

St James' West End Magazine

February 2021



Vicky writes...



In the churchyard yesterday I noticed the first signs of spring. Tiny crocus shoots were visible around the area near the pilgrimage cross. It was a wonderful sight. After the barren wintertime, the earth is waking up again.

In the church year we will soon be starting the season of Lent. It's traditionally a season of 40 days of penitence and fasting to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Except it feels like we've already been living the Lenten wilderness for the last year! We've had to give up so much; visits with family and friends, hugs, singing, holidays, leisure activities, the list is endless. So, perhaps this lent we should focus, not on giving something up, but on taking something on...

The word 'Lent' is actually from an Old English word that simply means spring and spring is a time when things grow and we move out of the darkness of the long winter nights. It's a season that brings hope and lifts our spirits as we notice the flowers blooming and the birds singing.

So this Lent, rather than giving things up, let's focus on taking up the things that reconnect us with God's transforming love so that love may grow in us and be shared with others. Let's make this season a time to step closer to God with hearts open to him as we prepare to appreciate the amazing gift that Easter is to us.

Here are some things that might help you do that:

GET OUT... Spend time outside every day if you can- even if it's just a few minutes- and jot down in a notebook or journal what you see, and what you are thankful for. There is a real gladness in the coming of Spring. It reminds us of God's goodness and our own part in creation.

GET WRITING... You could get in some writing paper, go through your address book and try writing a letter or an email every day to someone you care about- maybe somebody you haven't been in touch with for a while- you could thank them for their part in your life as a friend or neighbour. And pray for them.

GET THE KETTLE ON... Most of us drink tea or coffee most days. Can you *switch* to a brand of tea or coffee that is organically produced and Fairly traded, so that every time you brew up you are helping a farmer in a developing country to live sustainably on a decent wage?

GET A BIT OF PEACE AND QUIET... If you are not already in the habit of praying, try this: After you've had your breakfast each day, find a quiet spot, light a candle, and just spend five minutes quietly. It doesn't have to be complicated. Ask God to be with you through the day. Ask for God's help in knowing his presence. Ask for peace in your heart as you begin the day. Say the Lord's prayer.

GET READING... You could invest in a Lent book or borrow a book from the church library to read a little everyday. Contact Rev'd Linda or me and we'd be pleased to send you the list of what's available and arrange delivery or for you to collect it. Join one of our Lent zoom book groups. See the church website for more information.

You might like to order a church 'Lent in a Bag' and use the reflections in that. See 'what's going on at St James' for more details.

This Lent, be kind to yourself, take things gently, remember that you are God's beloved child and God delights in you.

Love and prayers,

Vicky

A note from the Church Wardens

We can't start the New Year without thanking you all for your continued support throughout 2020. What a different and difficult year it turned out to be for everyone. St James church has continued to serve the parish to the best of its ability, we are truly grateful to everyone who helped to achieve this, special thanks to our ministry team who have worked tirelessly and creatively to provide accessible services and maintain contact with our church family, our IT wizards, music director, choir, flower arrangers and so many more who have kept the church a Covid safe place for people to visit even if only for a short time.

Thank you to all involved in the Alternative Christmas Tree Festival and the decoration of the church, people really enjoyed being able to spend time outside in the churchyard with the trees and inside the beautifully decorated church. We had very positive feedback from those who were able to attend the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

As we look forward to 2021 we look forward to the prospect of a church filled with light and good sound, thanks to all the fundraising completed for Project Aurora, it is hoped that this work will be completed soon and as the year progresses, and as we get control of Covid, we look forward to a church full of people celebrating God's love for his people.

Take care,

Scott and Jan



Something small to chew on.

I've been taking advantage of church online to listen to things whilst I'm cooking, as well as joining our Church Family online on Sundays. One talk mentioned that sometimes it can be helpful to just listen to God through thinking over one verse in a time of reflection.

Psalm 46 v 1 says:

God is our **refuge**
and our **strength**, an
ever present help
in trouble.

That's something to dwell on. In this time of trouble God is here, he is our refuge and our strength. Read that through a few times and let it really soak in.

Another verse you might like to chew over as part of spiritual reflection:

Psalm 23. The Lord is my Shepherd.... verse 4 "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for you are with me"

Bethea Alexander

What's going on at St James Church?

Open Church

The church is open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays 10am to 12noon. There will be a steward in attendance at the church to ensure all Covid19 measures are in place.

Thursdays at 8.15pm

A growing number of friends are pausing for a time of private prayer at home to pray for our key workers, scientists, politicians and for any known to us who are unwell or anxious at this time. Join us too if you would like—no official words, just your own thoughts and your own prayers, in whatever way you choose.

9am Morning Prayer (on zoom)

Do pray at this time if you can. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9am on Zoom all are welcome to join in. We use the Church of England contemporary morning prayer—the service sheet is found [here](#). [Join us in a service of Daily Prayer | The Church of England](#)

The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88027920992?pwd=WloyMm1oYVVvNEhaVzNqYWp0ZUZBdz09>.

Meeting ID: 856 9737 3073

Passcode: 672283

Sunday Services

9.30am Livestreamed Eucharist

11am Zoom Church Alive

6.30pm Regular Services (Evensong, Taizé, Informal Worship)

Please visit our website for more details of our online services www.stjameswestend.org.uk

Sunday Bible Story Time

As part of an intergenerational project, members of our congregation will be sharing a Bible story on Sunday mornings which we hope our youngest members and all the church will enjoy and find helpful. This will be available on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel.

[St James' West End - YouTube](#)

Ash Wednesday 17th February

Our Ash Wednesday service will be live streamed at 7pm in Church. Small packets of ashes (made from burning previous palm crosses) along with a prayer card will be available to collect from Church on Saturday 13th February between 10am—12noon or on Wednesday 17th between 10am and 12 noon to ash yourself at home.

Lent in a Bag

To help prepare for Holy Week and Easter you might like a Lent in a Bag. We are offering one for children and one for Adults. Adult Bag includes six items that can be used for focal symbols whilst the children's' bag includes six craft activities with a Bible Story.

Both bags will contain a small packet of ashes to start your Lenten journey to Ash Wednesday. Bags can be ordered here [Lent In A Bag | Eventbrite](#) and collected from Church on Saturday 13th February between 10am and 12 noon. A donation is welcome towards the cost, minimum £1 per bag.

A REFLECTION ON MEETING PEOPLE

In these dark times of the pandemic we have been limited in the opportunities we have to meet others, but we are not the first people to be going through dark times and we will not be the last.

Jesus' friends in the days after the crucifixion were in a particularly dark place when the risen Christ came to them. On one occasion he met some friends on the road to Emmaus and brought light into their dark place...(Luke 24: 13-33).

Meeting people for us can be virtual, aural and visual...all opportunities can bring light into our lives.... we have the gift of technology!

Our lives have over the past year been enriched and they continue to be blessed through our connections using telephone calls, emails, letters, cards, Skype sessions, Zoom meetings, FaceTime, Facebook messages etc.

DAVE WALKER CARTOON WORKSHEET

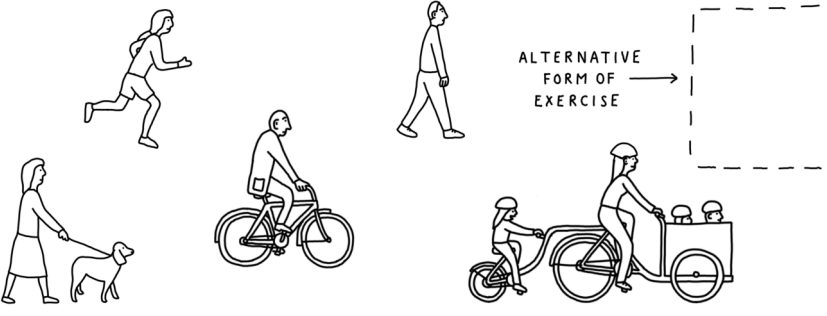
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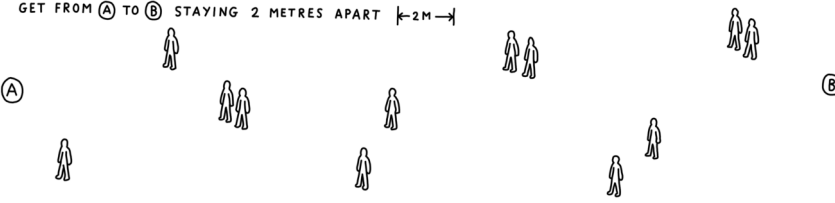
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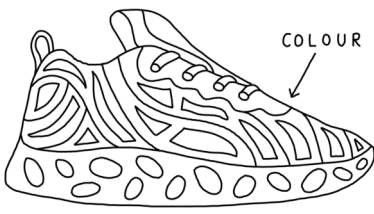
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GET FROM (A) TO (B) STAYING 2 METRES APART ← 2M →



SPORTS SHOES



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DESIGN

TREASURE FOUND WHILST EXERCISING

PEOPLE I'M MISSING (PORTRAITS OR LIST)

THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

↓

As we take our exercise smiles are exchanged.... a nod or a wink... a wave is offered and acknowledged across the social distance.... we can exchange brief greetings with friends and those in our community.

We are all called to be 'Christ in the world' and the different ways in which we meet others can bring comfort, joy, hope and support. We are given an opportunity to discover ourselves in our relationships with God and with our families, friends and neighbours.

Who did you meet yesterday? Who have you met today? Who is waiting for you to get in touch?

Brenda Holden

Loo Rolls—But NOT panic buying!

'More people have Mobile phones than toilets,' a slightly sobering thought which resonates with the Lent Appeal St James' Church ran a couple of years ago.



Last year I decided, having read a survey on environmentally friendly toilet paper, to purchase a box (48 rolls) of individually wrapped rolls from a company called, '*who gives a crap*'. Fifty percent of its profits are donated to building toilets with the rolls come in a variety of colourful wrapping paper one being an Alphabet letter design!

All the toilet rolls are printed with messages on them such as; 'Trees are for hugging and climbing', '...scared cats', '...kites', '...birds', '...Treehouses' and '...Owls'. The list is actually really long but you should feel good knowing you're not wiping your bum with trees!!

Why are the rolls individually wrapped? The best answer lies with a takeaway Burrito. Would you want your Burrito just handed to you naked? Heck no! Rolls come wrapped to stay hygienic and from an environmental point of view wrapping them individually is better than wrapping them in plastic. Something to make us think especially in the Western world where we take so much for granted - who can remember bygone days when cut up newspapers had to suffice!

On the subject of Alphabet letters . Our middle son James celebrates his birthday on Christmas Day, having made a fast exit into the world 43 years ago at the Princess Anne Hospital with 15 minutes to spare! Never one to do things by halves, James was the first Christmas baby of 1977 at the hospital and duly assigned a decorated cot, plus our picture in the Southern Evening Echo . He has enjoyed a bit of a joke at my expense over the years and occasionally I try to get my own back on him!



One time during the difficult teenage years he complained that I was not using a colour fast washing powder for his jeans so the following Christmas I wrapped up a carton of the appropriate powder and then wrapped again using several boxes, until he received a very large Birthday gift! He took the point!

So this Christmas just gone I thought what better thing to give him than a really useful item again (I could not afford a Ferrari!) and by now you have no doubt guessed what arrived on his doorstep a very large box of 48 Alphabet toilet rolls which his son and daughter had great fun in stacking them up to wish him Happy Birthday! Everyone had a jolly good laugh, a much needed tonic to say the least!



So maybe you might know of someone who would appreciate this really useful item. Search up '*Who gives a Crap! Loo Rolls*' and you'll find a wealth of information on their website.

[Toilet paper that builds toilets | Who Gives A Crap UK](https://www.whogivesacrap.co.uk/)

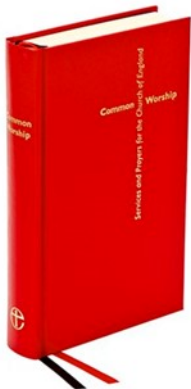
Sue Fitch

Why not try something different

The Ministry team at St James' have been fantastic throughout the pandemic by writing reflections, meditations, thoughts, sermons and in providing ways for us to continue to worship and meet virtually or really together.

We, the members of the St James' Church family, are all very different people, spending lockdown in contrasting ways and with hugely varying influences on our time. Personally, I like all the various thought-provoking epistles that are produced, but often don't actually find time to digest them and then end up feeling vaguely guilty (presumably not the writer's intention at all!).

One way of being forced to slow down and focus ones' thoughts is to join in, via zoom, for Morning Prayer. I wonder if more people haven't tried this because they don't really know what it is? Vicky sends the zoom link every week, together with a separate link to the service sheet - <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>. This takes you to a page with separate service sheets from Common Worship for every day. We use Morning Prayer (Contemporary) and the service last about 30 minutes.



The Bible Study zoom meeting didn't get a huge uptake, which was a shame as it was another way to keep in touch whilst exploring the scripture. If another course is offered, I would recommend giving it a go. Nobody will judge you if you decide that it is not for you and only join in once, or choose not to say anything, however it is a very easy way to widen your horizons and chat to other people, whilst staying in the safety and comfort of your home. The sessions lasted about 45 minutes and involved two readings and the chance to consider their meaning, helpfully aided by the Ministry Team supplying questions beforehand so that you could prepare a bit if you'd like to.



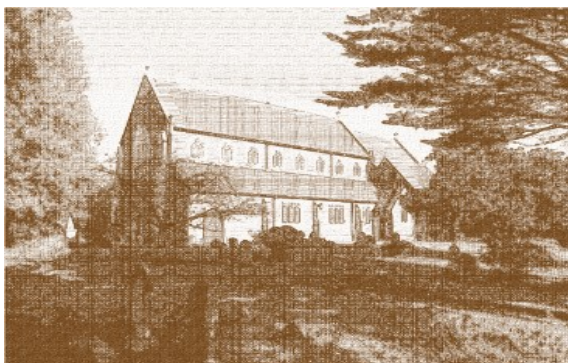
Likewise, for the zoom coffee morning – a few people initially take the opportunity to be nosy and see what colour settees, walls, curtains everyone else has. This is a very simple way of virtually meeting people, as you would do between the two Sunday morning services. Just like then, if you find that it's not for you, you can easily slip away. In fact, it's easier than in real life, as you just click on a 'button' and there you are gone!



Some people have said that they "thought about doing it, but didn't get round to it", or forgot. Maybe it's the unpredictability of who will actually be there, but Debbie has found it a lovely way to meet people that she wouldn't normally get the chance to talk to. Indeed, during the previous lockdown it was the only way she saw anybody!

Whatever virtual opportunities are offered, why not try it – you might like it or, just as importantly, it will give others pleasure to be in contact with you.

Noel Becket



Life At St James

Recalling events and activities over the years since 1890, this gives us a fascinating glimpse into what was happening at St James' church set in the context of the world around it. Maybe this will stir some memories of your own. Please do share them at stjameswe.magazine@gmail.com

125 years ago (1896) – One hundred and twenty five years ago doesn't seem that long in the whole scheme of things, but a report from the Parish Council advised 'the recommendation of the Council with regard for a Telegraph Office in the village; a letter box in Allington Lane; a notice board warning cyclists on the cemetery side; and the protection of a well by the side of New Road had been carried out'. They had also passed a resolution to free the Bridges over the Itchen' and were 'taking steps to obtain an efficient water supply for the main portion of the village'.

100 years ago (1921) – There was a warning for the members of the Men's Club that despite a successful financial season, even though they lost the Billiards League Cup to Botley, there were still 'grumblers'. The vicar, Rowland Dawson, wrote, 'of course you have grumblers, we are never without them anywhere; but a man who always grumbles, draws little water, and no one takes his opinion for anything serious. He wallows in his own mire, and people leave him to himself to chew the cud! I suppose there is a lot of pleasure to that type of person, otherwise they would not grumble. To remove the grumble from them would be to take half the pleasure out of life. So grumble, grumble, grumble until you are bored stiff with it.' Let's hope there's a bit more happiness in the rest of the year!

75 years ago (1946) – The Parochial Church Council had just held 'their longest and busiest meeting of all' in January. The topic of evangelism had been discussed and 'the success of the winter sermons had been commented on, and it had been decided to have 'Question Time' instead of a sermon as occasion arose. After shortened Evensong on Sundays, the congregation will be invited to go into the Church Hall and question the Vicar on any matter of importance to Christians'. Now there's a thought !

50 years ago (1971) – As the season of Lent opened the idea of fasting was discussed and a reminder of what it meant was offered from the 2nd century writing called '*The Shepherd of Hermas*' 'on that day on which you fast you shall taste nothing but bread and water; and from your meats, which you would have eaten, you shall add up the amount of that day's expenditure, which you would have incurred, and you shall give it to a widow, or an orphan, or to one in want, and so you shall humble your soul, that he that has received from your humiliation may satisfy his own soul, and may pray for you to the Lord.' (Shepherd 56.5–7)



10 years ago (2011) – Olivia Perry, who at the time was in Year 2 Rabbits class at Saint James School, revealed her New Year resolutions which included:

To try my best at school
To always be kind to others
To help people in need
To never give up on hard sums

Winchester Cathedral Community Lantern Project 2020



Did you know that there is a prayer for you hanging suspended from the nave roof in Winchester cathedral? The roof that is 24 metres high and the longest gothic cathedral nave in Europe?

In October last year, the cathedral decided to 'spread comfort and joy' by asking the community to get involved with an art installation. They asked for volunteers to make a simple lantern made from an A4 piece of white card and to punch out, or cut, simple designs into the sides so that light could travel through. A video was provided so that you knew exactly what needed to be done. You were encouraged to write the name of loved ones, or a prayer inside the lantern and that's where you come in!

I thought that this was a brilliant idea – something so simple that I could do it, with the added bonus that it would keep me busy for a bit during semi-lockdown. I thought, sketched and badgered Noel for supplies and then made five. The prayer inside one is for the church of St James', West End, its congregation and the wider community.

Noel and I set off for Winchester to drop them off on a chilly December day, only to find that everywhere was unexpectedly shut. Not deterred, we went for a brisk walk, came back through the cathedral precinct and met a young verger, who, though rather surprised, offered to take them.



We had booked to attend a Christmas Evensong at the cathedral on the 22nd and were delighted to find that we were sat directly under the lantern installation and that I could actually see two of the five that I had made! The one at the bottom of the middle string on the right-hand photo has a simple sail boat design with seagulls and is one that I made for a seafarer's prayer to go inside.

The lantern project must have caught the public's imagination as pictures of it featured in the Daily Telegraph twice over the Christmas period!



Debbie Becket

Poets Corner

This poem was written by Oonagh Knights, the daughter of a member of the St James' Church congregation and was read out at her Granny's funeral.

Poem for Granny

Death snuck in, covered by the dark of the night.
Through an open window he floated, to collect a sacred soul.
Death stood beside her, and she smiled up at him,
her time was here.
He greeted her like an old friend, with kindness, unspoken respect.
She was not afraid of him.
Her children loving gazed on,
aware that death stood silently beside them, hearts breaking.
She placed her soft hand in his cold palm, trusting.
He wrapped her in his dark cloak,
carefully, tenderly, and gently
carried her away to where my grandfather sits.
He dressed her in robes of brilliant white
and sparkling gold and sat her,
hand in hand with her beloved, at last.
One by one we will join them,
to gaze upon their rosy, smiling faces,
hearts mended, pain ended.

Oonagh Knights



If you have a poem that has been written by someone in your family or if you have a poem that may be inspirational or uplifting to others then please forward to us and you may see it appear in an issue of the St James' West End Magazine.

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Come and Zoom with us at St James's Church!



Join us for our **Zoom coffee morning** every Thursday 10am—11am. All are welcome just pop in on Zoom.
The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89961442212?pwd=a29CbHFWa0U4RGRiR1kvVXdpbVdwQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6144 2212 Passcode: 407673

Why not come along to our

Zoom Quiz Night on Friday 5th February?

Join us for a 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be six rounds including general knowledge, food and drink , picture round..... Mark your own answers! No prizes but a great chance to socialise via Zoom and meet others.

A donation to Church funds is welcome.

Find the Zoom code on our website.



SO18 BIG LOCAL is a resident-led project which was awarded £1m from the Big Lottery Fund to make a lasting positive difference. It covers parts of Harefield, Midanbury and Townhill Park. They have a great website and lots of ideas and projects.

You can sign up to receive their monthly newsletter direct by email via their website which can be found at <https://so18biglocal.org.uk/> and there is also a Facebook page to follow at <https://www.facebook.com/SO18BigLocal/>

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*Making a difference in Harefield,
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For the Young Baking Buffs!



We live in hope that eventually a concert and afternoon tea might be on the menu again sometime in the future and look back with fond memories of those events, which although very hard work, generated some really enjoyable afternoons for the community and beyond . They also helped raise much needed funds for Project Aurora.

By the time we can consider such an event again two years may have passed sadly, and those of us responsible for baking vast quantities of cakes and scones might be hanging up our aprons so to speak! So during these weeks of lockdown what better time than to try your skill at Scone making , plenty of time to practice and get the children involved as well. Then when the occasion arises we will have a little band of bakers to call upon for help.

Here is the recipe .

1lb self raising flour

4oz butter or soft margarine or dairy free spread

2oz golden caster sugar

2tps (level) baking powder

2 medium free range eggs beaten with semi-skimmed milk (soya, almond or oat milk) plus

2tps vanilla extract, to make half a pint of liquid.

4ozs sultanas or raisins or chopped apricots with the zest of an orange, or dried cranberries with the zest of a lemon.

Heat oven to **225°C or Gas Mark 7.5**

Rub in the butter with flour and rest of dry ingredients. Add the liquid using a wooden spoon to combine and make a ball of dough. Knead very gently on a floured board for a few seconds, wrap in greaseproof paper and chill in fridge for ten minutes.

Roll out dough to about 1 inch thickness and using a medium size cutter cut about 9 scones. Do not twist the cutter!

Place on greaseproof or baking parchment lined baking sheets and transfer to oven and then turn the temperature to **220°C or Gas Mark 7** to bake.

Ovens vary, cook time is around **15-20 minutes** but check with a skewer at 15 minutes.

The scones freeze well, after defrosting warm in a moderate oven for about 10 minutes. They will store in the fridge for a few days but as above warm through.

Dust with icing sugar. The Cranberry and lemon flavour are good with lemon curd!

For Gluten free Scones add 1 teaspoon of xanthan gum to gluten free flour

For cheese scones omit sugar, add 2 teaspoons of mustard powder, half teaspoon cayenne pepper and 4oz grated mature cheddar cheese. Brush the scones with a little milk or egg wash and sprinkle a teaspoonful of cheese over. Parmesan cheese on the top is nice! Herbs such as finely chopped Rosemary, Thyme or Chives works well in Cheese scones and also grated carrot and sundried Tomatoes. These all go well with homemade soup!

So, all you young bakers, are you up for the challenge?

Sue Fitch

If you have success and feel like sharing please send your photos and scone anecdotes to us and you may spot yourself in the next issue! Email: stjameswe.magazine@gmail.com

A different sort of Christingle

Thank you all for supporting our Christingle event this year, which was of course completely different. This year we offered a 'take away Christingle in a Bag' which people were able to collect from church and use during our online service on Christmas Eve. We made 250 bags up and each included everything needed to make the Christingle, they were very well received and families really appreciated the opportunity to carry on their Christmas Eve tradition of joining us in our Christingle service.

Thank you to everyone who helped cut up tin foil squares and tie up four cocktail sticks, it was a great help to have everything prepared when we made up the bags.

We raised £183.03 for the Children's Society through donations for the bags which was a great result.



**Thank you all
for your
continued
support.**

Home Boxes

I am sorry but because of the current situation I have been unable to collect all the boxes in. I have counted the ones I have managed to collect and am pleased to be able to report that we have raised £124.82, thank you all for continuing to support the Children's Society by saving your loose change.

Jan



The HOPE team would like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising over the Christmas period, our Christmas goody bags raised £276, which was amazing, thank you for your generosity. Special thanks to Sue, Christine, Debbie, Brenda and Janet for baking and making the goodies.



LENT



We have been looking ahead to Lent and thinking about our Lent Appeal, which this year will be for [Solent Mind | Hampshire's leading mental health charity](#) and we thought it would be nice to offer Easter goody bags, which would include a homemade hot cross buns, an Easter cookie, a slice of simnel cake and some chocolate in return for a donation to our chosen charity.

More details to follow via the weekly email from Vicky.



Fairtrade Fortnight

Unfortunately we will be unable to promote this event as we normally do by having a table of Fairtrade produce in church. Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 22nd February to the 7th March 2021 and their theme this year is 'choose the world you want this Fairtrade Fortnight' when they aim to highlight the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities Fairtrade work with. There are lots of ideas of how you can get involved online.

www.fairtrade.org.uk/Get-Involved/Current-campaigns/Fairtrade-Fortnight

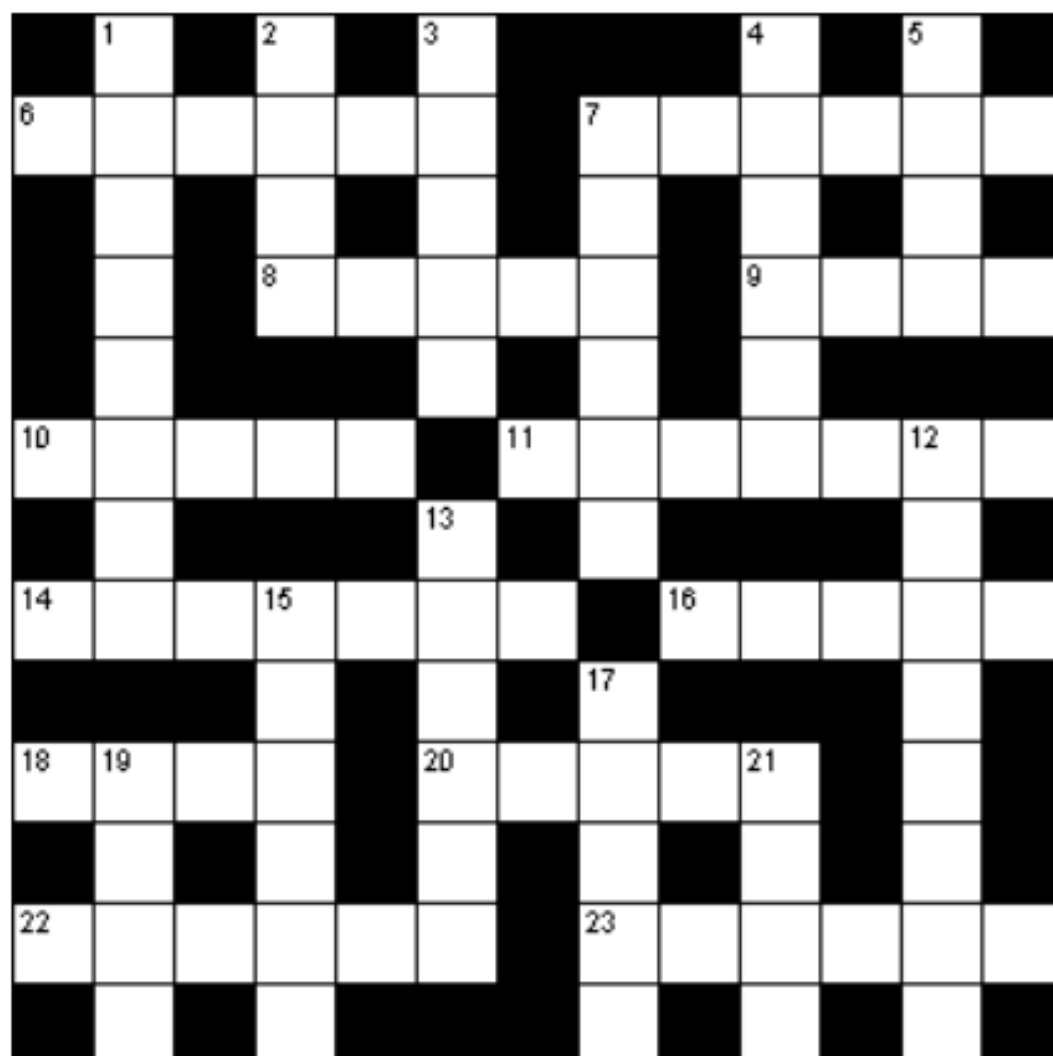


Looking forward we are planning a take away hunger lunch in a bag for Christian Aid week and maybe a Zoom family quiz, details to follow.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

The HOPE committee

Crossword for February 2021



Across

6. Type of goat, cat or rabbit (6)
7. Shorebird, related to the sandpiper (6)
8. Ophidian (5)
9. Female chickens (4)
10. Terrestrial gastropod mollusk (5)
11. Mongoose-like viverrine (7)
14. Arctic whale with long spiral tusk (7)
16. Slow-moving arboreal mammal (5)
18. Gull-like jaeger (4)
20. Raptors (5)
22. Small arthropod (6)
23. Large sauteed shrimp (6)

Down

1. South American arboreal boa (8)
2. Canines (4)
3. Long-tailed parrot of Central and South America (5)
4. Terrestrial burrowing rodent (6)
5. Small slender gull with forked tail (4)
7. Woodland flycatcher (6)
12. Graceful ruminant (8)
13. Leporid mammal (6)
15. Sea mammals (6)
17. Showy growth of head feathers (5)
19. Type of penguin, sounds regal (4)
21. Male deer (4)

Kingdom Kids



John 1.43-51

Philip and Nathanael both have an unexpected encounter with Jesus.



Philip brought Nathanael to, 'Come and see.'



Philip brought Nathanael to hear from Jesus. Who would you bring to Jesus? Draw them into the picture.



Can you unjumble the letters to find the two friends who met with Jesus?

liPiph

ahEANalTN



Imagine you are Philip and write an invitation for Nathanael to come, see and hear Jesus.





Church of England Telephone Line

If you know of someone who doesn't have access to online services the Church of England have launched a free national telephone line offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full services. It is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options including hymns, prayers and reflections. Please do let anyone know who might find this helpful.

WEST END CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT

This group has a Facebook page called "West End Coronavirus Support Group" and residents can also contact Julie Haylett, the organiser, on 028 8047 0610.

They have also collected shopping and other essentials thanks to the volunteers in the group who are offering their time to help other in need within their community.

The team are also working with local fish and chip shops in West End on a Wednesday and have been delivering meals to those who are currently stuck inside.

Solution for December/January Crossword



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A Warm Welcome Awaits You At Your Local Community Café

We are in the West End Parish Centre, Chapel Road, West End,
offering delicious, freshly prepared sandwiches, paninis,
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FRI 9-5

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This has prompted us to review how we might produce the magazine in future to reduce our carbon footprint - less paper, less electricity, less printing, and the decision was taken to offer the magazine for free in an online PDF format. However, we are still welcoming voluntary contributions towards the cost of producing it (there are still admin costs)

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God bless from all at St James' Church.

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