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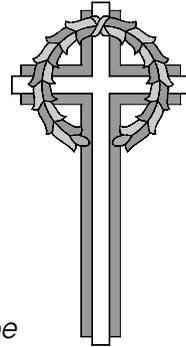
CONTACT

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

The mystery of suffering

*Why is there suffering, who can know
When all is well and free from strife?
Job also thought upon these things
Then tragedy struck, upturning his life.*

*A curtain in heaven was drawn aside,
A spiritual battle was all around
Bringing death, destruction, sickness and woe
As Satan attempted to bring Job down.*



*Job's friends arrived to sit and pray,
To fathom out the reason why,
But all their wisdom came to nought,
Even his wife said 'curse God and die'.*

*Unseen forces inhabit our world,
But God is faithful, His word is true,
Hold fast to God, He never fails
For God in Christ will see us through.*

By Megan Carter

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*The date for contributions for the next CONTACT is
20th February. It will be published on the **4th March.***



Lectionary Reading

February 4 – Epiphany 5: *Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39*

February 11 – Transfiguration: *2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9*

February 14 – Ash Wednesday: *Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12;
Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

February 18 – Lent 1: *Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15*

February 25 – Lent 2: *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9*

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

Minister's Letter



Dear Friends,

As I sit down to write this letter the news of the collapse of the outsourcing giant 'Carillion' with its vast two billion pound debt has hit the news. The loss of numerous jobs, the 'domino-effect' collapse of sub-contractors, and the corollary damage to other areas of industry, commerce and public services are widely reported in the media.

Not since the collapse of 'Fannie Mae' and 'Freddie Mac', the so called 'sub-prime lenders', in the USA and the melt down of the infamous RBS in UK, have we had such serious economic news. Obviously comparisons are being drawn and gloomy prognostications are being made.

At the time when the Royal Bank of Scotland melted down a phrase which was on everyone's lips was '... this institution is too big to fail'. That was true, for its complete collapse would have done untold damage to the lives of so many people – savings lost, homes lost, pensions lost, jobs lost, businesses lost – so the government intervened.

This time once again people, perhaps rather hopefully, suggested that '... this institution is too big to fail'. However Carillion is not RBS and fail it has ... with all its consequences.

In the present social and spiritual climate we can even wonder about the long term welfare of one of the longest established and deepest rooted institutions in our land. The Church. Whilst there is no imminent danger of the Church in the UK collapsing, and though the ethics and practices of a tradition such as ours is far removed ⇒

⇒ *from rapacious, greedy self-serving ethos of the outsourcers, the church, as an institution remains vulnerable to market forces and societal fashions.*

So, logically, even of the church we cannot say ‘... this institution is too big to fail’. After all complete civilisations have disintegrated into the dust of time. So why not the institutional church?

However, there is a difference between ‘Fannie Mae’, ‘Freddie Mac’, ‘the RBS’, ‘Carillion’ and ‘The Church’. The church has a rather different backer. The church is backed by the divine-being. God himself.

God is different. God is the institution, or more properly, the person, who cannot fail. Of herself God says: “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed ...” Malachi 3:6 ESV

In other words – no matter what happens in the world God transcends it. He/she - The one who cannot fail. And our destinies are linked to those of that God ... ‘too big to fail’.

So in 2018 let us stop worrying about the future of the church and place our focus squarely on God, and the Kingdom of God (the influence of God in the world). For when God, the one who cannot fail, is placed at centre stage, then everything else shall surely fall into its rightful place ... the church included!

So this month as we enter Lent let us endeavour to focus on the one who cannot fail. The Lord God Almighty.

Rev. David

Inside some of us is a thin person struggling to get out, but they can usually be sedated with a few pieces of chocolate cake.

Christmas Midweek Communion

Our December service felt truly Christmassy as it took place on 20th December. David took shepherding as his theme, entertaining us with the tale of his appearance as a junior shepherd who was tasked with presenting Mary with a recorder, retrieved from his school's lost property, rather than the more usual lamb, which was handed over by the lead shepherd. More seriously the talk centred on the good shepherding responsibilities which anyone in a position of care has towards their "lamb".

After the service everyone had the opportunity for chat and catching up over tea and cakes. 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 next Midweek Communion is on 21st March. Hope to see you there!

Sheena Carter

Elders Election 2018

Nomination papers are available in the vestibule of the church.

Return date Sunday 11th February.

We would also remind the church that the post of Church Secretary remains vacant. Please nominate in the space provided.

We would ask that you make both a matter of prayer.

Preaching at Rush Hill and Larkhall			
	Rush Hill 10.30am	Larkhall 11.00am	Larkhall 6.30pm
Feb 4	Revd Peter Chave	Revd Helen Pattie	Revd Peter Chave
Feb 11	Revd David Pattie	Mrs Margaret White	Belinda Thomas
Feb 18	Revd Helen Pattie	Revd Dr Hazel Starritt	Revd Helen Pattie
Feb 25	Revd Dr Hazel Starritt	Revd David Pattie	Revd Sue Henderson

Notes on the January Church Meeting

The meeting, held on 16th January, was chaired by Revd David Pattie who led devotions on the theme: spreading the Christian message wherever the opportunity occurs, but taking care to do so in an appropriate manner.

Thanks were expressed to all those who had contributed to the Christmas activities.

The meeting learned that Alice Clark had moved into residential care, and also that Elaine Adams was currently in the RUH. Other individuals brought to the meeting's attention were Rob Henderson and Mary Piggott.

Jane Tollyfield was thanked for preparing the church return which showed that there were 76 on the roll, of whom 64 were actually members. There were 3 christenings during 2017. The new Church Directory will be available soon.

The Treasurer summarised the financial statements by saying that the trend during 2017 was for receipts to be greater than payments, which would result in overall bank balances improving.

Jenny Stephens referred to a number of issues of Christian Aid and Commitment for Life. Details would be posted on the notice board, but for example there were currently more than 40 million displaced people in the world as a result of man-made or natural disasters for example. Columbia, Nigeria, Iraq, Syria and Bangladesh. The Christian Aid collections over the Christmas period totalled £806, of which £109 was raised, in approximately one hour, by the carols on the church steps - at the same time giving much pleasure to passers-by.

Hazel Short described her proposal to use appropriate Christmas and other decorative material to make greetings cards to be sold for Christian Aid. The meeting agreed with thanks. Also for Christian Aid, it is intended to sell tea and coffee on the front steps during the Bath Half Marathon on 4th March. ⇨

⇒ Sheena Carter reported that the new arrangements for collection and disposal of rubbish appeared to be working satisfactorily, and the budgeted figure of £200 appeared reasonable.

The Revd David Pattie referred to a number of forthcoming events, details of which will appear in Contact. He drew special attention to the refreshments currently provided following the Cross Walks on Good Friday. After many years organising the event Ann and Maurice Liles are standing down to be replaced by Linda Whipp and Denise Meyers.

The meeting closed with the saying of the Grace. The next meeting is at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 20th March.

John Osborne



At Christmas – Little Gifts, Big Difference

Over the past few years, as part of the Church's support to the wider world, we have made gifts under the auspices of the charitable activities of *Embrace the Middle East* - a Christian development charity tackling poverty and injustice in communities in the Near and Middle East.

This year our gift was *Little Gifts, Big Difference* – each pack contained vitamins and medicine to support a baby in Gaza; art supplies to bring joy to a child with disabilities; school dinner to help a hungry child to study; toothbrush and paste to bring a smile to a child living in poverty in Egypt; eye test to stop someone in Egypt losing their sight; and peanut butter to support a refugee mother and her children.

Last year our gift was a *Winter Survival Kit* to help ease the suffering of refugee families, especially the children. The survival kit included emergency food, blankets, mattresses and a stove.

Brian Campbell

Christian Aid

Christmas

The singing of carols on the steps was deemed a great success. It really was of high quality and appreciated so much by passers-by that they donated £190.28 in one hour. Thank you all, including the musicians and Father Christmas, who was a great attraction and passed on some special requests. Come and join us next year!

The special Appeal over the Christmas period raised £616.00, making a grand total of £806.28, which will be doubled. Starving children in Burkino Faso (drought) and South Sudan (conflict and drought) will benefit. Many thanks on their behalf.

Christian Aid Magazine

The winter edition highlights the plight of the 40million (yes ,million!) Internally Displaced People (IDP), in the world. Christian Aid works in 12 countries e.g. Colombia (7m); Iraq (3m) plus another 8m in need of assistance, where our partner REACH has helped 250,000 people with hygiene kits, health services, food, etc. *"The people are traumatised and the fear does not easily go away"*. The situation is echoed in

Haiti, Afghanistan, Philippines, Congo, Kenya, Bangladesh (Rohingya), Nigeria, etc. There is a truly harrowing account of the campaign of terror Boko Haram is waging in N.E. Nigeria, burning and destroying entire villages and forcing 2 million people to take refuge in the capital, Maiduguri.

"The world's IDPs are often overlooked and neglected. They have no status".

Christian Aid is campaigning at a high level for the UN to commit to implementing its own guidelines on upholding the human rights of IDP.

Elsewhere there are reports from the front line of the latest emergencies: Myanmar (conflict), Bangladesh (floods), Sierra Leone (mud slides).

And on the back two pages of the magazine former Archbishop Rowan Williams, Chair of Christian Aid, makes the passionate case for UK overseas aid at a time when *"siren voices in the media are calling for charity to begin at home"*. He argues that the *"most powerful tool to take people out of poverty is to give them the means to look after themselves -- it is a matter of our honour , our self respect as a nation. Debating aid gives a welcome opportunity to clarify these issues"*. (A possible topic for a Bath Conversation?)

Jenny Stephens

Siobhan Thompson, Co-ordinator of the Bath Child Contact Centre, writes:

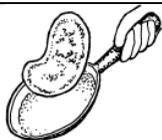
On behalf of Bath Child Contact Centre please would you pass on our grateful thanks to the congregation for their generosity in donating gifts to the children who attended the Contact Centre on the day of the Christmas party which took place on 23rd December this year. We were also most grateful for the extra donation which covered presents for the children who were late additions to the session. It was a full house on the day.

The children were very happy to meet Father Christmas in his grotto and to receive a Christmas gift. Their parents appreciated the effort and support that went into the party.

Any child who was not at the Centre on 23rd December received their gift at last Saturday's contact session.

Thanks to all of you for your care and ongoing support. We look forward to continuing our special relationship with the Church in the coming year.

With very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2018.



***Shrove Tuesday
13th February***



Genesis Centre on Walcot Street

Thank you to our incredibly generous Next Step Appeal supporters who will give some of Bath's most disadvantaged people the chance to move towards independence & employment. An update on progress to redevelop the Genesis Centre on Walcot Street is available at www.genesisistrust.org.uk

This is a message from Vitalie Duporge, Communications and Project Support Coordinator at Genesis Trust Bath

Commitment for Life

The latest **Moving Stories** are pinned up on the notice board. The UN Office for Humanitarian Affairs have published their findings for the Palestinian Territories. One in two Palestinians (2.5m people) will need some form of humanitarian assistance in 2018 because of the risk of conflict and violence, displacement, denial of access to livelihoods and restriction of access to water and health care. The UN Response Plan will soon be published.

PARC which we used to support many years ago (remember Ahmed Sourani ?) has recently restored many of the greenhouses in the south of Gaza Strip so that a number of farmers can resume growing tomatoes commercially.

The latest extract from **Faces of Hope** by the Society of Friends in Palestine is a very moving essay on the meaning of Love and Peace. *“My hope is that the walls that separate us will be broken down - — that in the end, love and peace will prevail”*. Extra copies of this article are printed for you.

Zimbabwe. Many of the menfolk have to leave the country to find work in S Africa or Botswana. ZimPro our partner in Matabeleland runs workshops for young women, giving expert advice on raising and marketing vegetable crops. The village communal market garden uses solar powered pumps to bring water and they learn about mulching and pest control to improve yield.

Show the Love is the Climate Coalition campaign. We are asked to make and wear a GREEN Heart on Valentine’s Day! to show our support for this inter-faith movement.

(www.theclimatecoalition.org)

Jenny Stephens



Church Diary – February

- Every Friday* 10.30am Friday Coffee in the Argyle Hall.
- Sunday 4th** 10.30am Communion Service: *Revd David Pattie*
Foodbank & Traidcraft
- Tuesday 6th* 2.30pm Women's Guild AGM
- Sunday 11st** 10.30am Family Worship: *Revd Dr Hazel Starritt*
- Tuesday 13th* 0.30am Study Group - John Williams room
Revd Richard Gray
- 2.30pm Elders' Meeting
- Sunday 18th** 10.30am Family Worship: *Revd Sue Henderson*
- Sunday 25th** 10.30am Family Worship: *Revd Helen Pattie*
- Tuesday 27th* 10.30am Study Group - John Williams room
Revd Dr Susan Durber
- 2.30pm Men's Fellowship

March

- Sunday 4th** 10.30am Communion Service: *Mr Peter Rouse*
Foodbank & Traidcraft
- Tuesday 6th* 2.30pm Women's Guild
- Sunday 11th** 10.30am Family Worship: *Revd Helen Pattie*
- Tuesday 13th* 10.30am Study Group - John Williams room
Mother Sarah
- 2.30pm Elders' Meeting
- Sunday 18th** 10.30am Family Worship: *Revd Dr Hazel Starritt*
- Tuesday 20th* 2.30pm Church Meeting

The next Argyle Orchestra Concert in the church
Thursday, 22nd March.

*Includes trumpet solos by Purcell and Marcello,
Schubert-Mahler Death and the Maiden and
Glazunov Theme and Variations*



Fairtrade Fortnight 26th February-11th March

Theme: Come on in to Fairtrade

Please look out for the usual FT products—bananas, chocolate, coffee, tea, dried fruit, almonds, crafts—not only on Janet's wonderful Traidcraft stall every first Sunday of the month but also available as we walk along the super-market aisles. Don't forget to look out for clothes and wine too! Could everyone in church perhaps make a point of buying one item from Janet's stall in February??

The organisation *Shared Earth* also sources goods that are FT, Eco and Ethical. Goods include Fashion, Homeware, Furnishings, Fragrance, Jewellery, Rag rugs, wall hangings, cushions, bedspreads. There is a sale on at the moment with much reduced prices (see web site)

The Bath Half Marathon on March 4th falls within the Fortnight. We would like to offer tea, coffee and snacks on the steps after our short service so would appreciate offers of help. See Janet or Jenny. Many thanks.

Jenny Stephens

Great writing

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer. When asked to define 'great', he said, "I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream in disbelief, cry in despair, howl in pain, and vent their anger in ways they've never dreamed of!"

He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.

Express

I was in the express lane at the supermarket, quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the checkout line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, 'So which six items would you like to buy?'

*Bath Christian
Action Network*

*Prayers for the
City*

*Tuesday 13th
February,
7.30pm*

Bath Abbey

***United reformed Church
Somerset Churches gathering***

*Saturday 3rd February at Wellington URC.
10am till lunch [Bring & Share]*

*Guest speaker - David Lawrence of the Institute of
Contemporary Christianity.*

*Also Jonathan Oliverio offers information about
National Churches Trust grants for work on church
Buildings.*

On 11th February, 1938, the BBC produced the world's first ever TV science fiction programme, an adaptation of a play by Karel Capek: in it the term 'Robot' was coined.

Sometimes we are exasperated by the foibles of our colleagues, but just imagine what it would be like if our only colleagues were robots....

You, Robot!

*You gaze with an unblinking eye
And, as you gaze, I wonder why
We've reached a point where we must settle
For colleagues who are made of metal?*

*For you, who are completely wired
You are not lazy, don't get tired.
You don't drink coffee, or eat cake
You never need a 'natural break.'*

*You never fail at any task
You do whatever you are asked
You're never found just sitting snoring
But, for all that, you are so BORING!*

*What happened to those humans who
Would make me smile when I was blue?
Or, stood around the old decanter
Would cheer me with chat and banter?*

*I know, before you burst my bubble
My human colleagues caused me trouble
I know they used to grouse and groan
Late for work and early home.*

*But they had that human 'thing'
That quality that made me sing,
Compassion of the human heart –
That's what set my friends apart!*

*I know you won't take it amiss
If I sit and reminisce –
If I could have my selfish way
I'd have them back, this very day!*

By Nigel Beeton



1954 –

The Argyle Players

- 2018



Having spent the past year in delighting audiences with the world of comedy, The Players decided that it was time to offer a very different sort of play for the Spring presentation. Thrillers, and more specifically, murder mysteries are always good box-office productions, perhaps because they stir up the little grey cells of the brain, as those watching try to untangle the plot and deduce just who did the foul deed. For this genre of play there is always a large cast of possible suspects, anyone of whom could be the culprit. The skill of the author is always to come up with the most unexpected conclusion, and to keep audiences guessing until almost the final page.

Foremost of all writers for this sort of mystery evening must be Agatha Christie, and it is to her that The Players have turned to entertain and enthrall for the Spring. *'Murder on the Nile'* does indeed involve a large cast, in a somewhat exotic setting, all set in the dying days of Empire. Brian Hudd has taken on the task of Artistic Director, and has an enthusiastic cast, already rehearsing to bring this classic Christie to life.

The production takes to the stage in the Tovey Hall from Wednesday to Saturday 9th-12th May each evening at 7.30pm. Publicity material and tickets will be available shortly. Don't miss an evening of intriguing entertainment.

Michael Burgess



Windows

She texted her husband from home on a cold winter's morning: 'Windows frozen, won't open.'

He texted back: 'Gently pour some lukewarm water over it.'

She replied five minutes later: 'Computer really screwed up now.'

The following is the collective prayer for this month. We ask you to join us in prayer on the **third Wednesday** of the month—21st February. We shall pray at 7.30am and/or 7.30pm: please join us.

A Prayer for February

Guiding Light

At this dark and dreary time of year, may we, like the Wise Men, be determined to keep following the star to meet with the Christ child, to offer our gifts and receive His love.

However difficult and dark the road may be, with many an unexpected turn, let us pray with St Teresa of Avila: "Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes." And with Julian of Norwich: "All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

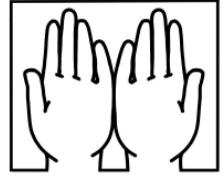
Thank you God that Spring will soon be here!

Last Months Crossword

Across: 8 Bottomless pit 9 Ice 10 Decalogue
11 Limbo 13 Seconds 16 Crimson 19 Eager
22 Abhorrent 24 Lap 25 Alpha and Omega

Down: 1 Abdiel 2 Stream 3 Wondrous 4 Flocks
5 USCL 6 A pagan 7 Athens 12 IOR 14 Creation
15 Dye 16 Cravat 17 In hope 18 Need no 20 Galley
21 Repeat 23 Read

Prayers



Each week we pray for:

4th February

House Committee.

From those who use our halls: Tim Robb & the Argyle Orchestra.

11th February

Housekeepers, Angela Campbell and Sheena Carter.

From those who use our halls: Scouts Gang Show.

18th February

Church Librarian, Anne Banks.

From Churches Together in Bath - Ourselves - Bath Central URC.

25th February

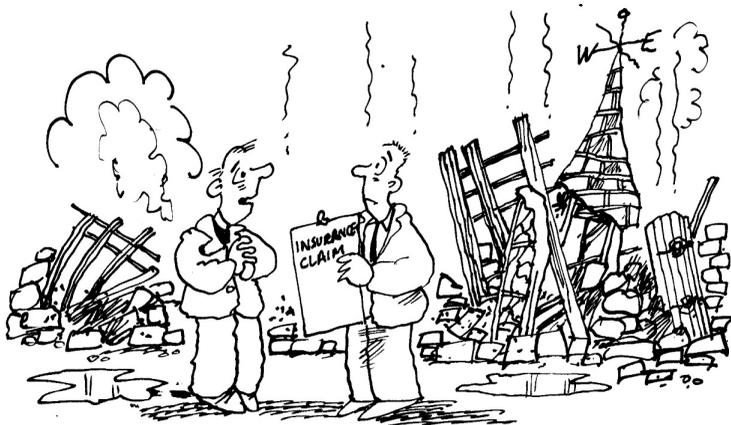
Luncheon Club and support teams.

From those who use our halls: Martial Arts Group.



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).



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*...er.. apart from this little hiccup...
it was an excellent church pancake supper..*

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

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

On the perils of parish cook books

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

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for your contribution to our proposed parish cook book, "My favourite weekday dinner at home" – although I have to say that baked beans on a baked potato was a little unadventurous, even if I suspect, sadly, true.

It is remarkable how many of my parishioners, when they know they will appear in print, apparently dine sumptuously every evening in their own homes. I could not help but feel that Miss Carruthers' "weekday" recipe for "Gratinee de Coquilles Saint Jacques" was taking imagination rather too far, when everyone knows she lives on scrambled eggs on toast on a tray in front of the television.

Asking the bishop to write the preface for our cook book has not turned out entirely successfully, since the greater part of it extolled the virtues of fasting. I suspect this may have something to do with his attraction to lean, muscular Christianity and his disapproval of my ample waistline. And when attending a social occasion at the bishop's palace, "lean" would

definitely be my description of the size of the sherry he pours.

When you buy a copy of the book – which I am sure you will do as an act of solidarity – do not attempt to follow Colonel Humphrey's recipe for a Madras curry. His father acquired a taste for it when he was serving in India and, regrettably, he brought the recipe back to England. It is guaranteed to reduce the bravest of men to tears; the Colonel's four pink gins before dinner seem to give him a certain anaesthetic protection.

The editor returned my own recipe, mentioning that the "two large glasses of red wine" specified in the list of ingredients was not mentioned in the recipe. I had thought it was perfectly obvious that they were there to be drunk while making the meal.

The project is to raise funds to repair our medieval tower, which our architect tells us is largely held in place by its own weight. It is rather comforting to think that we shall preserve it for another generation by selflessly eating our way through roast pork, beef Wellington and chicken cooked in a wide variety of unpronounceable French sauces.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Crossword

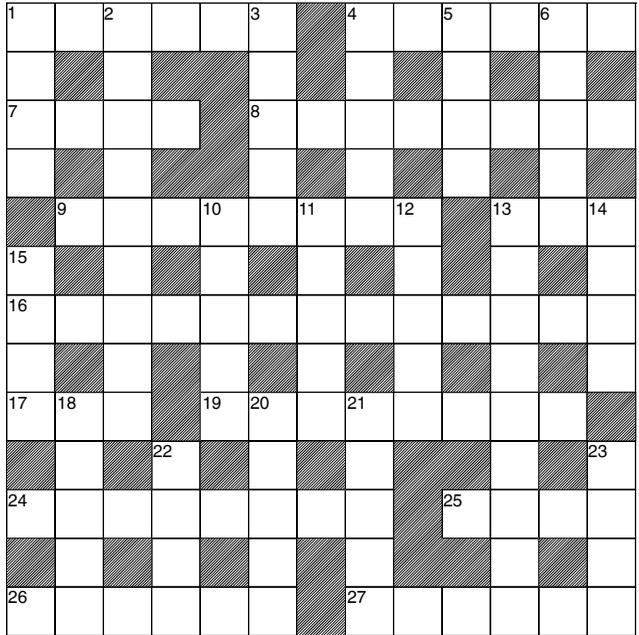
From Parish Pump

Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)
- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
- 4 Belief (5)



- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (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 Gillian Swift

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

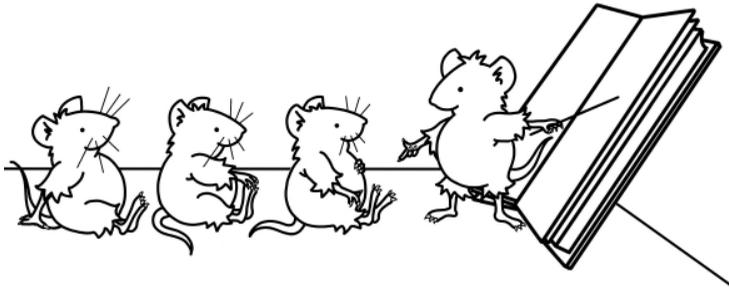
House: .. *Convener*; Mrs Sheena Carter *Secretary*; Mrs Angela Campbell

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