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Hello Reader,

And thank you for picking up the August edition of the Key.

I hope you enjoy it, and hope you have a wonderful summer whether at home or going for a break somewhere.

With best wishes

Lisa



Many thanks to Rev. James for sharing this sermon.

Trinity 3 2022.

2 Kings 5.1–14

Galatians 6.[1–6]7–16

Luke 10.1–11,16–20

This week on social media, there was a fascinating video of the liturgy of grievance from a Roman Catholic Church in the states, during their service for the 4th Sunday of Lent last year.

It's the fairly standard pattern of a petition, ending in the words Lord have mercy, which the congregation repeats.

It starts off in a standard way – “for the blindness of not following the golden rule of kindness towards others Lord have mercy”

“For our attitude towards other peoples appearance or dress Lord have mercy”

“For the times our sharp political divide blinded us to the call to care for each other Lord have mercy”

So far, broadly what you might expect. Then it starts to change...

“When people use loopholes to take advantage of disability benefits Christ have mercy”

Now you're like ‘ooh bit pointed’. Then

“For a blind attitude over the theft of work xerox paper for personal use. Lord have mercy.”

What now?! There are a few more standard petitions, then

“When we are tempted to cheat at golf tournaments by not reporting strokes or by a foot wedge. Christ have mercy”

You can see how the cantor's week has gone can't you.

It goes on for a good few minutes- lord have mercy when we hoard toilet paper, when we lack respect for God in church with distracted talking, when we think it's ok not to show up for doctors appointments, for the times we didn't

silence our phones in church, for the times we complained when someone sits in our pew or the sermon is too long - at least that one makes sense. What we had was a list of weirdly specific gripes about quite small things, things if we are honest which we probably can relate to a bit, one of the realities of being part of a church community is that we find small things that annoy us out of all proportion. Its part of the reality of being in any group where we spend a long time in proximity to others.

Yet the issue with these prayers, which has root in the cantor having just not been appointed the director of music for that church, is that it is a completely egocentric view of the world – what needs saying, what matters are the things that annoy me, and nothing else. In church that becomes that our experience of God becomes the only possible experience and understanding of God and how to worship and approach him, to the exclusion of all others, and that is no good thing.

Disagreements are rife in a church, sometimes over petty things like we see in those prayers, sometimes over far bigger questions and matters. We have the Lambeth conference coming up when the headlines will be around who is there and who is not and what fault lines emerge. That if we are being honest is the story of every conference since they began as a way partly to deal with the troublesome Bishop of Natal and his slightly trendy biblical studies, to which the Archbishop of York refused to attend because he thought it an affront to nature of episcopacy as received in the church of England. And indeed if we are honest it is the story of the church since the earliest days when the rather sarcastic complaint, see how these Christians love one another could be levelled by those who opposed the church.

Conflict and disagreement has always been part of the church, sometimes over things that don't really matter, often over things that do, and sometimes over things that seem incredibly important at the time but less so afterwards. We see that reflected in our reading from Galatians today, where we have the

final paragraphs of the letter, which reiterate the message of the whole, which is about the issue of how Jewish and gentile believers live together. More specifically whether gentile believers need to take on the marks of the covenant – circumcision and potentially Jewish dietary requirements, in order to be part of the church. What is it that is needed to be saved. How do we value the law and understand it in light of the new freedoms Christ preached? Which are serious questions to answer.

The letter as a whole puts across this message. What Paul preached among them was Christ crucified, something we know is not a reward we earned but a gift given. When the Galatians received the word about Christ as good news, they did so by listening with faith—or by listening that turned into faith. And when they listened with faith, the Spirit was poured out upon them -love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (see 5:22-23). And notice that all these gifts were given (Christ, the faith, the Spirit) before a single gentile Galatian male had been circumcised or a single gentile Galatian table had gone kosher. Just as Abraham was reckoned righteous before he received circumcision, so the Galatians received the Spirit before they even thought of getting circumcised.

Paul's message through it all is this - Look at the scriptures if you want to see how God works, Look at him. Look at yourselves. See how promises made are shown to be real in your life. The good news is that our membership in God's family does not result from our birth but from Christ's birth and atonement.

It is that faith which holds us, not the markers and signs which we often rely on as a short cut to them.

This is what he wants to emphasise at the end of the letter – which is why he refers to the big letters made in his own hand, not in an a sort of look at how terrible my handwriting is, but rather as a way of making sure he hammers home the point.

Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.

Paul's letter highlights perhaps a way of how we deal with disagreements, uncertainty and mistrust.

Often there are two tendencies when we come across things which don't sit easily within or between churches – not making passive aggressive prayer requests you might be glad to hear, but two others.

The first tendency is to look at disagreements and simply restate what the dominant position has been up to now – turning back to the authority in a church of what is rightly often scripture, or sometimes traditions, and to state what it has been understood to say and that is that. The difficulty of course being that the single good news in our scriptures and traditions is spoken through multiple voices, which speak to different people in different ways. How we go about adjudicating between different texts and readings of them is always tricky; more over it risks treating faith simply as a cognitive matter, we can construct the system that works and makes sense, but which can fail to connect into peoples hearts and lives to be lived.

Second is to go the other way and simply say that we just need to live in the tensions and paradoxes and trust in goodness of God beyond things we don't understand. Agree to disagree and live with it. To do so arguably of course shuts down visions of ever looking at such things, present peace sacrificed for future resolution. If a life of faith involves growth and change, then keeping things as they are for peace doesn't always seem particularly life giving.

Paul takes something from both these and offers a slightly different vision. He isn't one for letting weight of tradition or interpretation stop him from arguing his corner, he takes on the weight of thousands of years of understanding of the covenant in Galatians to show what new things God has done in Jesus. He engages with and draws out new meaning from them, rather than going with what has gone before. But as he also does so in a profoundly pastoral

sense, there is a new creation in Christ, the old has fallen away and we are called to support one another's burdens with gentleness, with compassion. A call very much not to a church of easy answers and distinctions but where the challenges of the age and the gospel are worked out among a diverse group of people with compassion, with care, and with a confidence that we can continue to find answers and meaning that gives real hope. A church which then matches those convictions with action for those within and without itself.

The grumpy cantor illustration at the start of this sermon shows us how not to approach these things, to reach a place where we believe our perception or understanding is such that we have no need for others who annoy us, who don't see things in the same way. But also the challenge there is that we are called to recognise the need to have him and anyone challenging as part of our community if we want to be a church.

That belief that we are not in need of one another is one Paul wants us to remove from our minds, to remind ourselves that we are not self-sufficient islands but people deeply in need of one another's support, prayers, points of view and understandings to shape and test our own. That we are a place where we need to be aware of our needs, of the needs of others materially and spiritually – a place where we are mindful of our need for forgiveness and our need to offer it others as well. No coincidence those are some of the themes of the mission the 70 are sent out with in our gospel reading today. These are hard things to do but essence of what Pauls calls us to be as a community. We are entering a season when undoubtedly the falling apart of the Church will be in the news quite a bit, hold onto those principles, hope that power of God overcomes all, that nothing with him cannot be resolved or redeemed through his cross. Our question for today is simply what do we hold on to in a church – our institutional preconceptions, our own objectives or annoyances, the belief that we have largely got it sorted unlike them, or do we take from this a renewed sense of our need to focus on Gods great work, our

need for that and our need for each other to bear one another in need, in disagreement, in difficulty, that the world may continue to hear and see the good news of God's reconciliation.

Come and be part of an amazing event

The Christmas Tree Festival and the School's Festival are two major events in the life of the church that require forward planning and hard work to make them the amazing successes they are.

We are sending out an early appeal for expressions of interest from anyone who would like to be involved with either or both these events, the opportunities are many and varied.

Please contact the church office today to register your interest and to be part of something that is a wonderful witness to our Christian faith.

Christmas Tree Festival -10th and 11th December 2022

School's Festival – 27th and 28th June 2023

Small snippets from recent festivals ~



Christmas Tree Festival 2021

Can we make this year's festival special for those who will be unable to celebrate Christmas in their own homes and are separated from Family and loved ones and also to encourage back those who discovered us for the first time at the Jubilee Fun Afternoon back in June?



School's Festival 2022

This year the school's festival was blessed with glorious weather.

Spread over two days 450 year five children from 9 schools across the borough came to church to enjoy a variety of workshops based on the theme of *Loving and Serving Others*, the whole church site was buzzing with sound from activities ranging from drama, dance, music, to cooking, crafts, puppet theatre, to drumming, sport, team building and Godly play.



Bromley Parish Church

Bank Holiday Recital

Riccardo Bonci

(Orvieto Cathedral)

Organ Recital

Mendelssohn Reger Verdi

Lefébure-Wély Bergamo

Monday 29th August 11.30am

Free Admission Retiring Collection



*Refreshments served from
10.30am*

Bank Holiday Organ RecitalRiccardo Bonci

Our organ recital on August Bank Holiday Monday (29th August) at 11.30am is being given by Riccardo Bonci. Born in Terni (Italy), Riccardo graduated in Piano and Organ (gaining 100% marks in both) from the Conservatoires of Terni and Perugia. He also trained as an Opera Repetiteur and continuo player.

Riccardo continued to train in London at the Royal Academy of Music, where he graduated from the Postgraduate in Organ Performance course with distinction and the much coveted award of Di-pRAM; during this time he also studied the Art-Harmonium and Choir conducting. The Royal Academy of Music awarded him the PIDEM Organ Fellowship for the academic year 2005-2006.

During his 17 years in the UK Riccardo enjoyed working as Assistant Director of Music to Dr William McVicker at St Barnabas Church, Dulwich. At the end of 2020 Riccardo was appointed Organist at the majestic Cathedral of Orvieto. The experience he gained at St Barnabas allowed him to enrich the liturgical music in his native country, by implementing many elements from the English musical tradition, one of which was the Christmas Carol Service in 2021, the first one ever in a Catholic Church in Italy.

Riccardo has performed with many distinguished musicians and musical institutions and in a number of prestigious venues including the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall, Westminster Cathedral, Royal Festival Hall, St John Smith Square and St Peter's Vatican City.

Riccardo's CD releases, The John Reading Manuscript of Dulwich College (Brilliant Classics), The Grand Tour Goes to England (Master Chord) and the Petite Messe Solennelle (Brilliant Classics) have been received very positively by the specialised press.

Admission to the concert is free with a retiring collection. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am. Hope to see you there!

Starter Pack donations collection mornings return in September

Starter Packs donations collection days at the Church begin again on Saturday September 3rd from 10am, please phone 07860100 201 to book a delivery slot and to confirm what you are giving or email Annehornertree@hotmail.co.uk

Current needs:

Bath towels

Hand towels

Tea towels

Small saucepans

Small oven dishes

Crockery

Please do not try to donate other items as I will need to turn them down, I only have storage space for the items I really need.



This is the final instalment (for now) of Garvin's memories of animal interactions he has had. Thank you to Garvin for writing these articles and I hope everyone has enjoyed reading them!

DOG 1 Harvey

Harvey is the first dog that I met about 5 years ago. A delightful beagle which was purchased as a rescue dog from Battersea Dogs Home by my friends who were married in our Church many years ago, when I led the procession.

After the purchase of Harvey I visited Martin & Ann who kindly introduced me to Harvey the Beagle. I remember that he promptly jumped on to my lap and we became 'Best Friends'. Even today when I telephone his home Harvey licks the telephone when he can hear my voice. How's that for friendship!

Recently because of Covid I visited his house and sat on the doorstep to receive music manuscripts from Martin & Ann.

Martin brought Harvey, who strained to get to me, sit close by my side and keep me company. Yes, I gave him a few treats which, of course, he enjoyed very much. I petted him and shared close company with Harvey. He not only remembers me but sometimes demands that I visit, by phone of course!

Of course, I enjoy his excited company each time I visit. I must have spent about half an hour petting & talking to Harvey like a 'Dutch Uncle'.

It was a most enjoyable experience for all of us. Fun as well.

DOG 2 Chase

Following an unexpected visit to a local antiques shop on one Saturday morning, I met a helpful owner Kate who owns 2 dogs and while I was perusing the items for sale, suddenly two large dog paws appeared on a table near me and I asked if I could stroke the dogs paws. Of course you can said Kate.

Thus, began a delightful friendship with a beautiful Collie crossed with a Saluki dog. 'Chase' is his name because he likes to chase about on a farm.

I regularly visit the stall with a few treats that Chase likes and I stroke & pet him, for about 30 minutes. He loves the attention particularly as I stroke his tummy and his beautiful soft black & white fur. One day Kate said to me, "Why don't you buy him a grooming brush as he would enjoy you grooming his long fur coat; however, the brush must only be used for Chase and no other dog. So, I did! Since then Chase often acts 'cute'.

Last week he put each paw over each eye, one at a time and pushed his nose under his paws while laying, full length on his favourite blanket as I continued to stroke his back. Both Chase & I enjoy his friendship as we meet, while Kate sells the antiques. Chase is most endearing.

Two weeks ago, while I was sitting on Margaret T's bench on the Church front lawn, a visitor with a new puppy came and sat on a third bench far from where I was sitting. We exchanged greeting and I enquired of the dogs name. Oh! Jack, he replied and he cost £1800. Well"! unexpectedly I replied 'Hello Jack!' Well that was the word he recognised and the black puppy immediately ran at 100 mph. around the grass in front of the church and eventually jumped into my lap. He immediately turned onto his back for me to rub his tummy, which he greatly enjoyed, in fact so much so that he repeated his trick 3 further times when, eventually the owner, perhaps a little jealous, said "Now you, Jack are getting too excited so calm down and we'll go home". And then both dog & owner said their 'goodbyes' and both departed.

Dog 3 Luna & Bentley

Recently I spotted 2 large white huskies outside the main gate of our Church.

I met the owner, a young man, who owned the dogs and indicated that each had two layers of pure white fur 9" thick and with white eyes. I spoke to the owner about the dogs and was told that they were named Luna & Bentley and that they are brother & sister. Then I noticed the dogs were kissing each other which I had never seen before. Also, the dogs had a very friendly temperament.

Dog 4 A Tired St Bernard

Finally, after Church last Sunday Jack M and I went for a meal at an excellent restaurant in Crystal Palace Park. On returning and near an exit from the park I noticed an extremely large brown St. Bernard dog, on a dogs leash and as big as a man.

The owner was trying to pull the dog into the back of his car boot. Obviously to go home! I asked the wife of the family why the dog, then sprawled and glued to the pavement, could not be moved. And with a glint in her eye she said "Well, the dog loves the park and as he is happy, he just wants to sit down and rest, stay and enjoy the atmosphere, he is too heavy to lift" and we laughed...

It was a funny sight!!

FINALLY

Unexpectedly, I have been invited to a special dog grooming salon of three professionals for tea, coffee and good company. I wonder what I may learn next.....

Please contact the editor if you have any interesting anecdotes to contribute
To Jaz up the Mag! Best wishes from GARVIN.

23rd August Rose of Lima, for whom nothing was ever enough

How will you become a better person than you are now? Have you ever denied yourself in order to try and please God? No matter what your dedication, it is unlikely that your efforts will ever have outshone those of Rose of Lima (1586–1617), who in 1671 became the first saint of America, and patron of South America. Her whole life raises the issue: how do you draw closer to God?

Rose was born in Lima, Peru, in 1586, into a Spanish family that had once been rich. Her beauty earned her the name, and her character was just as attractive. She was eager to please, produced exquisite lace and embroidery, and was known for her charity.

Her parents hoped for a good marriage for her, but it was not to be. Rose did not want a husband and a place in the corrupt and wanton society of Lima at the time. Rose was an intensely spiritual person, and spent hours in contemplation of Jesus and St Mary, and took the 'Blessed Sacrament' on a daily basis. She devoted herself to prayer and simple acts of mortification. In those days 'mortification' of the flesh was seen as a way of keeping your earthly appetites under control, and therefore drawing nearer to God.

At 20, Rose joined the Third order of St Dominic, taking as her model Catherine of Siena. Her love of God continued, as did her charity to others, but now a darker side to her spirituality began to grow. Rose lived as a recluse in a hut, and increased her acts of mortification. She wanted to suffer, because she thought it would bring her closer to God.

She cut off her hair and rubbed pepper and lye into her face until it was raw and blistered. She fasted until she could hardly stand. She drank gall mixed with bitter herbs. She filled her bed with broken glass, thorns and sharp things. She wore a tight iron chain around her waist.

She embraced every penance that she could think of, and yet still she suffered at times a feeling of terrible loneliness and desolation, for God seemed far away. Then she would pray: "Lord, increase my sufferings, and with them increase your love in my heart." Sometimes she would indeed feel God near her, and then she would be in ecstasy for hours.

It is hard to explain why Rose thought she needed to inflict needless suffering on herself in order to get closer to God. One scholar has suggested that perhaps Rose wanted to "make reparation for the widespread sin and corruption" in her society at the time. She had said once that she wanted to pay for the sin of the idolatry of her countrymen.

Again, this is hard to understand because the Bible never once says that any human being can 'make payment' to God for the sins of another person. We may grieve over the sins of others, but only Christ can offer them forgiveness.

Only He has died for them.

In Uganda a number of years ago a nun asked a bishop for help. "I have done penance all my life. I have tried so hard to please God – but I still don't feel any joy. What am I doing wrong?" The Bishop said gently: "Because, dear sister, you are hoping to find joy in what you have done for God. I am joyful because I have discovered what Jesus has done for me."

Poor well-meaning but confused Rose: after a long illness which seems to have had some psychological as well as physical elements to it, she finally died, only 31 years old.

Please use this space to pass messages on to the Church community – whether it is a prayer request, a thank you, a craft idea, a recipe...

Church Rooms for hire.

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We have varied, comfortable, no smoking accommodation with kitchen facilities and disabled access and toilet facilities to the rooms.



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Ripley Recitals Association

Ripley Recitals

55th Season Autumn Series 2022

Friday 14 October at 7.30pm

Yoanna Prodanova - cello

Mihai Ritivoiu - piano

Friday 18 November at 7.30pm

Ensemble Mirage

clarinet, viola & piano

In the Music Room, Ripley Arts Centre

24 Sundridge Avenue, Bromley, Kent, BR1 2PX

Tickets: £15.00 Children/students £5.00

Season: £25.00 Children/students £8

Available from: Christopher Town Tel: 020 8851 9116

Email: christophertown@ntlworld.com

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Come As You Are

You're more than welcome here



OPEN TABLE

Bromley United Reformed Church is planning to host a Christian worship community that genuinely welcomes and affirms

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans,
Queer or Questioning, Intersex,
& Asexual (LGBTQIA+)**



Bromley
**United
Reformed
Church**

people, as part of the **Open Table Network***

We'd love you to join us for a meeting to reflect together on the kind of experience we want to create, so everyone feels welcome, included, affirmed, and empowered in this community.

Open Table Network Coordinator Kieran Bohan, Stephen Fellingham, Local Lay Leader & Revd Elaine Colechin, URC Minister, will guide the conversation.

Saturday 20th August 2022

2-4pm @ Bromley URC, 20 Widmore Road, BR1 1RY

For more info & to register, please email Elaine: esc37@cantab.net

* The Open Table Network is Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1193868 registered in England & Wales.

To find out where and when you're **#MoreThanWelcome**
to **#ComeAsYouAre**, visit **www.opentable.lgbt**

SUMMER STAY AND PLAY GAMES, TOYS, CRAFT, CHAT, REFRESHMENTS

Wednesdays 27th July, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th August

10am until 12 noon

Bromley Methodist Church, Corner of North St and College Rd, BR1 1SD

020 8313 1029 office@bromleymethodist.org

No Charge – Free Sessions

Families can come and practise speaking English

Children must come with an adult



Photos of some of our lovely ladies from the Parish enjoying a 'Girls' Night Out'!

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 6:9 to 9:17.

Everywhere God looked, people were hurting others, fighting, lying, cheating and stealing. Only Noah was good.

I'm going to send a flood to get rid of the bad people



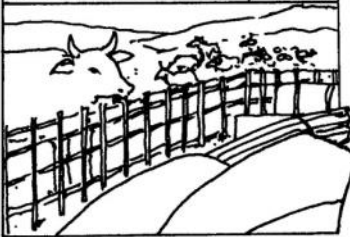
You must build a big life raft



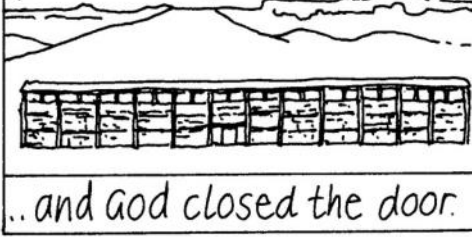
So Noah built the life raft to God's plan - a huge box with a roof and a door



He got the animals ready to go on board with all their food.



All the animals, all the food and all Noah's family were packed on board...

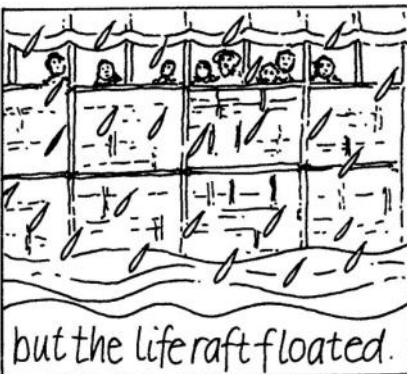


...and God closed the door.

The rain began to fall

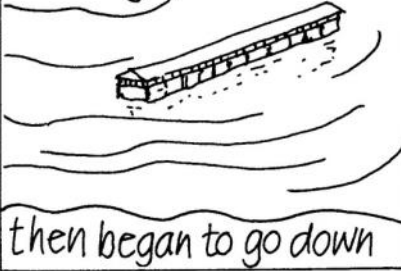


for 40 days and nights



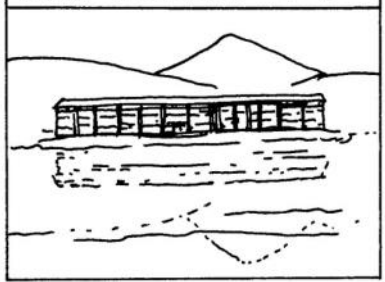
but the life raft floated.

The flood continued for 150 days



then began to go down

The life raft grounded near Mount Ararat



Noah sent a raven to look for dry land, but it came back



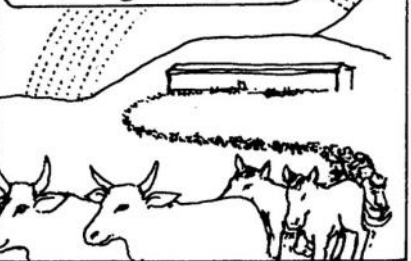
so he sent a dove to look.

The second time it came back with a leaf.



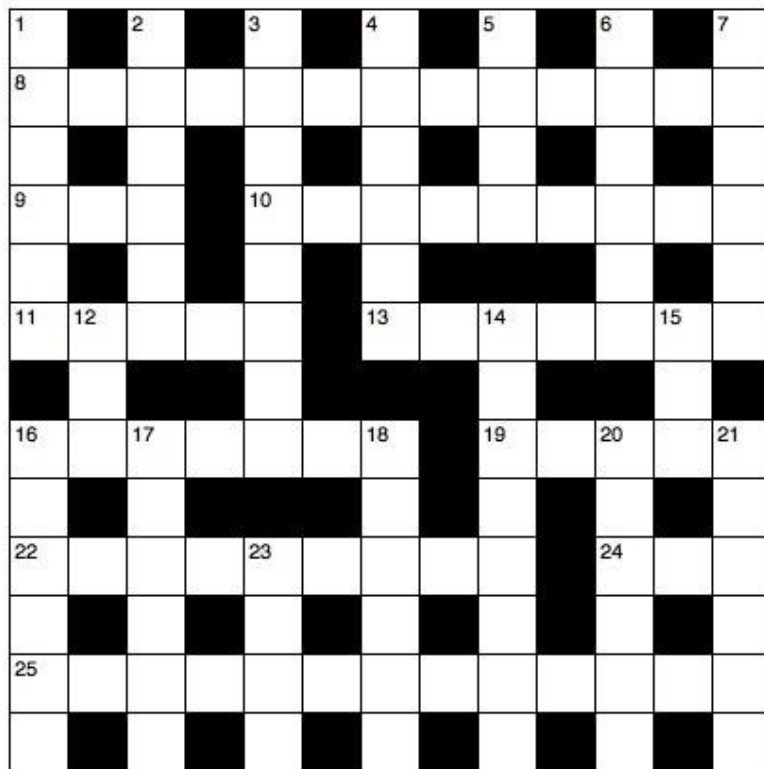
Trees are growing again - we can get out!

I am your God and you are My people.



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Noah	bad	flood	floated
people	second	bad	hurting
animals	raft	food	box
family	life	roof	door
rain	flood	Ararat	raven
dove	leaf	trees	God



Answers:

ACROSS: 8, Prince of Peace. 9, INF. 10, Unmarried. 11, Gulag. 13, Treason. 16, In aid of. 19, Arena. 22, Calvinist. 24, Pad. 25, Moses and Aaron.

DOWN: 1, Spring. 2, Sinful. 3, Scourged. 4, Commit. 5, Spur. 6, Matins. 7, Feed on. 12, Urn. 14, Erastian. 15, Own. 16, Income. 17, At last. 18, Friend. 20, Empire. 21, Adding. 23, Inst.

Across

8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)

9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)

10 Single(1Corinthians7:27)(9)

11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)

13 Treachery(2Kings11:14)(7)

16 Of India(anag.)(2,3,2)

19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession,like men condemned to die in the — ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)

22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)

24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)

25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down

1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)

2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)

3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings12:11) (8)

4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)

5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)

6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)

7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)

12 Run(anag.)(3)

14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)

15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm12:4) (3)

16 Earnings(1Corinthians16:2)(6)

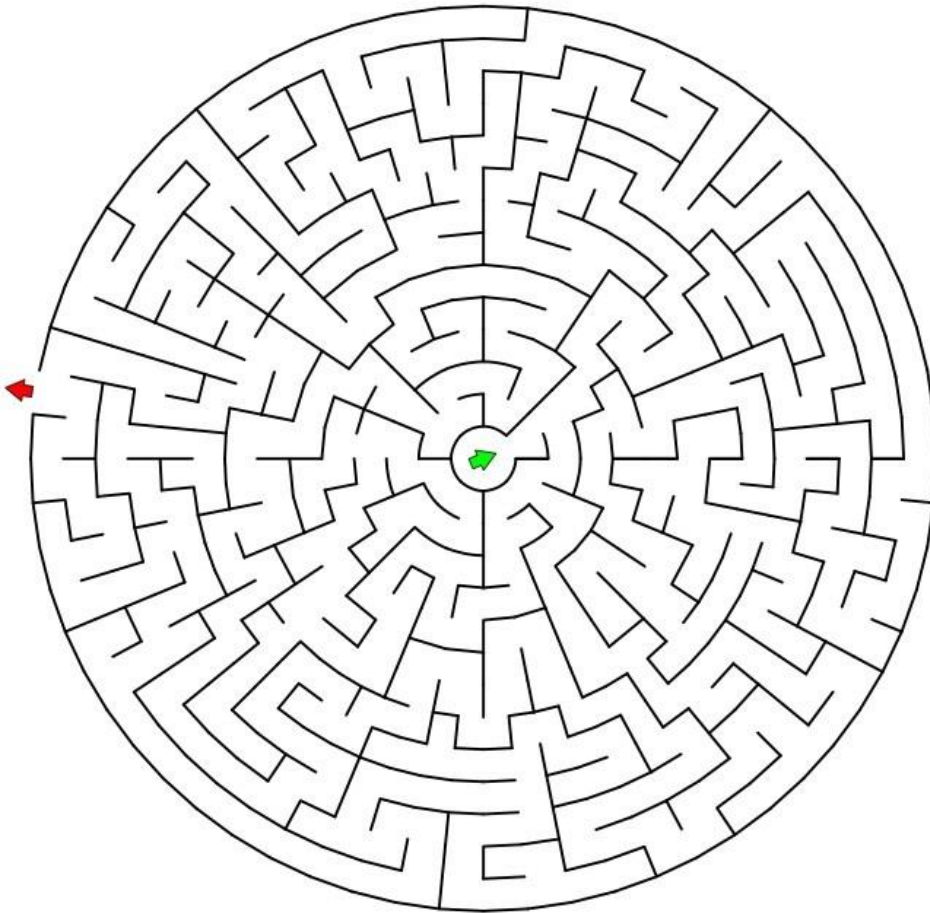
17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that—you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)

18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1) (6)

20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state(Daniel11:4)(6)

21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)

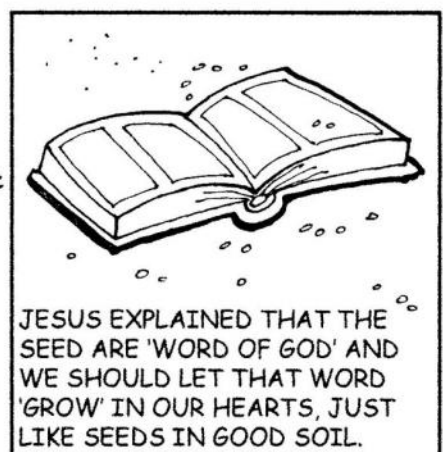
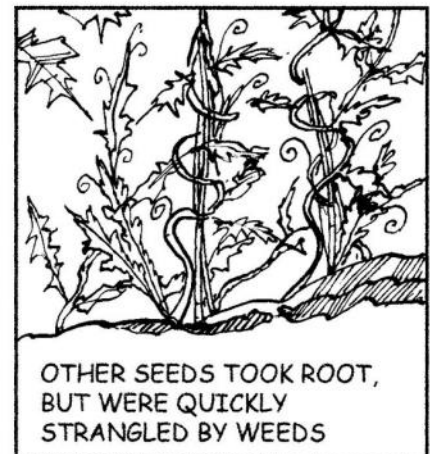
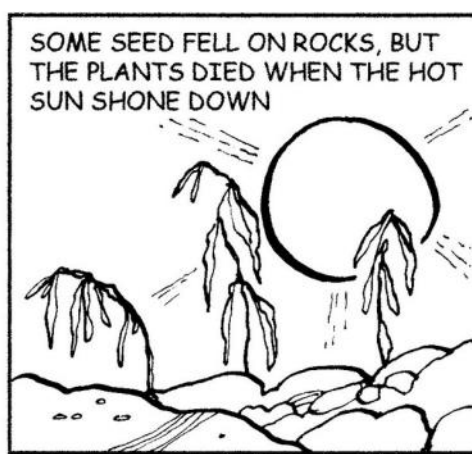
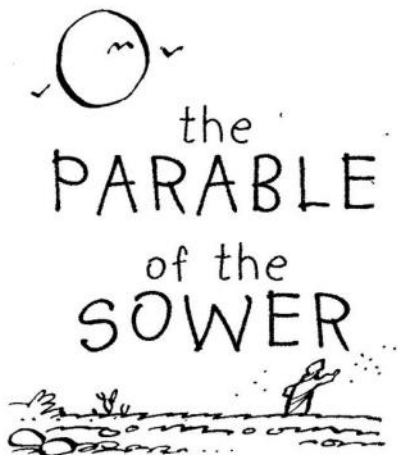
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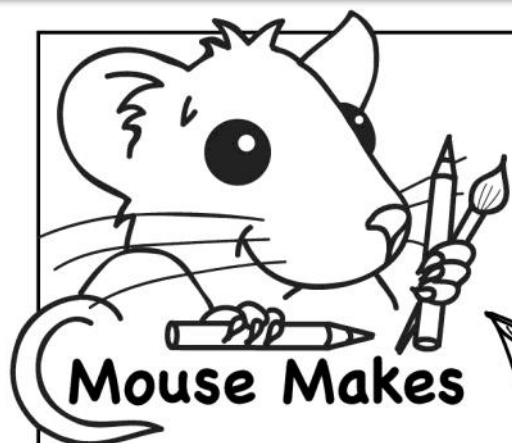


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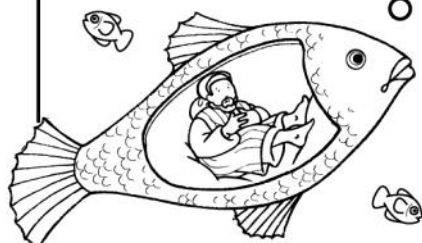
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into each row, column,
and 3x3 square.

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READ the full story
in the book of Jonah



What swallowed Jonah?

A big _____

How long was he there?

three _____ and
three _____

Jonah 1:17

JONAH'S JOURNEY

Which city did God
tell Jonah to go to?

and why?
Jonah 1:12



Where did Jonah
try to go instead?

Jonah 1:3



What did God send to stop him?

A great _____

What did Jonah tell the sailors
to do to make the sea calm?

him into the sea
Jonah 1:4-16



What did Jonah do?

then what did the fish do?
Jonah 2:1-10

DID YOU KNOW?

In Bible
times wearing itchy
sackcloth made from
goat's hair was a sign of
grief and repentance



When Jonah reached Nineveh
he proclaimed God's message...
the city would be overthrown in

_____ days
Jonah 2:1-10

What did the people do?

F _____
What did they put on?

Jonah 3:1-9

What did God do?

R _____
Jonah 3:10

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

Find the missing words. Look up the Bible references then
look for them and the words on this page in **bold** in the word search

Prayer for August

Dear Heavenly Father,

In this month of August, thank you for your presence. Whether we're at home or on holiday, in one place or travelling, working or resting, happy or sad, young, middle-aged or elderly, you are with us.

As we journey through the different stages of this life on earth, help us to know that wonderful assurance of your presence, by putting our trust in Jesus now.

No matter what ups and downs come our way, we will never be alone. You are with us, sharing it all day by day - and leading us home.

Thank you, Lord of all our journeys, In Jesus' name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

A Blessing Comes

It's good to get away from noise
From chaos and from din,
To seek in solitude and peace
The beauty that's within
To go into a quiet place
Where all is fresh and green,
And contemplate in silent calm
Great truths and things unseen.

The mysteries of the universe
The wisdom of the sage,
Or take some old and lovely thought
From a bygone age,
And meditate upon the good
The honest and the true,
This calms the mind and you will find
A blessing comes to you.

By Kathleen Gillum

What a world

What a world, what a world, whirling and twirling
Twisting and turning spinning in space,
God with His finger brings order from chaos
Mountains and seas all put in place.

Man the peak of all His creation
Awakes to a world full of beauty and grace,
Walks in the garden with God his creator
Fellowship sweet as they meet face to face.

What a world, what a world, whirling and twirling
Twisting and turning peace now has gone
Ignoring his Lord bringing chaos from order
Fellowship broken, man now all alone.

It's His world, not our world
He has come to reclaim it,
Restoring communion foolishly lost,
Our Saviour, Redeemer with undeserved grace
Brings us back to the fold through the work of His cross.

By Megan Carter

Sunday 7**Trinity 8**

10.30am Parish Eucharist followed by burial of ashes for Enid Knight

Tuesday 9

No Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 10

12noon -2pm Church open for private prayer

Thursday 11

2.15pm Fellowship

No Choir Practice

Friday 12

7pm Quarter peal

Saturday 13

10am -12noon Gardening Club

Sunday 14**Trinity 9**

9.00am Breakfast Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist

No Evensong

Tuesday 16

No Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 17

12noon -2pm Church open for private prayer

8.00pm Standing Committee

Thursday 18

No Choir practice

Saturday 20

1pm Baptism

Sunday 21**Trinity 10**

10.30am All age Worship with Communion

Tuesday 23

No Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 24

12noon -2pm private prayer

Thursday 25

2.15pm Fellowship

No Choir practice

Friday 26

1pm Wedding André Ferrari and Catherine Stowell

Sunday 28**Trinity 11**

9.00am Breakfast Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist

Monday 29

11.30am Bank Holiday organ recital, Riccardo Bonci (Orvieto Cathedral) refreshments from 10.30am

Tuesday 30

No Toddler Praise

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wednesday 31 August

12noon – 2pm Church open for private prayer

Morning Prayer is said daily at 8.00am in the Children's Chapel

The Children's Chapel is open daily for prayer

Church is open on Wednesdays between 12noon and 2pm for private prayer when consecrated bread will be available for those who wish to receive.

Updates to services and events will be posted on our website

www.bromleyparishchurch.org

To join Sunday worship online please visit our website

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Please continue to wear face masks in the church building.