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OCTOBER SERVICES

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Dear Friends,

In a sermon in one of our recent podcast services I made reference to the Transit of Venus. After making a bit of a lame joke about a mobile massage service, I was talking about how Venus has played a significant part in astronomical discoveries. The Transit of Venus is one of those cyclical occurrences that happen in the universe and I decided to look up some of these star and planetary cycles. The longest cycles seem to be those of stars around galaxies and our sun will take approximately 250 million years to get back to where it started.



One of the famous cycles is that of Halley's Comet. This is the only comet that can be seen twice in a human life time and is the only one that can be seen with the naked eye. It last appeared in 1986 – the year one of my daughters was born – and she might hope to see it when it appears again in 2061.

Of course, we are familiar with the astronomical cycles that affect us the most. We know how long the earth takes to revolve around the sun and how long the moon takes to circle the earth. The revolution of the earth around the sun gives us our seasons – that cycle of warmth and cold as summer gives way to autumn and then winter, before spring begins to take us round again.

We are moving into autumn now which is the time when the biological world begins to slow down. It is also the time that many other parts of human life begin to start up. After the dormancy of summer, children return to school and students begin at university. It is often the time that church and community programmes begin again. But this year it's different.

Schools and universities have started back, but certainly not as usual. Some churches have begun in-person worship and

sports and social clubs have begun to meet, but not as they would like.

Back into space again.

One of my favourite disaster films is *Deep Impact*. It tells the story of a comet that is on a trajectory to hit the earth. You'll not be surprised to learn that the earth is saved, but not without the cost of many lives. At the end the US President, played, of course, by Morgan Freeman, addresses the American people from a severely damaged Capitol building in Washington DC and encourages them to rebuild.

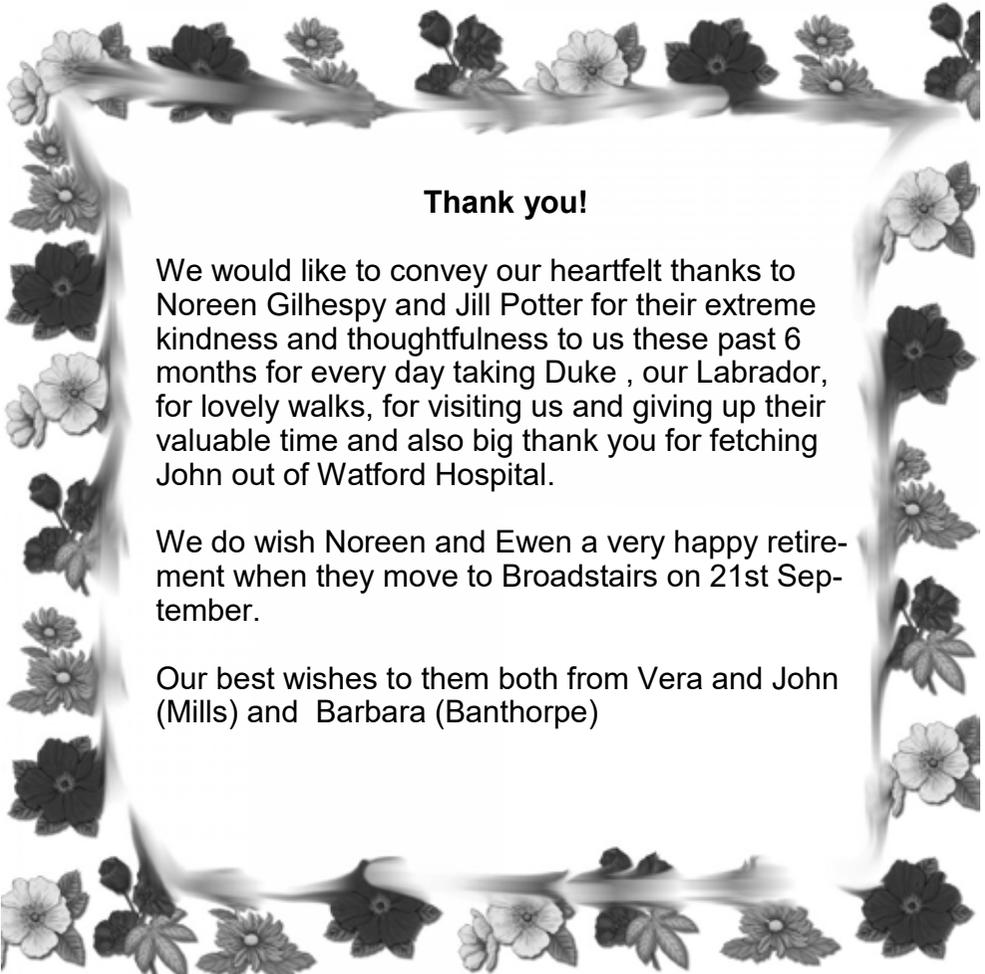
I'm not sure that I shall be making such an effective speech to tug at our heart-strings when we meet again for our first service after several months away. However, I do believe that it is important that we have a sense that we have a task of rebuilding to be accomplished.

These months worshipping and meeting in different ways will have helped us to consider what it is that is important to us. With this in mind we have the task of building for the future, for us and for the generations to come.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Simon".

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Thank you!

We would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to Noreen Gilhespy and Jill Potter for their extreme kindness and thoughtfulness to us these past 6 months for every day taking Duke , our Labrador, for lovely walks, for visiting us and giving up their valuable time and also big thank you for fetching John out of Watford Hospital.

We do wish Noreen and Ewen a very happy retirement when they move to Broadstairs on 21st September.

Our best wishes to them both from Vera and John (Mills) and Barbara (Banthorpe)



Wonderful Reward

“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law”

Psalm 119:18

Janet, a teacher, had always been a reader, but one day it literally paid off. She was planning a trip and reviewing her lengthy travel insurance policy when on page seven she discovered a wonderful reward. As part of their “It Pays to Read” contest, the company was giving £8,000 to the first person to read that far into the contract. They also donated money to schools in Janet’s area for children’s literacy. She says, “I’ve always been that nerd who reads contracts. I was the most surprised of anyone!

The psalmist wanted his eyes opened to “see wonderful things” about God (Ps. 119:18). He must have had an understanding that God wants to be known, and so he longed for a deeper closeness to Him. His desire was to see more of who God is, what He’d already given and how to follow Him more closely (Ps. 119:24, 98) He wrote, “Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long” (Ps. 119:97).

We too have the privilege of taking time to ponder God, His character and His provisions – to learn about and grow close to Him. God longs to instruct us, guide us and open our hearts to who He is. When we search for Him, He rewards us with greater wonder at who He is and the enjoyment of His presence!

**As you open your Bible and read, how is your heart
and mind opened to God and His ways?**

What would you like to know or experience more of?

How I love Your Word, God. It’s sweet to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.

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Submitted by *Ewen Gilhespy*

Postscript:

I have welcomed and enjoyed holding the post of Co-ordinator for Bible Reading Notes for the last two years – at the behest of the Deacons.

I have been encouraged to learn of how many of the congregation regularly use Bible Reading Notes (in print or online) and hope that this will continue to be the case. **It is God's Word.**

This is my last offering to you, as Noreen and I will be moving from Hatfield to Broadstairs before the publication date of this magazine.

We have happy memories of our time as members of DSBC and pray that you will all continue to “grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God”. **Ephesians 3: 18-19**

Ewen



Deacons Meeting Report

Some updates from our September meeting:

1. Getting Back to Church: We considered revised proposals from the working group following a review of the September Church Meeting which was held in the church. We reviewed and agreed a slightly modified risk assessment for the proposed return to worship on Sunday 4th October. The following headings were reported in the September magazine, and are repeated with amendments and in abridged form by way of a reminder:

Control of Access & Egress: Access into and out of the church will be via the main Church entrance. The Cross Street entrance will only be for those unable to manage the main entrance steps. Mingling must be discouraged, so we will restrict access to 15 minutes before the start of the service. Please ensure Cars are not parked in front of the entrance gates which can inhibit ease of exit when leaving the building.

Recording of attendees for Track and Trace: A photo will be taken at the start of the service to provide a suitable record. Visitors not on our database will complete a 'details' form. These records will be held for 21 days.

Social Distancing and seating arrangement: We anticipate around 37 in the Sanctuary at 1m+ distancing, although we will make adjustments for family groups able to sit together. Two seats equate to 1m, so individuals and family groups must keep at least 2 clear seats apart.

Special measures: Pre-service publicity will advise people who feel unwell or vulnerable to stay away.

Increased ventilation: Weather permitting, windows and doors will remain open for air circulation and if necessary, heating adjusted.

Communion: Pre-packaged cups and wafers will be provided.

Offertory: The offertory plate will be left in the vestibule for those who prefer to give a cash offering.

Face coverings: Face Coverings must be used. Those unwilling or unable to wear an appropriate face covering cannot be accommodated.

Hand sanitiser & use of toilets: Hand sanitiser will be located at both entrances as well as outside the CSC toilets.

Posters and signs: Appropriate posters and signs will be in place and the video screens will project appropriate instructions for the fellowship.

Stewarding: Stewards will monitor the CSC entrance and sanctuary, and a duty deacon will monitor the church entrance.

Copies of the Action Plan and Risk Assessments are available if required, and will be regularly reviewed. If you require further reading, legislation, guidelines and details are available on the HMG and BU websites.

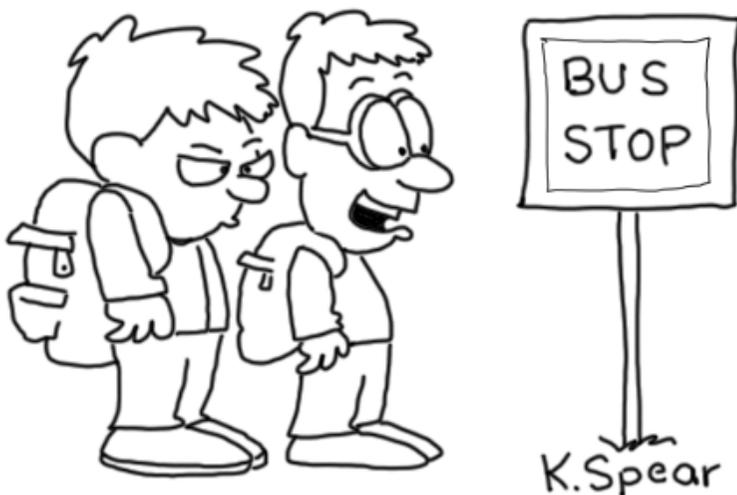
2. Property: Ray reported on property matters, in particular the arrangements for re-letting 39 Spencer Street, attention to several roof leaks which have developed and the deacons agreed the property team's recommendation to renew the church boiler following last winter's breakdown and subsequent investigation.

3. Finance: Liz reported on financial matters advising that whilst giving remained largely in line with the budget, income from lettings has taken a considerable drop. However, some enquiries are starting to come through and Danny is having discussions regarding a possible new long term booking.

4. The Church List: This is the time of year when we review membership and appointments. Sadly, our membership has reduced following the deaths of Linda Douglas, Rosemary Ware and Barbara Benham. Also, we have said our farewells to 3 families, the Beadle's, Fillis's and Gilhespy's. We are grateful for all they have done within the life of the church and wish them well for the future. If you are aware of any changes or revisions to appointments or membership details, please let me know.

If you have any views or comments about church matters, please contact Simon, or one of the deacons.

Chris Penn



"How does it feel to be expelled from home school?"

Mission News

Recent Delivery to the Genesis Shop – Sheffield

Following the re-opening of the Genesis Charity shop, we were able to clear the lower store and take a very full van load of your very generous donations up to Sheffield on Thursday 3rd September. With the distancing rules in place, we decided to limit our visit to a brief park, unload and depart.

Lisa Carr, who runs the shop, writes:

“I would like to firstly thank you for travelling to deliver items that were collected for us and I hope you had a pleasant journey back home. It just felt so different not to have a drink and a chat but so glad you’re doing well. We know how difficult things have been for people with this Covid and all the lockdowns and self-isolation’s.” (Lisa explained that she had had to self-isolate for 12 weeks). *“So I would like to thank everyone that has donated to us here at Genesis, we do really appreciate it so THANK YOU SO MUCH !! It was very kind of you all, your lovely items donated will keep us busy sorting them out. Thank you once again, take care and keep safe.”*

We’re also extremely grateful for the generous donation which enabled the cost of this trip to be covered.

Having had a few weeks now to sort out the lower store, it would be good to start loading it up again. The need for good quality clothing, footwear and household items is as great as it has ever been and it would be great to have another bumper crop of goods travelling up to Sheffield perhaps early in the new year? If you have unwanted but serviceable clothes and want them to be re-used, put them in plastic bags, and leave them in the lower store room at the Cross Street Centre. You can be assured that they will find a very worthwhile home!

Gift Day ***Sunday 27th April 2020***

We originally planned Gift Day for Easter Sunday, but due to the Coronavirus lockdown, postponed it to Sunday, 27th September.

Giving this year will be a bit different, but we hope that you will be able to avail yourselves of one of 2 options.

If you are able to give via a bank transfer, the details are as follows:

Sort code: **60-18-11** A/c no: **42087783** Please either email Liz Blight advising of the transfer, or reference the transfer **“Gift Day”**

A cheque payable to **“Dagnall Street Baptist Church”** (written in full please), with **“Gift Day”** written on the back, and sent to Liz Blight.

To coincide with the tercentenary of Baptists at Dagnall Street, this year's gift day focuses on two local Baptist causes.

Some of us remember the beginnings of Mashalswick Baptist Free Church and the involvement at the time of DSBC's minister Rev. Dr Morris West. Having recently celebrated their 50th anniversary, they are now embarking on a redevelopment project which will be supporting.

Alongside this, but a little further north in Bedfordshire, is Houghton Regis Baptist Church who, like us, can trace their beginnings back to the 1640 Kensworth group of dissenters. They are involved in an ecumenical venture to supply a pioneer worker on a new housing estate.

Whilst we're on the subject of Gift Day, it's around now that

the Mission team start to consider projects for next year's Gift Day which traditionally is Easter Sunday. The Mission Team have already begun to consider projects for next year, so if you would like us to consider a particular cause please let me know.

Operation: Chad

You will have heard about BMS World Mission's Harvest appeal during the podcast service on Sunday 27th September. Here is the story of just one small patient treated at Guinebor II hospital, the focus of the appeal:

Her tiny hand is coming back to life. In the new operating block at Guinebor II hospital, the entire room is riveted by the sight of the little girl on the operating table, her delicate fingers slowly unfurling as her bandages are unwound. The surgeons' expressions are inscrutable behind their masks as they assess their work. Then Theo, the hospital's bright young surgeon-in-training nods. The skin grafts have taken hold.

The little patient is called [Fatimé](#), and she's three years old. Her hand, once enclosed by gnarled scar tissue, has been opened up, and her fingers are visible for the first time since the terrible day when, as an infant, she'd picked up a burning coal from the dying embers of a fire.

The burn had fused her hand into a balled-up fist, an injury she'd carried untreated for years. When the surgical team meet her, she holds her arm as though hoisted in an invisible sling, carried protectively against her belly.

Managing injuries like Fatimé's that have gone untreated for months or even years is not unusual for the team at Guinebor II, but it does pile on the pressure. Patients who have been moved to seek treatment after hearing about the hospital's reputation are

hopeful for life-changing interventions. Many of them travel for hundreds upon hundreds of miles, make difficult or dangerous journeys from neighbouring Cameroon or Sudan, arrive on the back of motorcycles while very ill or in labour, or work through huge anxieties about moving away from traditional healers to place their trust in the hospital.

Fatimé's family overcame all this and more when they took a leap of faith to bring her to Guinebor II. Their brave decision will be transformative for their daughter's future. The team are confident that with physiotherapy, she'll be able to regain movement in some of her fingers, allowing her to provide for herself with practical work when she grows up, and – importantly in Chadian culture – greatly increasing her chances of marrying if she wishes to one day. Fatimé will undoubtedly face huge challenges throughout her life, but this surgery represents one more open door, one more chance to flourish.

Operation: Chad is all about Guinebor II hospital, BMS World Mission's beacon of hope in the hostile Sahel desert. This is an opportunity to bring hope to a country with just one doctor for every 25,000 people. As well as praying for the life-saving work carried out at Guinebor II hospital, you can find out more, including ways to give, by going on line to bmsworldmission.org

Chris Penn

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

5th Julie Miller
16th Michael Rowley

*When you see me sitting quietly,
Like a sack left on the shelf,
Don't think I need your chattering,
I'm listening to myself.
Hold! Stop! Don't pity me!
Hold! Stop your sympathy!
Understanding if you got it,
Otherwise I'll do without it!*

*When my bones are stiff and aching,
And my feet won't climb the stairs.
I will only ask one favour:
Don't bring me no rocking chair.*

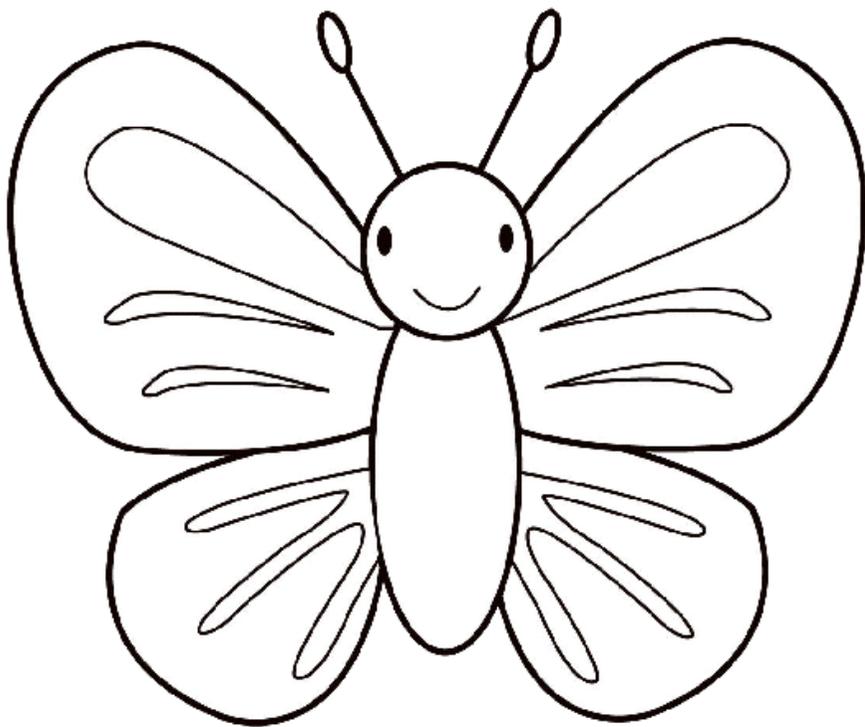
*When you see me walking, stumbling,
Don't study and get it wrong,
'Cause tired don't mean lazy
And every goodbye ain't gone.
I'm the same person I was back then,
A little less hair, a little less chin,
A lot less lungs and much less wind.
But ain't I lucky I can still breathe in.*

Maya Angelou

Linda Williams

Read and Colour

Read the instructions to help you to colour in the butterfly.



1. Draw stripes on the bottom half of the butterfly's body. Colour them in black and brown.
2. Colour in the butterfly's face pink.
3. Colour in the bottom half of the wings red and purple.
4. Colour the top half of the wings in yellow and green.

Sudoku 4x4 Puzzles - Sheet 5

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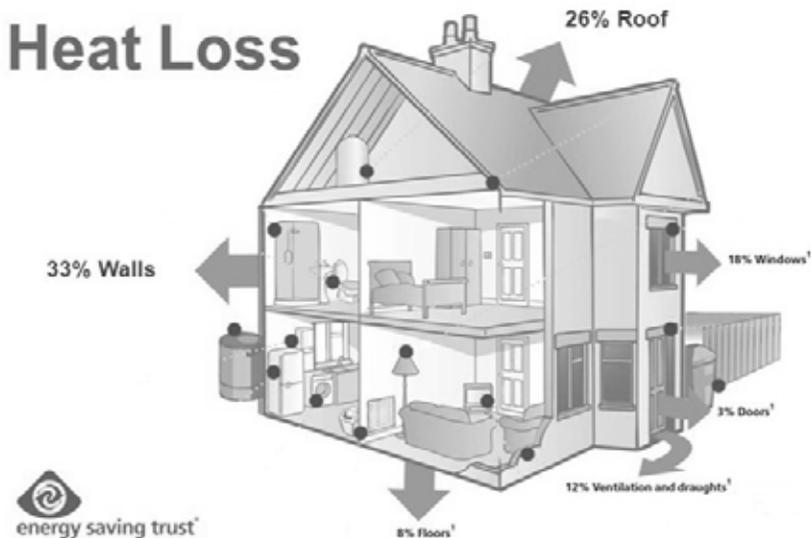
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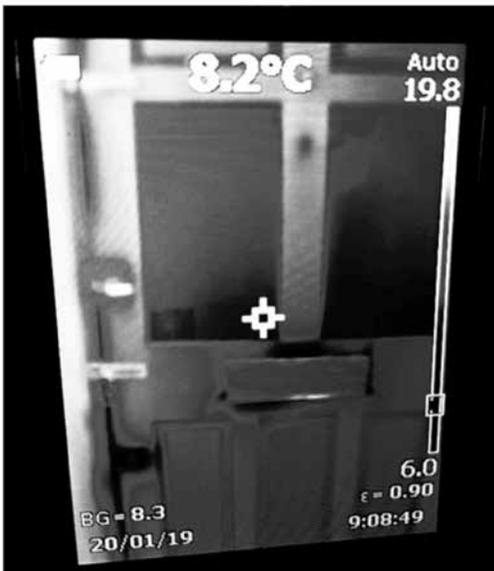


IS HEAT LEAKING FROM YOUR HOME?

Heating and hot water account for about 80% of our home energy usage. However, lots of that energy can escape and go to waste if our homes are poorly insulated or if draughts let the warm air flow out and cold air come in. By tackling heat loss from our homes – especially during the winter, of course – we can combat climate change and air pollution by burning less fuel, and we can have more comfortable homes and save money on our energy bills too! There are many things we can do to combat home heat loss: from big things like installing loft or cavity wall insulation and upgrading windows to smaller measures such as lining curtains, filling cracks, using rugs or sealing doorway draughts – there is almost always room for improvement. But it can be impossible to know where to begin unless you know where the loss is happening first.



Sustainable St Albans offers use of a thermal-imaging camera to residents of St Albans & District, to assess their homes for draughts and insulation deficiencies. The camera enables you to see heat leaking from your house (or cold air coming into your house) by taking colour-coded pictures highlighting temperature differences. It is free to borrow, though a refundable security deposit is required and a donation to cover costs is encouraged. Users must attend an information session via Zoom to receive basic training on how to use it and how to interpret results; these are run approximately every fortnight through the cold season, beginning in October, and though the dates have not been announced at the time of writing, you should be able to find them very soon at sustainablestalbans.org/thermal-imaging. COVID-19 safety measures are in place of course.



Hundreds of people across the district have already borrowed the cameras over the last six years, and have found the service very useful, pinpointing causes of heat loss in their homes which could be reduced quite easily and cheaply, and learning key areas to focus on in future to make their homes more energy-efficient. So do consider booking a session and learning where you could save energy and money at home this winter.

What's more, the government is currently offering vouchers worth up to £5,000 (or £10,000 for low-income households) to help cover the cost of making energy-efficient home improvements. See simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/pages/green-homes-grant for full details and how to qualify.

For more on insulating your home, see sustainablestalbans.org/welcome/insulating-your-home or visit <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-insulation>



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Naomi Distill



Gemma and Tom would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kindness, good wishes, cards and gifts following the safe arrival of Edward George Winpenny, born on 1 August. We are so grateful for the support from the church family throughout Gemma's pregnancy, right up to these early weeks of looking after Edward.

Thank you all so much and we are looking forward to introducing more of you to Edward as soon as it is possible.



Pastoral News

It is good to hear that our 1st Sunday service together in the Church building will be on Sunday 4th October., (see details in this magazine).

We are very grateful to Simon, David Hobbs & the working group for their time given in making this possible.

Don't forget about the warm welcome & delicious food at the Cross Street Centre Cafe from Wednesdays to Saturdays.

We are pleased to hear that our young people have moved on to the next stage of their education. Both Sarah Halsey & Tayo Odesola are changing schools for their 'A'level courses,- Sarah has moved to Beaumont & Tayo to Parmiters. Tomi Odesola has a place at Nottingham University to read Philosophy. We congratulate all 3 on their achievement.

The Gillespys are now settling happily into their new home in Broadstairs which is in walking distance to the sea. They will be sadly missed at Dagnall Street but are already finding much opportunity for their skills at a local church.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Les & Marjorie Jones. Marjorie is caring for Les at home who is very frail.

Marie & Dennis Rowson

Elizabeth & Bill Allen

Brian & Olly Branch

John & Vera Mills. John is home from hospital & is making progress.

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Janet Moverly-Peers who is undergoing hospital tests.

Paula & Frank Iddiols. Paula continues her out- patient treatment at Mount Vernon hospital.

Diane & Ray Saunders. Diane is home from hospital after surgery & is picking up her usual commitments at full speed!

Linda Williams who has recently had a fall.

***“Such love, stilling my restlessness;
Such live, filling my emptiness;
Such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love.”***



PASTORAL TEAM

The Ministers, Simon and Jonny, and members of the Pastoral Team are always happy to make appointments to visit, talk or pray with you. This can take place in your home, at Cross Street or at our homes at your convenience and at mutually convenient times.

Marjorie and Leslie Jones (01727 841845)), Jill Potter (07779 797928), Liz Blight (07884 431051), Alison Ashmore (01727 867335), and Ewen Gilhespy (01707 267682) are also active members of the Pastoral Team.

Simon, Jonny and the team hope you will notify them of anybody who you think may be ill, lonely or who needs help.



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*Where was God when the virus came
Should God or Mankind take the blame
Where was he when our loved ones died
Was he there when we mourned and cried*

*It wasn't God who caused our loss
He saw his son die, on a cross
To all who trust him and believe
Eternal life they will receive*

*So where was God in these times of stress
He was with Nurses, Doctors and the NHS
God was with all those who cared
Not just in our land, but everywhere*

*Is the virus an early warning sign
To waken us who are so blind
To stop man in his greed
Destroying things we love and need*

*So in the future what will there be
If we continue to pollute the air, land and sea
In this world which we all share
God in his love will still be there*

*A day will come when Christ will return
Until those times we must live and learn
To pray for others, show them love
And ask for guidance from above*

***David Bareham
August 2020***

Fairytale of the most cheerful barrack

Part 2

Within a short time the official papers and documents arrived from California. the Girl filled in the needed forms for the passport and visa, wrote the CV and the applications. She was very grateful that she did not have to be in the office at the Research Institute every day from early morning till the evening. Mr.Sipos, the head of department, only demanded that deadlines be met and only expected everyone at meetings on Tuesdays.

The Girl was happy for the first time since that the different departments of the Institute from different parts of the town had merged and moved into the elegant new central building. So now all she had to do was go down to the HR department with her documents.

She waited patiently and met her fate with resignation. She answered the many silly and unnecessary questions mechanically. She would have preferred to shout at them: She hated America, their aggressiveness, their unculturedness, their stupid habits and their whole hypocritical demagoguery could stay far away from her! But this was the only way could she meet her newly-found family!

In the department only Mr. Kuti and Mr. Zelnik, her close colleagues knew about her planned journey. Officially only Mr. Kuti was her boss, but the Girl worked so quickly that she also wrote and ran the programs for Mr. Zelnik's plans. The two young men usually made good use of the opportunities provided by the research days and they were only in the office for the Tuesday meetings and deadlines days. Or when they had to give to the Girl a new assignment or receive the results of the completed tasks.

When the two young men were in the office their chat was all about the life of the Special Army of the Communists' Party (SACP). The Girl sympathized with Mr. Zelnik, who was a normal

young man whom she could talk with about average topics too. He had joined to the SACP because he wanted to be a manager and the fact, his membership in the SACP looked good on his CV.

But Mr.Kuti, "the Son of the Communist Party" out of conviction and an enthusiastic member of the SACP. He was indeed the Son of the C.P: during WWII happened the mother of Mr.Kuti, a member of the Illegal Communist Party worked as a cleaner in the law-courts and she became pregnant by a lawyer. The lawyer disappeared in the last days of the war, so the boy who was born in 1945 was left without a father. After the war the communists won the election and so they supported the mother and her newborn son: they had found a job for the mother and provided money for the son's study who by the time he was 18 had obtained a technical degree. The Communist Party had sent him to the Research Institute too. Mr. Sipos, the department manager tried to give the ambitious young man completely defined and unique tasks so that he could see as little as possible of the research going on in the department.

Although the Girl did not talk too much about the trip, she constantly felt that this trip to America provoked envy mixed with contempt from her boss. He inquired mockingly about the fate of the passport application. And she had to answer with bad grace: the office still had the opportunity to answer in 30 days and this period had not ended yet. But then the thirty days passed, of course, without any results.

After this date the Girl was forced to take research days too. She spent this time in the office of the Passport Department of the Home Office. She hated standing in the rain or in hot sunshine in the long queue on the street because it was only possible to sit once in the office-room. There 2 or 3 comrades were on duty but often one of them was in the room with the applicant. One older comrade was extremely rude and dismissive. She talked sarcastically with the client, enjoyed her position and the vulnerability of the person sitting on the other side.

Once a younger woman was on duty who, seeing that the date of the departure was approaching, helpfully gave her a telephone number to call to ask about the result.

Sometimes her uncle also called her urgently: Does she have the passport?

One week before the departure the Girl rushed to the office of MALEV, the Hungarian Airline Company too. There, in the modern, light office an elegant young lady listened and reassured her: Yes, her flight-ticket was here but she couldn't give it her until she had her passport. At that point the Girl felt like a starving person who has been offered a piece of bread but cannot quite reach it, just one step was all it would take – but she couldn't jump over the deep ditch between them.

From then on she called the number of the Passport Department every day.

At last the day of the departure had arrived. The Girl called the number again. Useless! She was sitting discouraged in the department office. She looked in despair at the single landline in the department and in her helplessness burst into tears. Suddenly Mr. Kuti appeared. He sat opposite her and with strikingly uncommon interest asked:

- What happened?
- I should go to the airport now to catch my flight to America but I haven't my passport yet!
- What are you wondering about? I told my colonel at SACP, while we cleaned our weapons, that you won't come back from America. And he knows when and what he ought to do!

The Girl was completely petrified. Is such a thing possible nowadays? And could it happen to her?

A couple of hours her uncle called her. He didn't want to understand it at all. Or rather he understood very well what must have happened!

Meanwhile Longfeather became so long and thin over time that it was invisible in the distance....

Appendix:

Her uncle has never showed up again. Mr. Kuti married and one year later his baby daughter was born with an open spinal column.

Krysztina Schreiner



Deacons Election

This is the time of the year when we remind ourselves of our obligations regarding the diaconate of our church as we move forward into 2021. Deacons are servants of Christ in the life and mission of this church and who are called to share with the minister in spiritual Leadership, pastoral care, administration and stewardship. Under the Charities act 1993, deacons are also Charity Trustees, responsible for the governance of the church. Deacons/trustees, are elected for three-years by the church members.

Our constitution allows up to 12 deacons who shall be baptised believers in membership with DSBC for at least 2 years. There are currently 10 of us as we have recently said farewell to Shannon, who with Richard and daughters Ella and Olivia, recently left us to set up home in Texas. Four of our number, Flo, Trevor, Jill and Megan, come to the end of their respective 3 year terms at the end of this year leaving up to 6 vacancies.

It is the responsibility of church members to ensure that deacons are appointed to meet our obligations as a worshipping church. The job specification of deacon is simply that we use the gifts given to us by God and undertake our duties responsibly within those capabilities. As we approach the deacons' election may I remind you of the process:

“Nominations for deacons shall be in writing signed by 2 church members and shall be forwarded to the church secretary not later than 3 Sundays before the election.”

The election takes place at the church meeting on 3rd November, so nominations must be with me by Sunday 18th October. Announcements will be made on the 2 Sundays preceding the closing date for nominations, ie. 4th and 11th October.

“Voting is by secret ballot at the church meeting. Each candidate needs support from at least 50% of the members voting in order to be elected.”

Together, we need to give this matter our prayerful consideration and seek God's will as to his call upon us. If you feel called to take on this role, or to encourage others, just contact me by 'phone, text or email, and I will get a nomination form to you. I anticipate a greater than usual number of postal voting forms which again will need to be obtained from me after 18th October.

Chris Penn



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5	2					7	9	
3	9	8			1			
	5		3	2		9		
7							8	

How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Cloth Face Covering

Accessible: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/prevent-getting-sick/diy-doth-face-coverings.html>

WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING CORRECTLY

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- Do not place a mask on a child younger than 2



USE THE FACE COVERING TO HELP PROTECT OTHERS

- Wear cloth face coverings in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain
- Don't put the covering around your neck or up on your forehead
- Don't touch the face covering, and, if you do, clean your hands

FOLLOW EVERYDAY HEALTH HABITS

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available



TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTH FACE COVERING CAREFULLY, WHEN YOU'RE HOME

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine
- Wash your hands with soap and water



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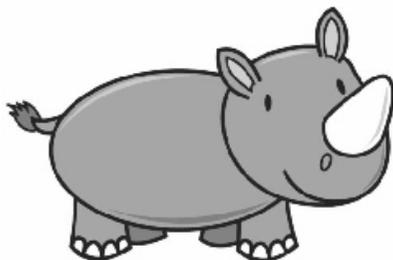
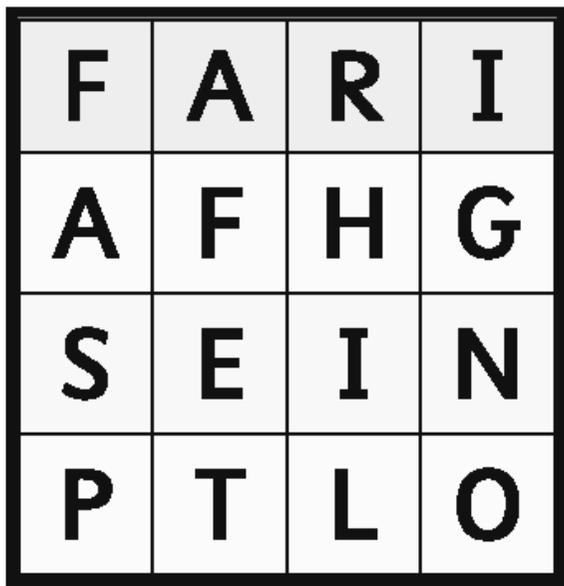
Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, both of which should be saved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

For instructions on making a cloth face covering, see:

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

African Animal Boggler Puzzle

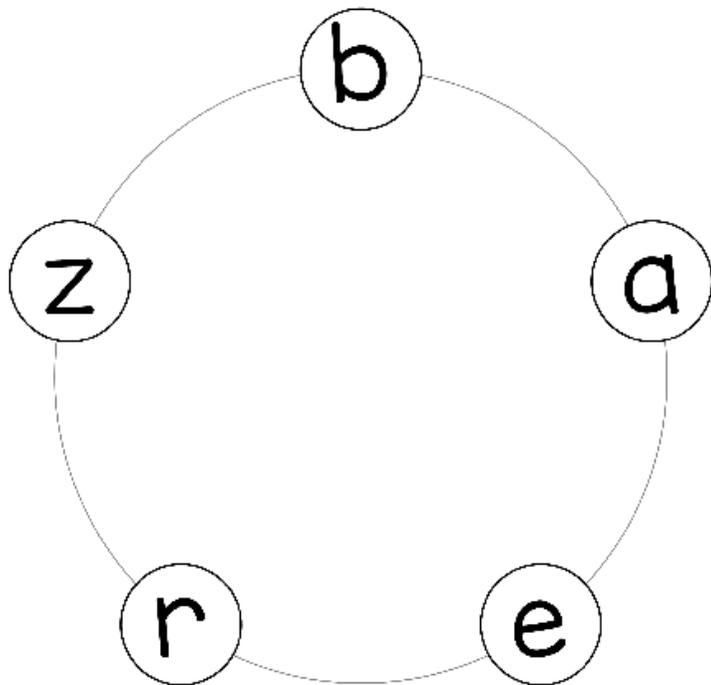
How many words of 3 letters or more can you find using the letters below? Words are formed from adjoining letters. Letters must join in the proper sequence to spell a word and may join horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, to the left, right, or up-and-down. No letter square, however, may be used more than once within a single word. You may use plurals if available. Score 1 point for each 3 letter word, 2 points for 4 letter words, 3 points for 5 letter words and so on. Score an extra 2 points for every African Animal themed word that you make!



My points _____

African Animals Word Star

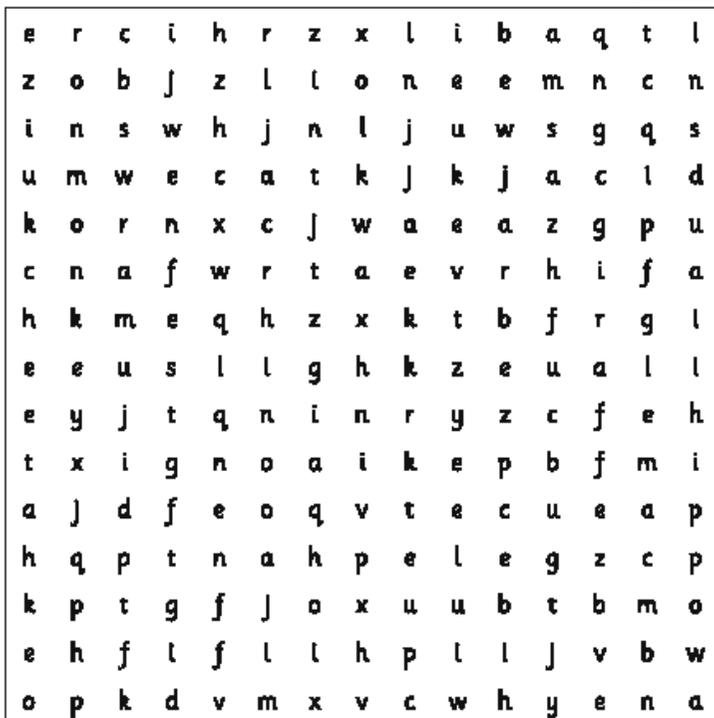
Can you find an African animal by joining the letters, one by one, across the circle? When you have completed the puzzle correctly you will have drawn a star!



Puzzle 1



African Animal Word Search



camel

cheetah

elephant

giraffe

hippo

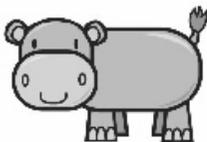
hyena

lion

monkey

rhino

zebra



Sudoku 4x4 Puzzles - Sheet 5

Here are the answers!

2	3	4	1
4	1	2	3
1	4	3	2
3	2	1	4

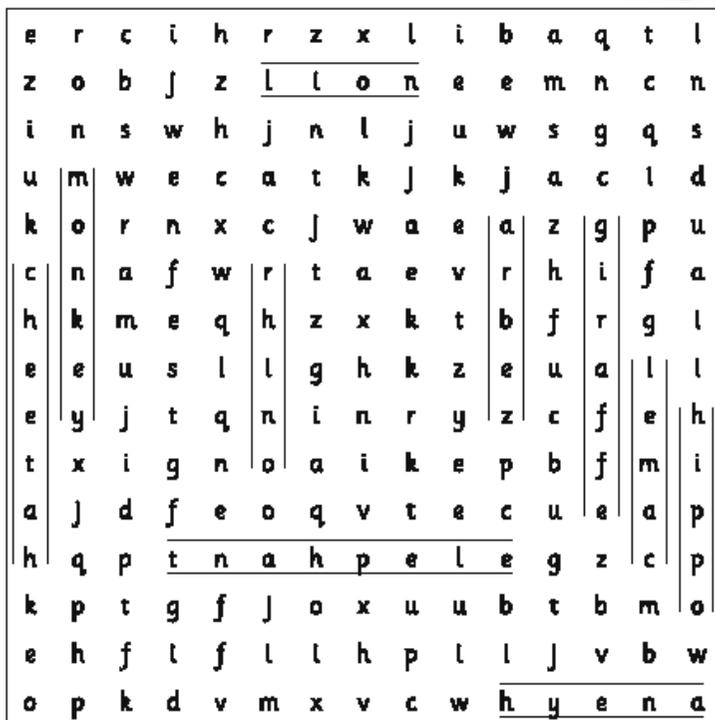
2	1	3	4
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1	2	4	3

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3	2	4	1
1	4	2	3





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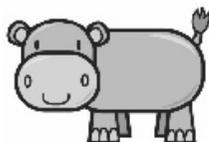
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October 2020

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We've heard from Noreen and Ewen and their move to Broadstairs has gone well. I read in the paper today that Ted Heath was born in Broadstairs! I hope that doesn't put them off.

This is a picture of Noreen's jog in the morning. Could almost inspire me to start jogging—if only there was a beach and sea near Arlesey!



Good to hear that the Church will open on Sunday, 4th October. Although with all the new regulations more headaches for Simon and the team to organise it.

Cross Street is still going well and we are getting a lot of custom. The menu is gradually expanding and Catriona is looking to the Winter menu. Bake potatoes on the horizon!

The weather has turned drastically this week and I am typing this while feeling very cold. A cup of coffee beckons to warm me up!

It's bulb planting time and I have brought a few and need to get them in in the next few days. Hope the weather holds off so that I can do it on Saturday!

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What, When and Where October 2020

More stringent rules have been brought in this week and the wearing of masks is now compulsory in many areas.

Our usual list of events, and activities for the foreseeable future are still in abeyance. However, thanks to the initiative of Simon and Jonny, with invaluable support from our 'tech savvy' communications team, our worship services will continue, not in church but on the internet via an email link and CD versions will also be available by request. In addition, there will be a short daily prayer service streamed live from Monday to Friday. Some of these services will include communion, and we will clearly need to be creative in the way we "share" the bread and wine.

Sadly, for the foreseeable future, our regular activities, like Daycare, Toddlers, Messy Church, Who Let the Dad's Out, Scrabble, Knitting, Games, Church in the Café, Muffins with Mums etc. will cease.

For now, our phones, internet and social media are our means of keeping in fellowship with one another.

Stay safe and keep in touch.

**CROSS STREET CAFÉ
IS NOW OPEN!**

