



# ST MARK'S PARISH MAGAZINE



*Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

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## LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

### Wisdom – life in all its fullness



During January (on the 6th actually, which in 2019 falls on a Sunday) we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany is the time we recall the arrival of the three wise men/magi/kings arriving in Bethlehem to visit the much heralded Messiah. They greeted him with elaborate gifts with deep meaning. Of course, we don't know how many Magi there were. All we know is that there were at least two as the Bible refers to them in the plural. As three gifts are mentioned it is usually assumed that there were three Magi, each giving one gift.

It is also generally thought that they were astrologers and that is why we call them wise. They had wisdom. In fact, it wasn't just the star following and journey TO Bethlehem that made them wise: they did something very, very wise ON that visit. They did not listen to King Herod or do as he had asked! You will remember from the passage in Matthew's Gospel chapter 2 that Herod had actually ordered them to return and tell him where the Holy Family was (so that he might dispose of the baby, though he didn't tell the Magi this last part). The men had a dream that told them to go home a different way and not to bump into Herod again. By doing so, Herod would not be able to find and kill the baby.

I think they were very wise not to do as the King ordered, but to go with their conscience. The story would have been so different had they done as Herod asked and we today would not be in the glorious position of being disciples of Jesus, travelling with him and having a personal relationship with him.

As we start our New Year with all our determined resolutions, how about we also pray that God will give us wisdom? Who wouldn't like to make the right decision, or help others to do the right thing? Those wise men have a lot to say to us about the enormity of a bit of wisdom. Wisdom is not being clever, it's hard to prove, it can't be studied or practised, but it can be gained. If we were all wise, wouldn't the world be a better place to live in? Perhaps we wouldn't damage it and each other so much.

So let's go for a year of wisdom in 2019, for ourselves and for others. Maybe when faced with a decision or a possible action, we could stop and ask ourselves – what would be the wise thing to do right now? And if we are in any doubt about that, we can ask God to help us.

Happy New Year everyone, and be wise in 2019!

*Martin*

# Reasons to be cheerful

With the 21<sup>st</sup> January awarded the title of Blue Monday, known to be the most depressing day of the year, what better time to look on the brighter side of life. So, here are the top reasons to be cheerful this January.

## 1) **Snowdrops in bloom**

The end of January is the first time that Snowdrops break through the frozen soil and delight us with a blanket of white flowers in otherwise cold and gloomy surroundings.



## 2) **A time to enjoy your Christmas gifts**

Once the festivities are over and the family has gone; you can start enjoying the wonderful things you've been bought for Christmas. Fancy bubble bath, new socks and posh chocolates and with the 8<sup>th</sup> January being National Bubble Bath Day, you can indulge yourself, just a little bit.

## 3) **World Religion Day**

The 20<sup>th</sup> January, it is the opportunity to embrace and understand others' beliefs as well as sharing and learning more about our own religious foundations.



## 4) **Burns Night – 25<sup>th</sup> January**

A dram of whisky and an excuse to eat haggis, neeps and tatties. What's not to like?

## 5) **Days start to get longer**

From the winter solstice up to spring, every day gets a little bit longer. A little bit more sunshine means a little bit more vitamin D every day.

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## Smiling Is Infectious

Smiling is infectious,  
you catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling too.  
I passed around the corner  
and someone saw my grin.  
When he smiled I realised  
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,  
then I realised its worth.  
A single smile, just like mine  
could travel round the earth.  
So, if you feel a smile begin,  
don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic quick,  
and get the world infected!

# The history of St Mark's in numbers



## 1859

The year the foundation stone of St Mark's Church was laid



## £550

The cost quoted to build St Mark's Hall in 1923



## 4-2

The score when the Choir boy's football team first beat St Mary's in the 1906/07 season

If you'd like to know more about the history of St Mark's Church you can now buy Rev'd Martin Colton's new book; The Church of St Mark Reigate – A Celebration of the years 1860-2018, for just £7.50 from the Parish Office.

The Parish Office is now able to take card payments – in person.

## St Mark's Buffers

### Lavishing some love and shine

We do hope that you have been dazzled by the cross on the High Altar and the glow of the Lectern, it is a great feeling to get so close to the wonderful articles that St Mark's own. So, the invitation is extended, if you would like to join our happy band please just pop along and you will be made very welcome. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month 10am-12noon in the church, all materials provided; just bring your own gloves!

#### Diary dates

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

February 19<sup>th</sup> 2019

March 19<sup>th</sup> 2019

Refreshments and good company provided.





## Take on a new hobby in 2019

The New Year, a fresh start, an opportunity to take on a new hobby or make a New Year's resolution. Well St Mark's can help you achieve your goals. Here are 5 things going on which you can get involved in during 2019.

### Singing

Singing is good for the soul. It is known to release endorphins which make you feel good. The St Mark's Singers meet on a Monday night, in the church, at 7.30. Together they sing gospel, choral as well as modern numbers. Why not give them a try?



### Exercise

Want to get in shape for the New Year? Then why not try Pilates? It is good for your core strength and relieves stress. There are classes in St Mark's Hall every Friday morning from 9.30am.

### Fundraising

Want to take on a challenge for a good cause? You can achieve your goals and raise money at the same time. Whether it is a sponsored run, moonlight walk or something else, why not do it for St Mark's and help us raise money for SMOAT or one of our other projects going on throughout the year?

### Dancing

If you've been inspired by Strictly Come Dancing then strut your stuff at St Mark's Social Dance Nights. Get your dancing shoes on every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, from 8pm – 11pm. Who knows, you might be the next Darcy Bussell or Bruno Tonioli.



### Volunteering

The church relies on volunteers to keep it going. If you have a skill you think could come in useful or just time to spare then contact the Parish Office and see how you can get involved.

## Keep up –to-date with St Mark's



Don't want to miss a thing? Keep your finger on the pulse and follow St Mark's on Facebook. You can find out about upcoming events, get the latest news and find out what the Church of England has to say. Just head over to Facebook and search @StMarksChurchReigate

## Meet the St Mark's Singers

St Mark's Singers were formed 3 years ago and have grown to a group of around 30 singers. We sing on the first Sunday of the month as well as other occasional services (including one wedding!).

There is a range of ability, the only essential qualification being that you enjoy singing (even if you don't know it yet). We have a growing repertoire of sacred and secular music and have sung diverse pieces from Bach's 'Jesu Joy' to Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah' and 'This Is Me' from the Greatest Showman.

This year we sang at the Reigate and Redhill Music Festival and in September we performed a full programme for our first highly successful concert.

In 2019 we are hoping to start a children's choir to sing alongside us and we are keen to recruit new members of all ages - men are particularly welcome!

Anyone is more than welcome to come to a rehearsal and try us out - don't worry if you can't read music as we can help you learn. Please get in touch if you would like to join us.

**Toby Garrood**

[tobygarrood@aol.com](mailto:tobygarrood@aol.com)



*St Mark's Singers playing their first full concert in September.*

# Community Lunches 2019

On the second Sunday of the month we provide a Community Lunch at St Mark's...

A lovely Sunday roast with all the trimmings followed by a traditional dessert provided by our wonderful team of volunteers for the senior members of the community, who would otherwise be on their own.



Members should RSVP by the 26<sup>th</sup> January to join us on the 10<sup>th</sup> February, this will enable us to reallocate any spaces.

We need more volunteers to enable us to host more guests!

For more information or to volunteer as a driver or helper please contact:  
Robert Cramp on: **07887 600 190** or Alison Stagg on: **01737 243992**

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## "i Thank You God for most this amazing"

i thank You God for most this amazing  
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything  
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,  
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth  
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay  
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing  
breathing any—lifted from the no  
of all nothing—human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

E.E. Cummings  
1894-1962

Got a poem you'd like to put in the magazine? Let us know and you could see it in print next month, email us at [magazine@stmarksreigate.co.uk](mailto:magazine@stmarksreigate.co.uk).



<b>St Mark's Pull-Out Guide</b>
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## REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS AT ST MARK'S

### SUNDAYS

8.00am	Each Sunday	Holy Communion (said) Book of Common Prayer
10.00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Parish Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Story Telling)
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
1.00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Community Lunch
4.00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Messy Church
6.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Healing and Wholeness
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Taizé Prayer
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)

### MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9.15am	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel (30 minutes)
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### MONDAY (during school term-time)

9.30am	St Mark's Toddler Group in the hall (term-time only)
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### TUESDAY

10.00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	St Mark's Buffers – in the Church
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### WEDNESDAY

10.00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	Vintage Tea – in the Church (Mar - Nov)
3.25pm		'T' Time Tales (during school term-time)

### THURSDAY

12.45pm		Holy Communion (Iona) - followed by tea or coffee
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2.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	SMART
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### SATURDAY

8.00pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	St Mark's Social Dance
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<b>A Handy Pull-Out Guide to 'What's On' at St Mark's</b>
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## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2019

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) 2.00pm SMART
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Epiphany</b> 10.00am Parish Eucharist 6.00pm Healing and Wholeness
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am Parent & Toddler – first of the term
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	3.25pm T Time Tales – first of the term
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Baptism of Christ</b> 1.00pm Community Lunch 6.00pm Taizé Prayer
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am-12noon St Mark's Buffers
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b> 4.00pm Messy Church 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	6.45pm Winter Night Shelter (last at St Mark's)
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00pm St Mark's Social Dance
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b> 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00pm PCC
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

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*January asked February, 'Can you march?', 'No, but April may'.....*

## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2019

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Presentation of Christ</b> 10.00am Parish Eucharist 2.30pm SMOAT Beetle Drive 4.00pm Family Service 6.00pm Healing and Wholeness
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> 1.00pm Community Lunch 6.00pm Taizé Prayer
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am-12noon St Mark's Buffers
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> 4.00pm Messy Church 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	8.00pm St Mark's Social Dance
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> 6.00pm Evening Prayer

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### Please help us to raise the final £7,000 to replace our Folding Doors

The final phase of the kitchen project is to replace the folding partition doors between the main hall and committee room. The total cost of this part of the project is around £13,000. We are nearly half way there and are looking to raise a further £7,000 from donations.

Online donations, including an option to add Gift Aid, can be made by using the following link: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/newkitchenstmarks>

Alternatively, cheques made payable to St Mark's PCC can be sent to:

**Kitchen Project Fund, St Mark's Church, 8 Alma Road, Reigate, RH2 0DA**

If you are a tax payer please ask for information on how to Gift Aid, enabling us to claim a further 25% on your donation.

Many Thanks, The Kitchen Project Team

# **PARISH ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, GROUPS & CONTACTS**

## **CHURCH FLOWER ROTA**

*Contact: Mrs Valerie Jones 01737 246538*

## **CHOIR PRACTICE**

*Each Thursday in Church - all parts at 7.00pm - other practices as notified*

## **DATA REQUESTS**

*Contact: Parish Office – 01737 210785*

## **HOME GROUP**

*Contact : Mrs Susannah Dyde – 01737 221638*

## **IONA COMMUNION – LUNCHTIME SERVICE**

*Every Thursday 12.45-1.15pm followed by Coffee/Tea*

## **PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP**

*Contact: Louise Wallis 01737 242129*

## **PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS**

*Mrs Rosemary Absalom 01737 240351 & Mrs Kate Lovegrove 01737 226776*

## **SMART - St Mark's Afternoon Retirement Team**

*Meetings on the first Thursday of the month*

*Contacts: Mrs Sarah Cousins 01737 789943 or Mrs Louise Wallis 01737 242129*

## **ST MARK'S BUFFERS**

*Meeting in church on the third Tuesday of the month from 10am-12 noon*

## **ST MARK'S COMMUNITY LUNCH**

*Contacts: Mrs Angela Daniels 01737 247162 & Mrs Alison Stagg 01737 243992*

## **ST MARK'S CHURCH HALL**

*Regular Lettings Secretary: Mrs Jean Hatton 01737 765759*

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## **ST MARK'S SINGERS**

*Rehearsals Monday 7.30pm in the church – all welcome*

*Contact: Toby Garrood 01737 241979*

## **VINTAGE TEA**

*First Wednesday of month - (March until November) 10am-12noon in St Mark's Church*

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# St Mark's Church Hall Child's Party Package!



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**3 hours (includes 1/2 hour set up & 1/2 hour clearing)**  
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Hire includes exclusive use of:  
 Large main hall  
 Use of new kitchen  
 Outside garden area  
 Ideal dining area next to kitchen  
 Great location just north of Reigate station & parking  
 Our facilities include disabled access



This offer applies to bookings for under 11's parties only  
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or Contact the Parish Office: [office@stmarksreigate.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarksreigate.co.uk)



**Have a Happy Birthday Party with us!**



## THE JANUARY SUDOKU CHALLENGE

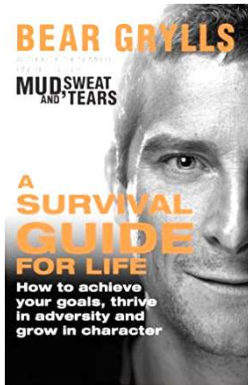
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## Solution to December's Sudoku

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

## Book Review – NEW for 2019

Getting your head stuck into a good book can be a great pleasure, a chance to get away from your everyday chores and obligations. Furthermore, in these cold months nothing is more inviting than curling up with a cup of tea and a good book. So each month, we will be including a book review to give you some ideas for your next read.



This month we review: A survival guide for life by Bear Grylls

Bear Grylls, a Chief Scout and Christian, has used the experience of his most extreme adventures to write his life lessons. The book is written over 75 chapters and provides suggestions on how to live your best life. The book starts with a verse from John 10:10

*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

The book is designed as a self-help guide and unlike some others, encourages the reader to remain humble and focused on what they can do to serve others as well as themselves. Some of my favourite chapters include 'Be a volunteer' and 'Two ears, one mouth'. It definitely includes some good old fashioned advice which can sometimes be forgotten in this day and age.

If you decide to take a look, let us know your thoughts. If you have a good book which you would like to share then please get in touch, we would love to include your book review next month, just email: [magazine@stmarksreigate.co.uk](mailto:magazine@stmarksreigate.co.uk).

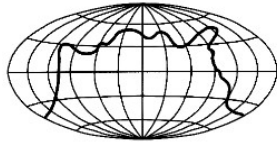
## Tea Time Tales



Come and enjoy a drink, biscuit, bible stories and a sing-along.

St Mark's Church  
Wednesday  
3:25 - 3.55pm





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ST MARK'S OVERSEAS AID TRUST

## **FORTHCOMING SMOAT EVENTS**

We have two very different SMOAT Events coming up in the New Year, a really fun family event and one for the grown-ups!

### **Beetle Drive – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 2.30 to 4.30**

Finished your Sunday lunch and wondering what you can do with the kids all afternoon? Bring them along to the Beetle Drive. It's a family game that can be played from the age of around four or five years old, but it still appeals to people at 94! If your little one doesn't feel confident to play on their own, then they can sit on your lap and play. It's a very simple game of throwing a die and drawing a beetle. There'll be lots of chocolatey prizes to be won and delicious homemade cake in the interval with a nice cup of tea!

### **Jazz Evening – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Come along and join us for a wonderful evening in the company of the amazing Angie Barton, a local lady with a fabulous voice. We will have on offer the biggest cheese board you can imagine and some great wine to go with it. Bring your friends and listen to some fantastic music and dance the night away. Last time we ran this event, it was a sell out so buy your tickets early!

More details will be published a little nearer the time and tickets will be on sale from Ticketsource in January.

**Barbara Perkins,  
Chair of SMOAT**

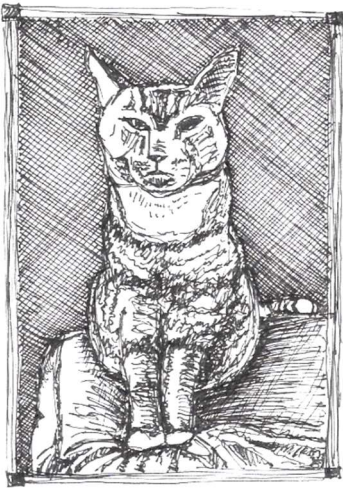
## **Winter Night Shelter**

### **Volunteers Needed**

Will you help homeless rough sleepers? The East Surrey Winter Night Shelter will be continuing to operate throughout January until 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at a number of local churches, including St Mark's. You can help at any of the venues, as frequently or infrequently as you wish. To find out more, visit [www.rhtes.org](http://www.rhtes.org) or speak to: Nigel Perkins – 07710 110584

# Marley & the New Year

*Written by Shona Prosser and illustrated by Roger Lloyd*



Marley is an old cat, a wise cat, a thoughtful cat, a comforter and a friend. Marley has travelled many miles, explored the world and made and lost friends along the way, he was tired and longed for a home, a place to settle, and reflect on the life he has lived. It was in the early summer while resting curled up on the church wall, that Marley had met Candlemouse, a very bold and friendly mouse with kind eyes and big heart, who welcomed him into St Mark's. As Marley had followed his new friend through the glass door and into our beautiful church, he thought, 'I could be happy here', and he was.

Marley woke from a lovely dream and stretched, a deliciously big stretch – from the tips of his toes, his long front legs reaching out as far as they could, the stretch climbed through his shoulders and along his back, down his back legs and at last to the tip of his very fine tail. Marley felt wonderful and content as he sat, tail neatly curled around his feet, looking fondly at the church that had become his home.

St Mark's was once again bathed in many colours, as the winter sunlight played through the stained-glass windows, a gentle breeze moved the branches of the tree outside making the light dance silently among the pews, over the nave altar and on the Christmas tree. It was so peaceful that Marley thought he might curl up again and have another snooze, when suddenly there was a loud bang as the rear doors from the Bell Tower burst open and several people tumbled in, all wrapped up in hats and scarves. 'Hello Marley, Happy New Year' said a bright blue bobble hat and scarf.

As the heating started to work and the chill was slowly banished, the hats and scarves were removed to reveal Marley's friends, as they set about packing away the crib and Christmas tree ornaments. What fun Marley had helping chase the run-away bubbles. Laughter filled the church as they all worked to make St Mark's tidy for the New Year.

'What New Year resolutions have you made?' one of the children asked, as they sat having a welcome drink and biscuits. 'I'm going to make my bed every morning and drink 6 glasses of water a day, it's important to stay hydrated'. That seemed like rather a lot of water to Marley. 'I'm going to get fit, I have joined a gym and plan to go 3 times a week' said one of the adults, which for some reason seemed to make people chuckle and start to regale each other with stories of gym membership and good intentions.



Just then a small clear voice said, 'I'm going to do something kind for someone every day, to make them happy and to show that I care.' As everyone turned to look at the young child, big smiles lit up their faces, 'It is a way to make the world a better place, one day at a time.' Marley thought that was a wonderful idea and so did everyone else. They started to chatter excitedly about how they could help each other and reach out to other people around them in the community.

The vicar explained that there are many ways to help within the church, volunteers make everything possible and even what appears to be the most daunting of jobs, are made easier when done with friends. Having the wisdom to take a moment to stop and think will reveal so many more ways that a simple 'Act of Random Kindness' – (ARK) can make a huge difference. ARK is a helpful word to use as a reminder to be kind every day.

Marley, who was sat beside the vicar, listening carefully, thought to himself, 'what can I do to help?' At that very moment the vicar said, 'Take Marley here, he already does so much to make everyone feel welcome, I have seen him comfort visitors who are sad, entertain and play with children and be a reassuring presence at the Winter Night Shelter.' Smiling and stroking Marley he added, 'Marley even saved the day at a wedding when the rings went missing'.

Everyone agreed that we could learn so much from the animals; their love is unconditional, their support instinctive and loyalty generously given. We are also blessed with the wisdom and awareness to consider, listen and appreciate what is needed to make life better for others. Having the heart to do so openly and without expectation of thanks or reward would be an excellent New Year's Resolution.

Later that evening as Marley was settling on his favourite cushion, he thought about his dear friend Candlemouse, who sat beside him and said, 'I am so lucky to have met you, you are so very kind, generous and helpful, I have learnt so much from you and now feel I have a place I belong, a place where I can help make a difference.' 'Thank you' said Candlemouse, blushing slightly, 'I have also learnt a great deal from you, I love the way you accept everyone as they are, you reach out with kindness and use the hard lessons you have learnt in life to help you be more tolerant and understanding. Happy New Year Marley'. And it was.....



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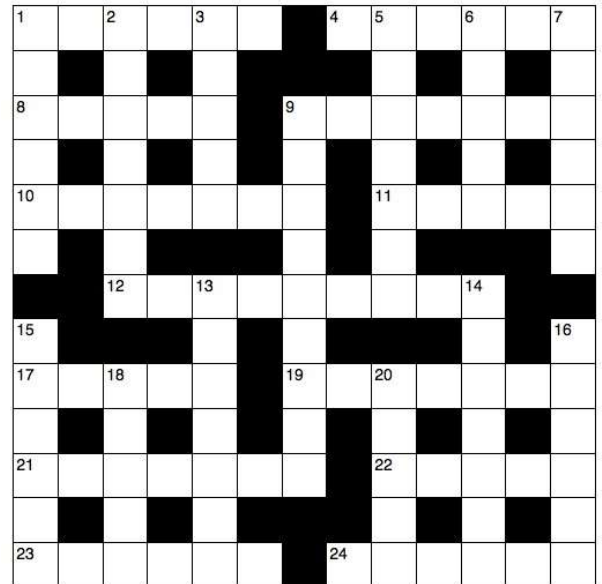
*Those who gave thee a body, furnished it with weakness; but He who gave thee Soul, armed thee with resolution. Employ it, and thou art wise; be wise and thou art happy.* **Akhenaton**

# JANUARY CROSSWORD CHALLENGE

(Biblical references are from the New International Version)

## Across

1. Protective covering recommended to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:11) (6)
4. The number of apostles (Matthew 10:2) (6)
8. Tenth-century Bishop of Augsburg for 48 years, who became the first saint to be canonized by a pope (5)
9. 'Do not — what is evil but what is good' (3 John 11) (7)
10. Reading desk in a church (7)
11. 'He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like — walking around"' (Mark 8:24) (5)
12. One of the qualities that Paul exhorted Timothy to pursue (1 Timothy 6:11) (9)
17. One of the meaningless pleasures acquired by the Teacher (Ecclesiastes 2:8) (5)
19. 'Like — babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation' (1 Peter 2:2) (7)
21. Jesus said that Moses allowed this only because men's hearts were hard (Matthew 19:8) (7)
22. Girl's name (5)
23. Most sagacious (Judges 5:29) (6)
24. How Stephen, the first Christian martyr, died: after being — (Acts 7:59) (6)



## Down

1. A Jew whom Paul met in Corinth, whose wife was Priscilla (Acts 18:2) (6)
2. For example, turning water into wine, feeding the five thousand, walking on water (John 7:21) (7)
3. Abram's relationship to Lot (Genesis 14:12) (5)
5. 'Jesus answered, "It is —: 'Man does not live by bread alone.'"' (Matthew 4:4) (7)
6. 'Peace I — with you; my peace I give you' (John 14:27) (5)
7. 'May the Lord deal with me, be it — — severely, if anything but death separates you and me' (Ruth 1:17) (4,2)
9. Lack of knowledge (Acts 17:30) (9)
13. This woman 'followed Paul and believed' after his words to the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:34) (7)
14. Or noise (anag.) (7)
15. 'Even though I walk through the valley of the — of death, I will fear no evil' (Psalm 23:4) (6)
16. ' — Christian soldiers, marching as to war' (6)
18. Saver (anag.) (5)
20. 'Unless a grain of — falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed' (John 12:24) (5)

## SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

### ACROSS:

1 Armou 4 Twelve 8 Ulric 9 Imitate 10 Lectern 11 Trees 12 Endurance 17 Harem 19 Newborn  
21 Divorce 22 Erica 23 Wisest 24 Stoned

**DOWN:** 1 Aquila 2 Miracle 3 Uncle 5 Written 6 Leave 7 Ever so 9 Ignorance 13 Damaris 14 Erosion 15 Shadow 16 Onward 18 Raves 20 Wheat

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