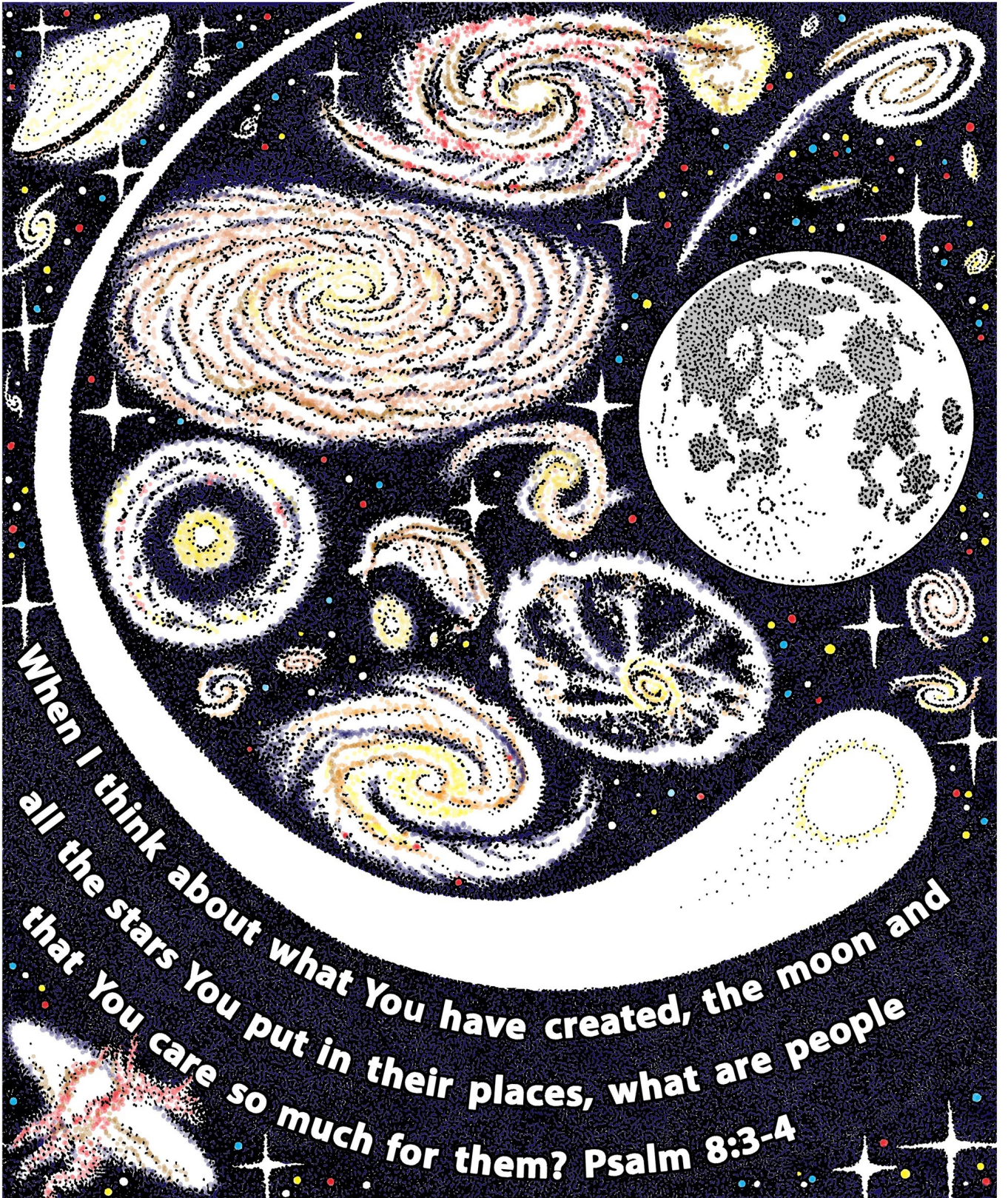




November
2022

Stratton Team Ministry
Seeking, Sharing, and Serving God Together
www.strattonteamministry.co.uk



When I think about what You have created, the moon and
all the stars You put in their places, what are people
that You care so much for them? Psalm 8:3-4

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Thoughts from the vicarage - November 2022

As I sit down to write this month's letter its very windy outside and there is a definite autumnal feel in the air. The darker nights are drawing in and the 'C' (meaning Christmas!) word is being mentioned much more frequently than some of us would like. Last weekend I found myself popping into a craft fair and there were lots of little trinkets and hand made gifts to buy.

As I browsed, I found myself having similar conversations with two or three stallholders at the craft fair, each said they found the time spent being creative aided their own mental health and well-being. One lady said she found it helped her to feel less stressed and anxious.

I've found myself wondering why at times we feel a pang of guilt or as if we're being selfish, doing something that we enjoy that brings us pleasure.

I'm a firm believer in a balanced approach to life, so whether it's a lovely walk in the autumnal sunshine that we've had of late. Or picking up those paints and brushes that have been in the back of a cupboard for a while. Let's take the time and make the effort to do those things that bring us joy and pleasure.

We have our Christmas Wreath making on 10 December and you will need to book but it's a wonderful opportunity to get into the Christmas mood and attend to your mental well being at the same time.

Keep an eye out for our Christmas card which will have all our Christmas Services across the whole team of Churches. These services will be on our website and notice boards soon, so you can plan ahead. I look forward to seeing you.

With my love and prayers

Elveen



St Margaret's Church remembers Janet Dudman

St Margaret's Church received donations totalling £403.60 in memory of Janet Dudman. We are most grateful to the family for this generous gift.

Janet Dudman

Shortly after arriving at South Marston I was invited by Mary Kent to speak at St. Margaret's Mothers Union meeting. It was there that I first encountered Janet. She was a forthright lady who expressed her beliefs and opinions quite forcefully. Beneath this rather forthright manner she endeared herself to many people and I include myself in the number. We held a common interest in stamps and I would regularly take a package of used stamps for her special charity. She was always quite gracious and grateful for this support. I well remember her visits to Thursday Morning Coffee and Thrift. She always moved among the tables talking to those present. Through her struggles with health problems her faith held sure and I know many will agree with me when I say St. Margaret's has lost a faithful worshipper and a character representing the more traditional ways of life.

I shall long remember her and pray that she will rest in the peace of Christ.

Rev. George Fleming

I was not long in post when Janet asked me to meet her at St. Margaret's Centre at a Thursday Morning Coffee and Thrift. She told me she didn't approve of female priests. It wasn't said to cause offence but really an explanation of why she wouldn't be coming to Communion if I was officiating. Eventually, she did come occasionally but never receive from me however before I moved to my new post she said she was waving but just couldn't manage to overcome her difficulties. We shared a love of crafts and gardening although I didn't have much time for my hobbies. She gave me some of her threads and I went to mend her sewing machine! We had a few afternoons sharing a cup of tea and talking sewing and knitting. As George has said, we will remember her and pray that she is at rest with her Lord.

Rev. Vicky Fleming



My memories of Janet are that she was a very lovely lady, she had strong opinions and was very kind. She was very charitable, and did lots fund raising including her beautiful knitted items. I also remember that she was a member of the Scouting Association and although we were members of different Districts I sometimes 'bumped into her' at County Events.

Mary



Memories of Janet Dudman

It was always of interest to listen to Janet when she spoke of her garden and the birds she saw there. She had a quiet demeanour and it was a pleasure to listen to her and also she had a sense of humour.

She had, like Joan and I, a seat at the back of St. Margaret's Church where at Evensong we had many a pleasant chat.

She will be missed.

Colin and Joan Howell

Sadly since this tribute was written Joan has passed away



During the early part of the lockdown, I saw Janet more times than usual. She phoned me to collect books and items to go to Charity - Ruth and her had started sorting out. She had a huge collection of interesting but old Christian books. All were bagged up and waiting on the backdoor step for me to collect. She liked to know what time I was going and liked promptness, as was Janet's way! She stayed inside with the door ajar so we could chat and had some good laughs and she gave me garden advice!

What I liked was when she'd had enough, she'd say 'right, I'll phone you when we've sorted more bits out'. In other words, time to go June! Oxfam in Wootton Bassett were grateful for Janet's donations!

Janet was a very charitable lady, always knitting and making things and my earliest memories of her was when she had a stall at the Church Fetes. She had a wicked sense of humour underneath her serious front.

She was a regular at St. Margaret's evening worship but would only take communion from the male clergy and would not receive in her seat - she felt it wasn't 'proper'.

She loved the Thursday Thrift club when she could meet up with the 'older members' of the congregation and especially when she was selling the Scout stamps at Christmas.

Rest in Peace Janet.

June Lewis

MEMORIES OF JANET DUDMAN



Janet was a strong character and upheld her Christian faith throughout her life. We agreed to differ on many occasions but remained friends.

Janet was very generous with her advice and knowledge of plants and wild life and always gave us lavender sprays to be used in many ways by the Women's Institute.

Also Janet used her knitting and sewing skills to make many items for her stall at St. Margaret's fetes – peg bags, aprons, mittens and gloves to name a few.

Janet will be greatly missed by us all

Pearl Jell



A Tribute to Janet Dudman

I was very sad to hear that Janet had passed away, another long friendship ended.

Janet was a member of Mothers' Union for a very long time. (We don't have the date of her enrolment.) She was Branch Leader of St Margaret's MU for many years and also the Mothers' Union Enterprise Rep for Swindon Deanery. She loved gardening but her great forte was knitting, making lots of jumpers, hats and scarves for MU projects such as 'The Green Hut' a charity-run drop-in centre at St Barnabas Church, Swindon (now closed) and also children's jumpers for MU projects overseas. When St Margaret's Branch had to close, Janet joined St Philip's Branch, Upper Stratton. She always supported MU in whatever way she could.

Janet was another member who lived the MU ethos - Christian care for families. She also lived the prayer below.

I will miss you Janet for your friendship, dedication, and your support. May you rest in peace & rise in glory.

Anne Pope - MU Swindon Deanery Leader

The Personal Prayer of Mary Sumner (founder of the Mothers' Union)

All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live.
Amen.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Remembering Janet Dudman.

Janet & I along with about 20 other girls were all in the 4th Caledonian Target Company.

We were a very happy group led by Skip Gaver Cap Holiday, who made sure us girls had a happy carefree time. We met each week in the Hall of the old Presbyterian Church, Victoria Road & we came from all over SWINDON, all of us were 15 & over.

We did lots of activities, Sword Dancing Country Dancing, Rowing on the Thames, Marched in London where the Princess Royal took the salute & remember how it rained. How wet we all were, our uniforms at the time were not colour proof. we all ended up Navy Blue. We stayed in the YWCA. Met Rover Scouts at Yalesbury, Did hikes, made Coffee Tables in Skip Gaver's Kitchen & many more activities. Janet was always in the mix & what a great time we all had.

Janet was a Good Friend to us all.

I will miss her Peg Bags as I always made a visit to her to buy one.

Most of us girls stayed in Guiding but Janet joined the Scouts.

Later in life we joined the Trefail Guild as did Janet. we still all meet once a month.

Jo Boyens n.e.e. Book
Remembering Janet with Kind & Happy Thoughts

My memories of Janet Dudman

I first met Janet when I was involved with Junior Church. Janet always had good ideas for bible themes for the children. She was a very interesting person who always shared her views on the world about us.

Janet was extremely good at craft activities and enjoyed sewing and knitting. She once made me a lovely pair of gloves and aprons for the grandchildren, which they still wear.

When Saturday Scene first started Janet was a regular visitor who encouraged the families in the activities. In recent years her health deteriorated and was unable to get about, so we saw less of her in church, but I kept in contact with her on the phone.

She loved her garden and wild life, and even though she could not get about too much, she still maintained her garden.

The scout movement was a large part of Janet's life. If you ever needed scout stamps for Christmas, you could get them from Janet at coffee mornings.

Pat Kennedy

Phyllis Emily Janet Dudman



'Janet'





It's back following last years very successful Wreath Making event .

To book a place please register via eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/make-a-christmas-wreath-tickets-451652243017> then pay via bank transfer details will be on your order confirmation or call the church office.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

STRATTON TEAM MINISTRY INVITE YOU
TO JOIN THEM

AT ST MARGARET'S CENTRE
ON THE 10TH DECEMBER 2022 7PM

Create your own piece of Christmas.

A welcoming door wreath (or it can be used as a
table centre).

£15 to include Oasis, Decorations and Festive
Refreshments

BOOKING REQUIRED



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Book online via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/make-a-christmas-wreath-tickets-451652243017>

Or Contact the office on email stmargaretsoffice2@btconnect.com or tel: 01793 826505

*We sang alone through COVID lockdowns and
now we shall sing together.....*

The Corona Choir

UNLOCKED

A Concert of
A cappella Choral Music from the
16-20th centuries

Saturday 12th November, 7pm

**St Leonard's Church,
Stanton Fitzwarren**

Tickets available on the door or from:

Liz & Roger Hillman(01793 762935)

Adults - £8, U16 - free



This Garden Pond

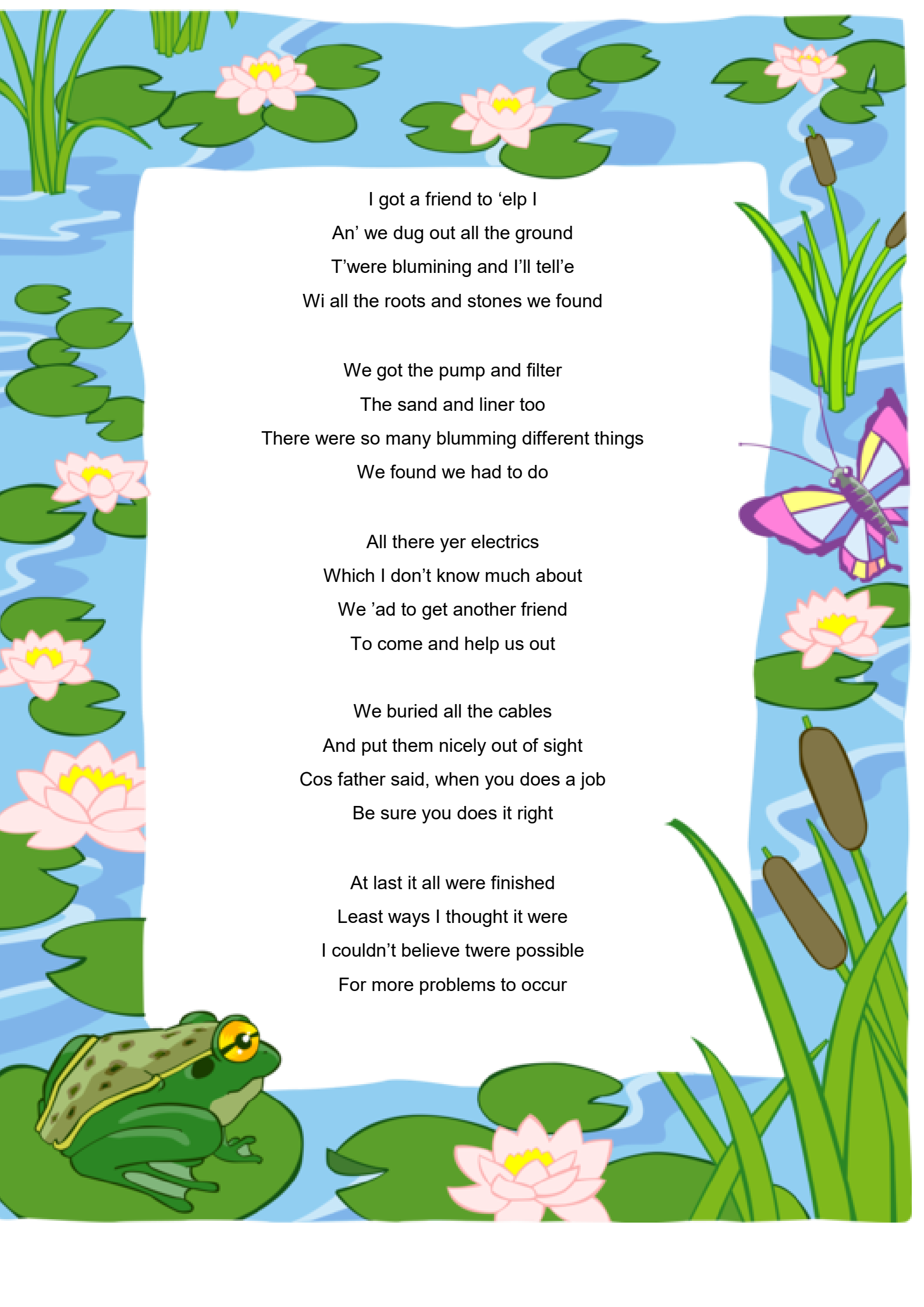
One day the missus said to me
I want a garden pond
I ses "well 'ow be gonna do it
Wave a magic wand?"

She said "I'm sure it's fairly simple dear"
Thurs really nothing to it
You just digs a hole an er-you-er
Well I'm sure that you can do it

I thought mezelf "I'll jus kip quiet
P'raps she might forget it
I knowed if I showed an int'rest
I'd be certain to regret it

Well six er seven years 'ad passed
But this pond didn't go away
She did bide an badger I ta death
I thought she'd better ave 'er way

She told I where she wanted it
And that nearly broke me'ear
Cos I 'ad to shift the rockery
Fore I could even start

A colorful illustration of a pond. In the center, a white rectangular box contains text. The pond is filled with blue water, green lily pads, and pink water lilies with yellow centers. On the left, a green frog with yellow eyes sits on a lily pad. On the right, a purple and yellow butterfly is perched on a lily pad. In the background, there are green reeds and brown cattails. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

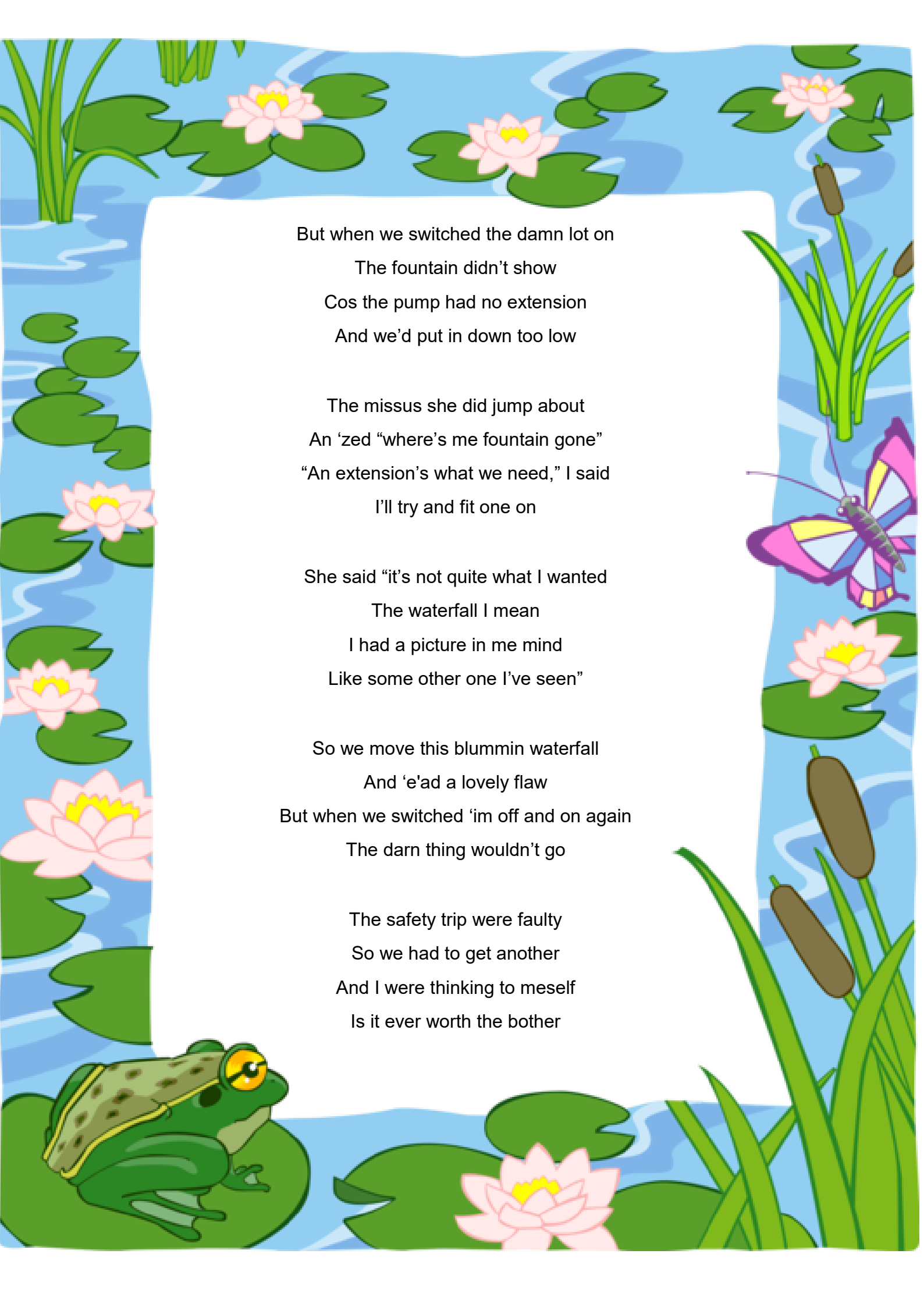
I got a friend to 'elp I
An' we dug out all the ground
T'were blumining and I'll tell'e
Wi all the roots and stones we found

We got the pump and filter
The sand and liner too
There were so many blumming different things
We found we had to do

All there yer electric's
Which I don't know much about
We 'ad to get another friend
To come and help us out

We buried all the cables
And put them nicely out of sight
Cos father said, when you does a job
Be sure you does it right

At last it all were finished
Least ways I thought it were
I couldn't believe twere possible
For more problems to occur



But when we switched the damn lot on
The fountain didn't show
Cos the pump had no extension
And we'd put in down too low

The missus she did jump about
An 'zed "where's me fountain gone"
"An extension's what we need," I said
I'll try and fit one on

She said "it's not quite what I wanted
The waterfall I mean
I had a picture in me mind
Like some other one I've seen"

So we move this blummin waterfall
And 'e'ad a lovely flaw
But when we switched 'im off and on again
The darn thing wouldn't go

The safety trip were faulty
So we had to get another
And I were thinking to meself
Is it ever worth the bother



Then at last it all was working
And I sid the missus smile
Cos the extension on the fountain
Did send it up a mile

I don't know what she'll think of next
Or how I will respond
'Cos' it damn well took it out of I
This thur garden pond

Eric's musings

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



**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR
CHURCH at ST MARGARET'S**

WE ARE HOSTING A:

Clothing Collection

with Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories

(please pair and tie shoes together)

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries

so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school.

If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children.

There's no better feeling than knowing you raised funds, helped the economy, the environment, and somebody on the other side of the world – and all by donating some clothes.

If we can fill 100 bags we'll have half a tonne!

Please bring your donations to St Margaret's Centre:

On the 7th March 2023

Down country lanes and tracks

St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate Winchester.

I have walked around Winchester many times along the river, Cathedral, water meadows and shopping street. Tucked away from the crowds that flock to the city is a small upper room church which would double for the upper room that Jesus's disciples fled after the death of Jesus.

The church was built over the gate way in to the city over 750 years ago and is a single room with a stone staircase up to the Church. In medieval times this was a common practice but only this one survives. The church had a troubled history, burnt down when angry citizens rebelled against the priory and was rebuilt in 1539 when the monastery at Winchester was dissolved by Henry VIII. It fell into a sorry state in the 17th Century when the gate keeper's family kept pigs in the church building.



During the 1660's it was restored and then continued to be a place of worship ever since. The church was dedicated to St Swithun or as we spell it St Swithin who was a local lad who went on to become the Bishop of Winchester in 852 and he was a tutor to a young Alfred the Great although St Swithun would be remembered for his powers of weather forecasting.

St Swithun's day is 15th July

St Swithun's Day if then dost rain for forty days it will remain

St Swithun's Day if it be fair, for forty days 'twill rain nae mair

The rhyme had the basis of a storm that broke out over Winchester when his relics were removed from the door way of the cathedral to a shrine inside.

The walls are filled with rubble and covered with flint and are very thick. The roof is a steep pitch and covered with red tiles. Dormer windows were added in the 19th century and the east window had stained glass added from St Peters church in 1961 when it became a theatre.

Anthony Trollope visited the church and wrote

'The Church is a singular little Gothic building perched over a gateway through which the close is entered and is approached by a flight of stone steps which leads down under the archway of the gate. It is no bigger than an ordinary room – perhaps twenty seven feet long by eighteen feet wide- but still is a perfect church.'

The church furniture is Victorian and at one time had painted murals but when it was uncovered there were 3 layers of paintings but that could not be saved.

The St Swithun's way goes out from Winchester along the River Itchen and a bridge was built in memory of him by St Ethelwold scholar, founder of monasteries and reformer.

In the shadow of the famous Cathedral tucked away in a side street this perfect church is often overlooked.

I hope to walk on the St Swithun's Way as soon as the weather improves hopefully it won't be raining but I will take an umbrella just in case!

Richard Pflieger



November



6th November - 1st Sunday of the Month - 21 Sunday after Trinity

9:30am St Margaret's Church

Holy Communion Service

9:30am St Leonards Church

Morning Worship

10am St Mary Magdalene Church

Family Service

13th November - 2nd Sunday of the Month - Remembrance

10:30am St Margaret's Church

Remembrance Service

10am St Mary Magdalene Church

Remembrance Service

10:55am St Leonard's Church

Remembrance Service

20th November - 3rd Sunday of the Month - Christ the King

10am St Mary Magdalene Church

Morning Team Worship

27th November - 4th Sunday of the Month - First Sunday of Advent

9:30am St Margaret's Church

Morning Worship

9:30am St Leonard's Church

Holy Communion Service

11am Coleview

Holy Communion Service

4pm St Leonard's Church

Advent Carol Service

The words of children with original spelling.

☺ Love is the first thing children learn. I wish life would teach them never to forget it.
Nanette Newman.

☺ All my clothes have had other people in them.
Paola aged 7

☺ Why do all those footballers kiss each other on the telly. They're not married they're not even engaged.
Jason aged 6

☺ I love my daddy because he give me a good ejukashun.
Zoe aged 6

☺ My dad went to prison and we have to keep remembering we love him.
Jean aged 7

☺ You have to love your own baby because everyone else finds them a nuisance.
Patrick aged 8

☺ My mother has witish yellow hare and lots of teeth and she is butifull.
Ann aged 6

☺ When you are a baby your mother feeds you from her bozam but she can only do milk.
Felicity aged 7

☺ Once youve had a baby you cant put it back.
Andrea aged 6

☺ My budgie broke his neck. It served him rite because he was always kissing himself in the mirror.
Tim aged 6

☺ My cat hates babies because they drink his milk.
Cathy aged 6

☺ They told me to bow to the Alter but he wasnt there. I think he'd gone out with the vicar.
Emma aged 7



- ☺ When you go to heaven you have to say sorry to the holy gost for not beleeving in him. I dont beleeve in gosts so Im not goin there.
Kim aged 7
- ☺ Vikars dont larf much I think its becarse Jesus didnt tell many jokes.
Richard aged 6
- ☺ God had lots of children but he never married which he shood have done.
Enid aged 6
- ☺ Old ladys arent reely old ladys. There just pepel waring old clothes.
Jamie aged 6
- ☺ When you marry a girl you have to give her a best man.
Richard aged 6
- ☺ When I am at school my mummy haz fun.
Stephen aged 6

Bible statements written by children:



Lots wife was a pillar of salt by day but a ball of fire by night.



Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea where they made unleavend bread which is bread without any ingredients.



The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert.



Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.



The epistles were the wives of the apostles.



Church Notices

To end with a couple of genuine church notices.

- ◆ For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ◆ Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan who are preparing for the girth of their first child

SATURDAY

SCENE

AT ST MARGARET'S CENTRE

(KENWIN CLOSE, OFF ERMIN STREET, STRATTON ST. MARGARET)

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

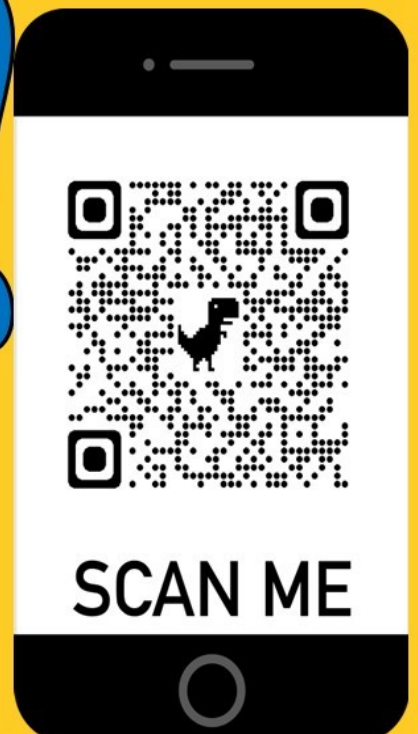
@ 4PM

THE STORY OF
DAVID AND GOLIATH

FREE!



STORIES
FUN
FOOD
MUSIC CRAFT
GAMES





**St Mary Magdalene Church
South Marston**

MEETING POINT

**The 'drop in' is for all members
of our community**

**Come and Join Us for Coffee
In the Village Hall**

10:00 - 12:00

Saturday 19th November

**Enquiries or for table
reservations please call 01793**

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St Leonard's Church Stanton

Hosts Coffee Morning now at
Stanton House Hotel

10:15am - noon

On Wednesday

16th of November 2022

Everyone Welcome



Bumps & Babes

ARE YOU A NEW
OR EXPECTANT PARENT?

Register Now

forms.gle/fM4NesmSPYWTNuiC7

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



Bumpsandbabes9@gmail.com



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

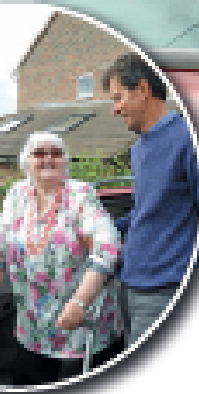


Register for your place now
<https://forms.gle/fM4NesmSPYWTNuiC7>



Bumps and Babes St Margaret's Swindon

Make a
difference in your
community



VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED!

Your local Link Scheme needs you:

Demand for our service is growing and we
urgently need new volunteers to support
the service



If you could spare some time, or for more information
please contact us: 01380 722 241

Email: linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk

Volunteer Transport Groups Information Sheet



COMMUNITY
FIRST

Community First

Community First is a registered charity (288117) based in Devizes that offers practical support and guidance for Link (volunteer car) Schemes and Community Minibus Groups in Wiltshire. These volunteer transport groups offer a vital lifeline to local facilities and medical care for vulnerable and isolated people across the county who do not have access to public or private transport. We are working with local volunteer transport groups as part of a new campaign to find volunteers to support the service and help meet growing demand.

Link Schemes

A Link Scheme is a volunteer-led service which offers door-to-door transport for people who are unable to access public or private transport. Link Schemes offer transport for medical appointments, trips to local shops and lunch clubs. Each Link Scheme covers a specific geographic area e.g. a group of villages, with volunteers offering transport in their own vehicles to local towns and medical appointments at nearby hospitals and doctors surgeries.

Link Schemes and Community Minibus Groups rely on donations from clients and the support of volunteer drivers, co-ordinators and committee members to operate the service for local people.

How local transport volunteers make a difference:

There are over 1,500 volunteers in Wiltshire and Swindon who are involved in supporting Link Schemes locally, either as volunteer drivers, coordinators or committee members. Last year volunteer drivers travelled over 750,000 miles, taking people to local hospitals, doctors appointments, shops and lunch clubs. Without the transport offered by Link Schemes and Community Minibus Groups, many of the people who use these services would find it hard to leave their home, leading to isolation and declining mental or physical health.

The service offered by volunteer transport groups can be truly life-changing, offering peace of mind, dignity and the opportunity to lead a normal, independent life. Volunteering with your local transport service is a fantastic way to make a real difference.

Get Involved

To find out more about volunteering, you can make contact with your local transport group directly or contact Community First so we can put you in touch with the volunteer coordinator for your local Link Scheme or Community Minibus Group.

- Contact: linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk
- Call: 01225 722 241
- Visit: www.communityfirst.org.uk/transport-campaign
- Find your local transport group: www.communityfirst.org.uk/transport/directory

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

To begin:

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.

Step 1

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.

Step 3

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





It's shoebox time!

This year our goal is to send two-thirds of the shoeboxes from UK to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries like Moldova and Romania that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families.

Thank you everyone for packing shoebox gifts with love and fueled by prayer that mean so much to the children receiving them.

Please put name at bottom of entry (if there's space)!!

As in the past if you do not have an empty shoebox or cannot quite fill one then please pass on whatever gifts you can manage and we will ensure they all go to the children.

National Collection Week is 14-21 November 2022.

I have been given 6 more shoeboxes (this is in addition to the ones I am filling) which with the help of Bob and a friend are covered and ready, with your help, to be filled! I have also been given several oddments, like a bag and gloves/mittens, to go into these boxes but am missing the following items:-

Wooley hats and scarves.

Socks

School supplies: Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons and markers; notebooks, colouring books.

Toys for the various ages 2-4; 5-9 and 10-14 yrs both girls and boys. I suggest things like football and pump, small doll, cuddly toy. Toy cars, skipping ropes, yo-yo and toys that make a noise, but bear in mind they have to go into the shoe box.

As two-thirds of all the boxes donated are going to the Ukraine and surrounding countries it would be good if we can send as many as we possibly can, also bearing mind that this will be the only gift the child ever receives.

Ideally the size of the shoebox should be a lady's size 5,6 or 7 no bigger so that it fits in the crate for onwards transmission.

I will ensure that more leaflets will be in church next Sunday.

Again, many thanks,

Chris



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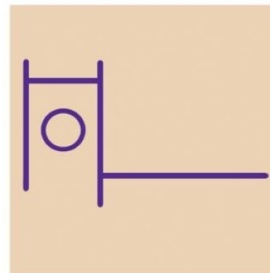
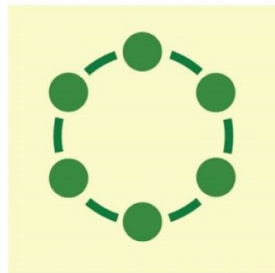
You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

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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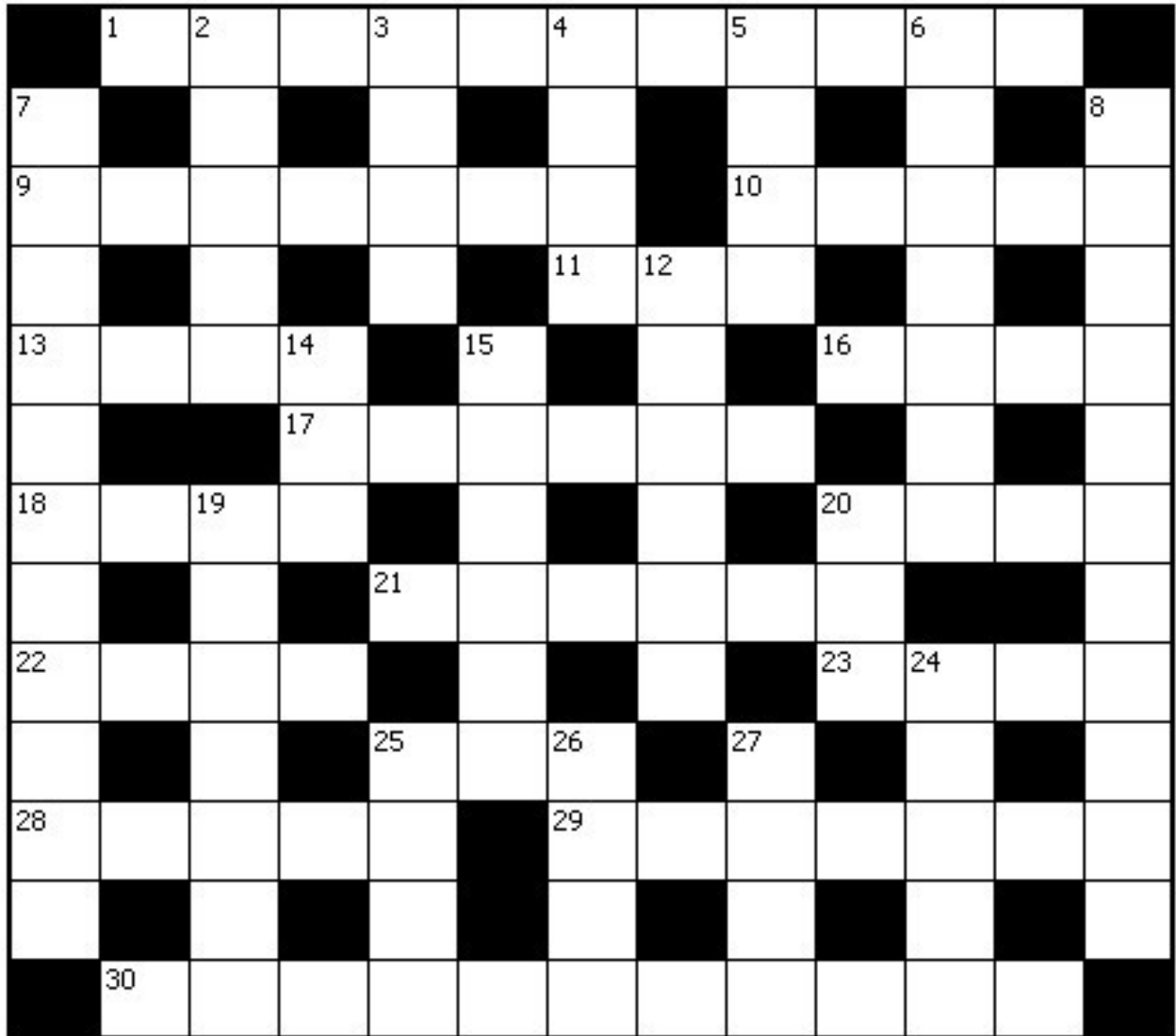
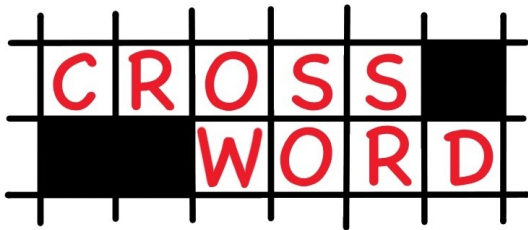
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Across

1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _, Lord of all _, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)

9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?'" (Exodus 2:13) (7)

10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)

11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)

13 A descendant of Gad (xNumbers 26:16) (4)

16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)

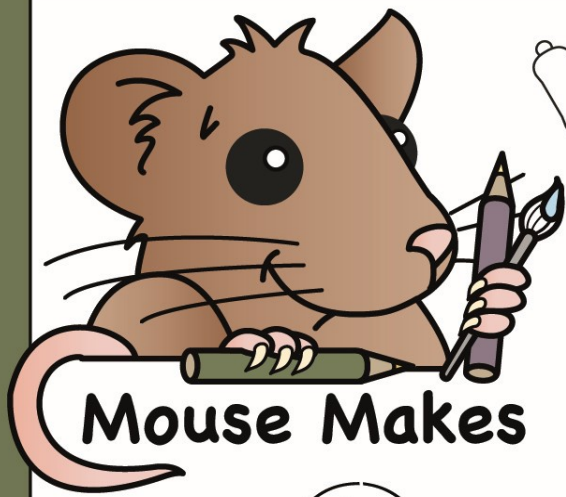
17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)

- 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _ God rather than men!'(Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat __ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
- 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25 Tree (3)
- 28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job 33:7) (5)
- 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

- 2 'O Jerusalem _ how _ I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3 Way out (4)
- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'(Romans 6:23) (4)





THE COMING OF A KING

The birth of Jesus is fortold



God sent a messenger to Mary
What was the angel's name?

Luke 1:26-28

Mary was frightened,
what did the angel say?

Luke 1:30



What was Mary to
name her child?

Luke 1:31

What is her son
going to be?

Luke 1:32-33



READ
the story
in *Luke*
1:26-55



What does the angel
say about God?

Luke 1:37
(LEARN this verse)

Mary praises God, what does
she say God has done?

Luke 1:46-55



Find the words
in the word
search and
the ___
words too.



What happened
to Elizabeth
when Mary
went to
visit her?

Luke 1:41



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Crossword Solutions

ACROSS: 1, Hopefulness. 9, Hitting. 10, du Pre. 11, Ere. 13, Ozni. 16, Wait. 17, Climbs. 18, Obey. 20, Joni. 21, Cuckoo. 22, In it. 23, Yaws. 25, Elm. 28, Alarm. 29, Epistle. 30, Whitsuntide.

DOWN: 2, Often. 3, Exit. 4, Urge. 5, Node. 6, Soprano. 7, Theological. 8, Westminster. 12, Rebuke. 14, Icy. 15, Ritual. 19, Epitaph. 20, Joy. 24, Acted. 25, Emit. 26, Menu. 27, Gift.

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