

And just to fill up the space, here are some
more anagrams to test those brain cells

Answers in Issue 9

GOOD LUCK!

BUGS & THINGS

RIB LADDY

WI RAGE

SWAP

HEE BONEY

CEL TRAP RAIL

SLAIN

LUGS

FRY LONG AD

RICK ETC

HOPE PASS GRR

MOW ROWLS

BURY FELTT

HAD SIP

FREE GLYN

HOCK CAR CO

LET ROAD COOL BEE

STAN

FAMILY

CLOUTS

WE OIL COD

ANSWERS TO Colours

AUBERGINE

TAUPE

KHAKI

MAROON

SCARLET

AQUAMARINE

AIRFORCE BLUE

BOTTLE GREEN

TANGERINE

CERISE

PURPLE

MAUVE

NAVY BLUE

ROYAL BLUE

ULTRAMARINE

TERRACOTTA

PISTACHIO

MAGENTA

BEIGE

VIOLET

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CLATERS

QUIN AREA MA

ROLE FAIR CUBE

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UM EVA

LUV BEANY

YOB ALLURE

RUM RAIN TALE

CAT OR TREAT

A STOIC HIP

ANT GAME

BIGEE

LOVE IT

WELL DONE!

The Church in Hope Street LEP

CHURCH NOTICES

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*There is no place where God is not,
wherever I go, there God is.
Now and always
he upholds me with his power
and keeps me safe in his love.*



Mission Statement

*Our mission is to help all people understand and respond
to the depth of God's love for them*

Dear Church Family

I hope this finds you well and keeping busy.

I sat to write this letter, just after my daily reflection reading. The writer was commenting on Exodus 16 in particular the plague of gnats. He recalled summer nights when the little midges appeared in battalions. We have all experienced the strange slapping and frantic waving dances that battalions of these pesky creatures provoke when they descend I am sure. Thank God for Citronella candles, they at least deter some. The writer also went on to liken these gnats to intruding thoughts as we try to focus. These often come and bite us and distract us with their buzzing when we have something important to attend to. I have found myself in that situation so often lately. Not only pesky thoughts but conflicting voices 'do' 'don't' 'open' 'when' 'wait'. 'should' 'shouldn't' etc. etc. Well !! The church leadership team and I have made a decision and have been preparing to open for worship on

Sunday 6th September subject to Government guidelines.

Things will be very different, and we will all have to play our part, I have outlined those separately. However; you must do what you feel is right for you. Nowhere can be 100 percent Covid-19 free, we can, and will have done as much as possible to minimise the risk.

I know that I am not alone in aching to be together to worship again, and it has taken a lot of effort to get us there, it will be very different and perhaps not what we would choose in normal times. But we have an opportunity to worship together again. I pray our plans will not be scuppered.

I thank you all for your amazing resilience and patience and most of all your loving care for each other you are all amazing!!

Let us thank God for all those things we have done and will continue to do during these strange times. The clutter cleared, the gardens tended, old hobbies revisited and new ones begun. Time to sit and be still, time to go walking the dog without rushing, time to enjoy his creation and the myriad of other things that might not have been done. Time to pray and listen.

Until we are together again may God enfold you in His loving arms.

Lynne



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Some random items

We have a lovely new next door neighbour.

I first met her about a couple of months ago. I was in our garden and she was in hers.

I smiled and said "Hello". She rushed over, jumped on the wall, couldn't squeeze through the trellis, so ran along the wall, jumped on to the shed roof and into our garden.

Did I mention that Bella is a beautiful tortoiseshell cat?

Bella, her human family and three other cats along with a little old Staffie who has seen better days have settled in and seem to be very happy in their new home.

Unlike the last three occupants, they love the garden and are making it beautiful with plants and pretty coloured lights – lots of them!

Bella visits most days and is quite happy to eat some of the food we offer her, just to be polite. I'm sure she is very well fed at home and always goes back there after a while.

It's really good to have nice neighbours.

May 2017

Some of you will have seen the young, ginger cat that was trying to come into the Coffee Shop on Sunday morning while we were having our drinks after the service. He was very young, very nervous and I guess quite desperate for help as he allowed himself to be picked up.

I don't know what attracted him to us, but as it turned out, he made a good choice. Most of our congregation like animals and several are real cat lovers.

Within seconds, he was being cuddled like a baby to warm him up and reassure him. A phone call was made to a contact to see if they had the chip detecting gadget and a few minutes later, he was whisked off – still being cuddled – to see if he was chipped and thereby locate his owner.

Everything that could be done was being done for this cute little bundle of fur.

A couple of hours later, we had a phone call to tell us that he did indeed have a chip and that he belonged to someone in Sheerness. A few more phone calls and the delighted owner was reunited with his furry little friend. Apparently, the little fellow had been missing from his Railway Road home for two days, out in the freezing, foggy conditions over the noisy and frightening New Year celebrations. No wonder he summoned up the courage to approach a bunch of strangers in the Coffee Shop.

It's a lovely little story with a happy ending, and hopefully the little cat has learned a valuable lesson and won't stray far in the future.

January 2017



WEATHER

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RUNE CHAIR
OWNS
STEEL
MORIS HALT
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OF GYG
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HR WIN WILD

GOOD LUCK!!

COVID-19

OPENING FOR WORSHIP

We have made every effort to minimize the risk. However remember the Virus is still with us. Please protect each other.

- If you feel unwell – Please stay Home it is the best place for you to be.
- We will not criticize or moan if you feel unsafe to come out – We would rather you stay home than be fearful in Church.
- As much as we ache to kiss, hug or shake hands, please remember to keep your distance.
- Please Stay 2 metres apart.
- Please wear a face mask or face covering.
- Please wash or sanitize your hands - Sanitizer stations are set up and washing facilities as always are available in the toilets.
- The chairs will be set out at a safe distance – only family bubbles are allowed to be closer – please don't move the chairs.
- There will be no hymn singing so the books have been removed and stored safely.
- There will be stewards in place to advise and help where they can.
- Sadly there will be no coffee after the service and people are asked to leave promptly – as we have to clean surfaces before we can go home.

MESSAGES

Alice says "Thank you" to everyone for the beautiful cards and telephone calls she received on her birthday. She had a lovely day.

Daphne also says "Thank you" for all her lovely birthday cards and kind messages. She enjoyed a very happy day with her family.

BIRTHDAYS: Lynda (Lucas) 22nd August,
Doris (German) 24th August, Joan (Norris) 31st August,
Mary (Green) 5th September,

 Ann Wagstaff has asked if you would remember The Bible Society in your prayers. They, like all charities, are experiencing many difficulties because of Covid-19. If you would like to make a donation to The Bible Society, please send it to Ann. *Thank you*

Our next issue, number 9. If you would like a message included, let me know by email, text, or phone. Stay safe and keep well. Love, Heather x
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For when two or three come together in my name, there am I with them
Matthew 18 v 20

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM SHARON

"Water Aid" Jars 4 Change

Hello everyone. Before the "Lockdown", I started a "Water Aid" - Jars 4 Change collection. Some of you have returned your jars already, BUT if you have a jar and wish it to be collected, please contact me, Sharon, on

01795 874297 / 07718 289666

and collection from your door can be arranged. If you do not have a jar but would like to donate, please send a cheque payable to the Church to me at

Eikenlaan, Imperial Avenue, Minster, Sheerness, Kent ME12 2HG
Also, any donations to "Action for Children" can be collected too or sent to me.

ALL monies need to be banked before the end of August, which is the end of the Church financial year. Our cheques need to be forwarded to the charities well before the end of August to give them time to be paid in and cleared.

Hopefully, suitable arrangements regarding the treasurer's job will be in place very soon, but from 1st September 2020, you will need to hold on to your offerings and donations until something definite has been arranged.

Please make cheques payable to:

The Church in Hope Street

If you have envelopes, please include them. Thank you
You could set up a standing order or for BACS payments:
Account name: The Church in Hope Street

Sort code: 40-41-41
Account number: 71387421

