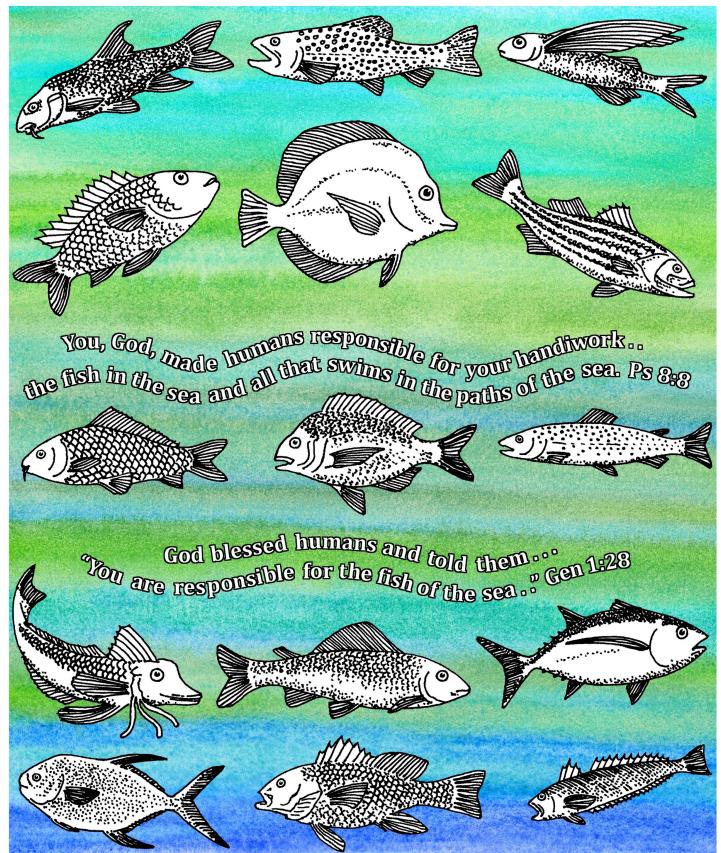
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Thoughts from the Vicarage for July 2022 'Work, rest and play'

We are just approaching holiday season again, perhaps a time to go away somewhere, or simply holiday at home. Just taking time out of what, for many people has returned this year to being the rigours of our usual weekly routine is a good thing every now and again. We all need a break.

Now, I wonder when you last had a Mars bar?

No- I haven't gone 'off piste' this month into advertising! But in thinking about work-life balance – work and rest - I had a sudden flashback to the old television adverts for



Mars – 'A Mars a day helps you work, rest and play'. This was a fabulous slogan first adopted for the chocolate bar in the 1960s, dropped in 1997 but re-introduced briefly ten years later with a video of monks' bellringing! I'm sure you must have seen that, but if not, it's available on YouTube! The premise of the video was that eating a Mars bar 'aided exercise', which nutritionist amongst us might take dispute with, but nevertheless, the original slogan has remained memorable.

We all need work, rest and play and getting the balance right is important for our physical and mental health. None of us can go flat out at work without risking 'burn-out' and none of us can just rest without losing the ability to move and be productive, and if life was just play, I'm not sure what we might achieve in life. But many of us find it difficult to get the balance right.

And what about our spiritual wellbeing? How often do we wonder if we are achieving the right balance there, or ignoring our spiritual needs completely?

Jesus knew how to withdraw often and find space and time to 'just be', to connect with God and to pray. He knew the importance of getting the balance right and in doing so was better equipped and able to be there for others to help them achieve inner peace and rest. He said:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30

This July, why not re-evaluate your 'work, rest and pray' balance and see if any adjustments need to be made. Jesus is waiting to hear from you.

Every blessing for a July filled with all that is good and refreshing

Revd Elveen



Gloucestershire Battalion Junior Section camp.

Some of the Junior Boys, aged 9 and 10 years and staff from the 5th Swindon Company, joined other members of the Battalion at Gloucester, ready to go to Junior section camp at the beginning of the half term holiday in May.

Two mini buses, a people carrier and a van with supplies, travelled to Weston-Super-Mare, where we played crazy golf, had our picnic lunch and a walk along the Pier. We then travelled onto Broadleas Boys Brigade training centre on Dartmoor, Devon for a four day stay.

We soon settled into our accommodation, some in dormitories, some in wooden cabins. We had wonderful meals, with cereals and cooked breakfasts, picnic lunches and freshly cooked dinners.

Sports, games and bushcraft took place on site. Other activities were kayaking, ten-pin bowling, pond-dipping, and a day at Crealy Theme park, where there were plenty of activities and rides for the Boys. Wednesday afternoon we had a tea party, to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and two birthdays.

We had a fantastic time, with Boys learning new skills, and making new friends.

For more information about 5th Swindon Boy's Brigade, please contact T. Daglish, <u>5swindonbb@gmail.com</u>

Teresa

Eric's musings

Eric Barnes family have given us a few more of Eric's Musings.



The Calf them Bees and the Vet.

Ere's Summat that happened down on the farm. Zummat I'll never forget I were involved but it chiefly concerned A Calf, some bees and me vet.

The story goes something like this And it's true what I telle of course. The reason the vet were Down on the farm. He'd come to Look at a horse.

Well he dressed the cut on the horses leg And were just getting into his car When I said, now you're here just look at the calf, He's up in the paddock, baint far

> See, his calf had broken his leg. A couple of weeks before, And the vet had put it in plaster But twere rubbing a little bit sore.

Now the sun were belting down like a fire, And twere just what I were afraid The calf wer'nt no where at all to be found Cause he'd gone off to lie in the shade

We walked all round the paddock. There weren't no sight nor sound. His mother were there but didn't seem to care So I knowed he were Somewhere around.

Then I spotted a hole in the hedge Between a couple of trees I thought myself, if he's through there He's behind them hives of bees

Well sure enough there 'e were. In the shade behind a hive I thought, you're staying there me son. Or I shan't get out alive.



But the vet said don't worry. I don't think the bees will hurt I said you carry on, I'm staying here. I don't want them down my shirt

He just bent down to touch the calf When the bees came out by the score Then he wave his hands and jumped about And out came ten thousand more

He said, don't you worry, they is just like flies I think they'll soon be gone I said, the fly what has pitched on I Had a football jersey on.

It wer'nt very long for he changed his mind And started to run and to cuss I'd already gone, cause I knew in my mind That they wer'nt very friendly to us.

They stung him on his hand and neck And got all his hair in a knot. Then one called on I but moved on quick Cause his feet were too blimming hot

At last we both got back to the garden Feeling much too worse for wear. Well the vet did look like a golliwog Where he'd fought with the bees in his hair

Some things at time do seem funny Yet later you seems to forget. But theres Something I'll always remember Tis the calf them bees and the vet



Doing a good turn

"Whatsoever you do for the least of these you do also for me". Jesus spoke these words and they exemplify one of the basic tenets of the Christian Faith of loving one's neighbour.

Now, is the intention to do good of equal weight to actually doing a good turn? Suppose the intention ends up doing more harm than good, does it still count as 'doing good'?

At the age of eleven or so and say around 1943 rationing was well established but some items were not actually rationed but had a 'points' value. Each ration book had a page of points, so for instance a tin of sardines might be rated at less points than a tin of peaches. Tomato Ketchup was on points and my old Gran, who was widowed at 31 in the early 1900s with six children, lived along our road.

Calling on her one day, I found her trying to open a precious bottle of Tomato Ketchup! Boldly stepping in, I put the cap of the bottle into the door hinge and went to pull the door to hold the cap whilst turning the bottle to force the cap.

Catastrophe! The bottle shattered and that was Gran's precious Ketchup gone!

Did my intention count as a good turn? I can't say but I suggest trying to do God's will is at least a step on the right road.

Colin Howell



The Holy Trinity as I see it

I, me, you, each and everyone of us can be described thus. In effect, when three of us are together we are a trinity, not a Holy one but nevertheless, a form of trinity.

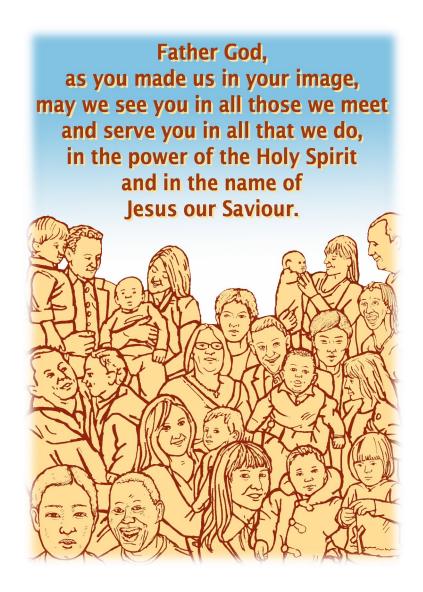
Father, Son and Holy Spirit form the bedrock of our Christian beliefs. The first two are easily understood but the latter is more difficult to comprehend.

We, all of us have experiences where prayers have been heard and answered and times when a deep calm seems to envelop us in severe times of need; I believe this is the Holy Spirit giving us relief. I well remember after a serious road accident being lifted into a hospital bed yet experiencing a brief period of deep calm.

Despite some people questioning how the Holy Spirit can be everywhere, then suppose a bottle of whisky, a spirit, is spilt. The contents flow out finding all manner of nooks and crannies.

So it is surely possible that God the Father, who is all powerful can spread his Holy Spirit everywhere. So let us remember then we can put our total faith in the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Colin Howell



Down country lanes and tracks in Suffolk

This month I went in search of the small shoreline village of Dunwich pronounced 'Dunich' in Suffolk. Winding down the country lanes from Darsham it's a small village of 200 people with a cluster of houses, a Church and ruin Abbey, the Swan Inn with a row of cottages and a small museum. Close to the shore is a gravel car park and a café with a water break of shingle. There is a lane called High Street which just stops by the cliff edge.

On the surface Dunwich is a small village but in Anglo Saxon times it was a busy sea port with ships coming from Europe. It was a ship building area with a population of 3000 in 1086AD recorded in the Doomsday Book. This was the same size as London's square mile at the time with 12 Churches, a Grey Friars Abbey and could have been the Saxon Town of Dommoc which was the original seat of the Anglo Saxon bishops of East Anglia.

During the great storms of 1287 large amounts of land fell into the sea and over time 1 mile of coast line disappeared taking all the buildings with it. Further storms between 1328 - 1347 saw 400 houses swept away and the great storm The Grote Mandrenke on 16th January 1362 destroyed the rest of the town.

The Grey Friars Abbey and the Leper Hospital of St James can still be seen today in ruins. It was rebuilt in its final position which was ransacked during the dissolution of the monasteries under Henry V111 in 1538.

The churches gradually fell into the sea

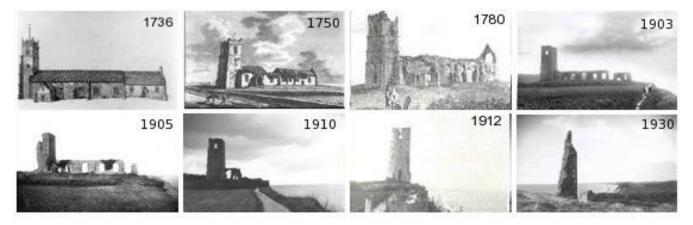
- St Bartholoews and St Michael's 11th Century, St Leonards 14th Century,
- St Nicolas lost after the Black death,
- St Martins lost 1335, St Francis Chapel 16th Century,
- St Katherine Chapel 16th Century,
- The Preceptory of the Knights Templer demolished in 1538,
- St Peters washed away 1697, Blackfriars priory lost 1717 and the last church
- All Saints gradually fell into the sea from 1904 to 1922.
- The church of St James a Victorian church stands today away from the coast at the far end of the village.

A mile of coast line 10 miles long gradually disappeared and the port was moved up to the new river mouth at Walberswick but it remained very small with very little boats coming in.

The wonderful small museum tells the history of Dunwich and the sad tales that turned a large town into a village. One interesting tale is that on stormy nights you can hear the bells ringing from all the lost churches.

They have surveyed the sea bed and have found stone and masonry from the old town hall and bits of buildings and have found a Tudor map showing the roads and buildings that used to be Dunwich the city now under the waves.

Richard Pfleger



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July / August

Pun Time:



There was a little old church in the country which was badly in need of a coat of paint. The priest decided to tackle the task himself and went into town to buy a gallon of white paint. After painting the first wall of the church thoroughly he realised that he wouldn't have sufficient paint to cover the other three walls. Since it was a long trek into town, he decided to use thinner and thus have enough paint to finish the job. But that night it poured with rain and the following morning the priest saw that while the first wall was fine, the paint on the other three walls had washed away. The priest looked up to the sky for guidance. "What shall I do?" he pleaded. A voice came back from the heavens: "Repaint and thin no more".

A few misprints and howlers:



She was married in Evansville, Indiana, to Walter Jackson and to this onion was born three children. (Ohio paper) A new Swimming pool is rapidly taking shape since the contractors have thrown in the bulk of their workers. (East African paper)

The motorist approached the coroner at 90m.p.k (U.S. paper)

Wrap poison bottles in sandpaper and fasten with scotch tape or a rubber band. If there are children in the house, lock them in a small metal box. (Philadelphia Record)



A woman saw an electrician walking up her drive. She rushed to the door "Why have you come today?" she barked. "You were supposed to repair the doorbell yesterday". "Yes I know," said the electrician." I rang three times but there was no answer, so I thought you must be out.



On extended vacation in Canada a New Yorker went into a hardware store and asked for a chainsaw that would cut down six trees in an hour. The sales assistant showed him a top of the range model and the New Yorker was so impressed that he bought it. The following day he returned to the shop and complained that it had taken him all day to cut down just one tree. To find out what the problem was, the sales assistant took the chainsaw and started it up. "What's that noise? "said the New Yorker. To end with a selection of put downs by the well known.

Cinema:

- Andrews Julie.- Working with her is like being hit over the head with a Valentine card. (Christopher Plummer after starring with her in The Sound of Music.)
- Astaire Fred Can't act, slightly bald, can dance a little

(Anon. Screen Test)

Gable Clark - His ears make him look like a taxi cab with both doors open.

(Howard Hughes)

Mayer, Louis B - The only reason so many people showed up was to make sure he was dead.

(Sam Goldwyn after Mayers funeral)

Music:

Wagner Richard - One can't judge Wagner's opera Lohengrin after a first hearing, and I certainly don't intend hearing it a second time.

(Rossini)

Sport:

Prooking Trevor - Floats like a butterfly and stings like one. (Brian Clough)

McEnroe John - As charming as a dead mouse in a loaf of bread. (Anon)

Happy Hols





3rd July - 1st Sunday of the Month - Third Sunday after Trinity9:30am St Margaret's ChurchHoly Communion Service9:30am St Leonards ChurchSunday Morning Worship10am St Mary Magdalene ChurchFamily Service

10th July - 2nd Sunday of the Month - Fourth Sunday after Trinity9:30am St Margaret's ChurchSunday Morning Worship9:30am St Mary Magdalene ChurchHoly Communion Service11am St Leonards ChurchFamily Service6:30pm St Leonards ChurchEvensong

17th July - 3rd Sunday of the Month - Fifth Sunday after Trinity10am St Leonards ChurchSunday Morning Team Worship

24th July - 4th Sunday of the Month - Sixth Sunday after Trinity9:30am St Margaret's ChurchSunday Morning Worship9:30am St Leonards ChurchHoly Communion Service11am ColeviewHoly Communion Service

31st July - 5th Sunday of the Month - Seventh Sunday after Trinity10am St Mary Magdalene ChurchSunday Morning Team Worship

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7th August - 1st Sunday of the Month -

9:30am St Margaret's Church9:30am St Leonards Church10am St Mary Magdalene Church

Eighth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Service

Sunday Morning Worship Family Service

14th August - 2nd Sunday of the Month -

9:30am St Margaret's Church
9:30am St Mary Magdalene Church
11am St Leonards Church
6pm St Margaret's Centre

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Morning Worship Holy Communion Service Family Service Praise & Prosecco

21st August - 3rd Sunday of the Month -

Tenth Sunday after Trinity11am Coleview Community CentreSunday Morning Team Worship

28thAugust - 4th Sunday of the Month -

9:30am St Margaret's Church9:30am St Leonards Church11am Coleview

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Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Sunday Morning Worship Holy Communion Service Holy Communion Service

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St Leonard's Church, Stanton Fitzwarren



Sunday 10th July at 11am

Come and join us for refreshments and an outdoor service with charades in the churchyard (weather permitting)

Everyone welcome .

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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 11.15-12.30

Where: St Margaret's Centre, Kenwin Close, SN3 4NY

Cost: Free

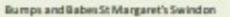
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"Ramps and Bakes area to provide a safe place for younger ladies to explore, therefore the group is only open to bakes up to a year old or unit they are very makine you will be responsible for your child at all times. It bakes and todates group runs in the 18 Margarel's Centre on a Wednesday and hiday where there are more age appropriate toys for todates. Please contact is if you have a special report.



Great Western Hospitals

THANK YOU

To all those who have knitted squares for 'Brighter Futures'. They have asked if we would now do Twiddle Muffs. Please see pattern below.



Twiddle Muff Pattern

A Twiddle muff is a double thickness hand muff with ribbons, buttons and knitted features attached to the inside and out. It is designed for patients suffering from dementia as it provides stimulation activity.

What you need:

• Wool – approx. one 150 gram ball will probably be enough – it varies a great deal depending on the individual wool.

- 1 Pair of needles (size depends on the type of wool you want to use).
- A tapestry needle for sewing up.
- Oddments of yarn, ribbon, trimmings, buttons, beads etc. for embellishment.

Getting started:

This pattern can be knitted in any wool but you will need to adjust the number of stitches you cast on depending on the size of the needle and the type of wool used. Look on the ball band, if there is one, of the wool for information about needle size and tension. Because of the simple nature of the pattern the measurements do not have to be exact and you can easily test them out on your own hands!

Double knit wool on size 5-7 needles comes out at about 5 to 5.5 stiches per inch. Chunky wool on size 7-9 needles comes out at about 4 to 5 stiches per inch.

The width of the Twiddle Muff needs to be about 12 to 13 inches wide (this is the length of the muff – so you can check against your own hands to see if you have made this the right size).

The length of your knitting needs to be twice the width (60 cm)24 inches long(30 cm)12 inches wide

<u>To begin:</u>

In a lighter wool cast on 60 stitches, or the number of stitches to give you about 30cm width. In chunky wool cast on 48 stitches.

Keep knitting until you reach about 24 inches / 60 cm or double the width the cast off. Or try stocking stitch – one row knit, the next row purl for a smooth finish.

<u>Step 1</u>

Decorate the Twiddle Muff on the right side of the knitting. Leave a small area halfway down (in the middle) that is free of decoration.

Step 2

Fold along the middle, with the decoration showing on both sides and then sew up the three open edges. Now you have double thickness.

<u>Step 3</u>

Now sew the cast on / cast off edge to the middle fold edge together to make a tube that has double thickness and is decorated inside and out.

Step 4

Now wash the Twiddle Muff at 30 degrees in the washing machine and let dry (do not use a tumble dryer). Once dry bag up and send them in to:

Brighter Futures Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust The Great Western Hospital Marlborough Road Swindon, SN3 6BB





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





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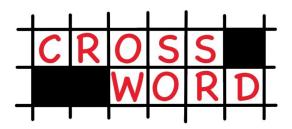


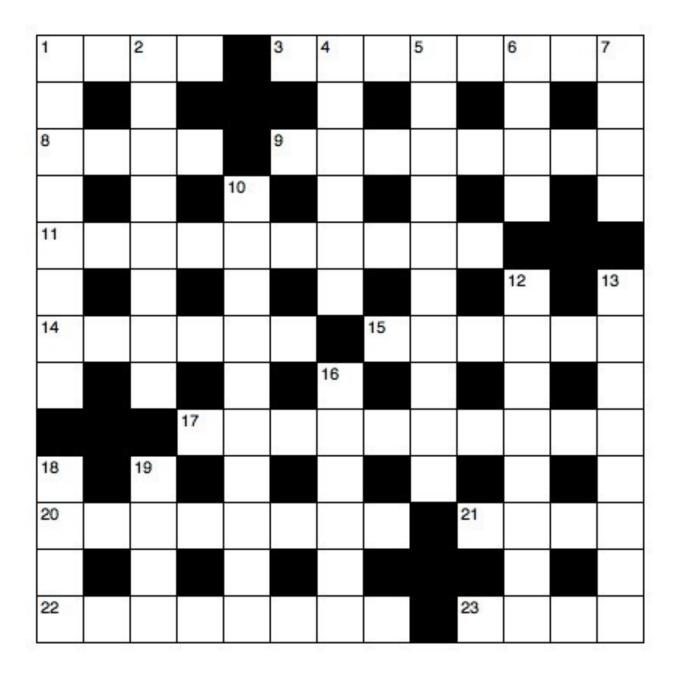
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Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)

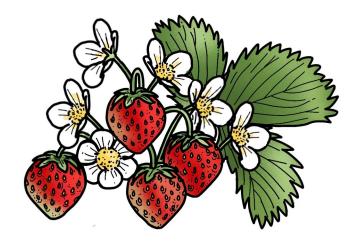
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14 In Cain(anag.)(6)

- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to-' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom!Come out to him" (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 'As the pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

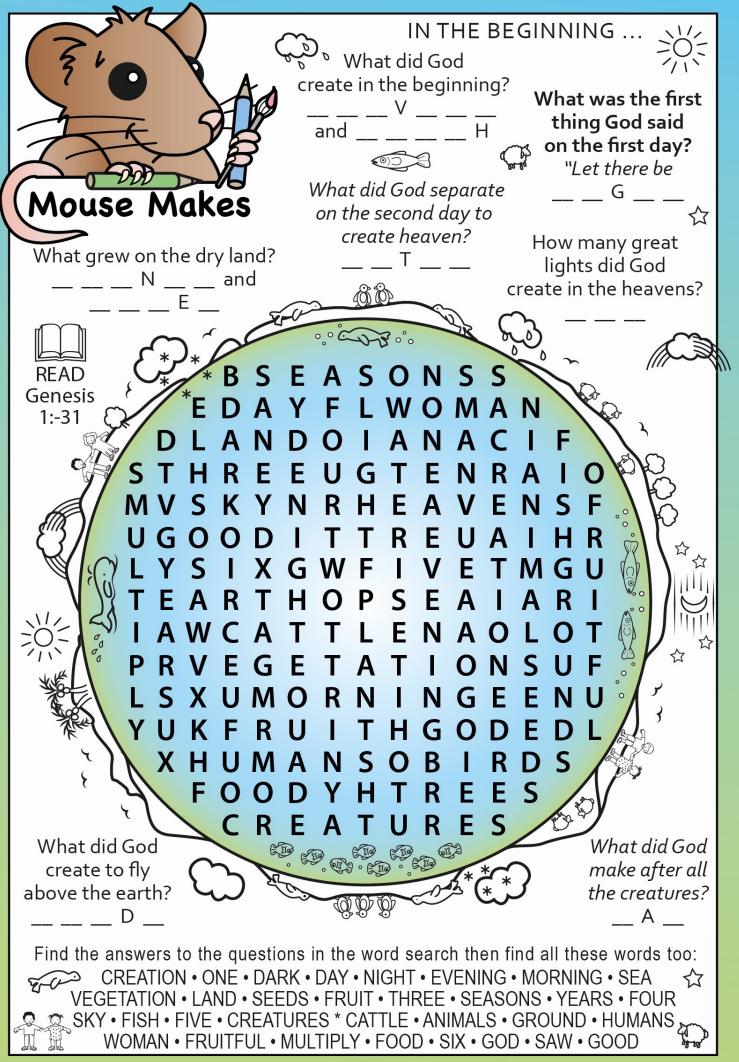
Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of are' (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 'Open your and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
- 19 Rear(anag.)(4)





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DOWN: 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

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