

December 2025 & January 2026

Stratton Team Ministry

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Dear Friends

Do you "see" time in a particular way – if so, how?

Not everyone thinks visually because we're all different. But some people picture time as a circle. Some associate colours with times of year - or even days of the week. For me, time is a line coming from my left, and heading off ahead of me, and I can zoom in or out to see today, this week, this year and look back or forward.

It's hard for me to believe that by the year's end, I will have been your curate for 18 months. In Bristol Diocese, a curate's licence is normally for three to four years. The expectation is that after three years, I should have completed all the hands-on training – or 'formation' as it is called – and around that time will be exploring where I go next and look for a post as an incumbent in a group of parishes elsewhere.

During these three years, I am experiencing Christmas, Holy Week and Easter etc just three times each. That's not much, and I want to make the most of learning from these more occasional services – while also valuing the Sunday-by-Sunday learning and preaching – not to mention all the things that vicars do which are not so visible!

This year, Elveen has asked me to take a lead in several of these less common but important services. This is valuable experience preparing me for when I become an incumbent.



Last year, Elveen led the Remembrance Sunday service. This year, I led the service as well as the rehearsal – those flags are not easy to handle so I was glad to have June and Ian there! Last Christmas, I attended all the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services alongside Elveen. This Christmas, I shall be taking a lead. Just as she was at Remembrance, Elveen will also be there, supporting me at all these services.

Part of Elveen's commitment to my training involves regular meetings so we can reflect together on services I have taken, as well as other parts of my work – for example, I recently chaired meetings of the PCCs of Stanton and then Stratton and South Marston.

Another part of my training involves attending a variety of sessions laid on for curates by the Diocese. One recent session for example focused on the life and work of SSOMs - Self-Supporting Ordained Ministers. (By the way, did you know that the future Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Sarah Mullally, trained for ordination while working as Chief Nursing Officer for England - and was herself an SSOM as she began her curacy?).

Christmas, then, is just around the corner (or for me, a few feet ahead!). How will Christmas be for you? Do you expect it to be much the same as last year – with a comfortable familiarity? Or will it be different from the usual, because of a change in your circumstances - the death of a loved one, serious illness for yourself or a family member, or the birth of a baby, a change of job or home?

One of Jesus' names given in Isaiah's prophecy is "Immanuel" – meaning, "God with us". Jesus came to live with us, to share our joys and sorrows, and to offer to humanity and to all of creation new life and hope because of his death and resurrection.

However you think about time, whether or not you "see" it, know that Jesus, "God with us", surrounds your past, your present and your future, and walks alongside you, whatever the future may hold.

May you know the peace of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, "God with us", surrounding you and your loved ones this Christmas and as you go into the New Year.

Reverend Charlotte

Curate



Nativity Scene, made in Burundi with banana leaves

${f \mathfrak{V}}$ Our Church Giving: Supporting Local and Global Needs ${f \mathfrak{V}}$

We are thrilled to announce the recent charitable donations made possible by the incredible generosity of our Parish community. Thank you for helping us support these vital organizations!

Charity	Donation	on Their Essential Work			
Swindon Parkinsons	£500	Supports local people living with Parkinson's disease, providing support groups, therapeutic activities, and essential information to help manage their condition and improve quality life.			
Swindon Prospect Hospice	£450	Provides palliative and end-of-life care for people in Swindon and the surrounding area. Their care extends to supporting the families and loved ones of patients.			
British Red Cross	£250	A well-known global movement that helps people in crisis both at home and abroad. They provide emergency relief, medical support, shelter, and vital aid during conflicts, disasters, and emergencies.			
Swindon Carers	£250	Offers crucial practical and emotional support to unpaid carers in the Swindon area. They help reduce isolation, provide advice, and ensure carers get the recognition and breaks they need.			
A Rocha UK	£250	A Christian conservation charity that focuses on caring for the environment and engaging churches in local nature projects. They encourage creation care as a core part of Christian faith and action.			
Swindon Food Collective	£250	Works to combat poverty and hunger in our community by providing emergency food parcels to individuals and families facing financial crisis. They rely on donations to support local people in need.			
Swindon Women's Aid		Provides vital services, including safe refuge accommodation , support, and advice , for women and children who have experienced domestic abuse.			

Top Tips for a Sustainable Christmas: Sustainable Gifting



Quality not quantity: Around half of UK adults receive presents they don't want at Christmas. When buying gifts, think less but better. This reduces the chances of gifts going to waste and could even be better for your wallet by purchasing one quality gift, rather than lots of cheaper items.

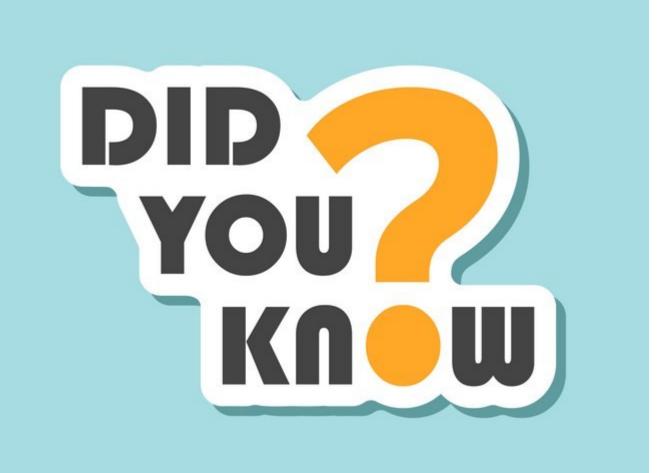
Gift an experience: Gifting an experience will help to reduce demand for physical resources, avoids filling homes with unwanted presents and can help you to spend quality time together. There are lots of options for different budgets to choose from that will reduce your Christmas footprint. Buy tickets to an event, book a restaurant for a date, gift a homemade coupon book, donate your time to help babysit, or to visit a local park together for a <u>daily</u> <u>dose of nature</u>. It also makes your gift last longer – having something to look forward to later in the year.

Check where your gift comes from: If the perfect gift for someone is something new, look at the materials it is made from and keep sustainability in mind. Ensure any wood, card, bamboo or paper gifts are made from 100% recycled or Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified materials. Avoid single -use plastic items (especially glitter) that can't be recycled.

Shop second-hand: Buying second-hand items helps the planet by reducing the need for new materials, keeping items in use for longer. This helps to reduce emissions used to create new products. Vintage clothes, books, home furnishings, and refurbished technology can all make great sustainable gifts, and they can help make your money go further too.

Avoid excess packaging: Reduce waste by buying gifts with little or no packaging. If you can't avoid packaging, look for recycled or recyclable materials. Avoid plastics where possible.

Get creative with wrapping and cards: What materials do you already have that you can reuse or repurpose? Each year it's a good idea to get into the habit of saving ribbons, gift bags, and cards to make your own decorative tags and present wrapping for the next year. If you are buying cards and wrapping paper, look for those made from 100% recycled or FSC-certified paper. Avoid plastic ribbons and tape, or foil-backed and glittery wrapping paper. Choose cards that you can recycle (this means no foil or glitter).





Did you know?

Did you know that only one town in England has an exclamation mark after its name?

For the answer turn to Page 35



Did you know?

Did you know that in 1892 a Scottish man, James Dewar invented the vacuum flask?

He was able to place two glass containers inside the other and evacuate the air thus creating a vacuum. In 1907 'Thermos UK' began commercial manufacture. 'Thermos' is derived from the Greek – therme meaning heat – and now you know!



December Thoughts

Recently, just by chance, my Bible fell open at Paul's second letter to Timothy, Chapter 3 concerning the 'Last days'. He lists the faults of people who will be full of their own power, insulting and disobedient towards their parents. He asks Timothy to follow the true meaning of Jesus' teachings.

Times change and freedom of the individual to do as they may please is today's mantra. Individual freedom is something which we all espouse; nevertheless, we need to be careful that we do not veer too far in this new direction. We need to heed the teachings of Jesus in particular, to love our neighbour as ourselves and not to extol our own virtues and to boast of our good deeds. We should not keep account of them but, instead, to only let those good deeds be known to the recipient of those good deeds and to God.

I know that neither Joan nor I would ever dream of arguing with our parents and I know that few of our contempories would do so also.

In this Christmas time of new hope and good will, might it be of value to re-read Paul's letter to Timothy? Reading different Bible passages can very often yield forgotten paths of interest.

May God bless us all at this time of new birth.





Diocese of Bristol

"Join us, Join in!"

Mothers' Union Swindon Deanery Branch

Our December meeting will be on Friday 12th

It will be in St Margaret's Centre at 2.30pm

and it will be our Advent Service.

Everyone is welcome

Do come and join us.

For more info, visit the Bristol MU website

www.mubristol.co.uk

In January we have our New Year Pub Lunch







raising awareness of modern slavery



480 million women around the world can't read or write



WEEKLY PRAYERS FOR December

Theme – Invitations and gifts

Reflection for – Invitations and gifts

Before we were formed in the womb, God knew us each individually. Whilst we move into the season of Advent, we think not only of the gift of Jesus Christ, but also the many gifts and talents that the Lord has given each and every one of us. Let us think, this month, how we can use these gifts for the glory of God, the spreading of His Gospel and in the growing of His Kingdom through the work we do within Mothers' Union.

Monday

Dear Lord, with every breath we take we will sing of Your great goodness. You brought us light in the darkness. As we gather together during this time, let us remember the first coming of Your Son, Jesus. We thank You for this gift beyond measure, given to us, despite our faults and failures, to bring peace on earth. Amen

Tuesday

God of light, lead us to justice and peace. Grant us that Your light may shine where we are, so that we share the life and the hope You have given us. We pray throughout the season of Advent, that love and peace will reign and abundant life will come to all Your children. We await the light of the world that has come to us in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. We trust in Your steadfast care for all. You are our refuge and our strength. Amen.

(Adapted from CBTI)



Wednesday

O Holy are you O God, you assure us with your message' Do not be afraid', indeed Lord you bring us good news. Holy are you, wonder of wonders, for your beloved reigns in peace, you set aside your glory, and you always load us with the riches of your grace. Holy are you oh God, you lead us beside quiet waters and quieten our noisy lives so we might hang onto your word of joy. As we celebrate your Chosen one, prepare us to listen with our lives. Speak to us Lord and enable us to share joy to all your people. Amen *(Church of Scotland)*

Thursday

Heavenly Father and Almighty God, soften our hearts to the plight of migrants and refugees, through the example of the Blessed Mary, Mother of Mercy, who sought refuge in Egypt to protect her son, our saviour. Fill our hears with love, compassion and generosity, and with the Holy Spirit may we speak up against the ambivalence of the world. May we never forget the teaching of your son Jesus Christ, that, as we do to the least, we do to him. Amen

(The Church in Wales)



Friday

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!". Amen

(Henri Nouwen)

Saturday

We pray that throughout the whole world, as in Bethlehem so many centuries ago, we make space for God to enter our families, our work and our lives, and that we recognise and celebrate God's presence. Let us welcome God with open minds and open hearts so that as people of Christ, we can answer more fully the call that Jesus gave us over 2000 years ago, to "love one another" as we are loved. Amen (Based on a prayer by Maryknoll Lay Missioners)

Final Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever. Amen

(The Church of England)



7th December Second Sunday of Advent

St Margaret's

Church

St Leonard's Church

St Mary Magdalene

Church

9:30am

9:30am

4pm

Holy Communion

Service

Sunday Morning

Worship

Christingle Service

14th December Third Sunday of Advent

St Margaret's Church

St Mary Magdalene

Church

St Leonard's

Church

9:30am

4pm

9:30am

11 am

Sunday Morning

Worship

Service

Christingle Holy Communion

Service

Family Christingle

Service

21st December Fourth Sunday of Advent

Coleview Community Centre

St Margaret's Church

11 am

6pm

Team Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Carols by Candlelight

24th to 25th December

Christmas Services Please See Our Other Poster

28th December First Sunday of Christmas

St Margaret's Church

10am

Sunday Morning Team Worship



19th DECEMBER FRIDAY

St Mary Magdalene Church 7pm Christmas Carol Service

24th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

St Margaret's Church	St Mary M Church	agdalene	St Leonard's Church	
11pm	5pm	9pm	3:30pm	7pm
Holy Communion Service	Crib service	Holy Communion Service	Walking Nativity	Carols by Candlelight
25th DECEMBED				

25th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

St Margaret's Church 10am Holy Communion Service



4th January

St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church	St Mary Magdalene Church		
9:30am	9:30am	10am		
Holy Communion Service	Sunday Morning Worship	All Age Worship		
	11 th January			
St Margaret's Church	St Mary Magdalene Church	St Leonard's Church		
9:30am	9:30am	11am		
Sunday Morning Worship	Holy Communion Service	Family Service		
	18 th January			
Stratton Methodist Church	10:30am	Sunday Morning Team Worship		
	25 th January			
St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church	Coleview Community Centre		
9:30am	9:30am	11am		

Please see our website for the most up to date information www.strattonteamministry.co.uk

We will endeavor to give as much notice as possible to any changes but that may not always be possible.

Sunday Morning

Worship

Holy Communion

Service

Holy Communion

Service



Stratton Team Ministry invite you for All Age Worship

10am Every First Sunday of the month



ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH SOUTH MARSTON • Welcomes you to a. Community Coffee



Come and Join Us for Refreshments (including bacon butties and delicious cakes)
In the Village Hall

10 - 12

Every third Saturday in the month

Next Dates are 20th December & 17th January 2026

Enquiries or for tabletop sales please call 01793 824339



Hosts Coffee Morning now at Stanton House Hotel 10:15am - noon

On the 3rd Wednesday
Of the month

Everyone Welcome

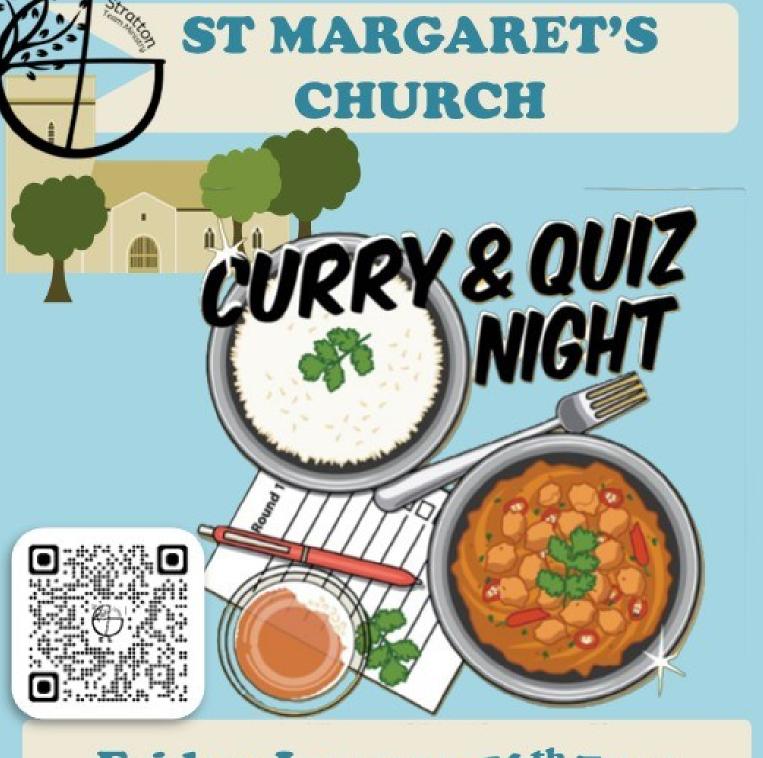
17th December

Memories, Mince pies and Carols, Geoff Walters

21st January

Shining a light on hidden disabilities

Hannah Ellis



Friday January 16th 7pm

Tickets £20pp includes food & a drink

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ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, SN3 4NB

Proceeds in aid of St Margaret's Church Tower Roof Fund

Further details can be found online scan QR code below or visit strattonteamministry.co.uk strattonteamministry



Come and join Stratton Team Ministry for our Bumps and Babes group on Tuesdays.

Bumps & Babes is a place for expectant parents and parents with babies (up to one year old*) to meet and chat over a coffee – sharing in the experiences of pregnancy and the joys and challenges of the early months of parenthood.

Mats and toys are available for you to play with your babies, as well as time for a few songs!

We are joined by guests each a month to share with us about subjects from weaning to breastfeeding; faith to reusable nappies!

Register for your place now via the link or complete a form on arrival – we look forward to welcoming you!

When: Tuesdays 11.15-12.15

(term time only)

Where: St Margaret's Centre,

Kenwin Close, SN3 4NY

Cost: Free

Contact Us & Useful Links

Bumps and babes 9@gmail.com



www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/explore /kids-and-youth/bumps-babes/



Register for your place now https://forms.gle/fM4NesmSPYWTNuiC7



Bumps and Babes St Margaret's Swindon

^{*}Bumps and Babes aims to provide a safe place for younger babies to explore, therefore the group is only open to babies up toa year old or until they are very mobile - you will be responsible for your child at all times. A babies and toddlers group runs in the St Margaret's Centre on a Wednesday and Friday where there are more age-appropriate toys for toddlers. Please contact us if you have a special request.

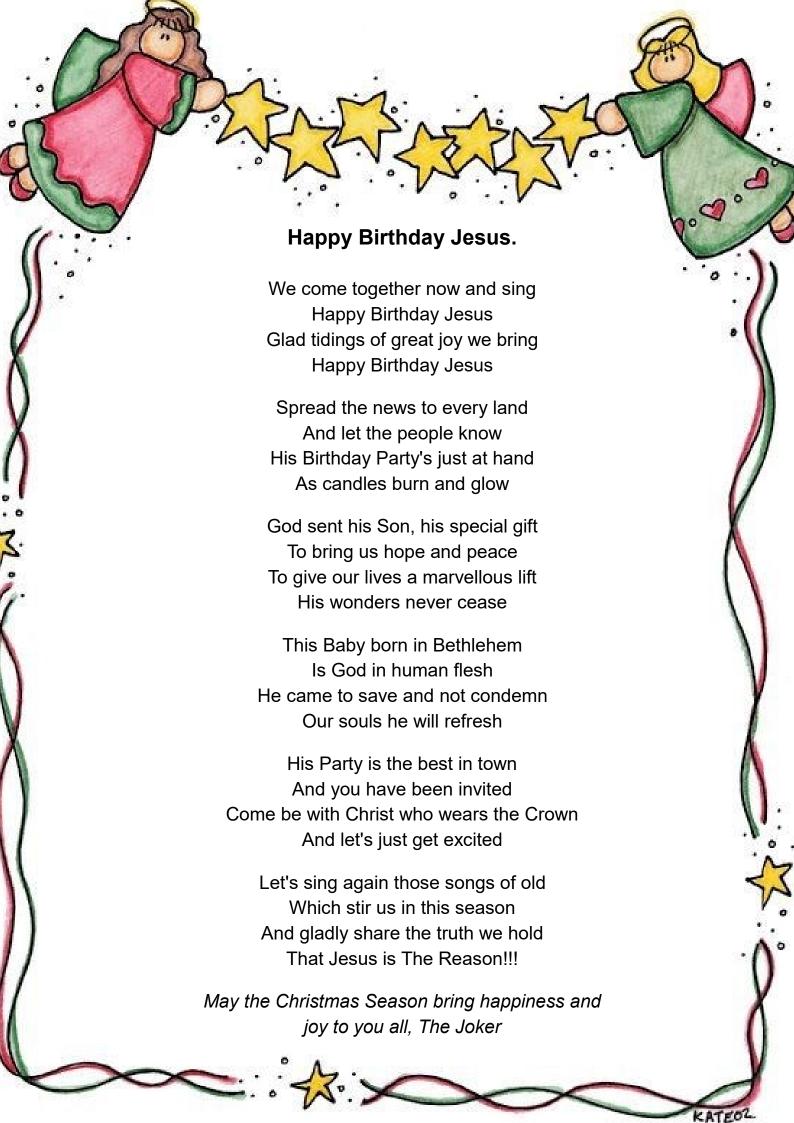


A time of stress ???

Twas the Night Before Christmas, Twas the night before Christmas and all through the malls there was widespread confusion and hot frenzied brawls. many shoppers were wanting the same bloomin' gifts Desperation resulted in feud- level rifts. There were four grandmas fighting for one preschool game, Their ferocity made angry pit bulls look tame. Jostling shoppers collided and bags hit the floor, Their attempts to retrieve them caused head butts and more loud confusion "That's mine!" "No, it's mine!!"- could be heard The mortified shoppers heard many a bad word. When announcements "Ten minutes till close" hit their ears those who hadn't found all they desired held back tears. The nightmare soon ended tired shoppers went home, Aware that at last no more malls would they roam, Each vowed "No MORE last minute shopping for me!" Christmas morning - well rested- all smiles by the tree, they remembered the monsters they'd been just last night and rejoiced that those creatures were nowhere in sight.

A time of stress no, a time for celebrating the birth of a rather special child. I am reminded of the words of the first verse of my favourite Christmas time song:

A ray of hope flickers in the sky
A tiny star lights up way up high
All across the land dawns a brand new morn
This comes to pass when a child is bom
Familiar to many of you I'm sure.





You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

Great News! You can now sign up to join the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) online. There is a link for this on the Giving page of our website:

https://www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/giving/

If you haven't considered the PGS before, we would ask you to prayerfully consider doing so. It's very easy to sign up and it works in a similar way to a Direct Debit (that it is intended to replace), in that a regular payment authorised by you goes out either weekly, monthly or yearly straight to the church. It is perfectly safe and can be stopped or changed at any time.

PGS is a great way to give to the work and mission of St Margaret's Church. Donations given through PGS come straight to the Church, there are no admin fees or bank charges for us to pay. 41 people have now signed up to do this - Thank you



Recycling at St Margaret's Centre

Please bring clean and dry:

- Bread Bags
- Milk Bottle Tops
- Blister Packets
- 🔓 Ink Cartriges
- Stamps

These help support Charities such:





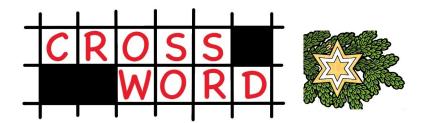




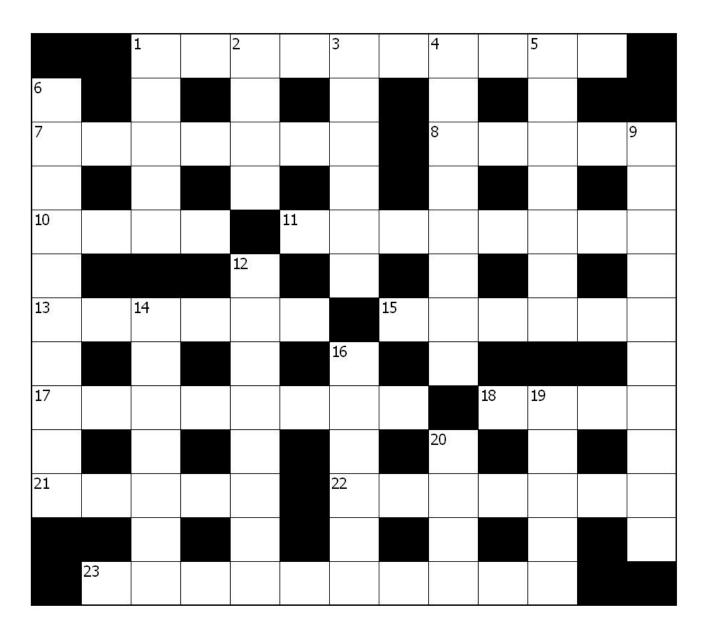
IMPORTANT

Please ensure these are all sorted into correct bins.

They are taken by various volunteers



December 2025



Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)

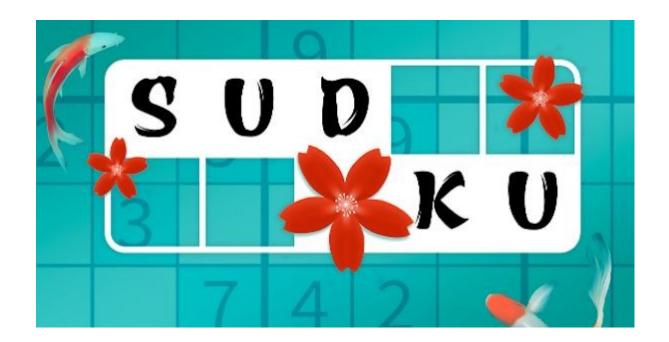
Across

- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

- 1 and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 Offer your bodies as living, holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)

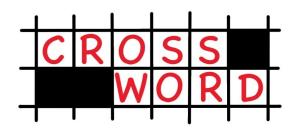




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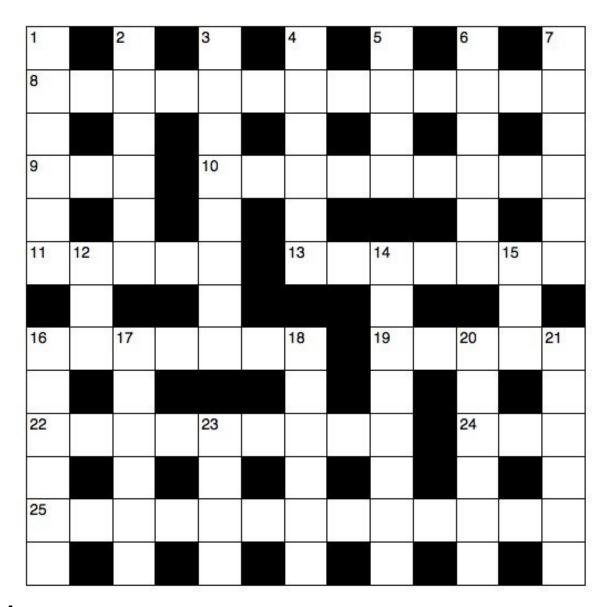
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The rules for Sudoku are to fill a 9x9 grid with the numbers 1–9, without repeating any numbers in a row, column, or 3x3 box.





January 2026



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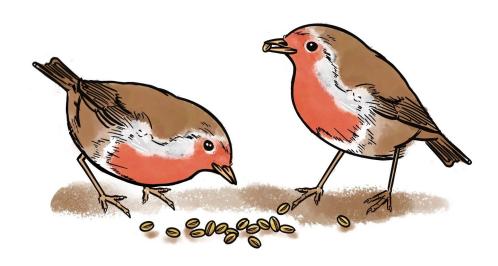
- 8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3)
- 9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3)
- 10 The Ten Commandments (9)
- 11 In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5)
- 13 Des cons (anag.) (7)
- 16 'Though [your sins] are red as —, they shall be like wool' (Isaiah 1:18) (7)
- 19 Keen (Romans 1:15) (5)

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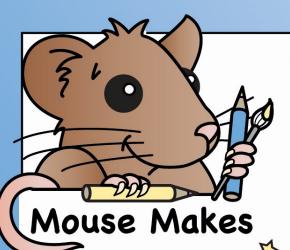
- 22 Repugnant, loathsome (Jeremiah 24:9) (9)
- 24 Drink like an animal (Judges 7:5) (3)
- 25 First and last (Revelation 22:13) (5,3,5)

Down

- 1 Father of Ahi, a Gadite (1 Chronicles 5:15) (6)
- 2 Where David found the stone with which he killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (6)
- 3 'Hour by hour fresh lips are making thy doings heard on high' (8)
- 4 'And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their at night' (Luke 2:8) (6)
- 5 United Society for Christian Literature (1,1,1,1)
- 6 'If he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would — or a tax collector' (Matthew 18:17) (1,5)
- 7 Where Paul was taken when things became difficult for him in Berea (Acts 17:15) (6)
- 12 Istituto per le Opere di Religione (Vatican Bank) (1,1,1)
- 14 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new ; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) (8)
- 15 Used to colour ram skins red for use in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:5) (3)
- 16 Vat car (anag.) (6)
- 17 'Be joyful —, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (6)
- 18 'The parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts — special treatment' (1 Corinthians 12:23) (4,2)
- 20 Ancient rowing boat (Isaiah 33:21) (6)
- 21 Say again (2 Corinthians 11:16) (6)
- 23 What Jesus did in the synagogue in Nazareth after he stood up (Luke 4:16) (4)







DID YOU KNOW? 7

Stars shine different colours, the colour we see depends on the temperature of the star. The hottest stars shine blueish-white, then yellow, orange and the coolest stars shine red.

WISE MEN FROM THE EAST

The Wise Men came from a land far away, they had seen a star that shone brighter than day.

The star was a sign of the birth of a king, so they followed that star to pay homage to him.

They found him in Bethlehem as the prophets fortold, they gave him three gifts: myrrh, frankincense and gold.

The star led to Jesus our saviour and king, let us join with the Wise Men and go worship Him!





Read the story of the Wise Men in *Matthew 2:1-12*

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AGOEPIPHANYOIV
RIUMESSIAHGRSI
KFRANKINCENSES
ITNGOLDMYRRHMI
NSEIJVSIGNBIET
GOYACHRISTCPNM

Can you find these words in the word search?

WISE MEN • MAGI STAR • SIGN JOURNEY • BETHLEHEM VISIT • JESUS • MESSIAH CHRIST • KING GIFTS • GOLD • MYRRH FRANKINCENSE

FRANKINCENSE

WORSHIP • JOY

EPIPHANY



Crossword Solutions -Dec

ACROSS: 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas. 10, Roes. 11, Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell. 17, Cyclonic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar. 22, Amazing. 23, Settlement.

DOWN: 1, Taste. 2, Bold. 3, Ramiah. 4, Abiathar. 5, Lucerne. 6, Sacrifices. 9, Saddlebags. 12, Theocrat. 14, Incense. 16, Pilate. 19, Exist. 20, Save.

Crossword Solutions -Jan

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

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

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