



# May

2019

## CONTACT

*The monthly magazine of  
Bath Central United Reformed Church—30p*

### *The World*

*The world of the host and the world of the guest,*

*The world of which great things are told;*

*The world of experience, world of the jest,*

*The world that shall never grow old;*

*The world of the rogue and the world of the weak,*

*The world of good fortune and ill;*

*The world long-ago that is now hard to seek,*

*The world that is wonderful still;*

*The world of rejoicing, or repartee strong,*

*The world where the great and small dwell,*

*The world of far lands, of sweet music and song,*

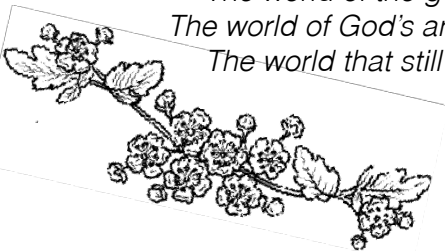
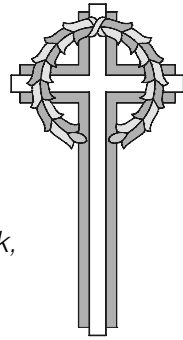
*The heart breaking world of farewell;*

*The world of the hills and the world of the young,*

*The world of the good and the gone;*

*The world of God's arm so protectingly flung,*

*The world that still goes on and on.*



*Ancient Celtic poem*

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*The date for contributions for the next CONTACT is  
21<sup>st</sup> May. It will be published on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.*



**May 5 – Easter 3:** *Acts 9:1-6, 7-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14;  
John 21:1-19*

**May 12 – Easter 4:** *Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17;  
John 10:22-30*

**May 19 – Easter 5:** *Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6;  
John 13:31-35*

**May 26 – Easter 6:** *Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5;  
John 14:23-29*

*Note: These are the Revised Common Lectionary Bible passages  
as published in the URC Prayer Handbook*

## *Minister's Letter*



*Dear friends,*

*I hate peeling potatoes. As a child, it was my task each evening to peel potatoes for the family. As a result, I still hate peeling potatoes!*

*Prayer is something Christians feel we ought to be good at. We may have been encouraged to pray regularly as children. We may feel guilty now that we do not pray as much as we should. Private prayer has become a burden or a reason to feel a bit guilty, something we push out of our busy lives.*

*What has gone wrong? Perhaps we need to rethink our approach to prayer.*

*As members of the church we are all part of the praying community. We all share in the prayers offered in worship and during communion. We are all “pray-ers” and there is great power in communal prayer offered by a praying community. Giving our conscious attention to these prayers, we become part of the conversation with God. Occasionally our minds are full of other concerns and we find it hard to focus, but we are still upheld within the praying community and the Holy Spirit prays within us.*

*Private prayer helps us to live out our faith day by day. It is much more than a shopping list of requests for others and for ourselves! Andrew Roberts (author of Holy Habits) says this:*

*“Prayer re-orientates us and establishes us in right relationship with God, with those we love and the world God cares for. It is a holy and transformative habit and way of being, and an antidote to selfishness”.*



*There are many, many ways in which we can pray. We are all different - we like different foods, we dress differently, we enjoy different music. Similarly the way we pray can be different - there is no "right way" for prayer. The aim is to be "God centred"; to set aside time to spend with God. Some people find silence works for them, perhaps with a candle, a cross or flower. Others might write or paint, some people pray in words, either spontaneously or using published prayers. God loves diversity, it is patterned into creation!*

*Do you feel inspired to try a different ways of exploring and enjoying the God-given, life-giving gift of prayer? We will not discover our preferred way of praying, until we try!*

*Revd Hazel*

## Friday Coffee

The Elders have agreed that the Friday Coffee Mornings will continue after Easter.

They will be organised as in the trial Period by team Leaders, ie, church members who have agreed to be responsible for a particular morning and to get their own helpers. If you would like to be involved see the list in the kitchen and contact the relevant leader.

Experience has proved that we can only sell Books, Jewellery and cards together with produce, home bakes and garden produce.

We look forward to seeing you in the Argyle Hall on Friday mornings.

*Thank you Jane T*

*On Easter Sunday we were pleased to accept Mrs Margaret Chikonde as a new member on transfer.*

# Christian Aid Week 2019 May 12-19th

*Theme: " Delivering Hope"*

Your support is requested for CAW events, here at Central and at our sister churches at Rush Hill (Lunch at 12:15 on 19th May and Garden, Tea, Cake at 338 Bloomfield Road 2-5pm on 25th May) and Larkhall (Big Brekkie at 8:30am on 25th May).

*Here at Central*

- Church collection. I will put out red envelopes on May 12 and 19th, so that anyone who has not had the opportunity to contribute to the annual Appeal can do so in the special envelopes and hand them in at church on subsequent Sundays. Cheques should be made payable to Christian Aid on this occasion.
- House to House collection (see Jenny). Yes I know it's difficult, but maybe just one more time?? I do have some envelopes that can be delivered and just left, with instructions how to pay directly, which would be easy!
- Tea and a strawberry and cream scone at the church meeting on Tuesday May 14th.
- Home made soup and salad lunch on Jenny's patio Thursday May 16 (Ask for lift up Hill).
- Help with collecting on the steps on Saturday, May 18th

*Jenny Stephens*



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## *Sure Prognosis*

*'Doctor,' said the worried woman, 'I'd like you to evaluate my 13-year-old son.'*

*'OK. He's suffering from a transient psychosis with intermittent rage disorder, punctuated by episodic radical mood swings, but his prognosis is excellent for a full recovery.'*

*'How can you say all that without even meeting him?'*

*'I thought you said he is 13'*

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## Commitment for Life

Do you remember the wonderful flowers that several of our members knitted and crocheted for the URC tent at Greenbelt 2018? (23-26th August). They were very much admired and appreciated.

Because of their success we have been invited to contribute again – this time a post card sized work of art which has a favourite quote, Bible passage or saying incorporated in the design. The overall theme is *“Walking the Way with Wit and Wisdom”* but any favourite piece of advice from a grandparent, a quote from Ghandi, a joke, words you would love to share – all could be used in your design. They can be embroidered on fabric, cross-stitched, knitted, or beautifully hand-written – perhaps on a postcard from your local town. All they ask is that there should be no plastic, and wherever possible use materials you already have (even better if weather-durable!)

A photo of your group working on it would also be appreciated! (with permission). See notice board to right of Argyle Kitchen for “samples” to get your creative juices flowing. Thank you in advance. They will need to be finished by end of July – perhaps we could display them altogether here before they go?

*Jenny Stephens*



Preaching at Rush Hill and Larkhall			
	Rush Hill 10.30am	Larkhall 11.00am	Larkhall 6.30pm
May 5	Revd Brian Woodcock	Revd Helen Pattie	Mr Norman Parfrey
May 12	Mr Peter Rouse	Revd Dr Hazel Starritt	Revd Patsy Holdsworth
May 19	Revd Helen Pattie	Mr Paul Swift	Revd Helen Pattie
May 26	Revd David Pattie	Mr Paul Swift	Revd Robert Webb

## Christian Aid - A Story

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking.

Jebbeh told us: *'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'*

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.

*From Parish Pump*



## Argyle Orchestra



**Concert Thursday, 20th June at 7.30pm**

**Conductors: Sara Stagg and Tim Robb**

**Soloist: Tim Robb**

*Franz Anton Hoffmeister* ... ..Viola Concerto in D major

*Joseph Haydn* ... ..Symphonies Nos. 21 and 32

*Julius (Gyula) von Beliczay* ..Serenade for Strings, Op.36

*The Argyle Players present*

# Alarms & Excursions - More Plays Than One

*by Michael Frayn*

**Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th May at 7.30pm.**

Tickets at £10.00 are available from  
members of the Players;  
from the Box Office at the Visitor Information Centre;  
or call Helen Brettell on 01225 423866.

## Royal Army Chaplains Celebrated

The 100th anniversary of the Army Chaplains' Department's royal prefix was celebrated at a special ceremony attended by the Queen on 22 February. Three URC army chaplains, attended the service in Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London.

Army chaplains the Revd Jonathan Hyde of the Royal School of Military Engineering Regiment, Chatham, the Revd Kevin Jones of the 3 Regiment, Royal Logistics Corps, Abingdon, and the Revd Stuart Turner, Garrison Chaplain at the Defence School of Communications and Information Systems, Blandford, represented the URC.



*"This was a once in a generation event to celebrate what is the longevity of the chaplains' department," said Mr Turner. "In the guards' chapel we had chaplains of all ages past and present. This was a significant day and I think it really encapsulates the ministry of army chaplaincy and the pastoral needs of today's army."*







## Communion: bridge or barrier

*"Communion: bridge or barrier"* is the thought provoking title of an article by Edward Hulme in the March issue of "Progressive voices" which you can find in the church library. Edward discusses the question of what the act of taking communion actually means to people. For many it is a vitally important part of their Christian faith, but for others it can actually create an obstacle to following the Christian life. Read the article yourself and see how you respond to it.

Other interesting articles in this issue include one by John Churcher on the development of Jesus from being a tribal, Jewish teacher to being one who reached out to all, and another by Nigel Bastin on "Science and miracles?" The church library has the complete backrun of the magazine so perhaps you would like to take time to have a rummage through them and see what catches your attention.

*Sheena Carter*



- ⇒ On 22 February 1919, King George V bestowed the royal prefix on the then Army Chaplains' Department in recognition of its outstanding service and sacrifice during the First World War.

At the end of the service, the Queen met serving chaplains, including those recently returned from operations in Estonia, Afghanistan and Sudan.

*Chaplains are ordained professional clergy drawn from a range of churches who provide spiritual support to soldiers, their families of all faiths and none.*

From URC News

## Men's Fellowship



At their recent April meeting, members of the Men's Fellowship, together with a

number of ladies, were treated to a very comprehensive illustrated talk by Lynne Melly on the work of the Mercy Ships.

Lynne has spent five years on board the current ship as a paediatric nurse and was therefore able to speak from first hand experience. As an example of the work carried out on board the ship a number of illustrations were shown of both children and adults with horrific malformations. We were then able to see the transformation after surgery.

Since January the ship has been based in Conakry (the capital city of Guinea) on the west coast of Africa, where to date it has provided surgery to 1160 patients plus 3850 dental patients. In addition 660 local health professionals have taken part in mentoring and training programmes. Guinea is one of the least-developed countries in the world. It is ranked 183rd out of 188 countries in the UN Human Development Index.

It has 7½ physicians for every 100,00 people compared to the UK which has 282.

The meeting finished with a collection which raised £87 to which the Fellowship's treasurer added a further £40.

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## The Sunday Centre

After 25 years under the auspices of Genesis Trust, the Sunday Centre closed for the last time in March.

Taking place every Sunday at the Nexus Methodist Church on Walcot Street, it had a longstanding tradition of serving food to hungry, homeless and vulnerable people in Bath.

Giles Peters, the Sunday Centre Coordinator, said: *"I have been in charge for the last 15-17 years, but its origins go back to the 1940s... it emerged after WW2 as part of the United*

*Reformed Church on Argyle Street"*.

Meals cost £1 with Genesis food vouchers (2 vouchers) or £1.50 in cash. 30-40 people came every week.

Although the Centre has closed, Genesis is expanding activities elsewhere and have moved to the Gateway Centre on London Road.

Food continues to be served to homeless, hungry and vulnerable people in Bath at the Lifeline, Lunch Box and Soup Run projects.

See: [www.genestrust.org.uk/news](http://www.genestrust.org.uk/news)

## Church Diary – May

- Every Friday* 10.30am Friday Coffee in the Argyle Hall
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Communion Service: *Revd David Pattie*  
*Foodbank & Traidcraft*
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>* 2.30pm Women's Guild: 'My favourite things'  
*Revd Helen Pattie. (Please bring one of your own favourite things.)*
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>* 7.30pm Argyle Players: *Alarms and Excursions:*  
*More Plays Than One*
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>* 7.30pm Argyle Players: *Alarms and Excursions*
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup>* 7.30pm Argyle Players: *Alarms and Excursions*
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>* 7.30pm Argyle Players: *Alarms and Excursions:*
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Family Worship: *Revd Peter Chave*
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Family Worship: *Revd David Pattie*
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>* 2.00pm Elders' Meeting  
2.30pm Church Meeting
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Family Worship: *Revd Dr Hazel Starritt*
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>* Men's Fellowship Outing

## June

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10.30am Communion Service: *Revd Helen Pattie*  
*Foodbank & Traidcraft*
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>* 2.30pm Women's Guild: *An Tea Party in the*  
*Argyle Hall with Entertainment*
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Pentecost: *Revd David Pattie*
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>* 2.30pm Elders' Meeting
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Family Worship: *Mr Paul Swift*
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>* 7.30pm Argyle String Orchestra Concert

# No-deal Brexit Endangers Poorest Families

The United Reformed Church has joined the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Methodist Church to call on the government to do all that it can to avoid an unplanned no-deal Brexit.

In a joint statement, the Church leaders said: 'We have chosen not to make political statements around Brexit. Members of the Churches we represent have in good conscience come to different conclusions; some voted remain and others voted to leave.

'At present the risks that flow from an unplanned no-deal Brexit endanger the poorest families in our nation and therefore we feel compelled to speak up.

'As Christians we are called to demand justice for the millions locked in poverty. A no-deal Brexit risks tightening poverty's grip on families up and down the country.

'Over the past decade, our Churches have witnessed and responded to the slowly rising tide of hunger in the UK. A no-deal Brexit risks restricting the nation's

supply of food and increasing prices. This, alongside further cuts to benefits on 8 April, could have grave consequences for many in our communities.

'Many charities are warning us that food supplies to the most vulnerable are most at risk: hospitals, prisons and those reliant on surplus or donated food. Supplies of essential medicines are likely to be disrupted. Again the most vulnerable will be the least able to cope with this.

'We urge that all possible efforts continue to be made to avoid an unplanned no-deal Brexit given the consequences for the most vulnerable in our society. Should the decision, or indecision, of political leaders, together with a lack of preparation, expose the poorest to these risks, it will be the responsibility of government to ensure these families are protected.

'We continue to pray for our politicians and for all who are experiencing poverty.'

*For the full text see  
[www.urc.org.uk/latest-news/](http://www.urc.org.uk/latest-news/)*



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*Do not squander time, for it is the stuff of which life is made.*

*— Benjamin Franklin*

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## The Argyle Players 1954–2019



If you have ever been entrusted with advertising a forthcoming event, and anxious to attract large public support, you will know that, whether it be a political rally or a pop concert getting a well known name onto the publicity material will certainly enhance the chances of success. Surely this is why the good Michael Eavis is deep in negotiations to attempt to secure Sir Paul McCartney to headline the acts at next year's Glastonbury Festival, confident that his name will bring in the crowds.

Last year The Argyle Players found the truth of this when it presented two thrillers by Agatha Christie. Just putting the name of this prolific author on the publicity leaflets almost gave them wings, so quickly did they disappear from the various publicity outlets across the city, guaranteeing full houses for most evenings of the performances.

Michael Frayn (although well known in theatrical circle) does not, perhaps, carry the same fame as Christie, so some thought was given as to how the attraction of her name could be transferred onto the publicity material for The Players Spring production. A suggestion was made that the Group should

copy that widespread trick of the high street stores anxious to entice the public in off the street and into the shops to spend money. Off times the window signs shout '*Bargains throughout the store! 70 per cent off!*' all in huge lettering. Underneath in tiny print is the crucial condition '*on selected items*'. Inevitably there are very few '*selected items*' but by the time that becomes obvious, the shoppers are in the store! So why not put '*By Agatha Christie*' in large type on The Players publicity material, and insert a tiny '*Not*' before this legend, with '*but by Michael Frayn*' after. Cheating? of course not! Always we are warned to read the small print!!

Whatever the situation it is certain that you will thoroughly enjoy Mr Frayn's hilarious comedy of modern life "*Alarms and Excursions: More Plays Than One*" when it takes to the stage in the Tovey Hall from Wednesday to Saturday 8th-11th May, each evening at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Bath City Information Bureau, Terrace Walk, or by calling Helen Brettell on Bath 423866. Don't miss it.

*Michael Burgess*

## Lenten Midweek Communion

Helen Pattie led a Lenten service on “*The mystery of God*”, in particular on “*The Mystery of sin, suffering and hope*”, culminating in the fact that God is with us throughout all experiences, and that there is therefore always hope.

After the service conversation really flowed over tea and cakes—people were enjoying themselves so much they seemed reluctant to go home!

It should be stressed these services are not just for the house-bound — they are for anyone who would like to come along to what is always a very agreeable occasion. The dates for the remainder of this year are:

June 12th

September 18th

December 11th

*Sheena Carter*



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*Nigel Beeton pays tribute to church magazine editors.*

### *Duty Done (For this month)*

*Sitting there, on Sunday morning,  
Congregations in their pews  
Read their magazines, informing  
Them of all the latest news.*

*All save one who sits there smiling —  
She knows that journal very well  
Having spent a month compiling —  
She knows what those pages tell!  
She it was who, deadlines facing  
Got those varied items in  
Phoning, asking, pleading, chasing  
Each a battle she must win!*

*Though she earns no princely wages  
Though she gladly gives her time  
Efficiently she fills those pages  
Choosing pictures, prose, and rhyme.  
So she sits, her rest deserving  
For this month her duty's done  
Maybe she's just strength conserving —  
Soon she starts another one!*

*By Nigel Beeton*

The following is the collective prayer for this month. We ask you to join us in prayer on the **third Wednesday** of the month—15<sup>th</sup> May. We shall pray at 7.30am and/or 7.30pm: please join us.

## A Prayer for May

Father God we pray for all the young people who are studying for examinations this time of year.

Help them to keep their lives in proportion and help all the adults who have responsibility and guidance for the welfare of our future generations.

Through Christ our Lord Amen.



### *Last Months Crossword*

**Across:** 1 Priesthood 7 Replica 8 Get up 10 Calf  
11 Governor 13 See you 15 Not see 17 Incident  
18 Sake 21 NSPCC 22 Trample 23 Perishable

**Down:** 1 Papal 2 In it 3 Shalom 4 Huguenot  
5 Outings 6 Procession 9 Perseveres 12 Mordecai  
14 Escapee 16 Snatch 19 Apple 20 Lamb



## Prayers

*Each week we pray for:*

### **5<sup>th</sup> May**

Weekly envelope and  
Covenant secretary,  
John Osborne.

*From those who use our  
halls:* Bath Drop in  
Healing Centre.

### **12<sup>th</sup> May**

Those who provide  
transport enabling  
friends to worship.

*From those who use our  
halls:* Bi-Polar  
Organisation.

### **19<sup>th</sup> May**

Woodside Nursing  
Home, the residents  
and those who hold  
services there.

*From Churches  
Together in Bath:* St  
Mary's and St John's  
Bathwick .

### **26<sup>th</sup> May**

Women's Guild.

*From those who use our  
halls:* Brownies.



## Intercessory Prayer Chain

*If any reader of CONTACT needs someone to pray for them, Central URC has a prayer chain in operation. Each matter for prayer will be treated in the strictest confidence. If you would like prayer please ask your elder or contact Peter Rouse (☎01225 332760).*



*Relax! I'm not the prison chaplain - I've just been given three months for wearing a crucifix in public!*

**Sudoku** Each row, column and 3x3 block should contain all numbers 1 to 9

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



# St James the Least of All *by the Rev Dr Gary Bowness*

## *On the tribulations that await a curate in his first parish...*

*The elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...*

*My dear Nephew Darren*

*So, your bishop is dropping hints that you should begin to consider a move to having your own parish – ‘not forever in green pastures’ comes to mind. Do not be too hasty to leave; remember that a curate can do no wrong, but a vicar can do no right. That means that as soon as you get your own parish, you will be held accountable not only for everything that goes on inside the church, but also for the goal average of the local football team and the state of the economy. And if it rains for your first Summer Fete, you will be told reproachfully that this never used to happen when ‘the former vicar was here’.*

*As you begin to ponder this momentous decision, allow me to give you a few pieces of advice. It will be assumed in the parish that every new incumbent is bound to be worse than his predecessor. The greatest compliment I ever received when leaving a parish came from an elderly parishioner: “I’ve known six Rectors of this parish; you weren’t the worst.”*

*Naturally the church you go to will have asked for a married man between 30 and 35 with a wife who will not have her own job but who wants to devote her entire life working for the parish - and it will be a definite advantage if she is a brilliant organist, professional caterer and fully computer literate. They will expect you to have two children, one of whom should be of primary school age, so he can attend the local*

*Church school, where you will naturally wish to be chairman of governors and coach of the football team.*

*They will want you to have exceptional talents for attracting young people - but for young people who enjoy the sorts of Services that the present congregation prefer - and you should have the ability to stop a baby crying during Mattins with the briefest of glances. They will want you to bring ‘a breath of fresh air’ into parish life without changing anything. They will hope you will shun holidays, preach short sermons and be able to run a tight jumble sale.*

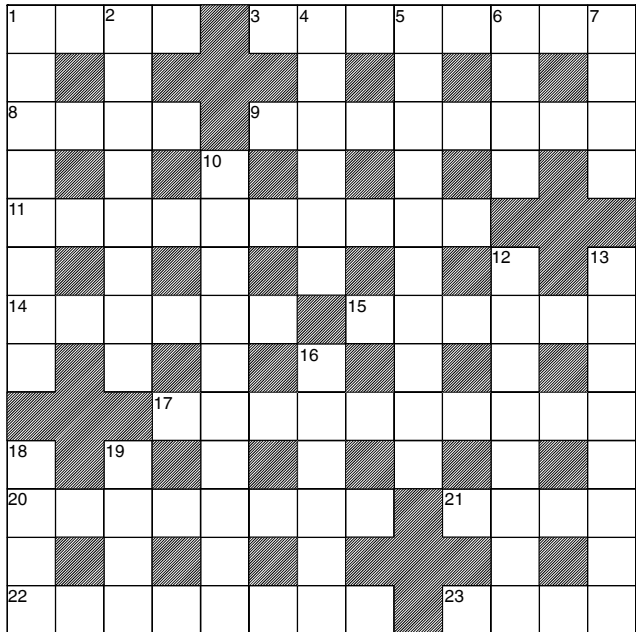
*Your CV is a little thin. If you could acquire a wife and family within the next six months, become an expert flower arranger and qualify as a football referee, chartered accountant and trained electrician and plumber, it would prove very helpful. If in addition, you learned how to service photocopiers, had a mini-bus available for church outings, were an heir to a family firm producing a single malt whisky and could provide reliable horse racing tips, your choice of parishes would be endless.*

*On the other hand, my advice would be to stop attending all meetings where you know the bishop may be present; out of sight, out of mind. Have your phone disconnected, your letter box sealed and only appear in public wearing dark glasses and a false beard. Keep your head down, lay low, hold on to the charmed life of being a curate for as long as possible. Life will never be better.*

*Your loving uncle, Eustace*

# Crossword

From *Parish Pump*  
The Bible version used  
is the *NIV*.



## Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

## Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
- 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
- 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

## Activities

**Sunday Worship:** 10.30am Family Worship for all ages.

**Church Meeting:** Third Tuesday of alternate months at 2.30pm (*Jan on*)

**Elders' Meeting:** Second Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm

**Women's Guild:** Secretary: Mrs Jane Tollyfield

*First Tuesday each month at 2.30pm*

**Men's Fellowship:** Programme Secretary: Mr John Osborne

*Fourth Tuesday each month at 2.30pm*

**Allsorts Group:** Contact: Mr Paul Swift *Third Saturday each month*

**Argyle Players:** Secretary: Mrs Helen Brettell *Thursdays at 7.30pm*

**Argyle String Orchestra:** Church Contact: Martin Cawte

*Thursdays at 7.30pm*

## Committees

**Buildings:** *Convener;* Mr MHH Burgess: *Secretary;* Mr RM Short

**House:** .. *Convener;* Mrs Sheena Carter *Secretary;* Mrs Angela Campbell

**Finance:** .. *Convener;* Mr RB Turner: ... *Secretary;* Mr WE Richardson

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