



See how the wild flowers grow! They don't work to earn, or craft their own clothes, but even King Solomon with all his wealth was not dressed as well as they are. Lk 12:27-28

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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11.28)



Summer is a time many of us begin to look forward to as it is often accompanied by a change of pace. The warmer months often bring holidays, longer days, and perhaps a little more breathing space in our busy routines. Summer is a natural invitation to slow down, rest, and reconnect – not just with family and friends, but also with God.

The Bible reminds us that rest is not a luxury but a vital part of life. Jesus himself invites us to come to him when we are weary and promises to give us rest. This is not simply physical rest, but rest for our souls – deep, renewing peace that refreshes us from within.

Summer offers us a unique opportunity to step back from our usual busyness and listen more carefully for God's voice. Whether we find ourselves walking along the beach, sitting quietly in the garden, or simply enjoying unhurried moments at home, we can use this time to draw closer to him. Perhaps it's a chance to linger a little longer in prayer, pick up a devotional book, or spend more time appreciating the beauty of God's creation.

It's easy to think that spiritual refreshment must come from doing something extraordinary, but often it is found in the small, simple moments when we intentionally make space for God. For those who are travelling, may your journeys be safe and your hearts open to the ways God might speak to you in new surroundings. For those spending summer at home, may you find joy and rest right where you are, knowing that God is present with you in every season.

Wherever this summer takes you, I pray it will be a time of renewal, joy, and deeper connection with God. Let us embrace this season as a gift – to rest, to recharge, and to remember that God is the true source of our peace.

Wishing you all a blessed, restful, and joy-filled summer.



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Archbishop of York speaks out on Gaza

The Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, has welcomed a statement by the Archbishop of York, the Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, about the ongoing situation in Gaza.

The full statement is below:

With each passing day in Gaza, the violence, starvation and dehumanisation being inflicted on the civilian population by the Government of Israel becomes more depraved and unconscionable. In the name of God, I cry out against this barbaric assault on human life and dignity. It is a stain on the conscience of the international community, and a flagrant breach of international humanitarian law.

The statement this week by the UK and 27 other states condemning the denial of aid, and the inhumane killing of civilians at aid posts, is an important – if long overdue – sign of growing international resolve to end this war. But while the group stated their preparedness to take further action, there is no time to wait. Action must be taken now to stop this ongoing assault on Gaza, end settlement-building and settler violence in the West Bank, and secure negotiation for a lasting and just peace.

My prayers remain with the steadfast and suffering Christian community in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and most particularly in Gaza after the recent deadly attack on the Roman Catholic Holy Family Church. I stand in pastoral solidarity with the Latin and Greek Patriarchs of Jerusalem, and give thanks for their recent visit to Gaza. There are no excuses for the bombing of places of worship where desperate people are taking shelter, or hospitals where the sick and injured are being cared for. I echo the words of Pope Leo XIV and say clearly that this barbarism must stop.

With my sister and brother bishops in the Church of England, I have condemned many times the horrific Hamas attacks on 7 October, and I continue to call for the release of those still cruelly held hostage. We deplore every assault on the innocent. But as we said in May this year, this war is now one of aggression – it is a grave sin and it must stop.

Last week the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Revd Hosam Naoum, spoke powerfully at the Church of England General Synod in York. I support Archbishop Hosam in calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, for the release of all hostages and captives and for the rebuilding of Gaza. I support him in rejecting any policy that would amount to the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian population from Gaza.

And in the name of Jesus Christ, I encourage dioceses and parishes to continue praying for our Palestinian Anglican sisters and brothers and all other Christian communities – and for security, freedom and dignity for Palestinians, Israelis and all the peoples of the region.

Stephen Cottrell
Archbishop of York

Bishop Christopher and the team who rebuilt his face

BBC News has reported on how the Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, had his face rebuilt by a specialist team at King's College Hospital after a traffic incident in which he was severely injured.

"I think it made me look very differently at life... at what really matters... the importance of one's health and wellbeing, not taking it for granted... and to value each moment," Bishop Christopher told BBC London's Political Editor Karl Mercer. Last September, the taxi the Bishop was travelling in came to an abrupt halt and he smashed his face against the internal screen, breaking every bone in his face apart from his lower jaw.

"I had no face after the accident," he told Mercer. "The injuries were extensive, I wasn't aware of them at the time, I was just aware of my face crumbling." The Bishop was rushed to St Thomas' Hospital, then to a specialist maxillofacial trauma team at King's College Hospital in Denmark Hill, south-east London. He credits this team, led by Professor Kathy Fan, with rebuilding his face and restoring his identity, enabling him to return to work just before Christmas 2024.

"We have the ability to try and put people back when they've been unfortunate enough to be injured. Our face is our identity – people look at us and make judgment about us so it's important to recreate someone's identity," said Professor Fan.

Nine months on, Bishop Christopher is almost fully recovered and can't praise the medical teams who gave him back his face enough: "People look at your face – this is how they make contact with you – so your facial identity is a crucial part of things.

"I think that sense of being supported by the prayers of those in my diocese, those who knew me, those who cared for me, made an enormous difference. I think not just to morale but to confidence and sense of wellbeing. I had an underlying feeling that all would be well."

The full story can be found

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy4yknkrny4o>

What's the price of modern slavery?



MODERN SLAVERY: RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW



Do you know that:

- **Victims live and work in your community**
- **You see them**
- **You can change their lives**

Come to Southwark Against Modern Slavery's FREE event

Southwark Cathedral

John Trevor Williams Room

Saturday 18th October 2025, 10.00am – 3.30pm

Hear expert speakers share their knowledge and experience

Dr Júlia Tomás – The Passage

Detective Superintendent Andy Furphy – Metropolitan Police

Members of Southwark Against Modern Slavery

Right Rev Alastair Redfern – Chair of The Clewer Initiative

You are welcome to attend Evening Prayer in the cathedral at 4.00pm where prayers will be said for victims of modern slavery, their perpetrators and those working to combat this crime.

For more information, please contact SAMS at RASocialjustice@gmail.com

To book a place please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/southwarkagainst-modern-slavery-free-event-tickets1412169830979?aff=oddttdtcreator>



Stop Press: Climate Change

Readers may have noticed a slow change of emphasis in Climate Change policy to one redirected away from a reduction in the burning of fossil fuels. At present these may seem like temporary exceptions.

COP29 was remarkable for the leaked e-mail from Saudi Arabia emphasising that any resolution mentioning fossil fuel production (as distinct from consumption) must be avoided at all costs. Notwithstanding this leak no such resolution was passed. Producers of fossil fuels were let off yet again.

For 29 years COPs have increasingly accepted the reality of climate change, cautiously set out targets and achieved next to nothing with an absence of even plans to achieve such targets.

Recently, notwithstanding the widespread changes in weather including fierce fires and massive floods, there has been little reference to reducing the burning of carbon.

On Wednesday a slot in Channel 4 News discussed the Texas flood disaster which included Baroness Brown, who holds a government post in climate change policy and Michael Green a US scientific expert on climate change, no doubt cautious of Trump. Both spoke with studious authority on climate change emphasising repeatedly the need for “adaptation” and “mitigation”. Not a single reference was made to fossil fuels. Anyone with any knowledge of climate change at all, knows that adaptation and mitigation cannot keep up with the speed of change taking place and that both actions can hardly have any effect on climate dangers and steep deterioration of living conditions throughout the world.

So, we have even those intimately involved in climate change who no longer even mention the main driver: the burning of fossil fuels.

Newspapers similarly refer to the need to continue burning our way to Armageddon, placing transitory inflation and wars well above responding to the speeding change in the balance of nature and labelling the use of fossil fuels “necessary”. There are plenty of excuses none of which scratch the surface of reality. What can be more necessary than protecting the environment from radical change.

Notwithstanding his great intelligence and science, it seems to me that mankind can respond to existential risks only like animals and plants. That is, they wait till the problem really hurts before they abandon past values and try to adapt. Working together constructively to face a real and threatening emergency seems quite beyond us.

China produces the most carbon notwithstanding that its use of solar energy outpaces the rest of the worlds together. So, their offer provides for clean *extra* power but not yet any reduction in the use of dirty power. Coal consumption continues. The US comes second, but Trump is in denial.

Even our local authority, bent on replacing borough councils with separate single councils for East and West Surrey, in reviewing policies and climate change says: "However, it is recognised that national policy is fast evolving in this regard and may impact what can be achieved through local plans. For example, if national development policies are introduced." So, the message is out that climate change no longer holds a leading position in the need for change.

I think we can accept that official policy has quietly changed to support the use of carbon fuels, thereby increasing the rate of climate change beyond any hope of reversal. Perhaps those of us in the evening of our days can continue to enjoy good weather but we leave for our grandchildren and uncertain present and a desperate future.

Harry Ingram



Brightening Up

We all sadly have occasions when we feel a bit low in spirits and find it difficult to rise to the challenge of being more cheerful. Troubles occur, the news is bad (it always is), the weather has turned gloomy or someone else has said or done something to make us sad.

When this happens to me, I hope to still glory in the good things in the world about us and, as a Christian, to thank God for them.

How do I make such a change, hopefully from sadness to joy? Perhaps by listening to music, taking some form of exercise, washing, dressing up a bit (not to impress others but to make me feel better), have something nice to eat or drink. If possible, it can help to talk with a friend, face to face, or by phone. Perhaps then they will cheer me up and I might brighten their day, too.

Company with others is so important.

All this reminds me of a monologue by Stanley Holloway. It was a blow-by-blow account of the first day out of bed of a poor suffering person who is quickly edged towards Black's Undertaking Depot and nearly into a box before he meets a true friend. Until then they had all said "My word! You do look queer!" meaning how ill he

appeared to be. One had even said to him "Don't die in a pub, it looks bad." Each of these comments made him feel worse than ever. However ultimately, he met that true friend who said "My word! You do look well!" This last comment made him feel so much better for the rest of the day, truly "Brightened Up."

Of course, we must be honest with our friends but let's try to find something honest but helpful to say that might cheer them up and by doing so it might cheer us up, too.

Ian Archer

Prayer for August 2025

Heavenly Father,

August – summer holidays and sunny skies. All should be well and yet, around the world all is *not* well!

Every day, it seems, new wars begin, catastrophes occur, world politicians play power games – and people suffer.

It can feel overwhelming and we want to bury our heads in the sand, rather than build sandcastles on the beach.

Help us Lord, to look up; to see things with Your perspective; to remember that Jesus warned us that in this world we will have trouble. Then help us to remember that He told us to take heart, because He has overcome the world.

Father, help us to savour the summer, as we put our trust in You – our strength, our hope, our ultimate and unfailing security.

In Jesus name,

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

POEM

To a Fish of the Brook

Enjoy thy stream, O harmless fish;
And when an angler for his dish,
Through gluttony's vile sin,
Attempts, the wretch, to pull thee OUT
God give thee strength, O gentle trout,
To pull the rascal IN!

By John Wolcot (Peter Pindar) 1738 – 1839



All in the month of August

It was:

1,700 years ago, on 25 August 325 that the First Council of Nicaea ended with the adoption of the Nicene Creed. It summarised the Christian faith and established the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

150 years ago, on 4 August 1875 that Hans Christian Andersen, Danish writer, died. Best known for his fairy tales, such as *The Emperor's New Clothes*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Snow Queen*, *The Ugly Duckling*, and many more.

100 years ago, on 5 August 1925 that the Welsh nationalist political party Plaid Cymru was founded. Today it holds four of the 32 Welsh seats in the UK Parliament, 12 of the 60 seats in the Senedd, and 202 of the 1,231 principal local authority councillors.

65 years ago, in August 1960, the following countries gained independence: Central African Republic, Chad, Cyprus, Dahomey (Benin), Gabon, Ivory Coast, Niger, Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville), Senegal, and Upper Volta (Burkina Faso),

40 years ago, on 22 August 1985 that the Manchester Air Disaster took place when a British Airtours Boeing 737 burst into flames after an engine caught fire and a fuel tank ruptured. 55 people were killed.

30 years ago, on 24 August 1995 that Microsoft released both Windows 95 operating systems and also Microsoft Office 95.

25 years ago, on 4 August 2000 that Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrated her 100th birthday. (She died in March 2002, aged 101).

20 years ago, on 22 August 2005 that the last Israeli settlers left the Gaza strip, ending 38 years of occupation.

15 years ago, on 5 August 2010 that the Copiapo Mining Accident in Chile took place. A cave-in at the San Jose copper and gold mine trapped 33 workers 700 metres underground, and an international rescue operation was launched. The workers were brought to the surface on 13th October, 69 days later. Around one billion people watched their rescue on TV.

10 years ago, on 1 August 2015 that Cilla Black, pop singer and TV presenter died. Known for her hit song *Anyone who had a heart* and for presenting *Blind Date* and *Surprise Surprise*.

Parish Pump

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2025

Sunday 3rd August	7th Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
Wednesday 6th August	The Transfiguration of our Lord 9.00am Prayer Meeting
Thursday 7 th August	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church 2.00pm SMART
Sunday 10th August	8th Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
Wednesday 13 th August	9.00am Prayer Meeting
Thursday 14 th August	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Friday 15th August	Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 16 th August	8.00pm Social Dance in the Hall
Sunday 17th August	9th Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
Wednesday 20 th August	9.00am Prayer Meeting
Thursday 21 st August	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 24th August	St Bartholomew, Apostle 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 6.00pm Taizé Prayer
Wednesday 27 th August	9.00am Prayer Meeting
Thursday 28 th August	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 31st August	11th Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

Please remember that planned services are subject to change at short notice so please check the details on our website or with the Parish Office.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Wednesday 3 rd September	9.00am	Prayer Meeting
Thursday 4 th September	12.45pm	Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 7th September	12th Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
	4.00pm	Family Service – in Church
Wednesday 10 th Sept	9.00am	Prayer Meeting
	3.25pm	T-Time Tales
Thursday 11 th September	12.45pm	Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Saturday 13 th September	9.00am	Church Cleaning
Sunday 14th September	Holy Cross Day	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
	1.00pm	Community Lunch
Wednesday 17 th Sept	9.00am	Prayer Meeting
	3.25pm	T-Time Tales
Thursday 18 th September	12.45pm	Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Saturday 20 th September	8.00pm	Social Ballroom and Latin Dance
Sunday 21st September	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Wednesday 24 th Sept	9.00am	Prayer Meeting
	3.25pm	T-Time Tales
Thursday 25 th September	12.45pm	Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Sunday 28th September	15th Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online
	6.00pm	Taizé Prayer
Monday 29th September	St Michael and All Angels	

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TV and Radio

These seem to be part of the lives of each one of us. You, like me, might remember when the small TV sets became available, when colour came in for Wimbledon. Now we have multiple channels to choose from. How wonderful is all that? Now many of the wealthier have a TV set or radio in several rooms.

It is so easy to relax by just switching on the box or leaving it on if it is already running. This can be comfortable when we are stressed but is this really the best answer for each one of us?

At one time hospital wards had the TV on even though few could see the screen. I was surprised when an auditor of mine felt he could not work well unless the TV was on at the same time.

We are not only often with sound around us at home, but in shops restaurants and means of transport too.

We all need some recreation, perhaps after a busy day, and whereas in the past it might be with a book or music, now the easiest thing is to switch on the TV or Radio.

We can also have a choice of films and information about our wonderful world.

However, if we are confronted with the news, it is just what they wanted to present to us, true, biased or false, and probably what the producers have pictures of, not necessarily the item of most importance to us all. Personally, I must be more selective and be careful not to believe everything I see.

Clearly with these modern communications we have more opportunity to know what else is going on in the world, but sometimes a period of silence, or music, might be more helpful to me than someone else's choice of "News".

Also, in silence we can meditate more easily in prayer, or just in thought, and perhaps we can then listen more actively to birds and have more time to listen to the worries, joys and concerns for those around us, by visiting them or ringing them up.

Ian Archer



Those long car journeys of summer....

Are you taking a LONG car journey as part of your holiday this summer? Beware: hours on the road can leave you tired, a bit travel sick and with aching muscles.

Tiredness is the most serious – at least if you are the driver! It is reckoned that 10-20 percent of all car crashes are due to sleepy drivers. So, try and get enough sleep the night before, as research in Queensland, Australia has shown that drivers with less than five hours sleep are just as likely to crash as if they were over the legal limit for alcohol. Take breaks, and keep air flowing well through the car.

Motion sickness can be another hassle – and it affects around one in three of us. Though curiously enough, drivers hardly ever suffer from carsickness – just the passengers. Gut discomfort is another problem – on long car trips we tend to drink less, go to the toilet less, snack at odd times on junk food, and not move for hours. No wonder we feel sluggish and bloated.

So – when you stop for regular breaks, take the trouble to walk about. Drink plenty of water, and eat healthy snacks like bananas, apples and nuts.

Finally, avoid tight clothes on a long trip. They only put extra pressure on your abdomen. Instead, opt for loose-fitting trousers or skirts which have some 'give' around your tummy.



Being bored is good

This will cheer you up this summer when your children mope around the house saying that they are bored: apparently a bit of boredom is *good* for them.

So says a senior educationalist, Julia Robinson, who has encouraged parents NOT to force their children into too many activities. Instead, they must be allowed to become bored, so that they can have time to be reflective and calm.

Too many pursuits such as music lessons, sport and online learning could result in a generation of manic, anxiety-ridden adults, she warns. Writing in an education magazine, she has pointed out that happiness does not come from a "regime of unrealistic multitasking, running oneself ragged with an exhausting programme of endless...activities."



Book Reviews

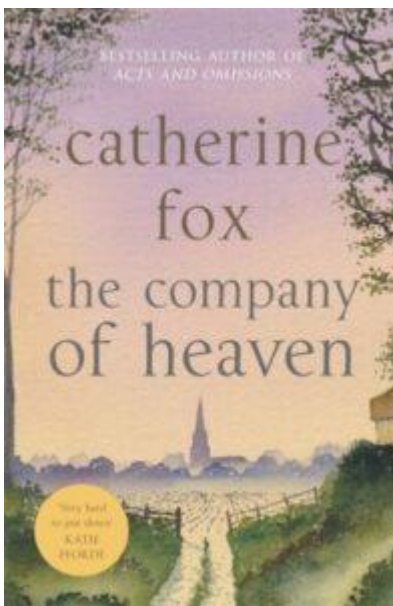


Summer's out at Hope Hall **By Pam Rhodes**

Hope Hall thrums with activity under the summer sun. Sea Cadets march in the yard and happy chatter issues from English-as-a-Foreign-Language classes while the weekly Food Bank reaches out to those in need.

Kath is determined to honour the origins of Hope Hall, which was founded in memory of those lost during the two World Wars. It's all-hands-on deck as the centenary celebrations continue, but Kath's efforts set her on a collision course with Celia Ainsworth, a descendant of the family that donated the land. Added to this, a mysterious homeless man proves

tricky for Sheelagh to identify, and a handsome stranger looks set to lead Kath a merry dance... This deeply moving story celebrates the power of hope.



The Company of Heaven **By Catherine Fox**

Return to Lindchester once more with *The Company of Heaven*, perfect for fans of Anthony Trollope's Barchester Chronicles, Barbara Pym and BBC's Rev.

Valiantly written in real time in the midst of the pandemic, this entertaining book captures the difficulties of 2021 with heart, humour and insight. Perfect for Lindchester fans, it's also the ideal novel for anyone seeking comfort and a way of understanding all that has happened.

This new volume in the Lindchester Chronicles is contemporary Christian fiction at its finest. Sharp-eyed, witty and compassionate, Catherine Fox once again helps us make sense of real-life events and challenges, and leaves you with hope that grace can be found even in the darkest times.

Have you recently read a good book? Tell us about it.
Email office@stmarksreigate.co.uk with your book review.



A Lasting Gift for St Mark's Church

Leaving a legacy

Legacy gifts can make a huge difference to churches. Each year, gifts in wills, ranging from £100s to £100,000s are received. Faithful witnesses leaving generous legacies have enabled churches to invest in their buildings, pioneer new ministries, and sustain a welcoming presence in their communities.

Why should you write a will?

Writing a will means you choose:

- How you would like to share your property and possessions;
- Who you would like to look after any children under the age of 18;
- How to support any charities or churches that are important to you.

Without a will, these decisions will be made according to pre-ordained rules, and by the courts, which may be different from your wishes. Leaving a will gives you peace of mind and lifts a burden from loved ones after you are gone.

To make it easier the Church of England has partnered with Farewill, the UK's favourite will-writer, so anyone can write a simple will online for free, in as little as 30 minutes. You can find out more by visiting <https://farewill.com/southwarkdiocese> .

We strongly advise seeing a solicitor for more complicated wills, or for people wishing to review their existing will or add a codicil.

A gift for future generations

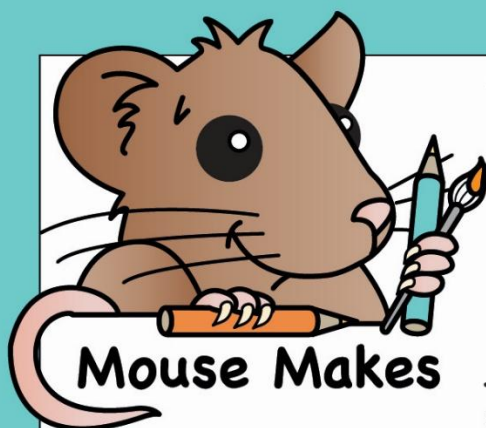
After you have made provision for your family and friends, we hope you'll also consider leaving a gift in your will to St Mark's. A legacy is a valuable expression of how meaningful a church has been during your time there. It's a way to give thanks - a lasting testimony to the faithfulness, goodness and generosity of God.

The policy of the PCC is to use legacies to help fund additional mission or development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Circumstances change over the years, so church members are encouraged to leave legacies for the general purposes of the parish. The PCC will discuss the most appropriate use of the legacy in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (for example, children and youth, music, buildings).

You may also receive tax benefits for including a gift to St Mark's in your will. A gift in your will to a charity is free of inheritance tax and may also reduce the amount of tax payable on the rest of your will. <https://www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/leaving-gifts-to-charity-in-your-will>

Please consider leaving a legacy to St Mark's.

Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer



Mouse Makes



Just as the different parts
of our body need each
other to make a **whole**,
living person so
Christians need each
other to make a
whole living church!



K N E E S
J O W H O L E
T E E T H H Q J V
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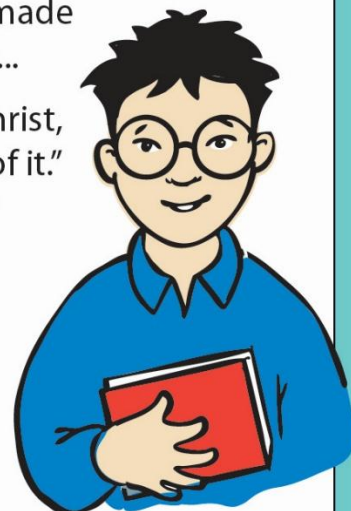
Look in the Bible verses for the words written in **bold**
then look for these words too!

GOD • TOGETHER • EQUAL • ALL • EVERY
HEAD • EYES • EARS • MOUTH • TONGUE
TEETH • NOSE • ARMS • HANDS • FINGERS
LEGS • KNEES • FEET • TOES • GIFTS

"Just as a **body**, though **one**, has **many** parts,
but all its many **parts** form one body,
so it is with **Christ**. For we were all baptised
by one **Spirit** so as to form one body...
Even so, the body is not made
up of one part but of many...

...Now you are the body of Christ,
and **each** one of you is part of it."

from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



"Though we are
many, we are one
body in **union**
with Christ,
and we are
joined to each
other as
different
parts of
one body."



from
Romans 12:1-7

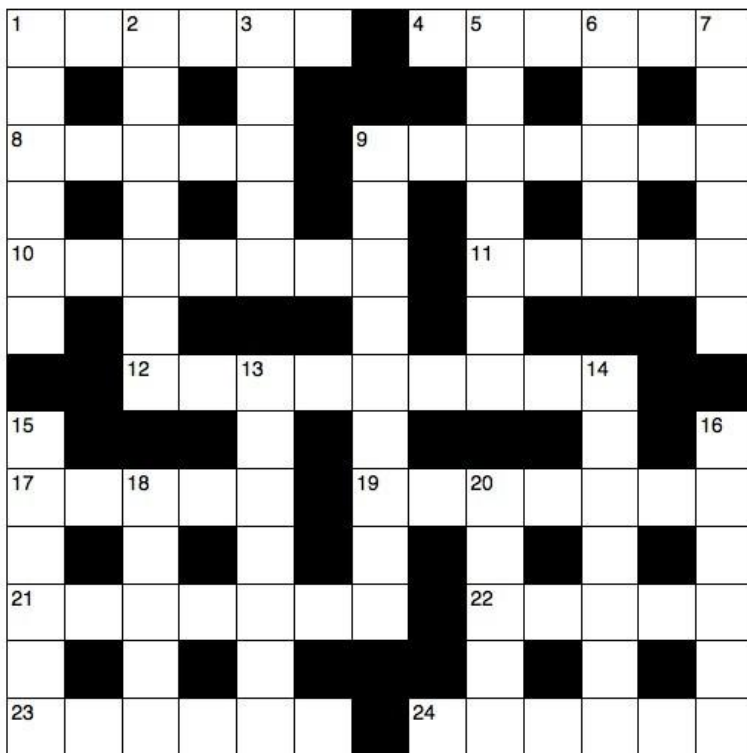


August Crossword

Biblical references are from the New International Version

Across

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
- 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
- 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
- 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
- 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
- 11 '— thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)
- 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
- 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
- 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
- 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
- 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)
- 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)
- 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)



Down

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
- 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
- 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
- 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
- 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)
- 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
- 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
- 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
- 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)
- 15 See 12 Across
- 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)
- 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)
- 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

July answers

ACROSS:

1. Riches 4. Abner's 7. Soul 8. Damascus 9. Statutes 13. Add 16. Craftsmanship 17. Old 19. Redeemer 24. Walls are 25. Wise 26. Target 27. Thief

DOWN:

1. Rest 2. Courtyard 3. Sadhu 4. Arm he 5. Nose 6. Round 10. Tutor 11. Timid 12. Sense 13. Ashbelite 14. Dips 15. Echo 18. Lhasa 20. Exact 21. Erect 22. Flog 23. Mede

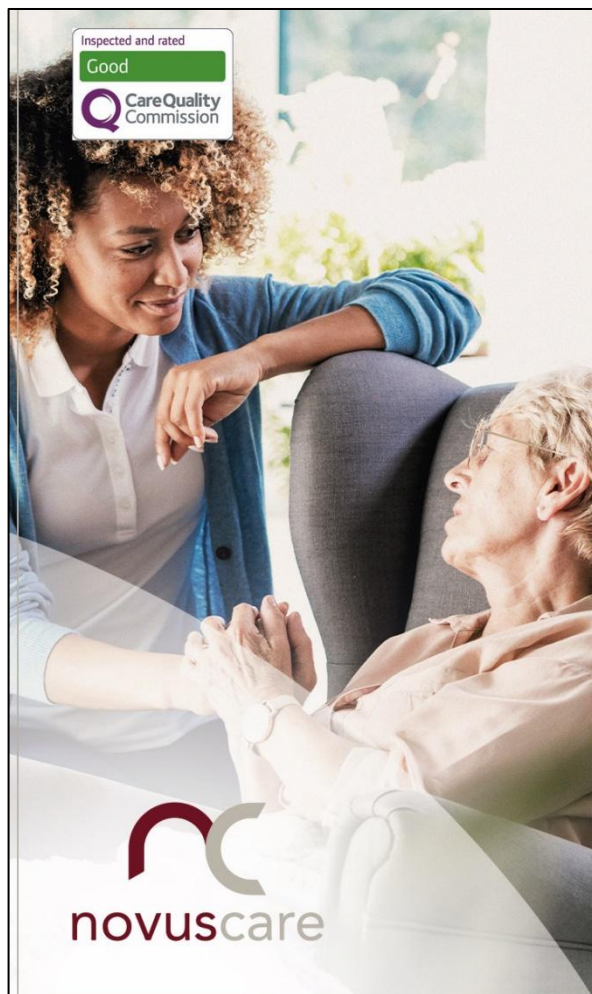
Puzzles

August Sudoku

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

July Solution

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



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