online, can you let Sarah Richards know.

To do the training online please take the following steps:-

1. Go to <https://mcb.theologyx.com/> If you have already used Theology X (probably for the Advanced safeguarding module) use the same username and password to sign into MCBX (the new Methodist online training platform).
2. If you do not have a Theology X account, just go straight to the MCBX and register there to create an account.
3. There you will find the Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Module
4. You do not need to do it all at once but can do as little or as much as your time allows.
5. At then end you will be given a certificate (via email). Please could you let Sarah Richards have a copy of that so we can keep a record.

FRANK WATSON – CIRCUIT LAY MINISTER

A reminder that **Mid Week Morning Prayer** takes place **every Wednesday morning at 9.30am at Torrington Methodist Church**. At this short time of prayer (around 20 minutes) we use the liturgy of Prayer in the Morning from The Methodist Worship Book, supported by additional material, mainly, The Methodist Prayer Handbook. There is of course opportunity within our time together for you to bring your own prayers. Tea or Coffee is served afterwards which you are very welcome to stay for should you wish.



The Bible in One Year

November	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading	Reading from Psalms/Proverbs
Fri 01	Joel 1:1 – 2:17	Hebrews 3:1-19	Psalms 119:137-144
Sat 02	Joel 2:18 – 3:21	Hebrews 4:1-13	Psalms 119:145-152
Sun 03	Ezekiel 1:1 – 3:27	Hebrews 4:14 – 5:10	Psalms 119:153-160
Mon 04	Ezekiel 4:1 – 6:14	Hebrews 5:11 – 6:12	Proverbs 26:23 – 27:4

Tue 05	Ezekiel 7:1 – 9:11	Hebrews 6:13 – 7:10	Psalms 119:161-168
Wed 06	Ezekiel 10:1 – 12:28	Hebrews 7:11-28	Psalms 119:169-176
Thu 07	Ezekiel 13:1 – 15:8	Hebrews 8:1-13	Psalms 120:1-7
Fri 08	Ezekiel 16:1-63	Hebrews 9:1-15	Proverbs 27:5-14
Sat 09	Ezekiel 17:1 – 18:32	Hebrews 9:16-28	Psalms 121:1-8
Sun 10	Ezekiel 19:1 – 20:44	Hebrews 10:1-18	Psalms 122:1-9
Mon 11	Ezekiel 20:45 – 22:22	Hebrews 10:19-39	Psalms 123:1-4
Tue 12	Ezekiel 22:23 – 23:49	Hebrews 11:1-16	Proverbs 27:15-22
Wed 13	Ezekiel 24:1 – 25:17	Hebrews 11:17-40	Psalms 124:1-8
Thu 14	Ezekiel 26:1 – 27:36	Hebrews 12:1-13	Psalms 125:1-5
Fri 15	Ezekiel 28:1 – 29:21	Hebrews 12:14-29	Psalms 126:1-6
Sat 16	Ezekiel 30:1 – 31:18	Hebrews 13:1-25	Proverbs 27:23 – 28:6
Sun 17	Ezekiel 32:1 – 33:20	James 1:1-27	Psalms 127:1-5
Mon 18	Ezekiel 33:21- 33:15	James 2:1-26	Psalms 128:1-6
Tue 19	Ezekiel 36:1 – 37:28	James 3:1-18	Psalms 129:1-8
Wed 20	Ezekiel 38:1 – 39:29	James 4:1-17	Proverbs 28:7-17
Thu 21	Ezekiel 40:1-49	James 5:1-20	Psalms 130:1-8
Fri 22	Ezekiel 41:1 – 42:20	1 Peter 1:1 – 2:3	Psalms 131:1-3
Sat 23	Ezekiel 43:1 – 44:31	1 Peter 2:4-25	Psalms 132:1-18
Sun 24	Ezekiel 45:1 – 46:24	1 Peter 3:1-22	Proverbs 28:18-28
Mon 25	Ezekiel 47:1 – 48:35	1 Peter 4:1-19	Psalms 133:1-3
Tue 26	Daniel 1:1 – 2:23	1 Peter 5:1-14	Psalms 134:1-3
Wed 27	Daniel 2:24 – 3:12	2 Peter 1:1-21	Psalms 135:1-12
Thu 28	Daniel 3:13 – 4:18	2 Peter 2:1-22	Proverbs 29:1-9
Fri 29	Daniel 4:19 – 5:16	2 Peter 3:1-18	Psalms 135:13-21
Sat 30	Daniel 5:17 – 6:28	1 John 1:1 – 2:11	Psalms 136:1-12

ADVANCED SAFEGUARDING TRAINING INFORMATION

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

2025 ADVANCED

JAN
24 6PM
TEMPLE METHODIST CHURCH
TAUNTON

JAN
25 10AM
ILMINSTER AND BROADWAY HILL
METHODIST CHURCH

TRAINING IS OPEN TO ALL ACROSS THE DISTRICT. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK ON TO TRAINING CONTACT

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SOUTH WEST PENINSULA DISTRICT
The Methodist Church

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

AUTUMN 2024 ONLINE

FULLY FACILITATED ADVANCED
6PM 9/10/24 30 PLACES EACH,
6PM 20/11/24 MORE DETAILS TO
6PM 26/3/25 FOLLOW

FULLY FACILITATED FOUNDATION
7PM 11/9/24 30 PLACES

FOUNDATION FOR CIRCUIT TRAINERS
7PM 8/9/24 30 PLACES

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SOUTH WEST PENINSULA DISTRICT
The Methodist Church

TORRINGTON METHODIST CHAPEL

Torrington Methodist Church welcome all to their **Coffee Mornings where delicious Bacon Butties are served and where cakes and bric-a-brac are sold.** The next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 16th November from 10am till 12noon.

CHRISTMAS TABLE DECORATION SALE

These can be ordered from Sarah Hollingsworth on 07778 778723 at £5. Please choose either White or Red Candles. In aid of Torrington Methodist Church.



BUCKLAND BREWER

We continue to Live Stream Services on the Buckland Brewer Methodist Church You-Tube Channel on the 3rd & 4th Sunday in the Month & the 5th Sunday if there is one.

The Weekly **'Time Together' Toddler Group** runs on Mondays, during Term Time at **Buckland Brewer Methodist Church** with both Methodist & Anglican volunteers being present. We meet from 9.30am to about 12noon, The cost is £1.50 per family– so if anyone is aware of any Babies & Toddlers, who with their parents, grandparents or carers are looking for a 'chilled out' session of play & chat with tea/coffee/biscuits – just point them in the direction of Buckland Chapel – Dave Watson 07484 223515 or bucklanddave1953@btinternet.com

The **Wednesday Weekly Coffee Morning** also continues at **Buckland Brewer Methodist Church** from 10am-12noon – this is for **ALL** but especially for those who have moved into the parish/village since lockdown or anyone who would like to meet others in the community over a mug of tea/coffee with Biscuits & possibly Cake!!

The **Monthly 'Mini Market'**, raising funds for Community Groups in Buckland take place at **Buckland Brewer Methodist Church.** – Tea/Coffee/Biscuits will be available for Chapel Funds. The next Market is on Saturday 9th November from 10am to 1pm.

The **Community Choir**, based in the Chapel has returned to practice on various Mondays at 7.30pm.

If any Chapel would like me to bring some historical bits to display during a Coffee Morning or such like with specific items to that Chapel, please contact Dave Watson, in plenty of time.

BIDEFORD NEWS

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING – This takes place from 10am-12noon on the last Saturday of the month. This is a Free Event but donations are gratefully received for local charities. The next one is on Saturday 30th November.

JIGSAW PUZZLE AFTERNOON – This takes place on Wednesday 13th November from 2-4pm. We will be making jigsaws together, with a break for tea/coffee and biscuits.

UNICEF COFFEE MORNING

There will be a **Coffee Morning** on Saturday 16th November from 10am to 12noon in aid of the work of UNICEF. This takes place at Parkham Methodist Church & will involve Refreshments, Gifts, Cakes & a Raffle. Please help us support the work of UNICEF in troubled spots around the world.

EVENTS AT ALVERDISCOTT METHODIST CHAPEL

Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning in October was for The Moorings @ Barnstable, a mental health charity. and we raised the wonderful sum of £110.

Then on Thursday 7 November we will be raising funds for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The final date for this year will be Thursday 5 December when we will be raising money for The Harbour Community in Bideford, so please do come along - between 10am and noon - and support these local causes, hope to see you there.

Garden Club

After a very successful season of garden visits our last visit for this year will be to Philip Squire's own garden at Bron-y-garth - on October 28th at 2.30pm.

Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £1.00.

For the latest information contact Philip Squire on 01237 473692.

CRAFT and CHATTER

!!!The monthly craft club!!!

Monday 4 November from 2pm to 4pm.

Meeting in the School Room at Alverdiscott Chapel.

Bring your knitting, crochet, sewing, painting or whatever craft you enjoy.

Plenty of parking. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided all for £1.

For further details contact Wendy on 01271 858539.

LANGTREE METHODIST CHURCH

Our Bible Study continues weekly on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. As we are approaching the Christmas season we are going to be studying the Advent readings and will return to our Genesis study by Warren Wiersbe in the New Year:

We would love to see you if you can join us on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in Langtree Sunday School, aiming to finish at about 9pm.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Our packing party on October 19th turned out to be a very productive morning and we managed to pack 92 boxes. There are boxes also being packed in the community so hopefully we will have in excess of 100 to be sent off to the distribution centre in Barnstaple. The National Collection week is from 11th to 18th November so we aim to have ours ready by the first week in November in time for checking, counting etc. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way and for your continuing support and prayers.

December Services: Our 'Toy Service' (monetary collection for NDADA) is on December 1st and our Christmas Carol Service is on Sunday 15th December to be led by the congregation. Please feel free to join us.

Replacement Heaters: We are in the process of replacing some of our heaters in the main chapel so are currently worshipping in the Sunday School. Hopefully by the time you read this article the heaters will be up and running and we will be back in the chapel for worship.

Cathy

NORTHAM METHODIST CHURCH

An Invitation to Northam and Bideford's Bible Study

This group is open to all: If YOU would like to join us you would be VERY WELCOME, even if you can only come now and then. We are very much a discussion group where we all learn from each other.

We will be starting our Bible Study Group again on Tuesday 10th September, when we will look at Jesus and the Margins. We will also discuss what we would like to Study from then until Advent.

We meet on Tuesday Afternoons at 2pm at the home of Diana Yendall & led by Julia Spencer
Contact 01237 477836 or 01237 425361

NORTHAM THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Starts at 2.15pm - £2 including Speaker, Draw & refreshments

14th November – 'Flying for BOAC – Linda Guest

28th November – TBC

12th December – Carol Service with Maggie Smale & Mince Pies

MILTON DAMEREL METHODIST CHURCH

Ecumenical Bible Study Group - Our Bible Study in conjunction with Thornbury/Bradford Anglicans is held fortnightly on WEDNESDAY mornings at 10.30 am in Milton Schoolroom. We re-started in September on 11th & 25th and plan to meet every 2 weeks thereafter. We welcome anyone able to come along and join in – open to all interested in exploring the Bible. Please contact David & Janet Fisher (Tel: 07858506973) or Grace Millman (Tel: 01409261251) for further details.

REPORT ON A MET EXPOSITORY PREACHING CONFERENCE AT LAUNCESTON CENTRAL METHODIST – DAVID LEY

I had the privilege attend a conference in Launceston Central Methodist Church organised by Met;Revive, an offshoot of Headway that was the group within our denomination that promoted evangelical Methodism, associated with the Wesleys, Whitfield and, in our area, the Bible Christians. It has members throughout the Methodist Church and has been somewhat invigorated since discussions on marriage and its doctrinal consequences. Although there were only 20 or so delegates there were many more joining us on Zoom from around the connexion.

Digging for Treasure is the theme it adopts and means that we take the Bible seriously and dig down and down into the Word to discover more of what God is saying to us in this day and age. One of John Wesley's great aims was scriptural holiness and certainly when I was sitting my final oral exam to become one of his preachers, scriptural holiness was one of the things I was asked questions about.

Its outgoing leader is Rev. Dr. David Hull, a former chaplain of Shebbear College and was the first speaker. Using 1 John he used Paul's letter and examples from John Wesley's life to exhort us to adopt '4 jewels in the treasure trove of grace'.

1. Assurance of salvation. It is not enough to 'do' a service, fill an appointment and say all the right words. Any preacher in this circuit knows how hard the calling is and how we put such a lot of effort into every service. David Hull encouraged us to deepen our own relationship with God by pleading with him for that assurance for ourselves so that the gospel is not just good sense but is felt by us deeply. It appeals to the heart and not just the mind. We have to walk the walk before we can ever hope to talk the talk.

2. Anointing of the Spirit. Knowing Jesus for ourselves is a work of the Holy Spirit and that can be described as the 'ordinary work'. It enables us to testify to his work in us and always gives the glory to God. Sometimes the Spirit works extraordinarily and things we might only have dreamed could happen, can happen almost overnight like the many revivals seen in our nation in times past. Which ever way He works, and he is as uncontrollable as the wind remember, nothing worthy in the Kingdom can be achieved without him.

3. Perfection in Love. David said we are to love God, love those around us even our enemies and love each other. This last type of love he argued was what we needed so much in the times in which we live and after all, it should be simply reflecting God's love for us.

4. Perseverance to the end. Life is a struggle. Faith is a struggle. Preaching is a struggle. But like Jacob, we must wrestle with the Bible, the Church and especially with God throughout our life to get the blessing and continue to be fruitful.

Rev Paul Smith followed with 'Opening the Lion's Cage'. Preachers need to build 2 bridges. Firstly, between them and God. Looking deeply into the Bible and seriously considering what kind of writing we were hoping to preach on, what did it mean to the hearers or readers at the time, what culture had they and then deducing from that what God was saying to us. So much meaning

can be lost if we do not apply this discipline, he argued. Then we need to build a bridge to the congregation; what was their culture, what were their needs? Use lessons from the first bridge to cross the second and keep in mind the climax of the sermon which should always be at the end! It is vital, he said, to always preach to the heart and not only to the mind. Many a person can take it or leave it with the mind, but the heart is where the change happens.

Wesley himself preached himself almost into the ground but how things changed for him when his heart was strangely moved.

THE UNVEILING OF CORNISH CELTIC CHRISTIAN HISTORY

The Celts were a tribe that originated in Europe and spread in all directions including to what we think of as Britain. They progressed mainly by assimilation rather than conquest! Those who arrived in Britain before the Romans arrived would have picked up Brithonic languages. Educated ones, once the Roman Empire was established, would have spoken Latin and been Romanised. The Celts were well known for their love of books and music and their creative and artistic abilities.

When the Romans left Britain, it eventually left the way for the Saxons, Angles and Jutes to invade in the 5th Century AD. Suddenly the Celts were refugees in their own country and fled west as far as they could go. There was already significant trade by sea along the Atlantic coast, and from as far away as the Mediterranean Sea, as has recently been confirmed by Archaeologists working at Tintagel. It is more than likely that some early Christians in that first explosive wave of mission to reach the ends of the earth, might well have found their way to the western shores of Britain (including Wales, Scotland and Ireland) and France, independent of the later Romanised institutionalised introduction of Christianity to Britain.

Cut off from mainstream Christianity, the Celts had Christian teachers, many of whom were inspired by St. Martin of Tours in Northern Gaul (France) .

The impact of St Martin (316-397AD) was significant. A former Roman soldier from Hungary, he famously split his great cloak in half to give warmth to a beggar. In a revelation he saw Jesus as the beggar and set off on a path that changed the way people understood Christianity. Very reluctantly, he became Bishop of Tours, but eschewed its lavish trappings. Sleeping only on a roll-mat he spoke out against the opulence of the church, led at the time by Emperor Constantine.

A great many young people were drawn to St Martin's teachings. They came from all over Europe including Britain, responding to his call to reject the wealth they were born into and seek out God beyond church finery, in the quiet places, in nature, and through the people they met. St Martin advocated abandoning wealth and comfort to seek quiet, deserted places in order to spend time alone with Christ.

The Celtic Saints, who were mostly young, came from the Brithonic Celts. Their families were wealthy and influential for 200 or 300 years. After rigorous schooling many of the young Celts became monks and missionaries. They crossed and re-crossed the Cornish peninsular many times and often sought quiet and secluded places where they could rest and pray. This is why many of the Celtic churches in Cornwall are in isolated locations.

Later, these young people became the teachers, ministering to the Celts who fled from the Angles and Saxons, helping them to cope with life as refugees, cut off from all they had known. It was their teaching and modelling of a way of life (The Way) that made them Celtic Saints.

These teachers and their pupils are remembered and featured on the delightful new Celtic Quiet Places website. <https://celticquietplaces.com/>

1000 years before the Reformation, Celtic saints were denigrated by the Pope, as they were counter cultural, denigrating the churches wealth and preaching simplicity, It was no wonder those with power wished to erase the Celtic influence, as they did the influence of the Messianic Jews! There are a great many stories on the Celtic Quiet Places website. Revd Pat Robson is quoted on the website: "If we don't share them, we might lose them, like we lost so many of the original saint names as church names. This happened when a 12th Century Bishop Bronscombe of Exeter pilgrimaged through Cornwall, and if the locals couldn't tell him the story of how a church came to be named, he would change it to a more acceptable saint, like Saint Michael."

Happily, the legacy of the Celtic Saints did endure. Recently it touched the life of a debt burdened father desperate to provide a family holiday, seeking a hug from a quiet church. That is now the hope behind the Celtic Quiet Places in Cornwall website, to make those peaceful spaces available to everyone needing that quiet time away from everything. Cornish Celtic Quiet Places founder is Pat Robson - Revd Canon Pat Robson. She says: Celtic Quiet Places in Cornwall haven't been deliberately hidden from tourists, but now, this new website will reveal these gentle treasures to anyone looking for peace and quiet reflection.

There are currently 78 Cornish churches designated as a Celtic Quiet Place, each offering a peaceful haven in a world that can seem increasingly chaotic.

The scheme's website is full of useful and interesting information. As well as opening times, directions and facilities, it reveals the story of each location's Celtic history. How it came to be named and who the saint was that founded it.

The launch of Celtic Quiet Places fulfils the vision of Revd Canon Pat Robson. She realised many years ago that despite there being over 300 Cornish Celtic Churches, not to mention the towns and villages named after Celtic saints, Cornwall did little to promote or celebrate its Celtic presence in the world. Until now, anyone would think that If you want to have an intentional Celtic experience, you'd have to travel to Lindisfarne or Iona!

Although as old as Roman Christianity, Celtic Christianity has been a lost part of the history of Christianity. At the present time with the shaking of the foundations, not only of the church, but of the pillars of societies world wide, I am convinced that the importance of Celtic Christianity for exploring the way forward for individuals and the church should not be dismissed.

Maureen Ellis

Footnotes

- (1) I have an affinity with the Celts as I have 2 Irish grandfathers! My interest in Cornish Celts arose when I was on Mission to Cornwall nearly 20 years ago. I wrote a poem about it then and have written a book since.
- (2) Thrilled as I am to have discovered the Celtic Quiet Places website, now our Circuit is part of the SW Peninsula District, I would hope the website will soon include a few of the Celtic sites within our part of Devon. (The stained glass windows in the Anglican Church in Sheepwash all depict Celtic Saints!) Perhaps Rev Martin Warren could be approached as he has done a lot of relevant research.
- (3) After that, maybe there should be a website devoted to Bible Christianity which in a similar way, began in Cornwall but jumped the Tamar, to flourish in Shebbear, and spread world-wide from there. (The Tamar never was a barrier in our part of Devon and Cornwall!)

THEOLOGY EVERYWHERE

Be More Mary by Elaine Lindridge.

This is the first of a two-part series by Elaine. Part two will follow next month.

Scratch Art Cards were originally a children's toy but are now quite popular for all ages. They work by scratching off a thick, dark layer of ink to reveal a lighter coloured layer beneath.

As a child, long before they were cheaply available on Amazon, we used to make them at school. The teacher would give us a sheet of card and using wax crayons we'd fill it with a rainbow of colours. Then the thick black wax crayon was used to completely cover over the colour. We'd be given a sharp implement (how times have changed!) and told to scrape off the black to make a new picture.

The memory of carefully scrapping off the black wax to discover a new picture made with beautiful rainbow colours has resurfaced in my thoughts recently. Mainly because I feel like I'm in the process of scraping away some unhelpful beliefs I've unwittingly inherited, and in doing so I'm discovering a thing of beauty.

I could give many examples, but I'd like to focus on the person of Mary. Beautiful, colourful Mary Magdalene whose story has been forcibly cloaked in darkness for far too long.

This new picture has emerged for me through the teachings of Cynthia Bourgeault, Diana Butler Bass, and Mary herself in the words of the Gospel of Mary. I am no expert and I'm not going to pretend to have fully grasped the implications of all I am sharing. I simply offer this reflection as part of my own learning, journey and exploration into the divine feminine.

There is perhaps much 'unlearning' we need to do about Mary in order to discover something new in our understanding. The fabrication about Mary being a prostitute permeated the church so deeply that it took nearly 2000 years before it was rescinded – yet even now I still hear people talking about Mary the prostitute. What a travesty that this woman who was marked by Jesus as

being 'worthy' has been denigrated by man-made lies for millennia. It was Pope Gregory in 591 who first pronounced her a 'sinful woman' even though there was evidence to the contrary in the Gospels. Before I was even born, Pope Paul VI removed the identification of Mary as a prostitute – and yet still this view remains in popular culture. Sometimes lies are more readily accepted than the truth.

So what do we actually know about her. Re-reading her story, I want to add my voice to those who now name her as the Apostle to the Apostles. News of the resurrection, and therefore Christianity, is derived from her being the first to encounter the risen Jesus and the first to act as a witness to that event and share the good news with others. She is named as the premier witness to the resurrection. Not only was she there, but she had faithfully and steadfastly remained with Jesus throughout the crucifixion. Hear Cynthia Bourgeault reflect on this;

'All four gospels insist that when the other disciples are fleeing, Mary Magdalene stands firm. She does not run, she does not betray or lie about her commitment, she witnesses. But why, one wonders, do the Holy Week liturgies tell and re-tell Peter's threefold denial of Jesus, while the steady, unwavering witness of Magdalene is not even noticed? How would our understanding of the Paschal Mystery change if [the role of Magdalene was acknowledged?] What if, instead of emphasizing that Jesus died alone & rejected, we reinforced that one stood by him and did not leave? For surely this other story is as deeply and truly there in the scripture as is the first. How would this change the emotional timbre of the day? How would it affect our feelings about ourselves? About the place of women in the church?'[1]

When the Holy Week liturgies only remind us that Jesus was betrayed, denied, and deserted, then we are merely shown a half-truth. Only telling those stories is like using a thick, black wax crayon to obliterate a beautiful story of faithful devotion and love. Where are the sermons and liturgies that reflect the dedication that Mary demonstrated?

This is all in our gospels and it's only our perception that needs to be altered in order to see it. But what do we not see – or what have we been prevented from seeing? Surely questions need to be asked about Mary's gospel, even if no clear answers are found. Deemed unorthodox by the men of the day, I can't help but wonder if the attempted eradication of the text was simply a fear response. Was Mary and her message just too hot to handle? If so, that makes me want to study her gospel even more!

And what if there is literally some black crayon that obscures some of the original texts that were deemed orthodox and make up the bible as we have it today? We will consider that next week.

To be continued!

[1] ~ Cynthia Bourgeault, The Meaning of Mary Magdalene

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The following is the Plan/Lectionary for October & November

HC= Holy Communion PC= At Parish Church
 MC= Methodist Church C& F= Coffee and Fellowship
 Café= Café Worship SB=Sunday Breakfast
 T = Transport LUAL – Light Up A Light
 CA – Church Anniversary

Post codes of Chapels

Alverdiscott – EX31 3PT	Bideford (High Street) – EX39 2AN
Buckland Brewer – EX39 5LP	Langtree – EX38 8NF
Littleham – EX39 5HW	Milton Damerel – EX22 7DJ
Northam – EX39 1BS	Parkham – EX39 5PG
Shebbear – EX21 5SJ	Torrington – EX38 8AL

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
	Ord 31	Ord 32 Rememberance	Ord 33 Safeguarding	Sunday before Advent
At Home Worship	X	Potter Zoom 6.30pm	Buckland Live Stream 9.30am	Buckland Live Stream 10am
Bideford 10.30am	Davis	Vidamour	Withall	Potter HC
Northam 10.30am	Vidamour HC	Parish Church 10am	Ley	Burgon HC
		SHEBBEAR	METHODIST	CHURCH
Black Torrington Friday 3pm	X	Blackhall HC on 8 th November	X	Vidamour on 22 nd November
Langtree 11am	Macbeth	@Parish Church	Price	@Lake
Milton Damerel 11am	X	F Watson	Cafe	@Lake
Shebbear 10.30am	Withall	C&F	United @Parish Church	Booth HC United
Sheepwash 11am	D Watson	@Baptist Church	@Parish Church	@Village Hall
	TORRINGTON	WITH	ALVERDISCOTT	METHODIST CHURCH

Alverdiscott 11am	Harris	X	Blackhall HC	X
Torrington 10.30am	Booth HC	Blackhall	Davis	F Watson
	WEST	TORRIDGE	METHODIST	CHURCH
Buckland Brewer 10am (PC)	S Skinner HC Parish Church @9.30am	Ley Parish Church 10.50am		
10am (MC)			TBC	Blackhall HC
Littleham 10.30am	X	United Parish Church	X	Vidamour HC
Parkham 11am	SB @10am Methodist Church	D Watson 10.50am	Vidamour HC	Harris

Currently both Methodist & Anglican Services are taking place in the Chapel, but this may change.

LECTIONARY

Sunday 3rd November – Proper 26/Ordinary 31 (4th before Advent) – Psalm 146; Ruth 1:1-18; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

Sunday 10th November – Proper 27/Ordinary 32 (3rd before Advent) – Psalm 127; Ruth 3:1-5.4:13-17; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Sunday 17th November – Proper 28/Ordinary 33 (2nd before Advent) – 1 Samuel 1:4-20. 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

Sunday 24th November – Christ the King (Sunday before Advent) – Psalm 93; Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Activities, Events and Meetings November 2024

Fri 01	All Saints' Day		
Sat 02	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)		
	Coffee Morning	10:00-11:15	Northam
Sun 03	International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church		
	Sunday Breakfast	11:00	Parkham
Mon 04	Preaching Plan Dates Due		
	'Time Together' Toddler Group	09:30-12:00	Buckland Brewer
Tue 05	Toddlers' Tune Time	09:00-10:30	Northam
	Circuit Leadership Team Meeting	14:00	Torrington Manse
Wed 06	Mid Week Morning Prayer	09:30	Torrington
	Coffee Morning	10:00-12:00	Buckland Brewer

	Worship and Community Lunch (<i>Booking for Lunch required</i>)	11:30	Northam
Thu 07	Ecumenical Bible Study Group	10:30-12:00	Milton Damerel
	Coffee Morning	10:00-12:00	Alverdiscott
	Bible Study	19:30	Langtree
Fri 08			
Sat 09	Coffee Morning	10:00-11:15	Northam
Sun 10	Inter Faith Week (until Sun 17)		
	Remembrance Sunday		
	Service of Remembrance	10:00	St Margaret's, Northam
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:30	Shebbear (Lake)
	Service of Remembrance	10:50	Parkham
	Service of Remembrance	10:50	St Mary & St Benedict, Buckland Brewer
	Service of Remembrance	11:00	All Saints, Langree
	Service of Remembrance	11:00	Milton Damerel
	Service of Remembrance	11:00	St Swithun's, Littleham
	Circuit Online Worship	18:30	Zoom
Mon 11	'Time Together' Toddler Group	09:30-12:00	Buckland Brewer
Tue 12	Toddlers' Tune Time	09:00-10:30	Northam
Wed 13	Mid Week Morning Prayer	09:30	Torrington
Thu 14	Coffee Morning	10:00-12:00	Buckland Brewer
	Bible Study	19:30	Langtree
Fri 15			
Sat 16	Coffee Morning	10:00-11:15	Northam
	Coffee Morning	10:00-12:00	Torrington
Sun 17	Safeguarding Sunday		
	Café Worship	11:00	Milton Damerel
Mon 18	'Time Together' Toddler Group	09:30-12:00	Buckland Brewer
Tue 19	World Toilet Day		
	Toddlers' Tune Time	09:00-10:30	Northam
Wed 20	Transgender Day of Remembrance*		
	Circuit Discussion Morning	10:00-12:00	Torrington
	Mid Week Morning Prayer	09:30	Torrington
	Coffee Morning	10:00-12:00	Buckland Brewer
	Ecumenical Bible Study Group	10:30-12:00	Milton Damerel
	Circuit Meeting	14:00	Langtree
Thu 21	Bible Study	19:30	Langtree
Fri 22			
Sat 23	Coffee Morning	10:00-11:15	Northam
Sun 24	Christ the King		

Women against Violence Sunday

Mon 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 'Time Together' Toddler Group	09:30-12:00	Buckland Brewer
Tue 26	Toddlers' Tune Time Local Preachers Meeting	09:00-10:30 19:00	Northam Torrington
Wed 27	Mid Week Morning Prayer Coffee Morning	09:30 10:00-12:00	Torrington Buckland Brewer
Thu 28	Circuit Advent Course Bible Study	14:00 19:30	Torrington Langtree
Fri 29	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People		
Sat 30	Andrew the Apostle Coffee Morning Coffee Morning	10:00-11:15 10:00-12:00	Northam Bideford

* **Transgender Day of Remembrance** is an annual observance that began in 1999. It memorializes transgender individuals who have been victims of violence and hate crimes because of their gender identity. TDOR also aims to draw attention to the discrimination and prejudice that transgender people face in various aspects of life.

TEA TIME PUZZLE BREAK - October 2024 - Solutions

BIBLE CROSSWORD IX - SOLUTION

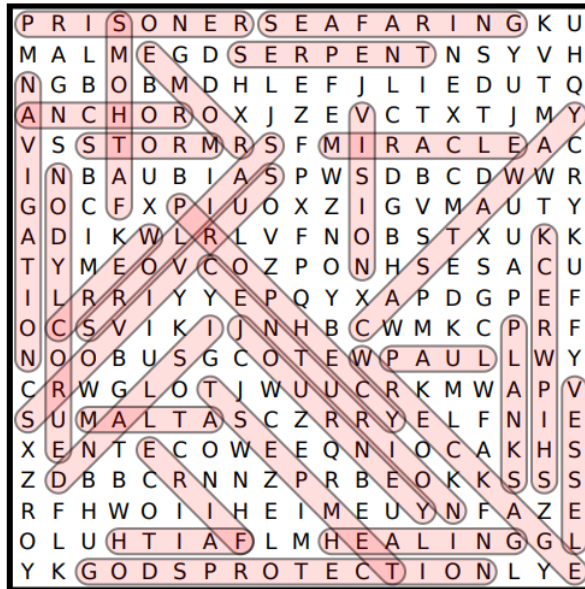
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Across: 1 Israel, 5 Master, 10 Epistle, 11 Lintels, 12 Strong, 15 Behind, 16 Defiled, 17 Side, 18 Aged, 19 Certain, 20 Cush, 22 Left, 25 Captive, 27 Azriel, 28 Estate, 31 Contain, 32 Chariot, 33 Feasts, 34 Sheber.

Down: 2 Stirred, 3 Attend, 4 Lies, 5 Milk, 6 Sinned, 7 Evening, 8 Beasts, 9 Ashdod, 13 General, 14 Hittite, 15 Believe, 20 Chance, 21 Strange, 23 Examine, 24 Twenty, 25 Cedars, 26 Escape, 29 Ends, 30 Acts.

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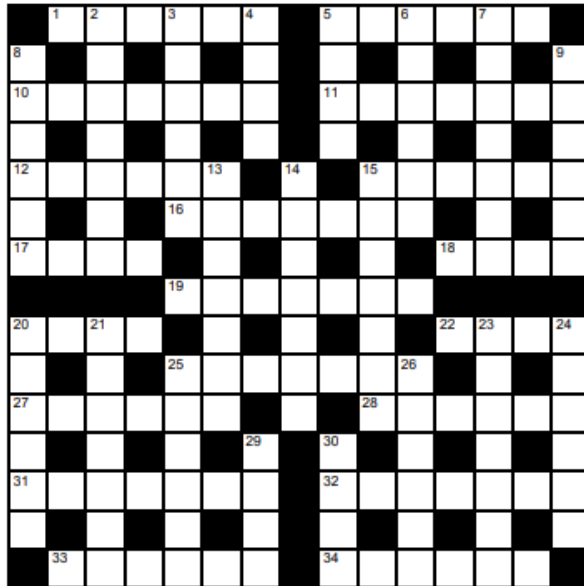
Paul Shipwrecked Word Search – Solution



BIBLE CROSSWORD X

Across

- 1 Air (6)
- 5 Town where Timothy lived (6)
- 10 Sets up shelter (7)
- 11 Promised one (7)
- 12 Welcome season (6)
- 15 Aaron, for example (6)
- 16 Site of scrolls (4,3)
- 17 Flower (4)
- 18 Magi guide (4)
- 19 Roman army divisions (7)
- 20 Way (4)
- 22 Blemish (4)
- 25 The resurrected boy did this seven times (7)
- 27 Old Testament prophet (6)
- 28 Female relative (6)
- 31 Storm (7)
- 32 Insanity (7)
- 33 Follow closely (6)
- 34 Distant (6)



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Down

- 2 Writes down (7)
- 3 Nut (6)
- 4 Multitude (4)
- 5 Light (4)
- 6 Jabin's army captain (6)
- 7 Clothing (7)
- 8 Thurible (6)
- 9 More towards spotless (6)
- 13 Place of torment (7)
- 14 Counsellor (7)
- 15 Coins (7)
- 20 Enough (6)
- 21 Victory (7)
- 23 Long-suffering (7)
- 24 Remove the chaff (6)
- 25 Soldier's guard (6)
- 26 Crown (6)
- 29 One-pot meal (4)
- 30 One-tenth of an ephah (4)