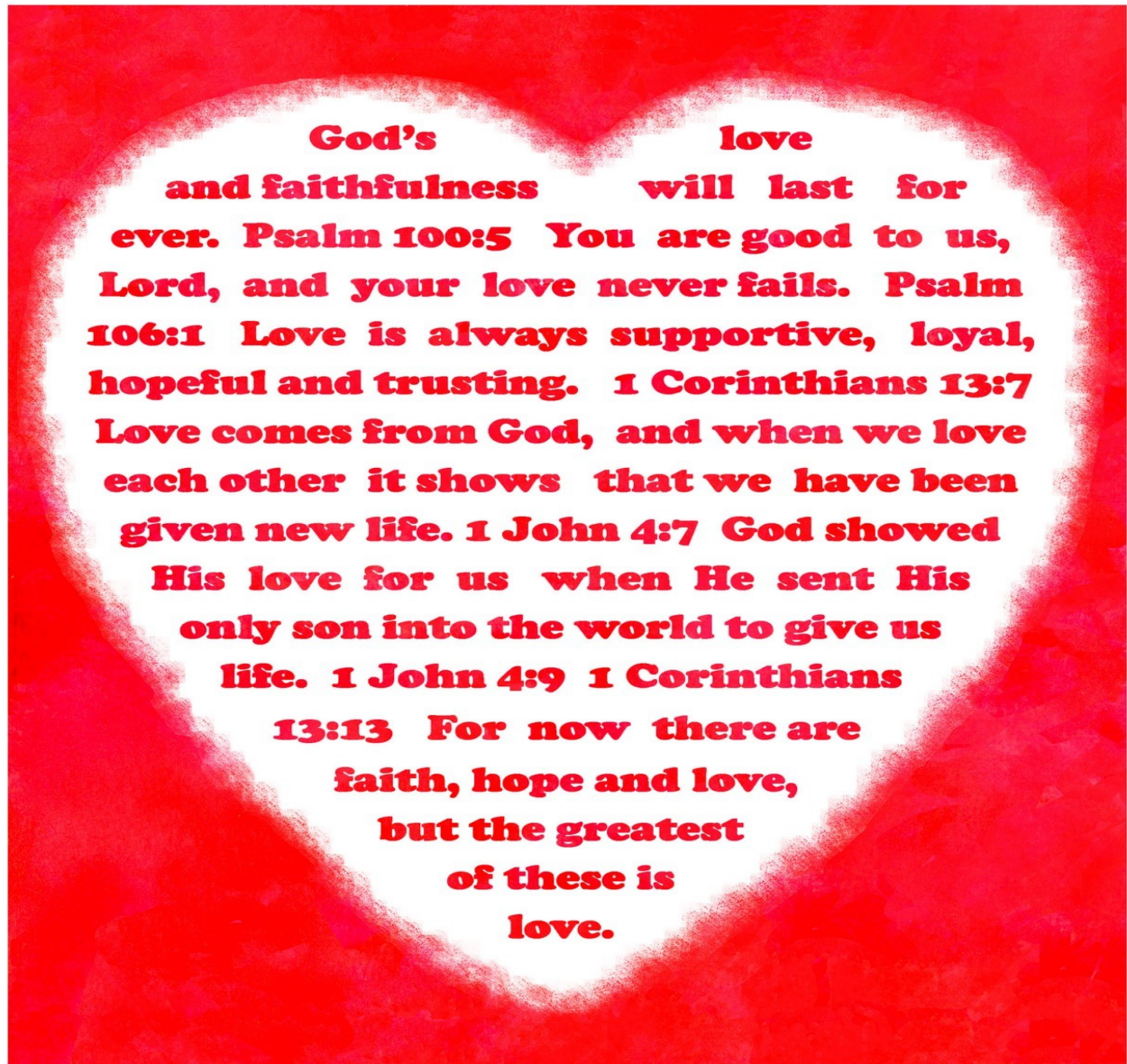


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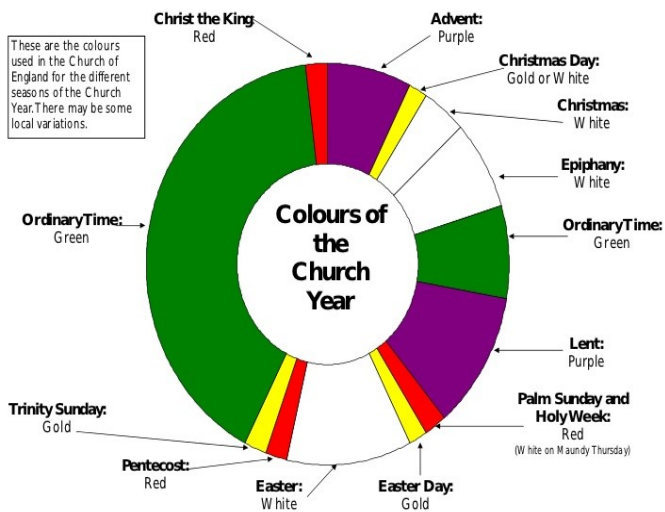
## **Building a Community in Christ**



# **Fellowship of Faith**

**February 2017**

**Price 20p**



Dear Friends,

I don't know if you have ever looked at how the Church year and the colours for the respective seasons pan out throughout the year.

The colours certainly used to help people to know what season they in when literacy levels were not good in the country; they were a good focal point and they are for many people, especially during the darker months.

Yet it could it be that (with the amount of colds and coughs that we are all struggling with just now) that there is a colour missing?



Perhaps we should slip in at the end of Epiphany, yellow. Not just any shade, but Lemsip Yellow!

Everything can all seem pretty miserable, with Summer too far off to think about and so many folk under the weather...so should Lemsip Yellow be the new colour of Lament for the end of January?

Yet in Psalm 121, the Psalmist has written this,

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—  
where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

The Psalmist's help and ours comes from the Lord – yes, the cold relief medication helps, but our ultimate help for our each of our lives comes from the Lord.

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”* says Jesus in Matthew 11: 28. There are times when everyone is weary and fed up, but we are encouraged by God to take our weariness to Jesus, and let Him comfort and restore us. If not through medication, it could be through His Word, His Praise, our prayers, or the smile of a friend who feels they should come and see us.

Your help will come from the Lord; you just need to be ready for whichever way he chooses bring you that help...and just maybe the Lord may choose you to be His help and comfort to someone else.

May the Lord watch over each and every one of you and all those that you love and care for

With every blessing,  
Rev Chris

# *From the Registers*

## Funerals

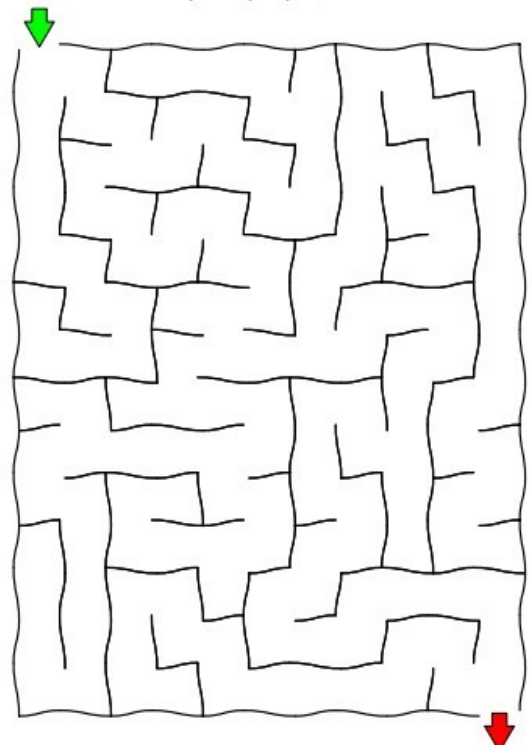
3rd January 2017

Wilfred Harry Stanforth

## Baptisms

15th January 2017

Alisha Eva Rose Haywood



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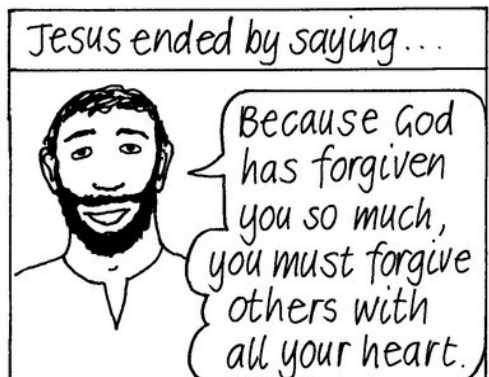
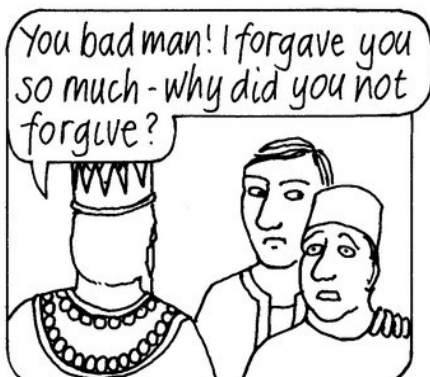
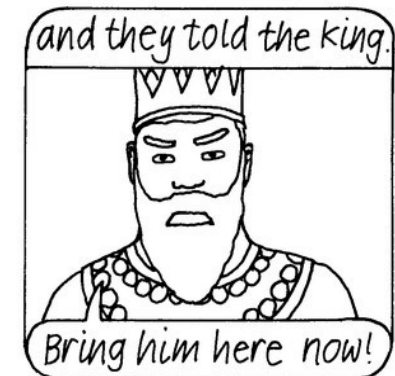
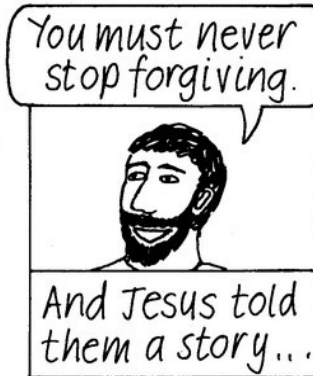


# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Matthew chapter 18 verses 21-35

Jewish teachers used to say you only had  
to forgive people three times before  
before getting revenge, so Peter asked Jesus..





## **Grapevine Community Café News**

It seems amazing, but we are approaching our 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday! We still open every Wednesday morning, 10.30 -12.30, except during school holidays.

We regularly hold fundraising events for charities, when we have table top sales, raffles etc in addition to our normal café.

Our next event is in aid of the church flower fund. Barbara Childs organises and arranges the flowers in church, and puts a rota on the wall at the back of church, which allows members of the congregation to pay for the flowers, usually in memory of a friend or family member. However, there are always gaps in the rota, and our flower fund then pays for the flowers in church, which are always beautiful!

(If you would like to pay for memorial flowers, please see Barbara.)

This event will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, during Holy Week, and will be the last café before the Easter holiday. There will be Easter eggs to win, and a fruit basket, as well as the table top sale. Please do come along and enjoy the Easter celebration!

We re-open on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Please come and join us on a Wednesday, and do bring friends and neighbours! We are keen to show folks who don't attend church, that we are friendly and welcoming, and would love to welcome them into the church family!

We serve home-made cakes and sausage rolls, and snacks like cheesy oatcakes, cheese on toast, baps etc.

We love to see as many folk as possible, but are always ready for a chat and a cuppa if you come alone!

## **Your Church Needs You**

There are lots of ways in which you can help the mission work in Chell Parish. If you can help with any of the following it would be very much appreciated.

Can you spare a couple of hours once a month to help at Messy Angels?

Could you submit an article for inclusion in this magazine?

Could you help with shopping or cutting out for Easter Messy Church?

Do you feel drawn to helping at Sunday School ? (Coming soon)

Would you like to help at Messy Tots Church? (Coming soon)

Would you like to join the cleaning team at either Church?

Do you like gardening and would like to give Barry a hand?

There are loads of other ways you can help for more information please speak to one of the Church Wardens, Rev Chris or Becky.

X Many thanks Becky x

## The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



In their 35 years as neighbors on Earth, Arnie and Bart never knew they were both Christians. **FUNNY** isn't it? *Do your neighbors know what you believe?*

### Prayer of thanks for God's light

Father of all creation,

Thank you for signs of life and light, even in the dark and sometimes difficult days of winter. Thank you for Jesus' victory over darkness and death – and for the assurance that, if we put our trust in Him – nothing can ever separate us from you.

Help us to hold onto the hope you have given us and to walk on with Jesus as our guiding light. And may His light attract others who don't yet know Him and whom the darkness threatens to overwhelm.

Shine on us, Lord, that we may reflect your light and receive your peace.

In Jesus's name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching





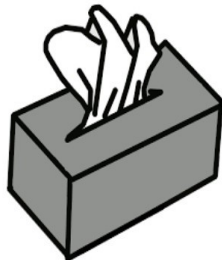
## COUGHS & SNEEZES

February seems to be the coldest time of the year – and most of us get a cold, complete with runny nose and sore throat.

Well, 3<sup>rd</sup> February is the right day to have a sore throat because it is St Blaise's Day. Legend says that St Blaise was on his way to be martyred when he saw a young child choking with a fishbone stuck in his throat. The saint touched the child and the bone was dislodged. This led to a custom of Blessing the Throats on St Blaise's Day which continues today in one London church.

Another way to celebrate the day was with big bonfires (before the Bonfire Night we keep in November was thought of) and that is probably why we say that bonfires blaze.

So you can sit in front of a blazing fire, sniffing into a tissue and think about the patron saint of sore throats.

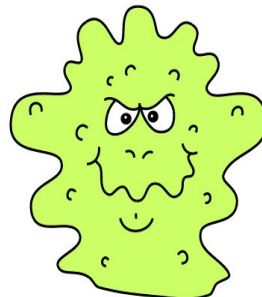


## A COLD PUZZLE

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with winter sniffles. Can you find them all?

S N I F F L E S T E  
L H W L E F F T I L  
I A I U L V K A S A  
N N C V E I E O S Z  
C K O O E R P R U N  
T I E O L R U H E E  
U E S L D D S T S U  
S W O T E L B A T F  
W I N T E R H G I N  
A E N I C I D E M I

cold fever flu hankie influenza  
linctus medicine nose pill  
shivers sniffles tablet throat  
tissues winter



**What happen if your nose runs and your feet smell?**

You're built upside down!

**What sort of transport gives people colds?**

A-choo-choo-trains.



## FAMILIES

*[by Sarah Diplock aged 13]*

Some families are big  
Some families are small  
But no matter what size  
It's the same for them all...

Families are fathers that frown and say  
"We didn't do things like that in MY day!"  
That shirt's rather bright! That skirt's far too tight!  
Now tell me again where you're going tonight?"

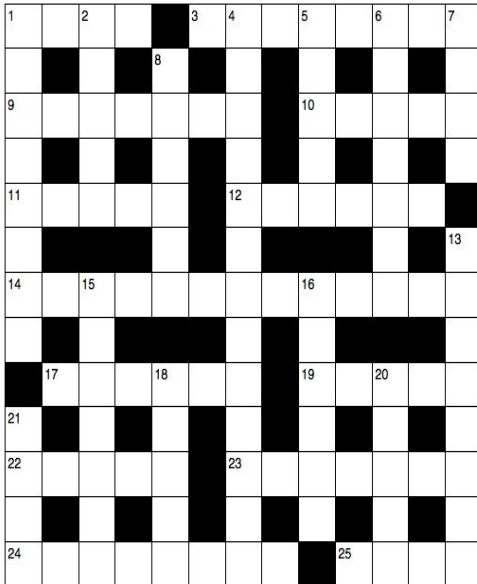
Families are mothers who flap and fuss  
"Hurry up now or you'll miss the school bus!  
Straighten your tie, tidy your hair  
Are you sure those big ear-rings are what you can wear?"

Families are brothers that joke and tease  
And when you're not looking, they give you a squeeze.  
They think they're much bigger and better than you  
And far more important in all that they do.

Families are sisters who share all your things  
Your bedroom, your records, your bracelets and rings.  
They use all your perfume and ladder your tights  
They keep you awake playing music at night.

God's family's a unit where we all belong.  
He supports us in trouble when things have gone wrong.  
He shares in our gladness, our sadness and fears  
He loves us and cares for us, THROUGH ALL THE YEARS!

# The Crossword



## Across

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
- 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten — ?' (Luke 17:17) (8)
- 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
- 10 'So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)
- 11 '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — — , and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
- 12 'Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
- 14 Not born again (13)
- 17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
- 19 Mails (anag.) (5)
- 22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
- 23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)
- 24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)
- 25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

## Down

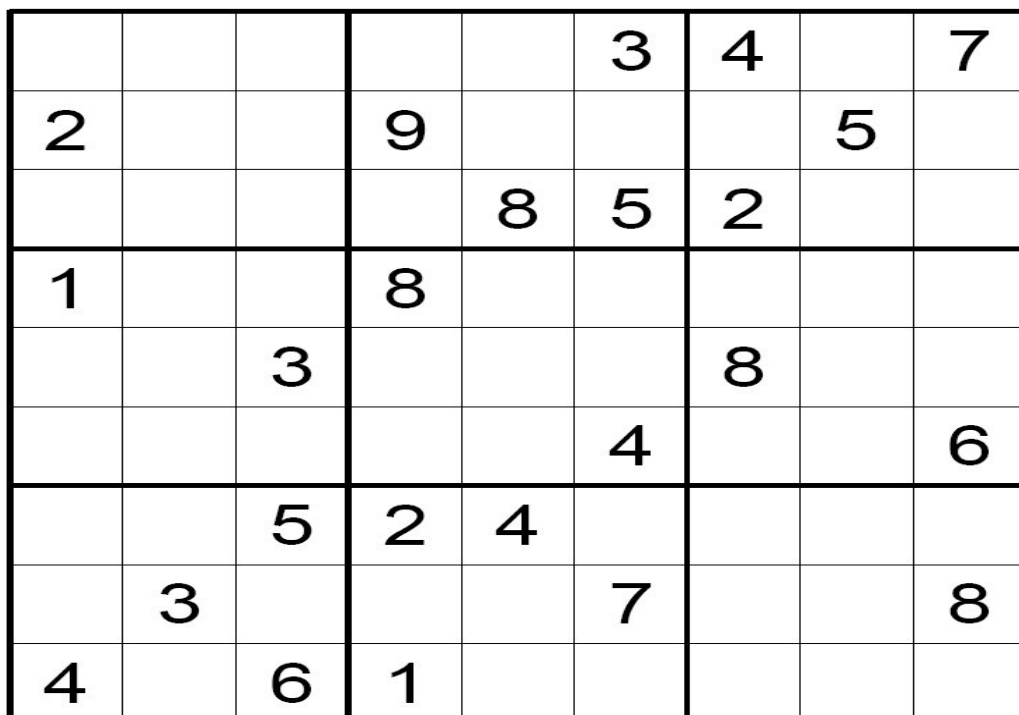
- 1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)
- 2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)
- 4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)
- 5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)
- 6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)
- 7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)
- 8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (8)
- 13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)
- 15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)
- 16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)
- 18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)
- 20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)
- 21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)

## LAST MONTHS ANSWERS

**ACROSS:** 1, Armour. 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.

# Sudoku



# February 2017 Parish Services

<p><b>Church of the Saviour</b></p> <p><b>5th Feb 11am</b>  <b>Joint Service at St Michael's</b>  4th Sunday before lent  1 Corinthians 2:1-12  Matthew 5:13-20</p> <p>Leader: Rev Chris  Preacher: Rev Chris  Prayers: Marg J  Reader: Cliff</p>	<p><b>St Michaels</b></p> <p><b>5th Feb 11am</b>  <b>Joint Service at St Michael's</b>  4th Sunday before lent  1 Corinthians 2:1-12  Matthew 5:13-20</p> <p>Leader: Rev Chris  Preacher: Rev Chris  Prayers: Marg J  Reader: Cliff</p>
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<p><b>19th Feb 10.30am</b>  2nd Sunday before Lent  Morning Worship  Romans 8:18-25  Matthew 6:25-end</p> <p>Leader: Rev Rob  Preacher: Ian  Prayers: Grace  Reader: Kay</p>	<p><b>19th Feb 10.30am</b>  2nd Sunday before Lent  Holy Communion  Romans 8:18-25  Matthew 6:25-end</p> <p>Leader: Rev Chris  Preacher: Rev Chris  Prayers: Marg J  Reader: Marcia</p>
<p><b>26th Feb 10.30am</b>  Sunday before Lent  Holy Communion  2 Peter 1:16-end  Matthew 17 1-9</p> <p>Leader: Rev Chris  Preacher: Rev Chris  Prayers: Ian  Reader: Wendy</p>	<p><b>26th Feb 10.30am</b>  Sunday before Lent  Morning Worship  2 Peter 1:16-end  Matthew 17 1-9</p> <p>Leader: Marcia  Preacher: Norma  Prayers: Sue  Reader: Eddie</p>

**IF YOU REALLY LOVE JESUS**  
YOUR LIFE WILL SHOW IT.