



# CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK METHODIST CHURCH

## CONTACT NEWSLETTER

February / March 2025



### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

|           |   |                    |
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| Sunday:   | Worship (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays) | 11.00 am           |
| Sunday    | Renewed Life Community Church (Apostolic) – Worship                     | 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm  |
| Sunday:   | Progressive Catholic Church (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday)                    | 11.00 am           |
| Monday:   | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning   | 10.30 am – 12 noon |
|           | Brownies  | 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm  |
|           | Guides  | 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm  |
| Tuesday:  | Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association                                      | 6.00 pm – 7.15 pm  |
| Thursday: | Rainbows  | 5.45 pm – 6.45 pm  |

(Youth Groups term-time only)

Dear Friends

Contact this time covers February and March, months that normally encompass Lent and Easter. As usual, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Easter Sunday is about as late as it can be. It is on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

With this in mind, I would like to offer you a poem for this edition of Contact. It was written by the current vicar of Brightlingsea in Essex, where my step-mother attends, the Rev'd Caroline Beckett. In it she reminds us that the reality of Jesus' life is very far from the images we see in films and on the television, that are, in many ways, quite sanitised. She tells his life in language of today, that can seem quite shocking, but nevertheless will, I hope, help us to look afresh at what happened to Jesus, his life, his death and his resurrection.

It is entitled:

### Son of Man

Jesus never married,  
Never bought a house or settled down,  
Never gave his mother grandkids,  
Probably put up with a lot of cheek pinching and  
intrusive questions.

Jesus ran off or picked fights  
And didn't say sorry because he wasn't  
And broke things sometimes on purpose,  
Like bread, rules, market stalls, taboos and  
hearts.

Jesus wasn't a priest, or a trained Rabbi, or a  
doctor,  
But taught and ministered and healed anyway,  
Even when his family decided he'd lost the plot  
and went to fetch him home  
He wouldn't go quietly and just added them to the  
long list of those he offended.

Jesus was alone with a woman,  
A woman he asked for a favour,  
A woman with a bad reputation, who had gone  
through men like water,  
A woman from the wrong nation and the wrong  
side of the tracks.

Jesus made all the wrong friends:  
Traitors, collaborators, foreigners,  
Beggars and outcasts, oppressors and  
oppressed,  
Rebel women and scholars and thieves.

Jesus went walkabout, part wild man  
Of the desert, part vagrant sleeping in hedges;

Of no fixed abode, sponging off friends  
And borrowing everything: boats, lunch, donkey,  
coins and secret rooms.  
Jesus was grubby and lacking social graces,  
Healing with mud and spit, unclean by  
association,  
Handling the dead and the living, not washing his  
hands for meals,  
But washing feet and making everyone feel  
awkward.

Jesus riled up all the right people,  
Shouting insults at pillars of the community,  
Shooting his mouth off in public,  
Then nothing but dumb insolence in custody.

Jesus died broke and unemployed:  
A criminal in disgrace,  
Just the clothes on his back, no plans for a  
funeral,  
Relying on the kindness of friends and strangers.

Jesus arrived naked and screaming and messing  
himself  
And died the same way, with no dignity  
whatsoever,  
But in between he loved and loved and loved  
With the fierceness of a universe of suns

And God, his proud Father,  
Gripped that raging red thread of love and  
tugged;  
Yanking him, part unravelled and barely  
recognisable,  
Through the hedge of death backwards.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(See full Diary Dates on back page)

### Valentine's Day Lunch

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 12.30 pm



Come and join us for a 2-course lunch. Bring your loved one, a friend(s), or come on your own – everyone is welcome. To book, for catering purposes, please ring or text 07769 224565, contact us at [carltonmethodist@outlook.com](mailto:carltonmethodist@outlook.com) or put your name on the sheet at the back of church. If you have any questions or dietary requirements, contact us as above or speak to Helen. We look forward to seeing you. There is no cost, but donations to church funds will be gratefully received.

### Family Film & Craft Afternoon

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm



Looking for something to do for your children or grandchildren in half-term? Come along to our Family Film Afternoon with activities and a craft. Drinks and popcorn available and pizza will be served half way through. All children to be accompanied by an adult.

### Mothering Sunday Celebration & Lunch

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm



A mini-fayre with a variety of stalls including books, toys, jigsaws, cakes, and a tombola. There will be crafts and card making available to have a go at, and you can have your nails gel-painted. Order (or collect) your fish and chips from Carlton Fish Bar across the road, then eat with us. Tea/coffee and biscuits available throughout. **Everyone** is welcome, it's not just for mum's. Proceeds for Boys' Brigade & Girl's Association funds.



**Valentine's Day Lunch**  
(2 courses)  
14th February at 12.30pm  
**CARLTON METHODIST CHURCH  
AND CENTRE,  
HIGH ROAD, CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK**  
Everyone welcome  
with a loved one,  
on your own or with friends  
Please book for catering purposes at  
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Any questions or dietary requirements  
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**FREE ENTRY**  
Donations gratefully received for Church Funds



## BOYS' BRIGADE AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

(Autumn Term Report)

On Tuesday 24 Sept we had a walk near the Church & Centre to look at the trees – a perfect time to see apples on the trees and collect conkers from the horse chestnut trees. We considered the weather and played 'Catch the rain clouds'.

The Youth Harvest was held on 3 October when all the youth groups came together and brought gifts, which went to the Bassetlaw Food Bank, and we all shared in Rev Mark Orr's stone soup!

We joined the battalion at Hesley Woods for Adventure Day on Saturday 5 October. The activities we enjoyed included axe throwing, archery, zip wire, peddle cars and other things which we cannot normally attempt.

Most weeks we watch videos for our Christian education and this term these were about the miracles performed by Jesus. These have included healing the sick, turning water to wine and calming the storm.

On 8 October we had various games and made and ate mummy hot dogs, to complete our Egyptian themed programme from the previous term.

During the week before half term all the Brownies, Guides, BBGA and Rainbows' members planted bowls of blue and purple bulbs as part of an educational programme 'Operation Purple Pinky' being partnered by Rotary and Boys' Brigade nationally.



As our next meeting was on Bonfire night, we saw fire safety videos and enjoyed sparklers in the back yard, and also made sensory lights.

We joined in the village Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial. Erin and Finlay laid the BBGA wreath during the ceremony. The war memorial bears the name of those in the village who died in the two world wars and recent conflicts. Many who live in Carlton find the name of their relatives on the memorial. These include Jenny Williamson.



Jenny came to the BBGA meeting the following Tuesday and she told us about her dad, Les, who was evacuated to Carlton from Norfolk as a boy in the war, and later returned to Carlton to marry her mum, Nora.

Les and Nora were important leaders in both our Church and BB.

We played 'Packing for Evacuation', 'Battle of Britain' and made spitfires for flying competitions and hand-painted poppies as we followed a WW2 theme.



We had to cancel the meeting on 19 November because of the snow, so we had our Enrolment evening on 26 November, when we completed the WW2 theme and made paperchains with messages ready for our Christmas tree. Our guest this year was

Laurian Moore, who presented membership cards and service awards to the young people as they have completed between 1 and 4 years' service.

All the youth groups met together on Monday 2 December for a Christingle Celebration led by Rev Meg, and this closed following a visit from Geoff Lewis from Worksop Rotary, who explained how 'Operation Purple Pinky' was aimed at the elimination of Polio across the world. This was why they had been planting bulbs to give purple flowers. Members of the BBGA stayed late to plant four planters with new crocuses for spring and decorate the BBGA Christmas tree.

One of our leaders, Andreea, and her four boys were welcomed back to the Company following their long break in Suffolk and Romania. During our visit to Carlton Youth Centre on 10 December they received their membership cards and awards which they had earned, but had not received earlier in the year.



We completed the year by celebrating at our Christmas Party on 17 December, when Santa paid a visit and distributed selection boxes.

*Eddie Croot  
Captain*

## WALLS (Yvonne)

The first house walls were built using wattle and daub. Thin branches were woven and daubed with a mix of wet soil, clay, straw and dung. This has been used for 6,000 years and many parts of the world still use the method. Mud bricks dried in the sun are also used.

Romans had brick buildings and this took off in Britain in the late Middle Ages when Flemish bricks were imported as ballast in ships to Norfolk. They were clay, fired in a kiln.

Walls of Jericho – archaeological excavations have confirmed Jericho as an important city and trade centre for thousands of years. It had had massive stone walls built around 8000 BC which eventually fell down as in the Bible story in the Book of Joshua.



The Great Wall of China opened in 220 BC. It took over 2,000 years to construct, is over 13,000 miles long and is said to be

visible from space. It is 30 feet wide and 50 feet high (15 metres). There are 7,000 watchtowers.

Hadrian's wall formed the northern border of the Roman Empire, stretching 73 miles from sea to sea from Wallsend in the east. It has 3 bridges, 16 forts and 160 turrets.

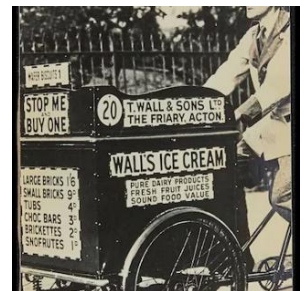
Western Wall – also called Wailing Wall is in the old city of Jerusalem and forms part of the retaining



wall of Temple Mount. It is a place of pilgrimage for Jewish people who push slips of paper with prayers on into the wall.

Berlin Wall was built in 1961 across the centre of the city to prevent people escaping from East Berlin to the west. Families were separated and there were daring attempts to escape, although it was heavily guarded. It fell in 1989. There is graffiti on remaining sections of the wall. The Lennon Wall in Prague has John Lennon graffiti on it. The most famous memorial wall is probably the Vietnam Veterans' wall in Washington DC.

Wall's company was founded in London in 1786 by butcher, Richard Wall. T Wall & Sons were famous for their sausages. In 1913, they introduced ice cream, to help summer trade, and it soon became very popular. Ice cream was first delivered by horse and cart, then by 'Stop me and buy one' Tricycles.



Lollies were the next idea. Freezers then meant that ice creams could be kept at home, with favourites such as Viennetta. 4 million Cornetto are made every week.

## RECIPE CORNER



**Sausage Flan** (recipe from lovely Jean Watts – remembered as tap dancing lady.)

½ lb sausage meat  
1 tablespoon plain flour  
seasoning and herbs as required  
1 egg  
¼ pint milk  
small onion  
grated cheese (optional)

Mix sausage meat with flour and line 7" flan dish with mixture. Beat eggs, add milk, chopped onion and seasoning. Pour into flan case.

OR – Mix herbs with sausage meat and put chopped onion and grated cheese into flan before pouring in egg mix.

Bake at 160° for 25 minutes.

### Ice Cream Desserts

Vanilla, Raspberry ripple, Neapolitan or mint choc chip.

Banana Split – add ice cream and cream, sprinkle with chocolate from a flake.

Sundaes – add strawberries or peaches to ice cream and pour over raspberry, chocolate or caramel sauce. Top with wafers.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### An update & an opportunity to declutter & donate after Christmas!

Once again, thank you to everyone who supported the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal last year. Most of the boxes from the church were sent to Belarus, along with others from this region. To find out more about the impact of the shoeboxes, you can visit the Samaritan's Purse website:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

Now that Christmas is over, perhaps it's time to declutter? You may have unwanted or duplicated Christmas gifts or maybe you're just getting rid of your pre-loved things. If you are decluttering and have any new, or "like new" items that would be suitable for a shoebox, please either place it by the noticeboards in the Methodist Church with a note saying it's for the shoeboxes, or pass it onto Louise Brereton (07815 581237).

Once again, thank you for your support and help in sharing the joy of Christmas and the Good News of Jesus Christ with children across the world.

*Louise*

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## A LONG FORTY DAYS OF SILENCE

A couple of years ago  
I decided to observe Lent by turning off the car radio.  
It wasn't easy.  
It was a long forty days of silence.  
I missed the entertainment, the music, the distraction, the weather  
and even hearing the traffic reports.  
There were days I would get in the car after work  
and desperately want to listen to the radio for the long drive home.



Yet, I persisted.  
I found this became a time to sit in silence,  
or to sing,  
or sometimes even to pray aloud.

The car became a different space,  
and it seemed as if time passed in a different way.  
Without hearing news stories of events that took place recently,  
I was stuck in the present,  
forced to pay more attention to my own mind,  
the cars around me  
and the road I was travelling.  
I was alone,  
desperately trying to remember  
that we are never truly alone.

Fiona van Wissen

From "*Spring*"

*Liturgical resources for February, March & April including Lent and Holy Week*  
compiled by Ruth Burgess



## CHILDREN'S PAGE

*A story of a famous person in the Bible, many years before Jesus was born.*

There was a king called Darius, who chose many princes to help him run his empire. There were also 3 presidents and one of them was called Daniel. All the people in the empire worshipped idols and false gods, but Daniel was from a different country and he worshipped God. He worked faithfully and well and the other presidents, and some of the princes, were jealous of him.

They had an idea – they might be able to trap him because he was so faithful to God and wouldn't worship idols. They came up with a plan. They asked King Darius to make a special law that for 30 days no-one was allowed to pray to any god or man except the King. Anyone who broke the law would be thrown into a den of lions. The King was delighted that everyone thought so much about him, so he signed the law immediately.

Daniel wasn't worried, he'd always been faithful to God and wasn't going to change now. He continued to pray to God three times a day, but his enemies who plotted against him, saw him and reported him to the King, demanding he be thrown to the lions. King Darius wasn't happy, Daniel was his friend and he was a good worker, but there was nothing he could do. That night Daniel was brought to the King, but he said to him "May your God, whom you serve so loyally, rescue you". Then he was put into the lions' den and a rock was put over the entrance so he couldn't get out.

Darius couldn't eat, and he didn't sleep a wink that night. Early in the morning, before anyone else was awake, he went to the lion's den. He was overjoyed to find no harm had come to Daniel. God had sent an angel to protect him because he'd done nothing wrong. Daniel made no complaints and the King realised who really served him best, so he ordered those who had tricked him to be put into the den and the lions attacked them.

King Darius then sent a message to all this empire that everyone should respect and worship Daniel's God – a living God who will reign forever.

God bless you.

Rev Alan

(Chaplain 1<sup>st</sup> Carlton BB&GA)



## DANIEL WORDSEARCH

M I G A E P O V D P  
B G O N L R J L B M  
Y P D G P E G N I K  
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| ANGEL   | PRESIDENTS |
| DANIEL  | PRAY       |
| DARIUS  | NOON       |
| DEN     | NIGHT      |
| GOD     | MORNING    |
| JEALOUS | LIONS      |
| KING    |            |



For reflection, here are the Lectionary readings and an appropriate hymn  
for each Sunday in February and March.

**February 2**

Jeremiah 1: 4-10  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Psalm 71:1-6  
Luke 4:21-30

A new commandment I give unto you:  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this the world shall know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another.  
By this the world shall know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another.

Anonymous

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**February 9**

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Psalm 138  
Luke 5:1-11

1 Would I have answered when you called,  
'Come follow, follow me!'  
Would I at once have left behind  
both work and family?  
Or would the old, familiar round  
have held me by its claim  
and kept the spark within my heart  
from bursting into flame?

2 Would I have followed where you led  
through ancient Galilee,  
on roads unknown, by ways untried,  
beyond security?  
Or would I soon have hurried back  
where home and comfort drew,  
where truth you taught would not disturb  
the ordered world I knew?

3 Would I have matched my step with yours  
when crowds cried, 'Crucify!'  
when on a rocky hill I saw a cross  
against the sky?  
Or would I too have slipped away  
and left you there alone,  
a dying king with crown of thorns  
upon a terrible throne?

4 O Christ, I cannot search my heart  
through all its tangled ways,  
nor can I with a certain mind  
my steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call,  
'Come follow, follow me!'  
you'll give me strength beyond my own  
to follow faithfully.

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr (1923-2007)

**February 16**

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Psalm 1  
Luke 6:17-26

1 Father, we have sinned  
in word, and deed, and thought,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through deliberate fault:  
we've sinned against our neighbours  
and against you, Lord,  
yet we are truly sorry,  
and we turn to you once more.

2 Father of the nations,  
you who bless the poor,  
we're servants of the endless want  
and drive for more.  
We've made our greed a virtue,  
while the children starve;  
come, change our joy to sorrow,  
till our lives reflect your heart.

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)  
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**February 23**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40  
Luke 6:27-38

1 Take this moment, sign, and space;  
take my friends around;  
here among us make the place  
where your love is found.

4 Take the little child in me,  
scared of growing old;  
help me here to find my worth  
made in Christ's own mould.

2 Take the time to call my name,  
take the time to mend  
who I am and what I've been,  
all I've failed to tend.

5 Take my talents, take my skills,  
take what's yet to be;  
let my life be yours, and yet,  
let it still be me.

3 Take the tiredness of my days,  
take my past regret,  
letting your forgiveness touch  
all I can't forget.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)  
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**March 2**

Sunday before Lent

Exodus 34:29-35  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Psalms 99  
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood:

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love:

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest --  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love:

Frances Jane van Alstyne, (Fanny Crosby) (1820-1915)  
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**March 5**

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

Psalms 51:1-17;  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

1 Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,  
let every soul be Jesus's guest;  
you need not one be left behind,  
for God has called all humankind.

4 His love is mighty to compel;  
his conquering love consent to feel;  
yield to his love's resistless power,  
and fight against your God no more.

2 Sent by my Lord, on you I call,  
the invitation is to all;  
come, all the world and witness how  
all things in Christ are ready now.

5 See him set forth before your eyes;  
behold the bleeding sacrifice!  
His offered benefits embrace,  
and freely now be saved by grace.

3 Come, all you souls by sin oppressed,  
you restless wanderers after rest,  
you poor, and maimed, and sick, and blind,  
in Christ a hearty welcome find.

6 This is the time; no more delay!  
This is the Lord's accepted day;  
come in, this moment, at his call,  
and live for him who died for all.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
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## March 9

Lent 1

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

- 1 Christ our Redeemer knew temptation's hour  
in desert places, silent and apart;  
and three times over met the tempter's power  
with God's word written, hidden in his heart.
- 2 He makes not bread what God has made a  
stone,  
he at whose bidding water turns to wine:  
we are not meant to live by bread alone  
but as God speaks the word of life divine.
- 3 He will not ask the fickle crowd's acclaim,  
nor flaunt the Sonship which is his by right,  
nor seem distrustful of the Father's Name  
who bids us walk by faith and not by sight.
- 4 He seeks no kingdom but by cross and grave,  
for love of sinners spurning Satan's throne:  
his triumph seen in those he died to save  
who, to his glory, worship God alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

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## March 16

Lent 2

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Luke 13:31-35

- 1 Jesus -- the name high over all,  
in hell, or earth, or sky!  
Angels revere, and nations fall,  
and devils fear and fly.
- 2 Jesus -- the name to sinners dear,  
the name to sinners given!  
It scatters all their guilty fear,  
it turns their hell to heaven.
- 3 Jesus -- the prisoner's fetters breaks,  
and bruises Satan's head;  
power into strengthless souls it speaks,  
and life into the dead.
- 4 O that the world might taste and see  
the riches of his grace!  
The arms of love that compass me  
would all the earth embrace.
- 5 His only righteousness I show,  
his saving grace proclaim;  
'tis all my business here below  
to cry: 'Behold the Lamb!'
- 6 Happy if with my latest breath  
I might but gasp his name;  
preach him to all, and cry in death:  
'Behold, behold the Lamb!'

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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**March 23**

Lent 3

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.
- 2 There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.
- 3 There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.
- 4 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.
- 5 But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.
- 6 If our love were but more simple  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the presence of our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

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**March 30**

Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 1:20-28

Psalms 127:1-4

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:33-35

- 1 Bethlehem, of noblest cities  
none can once with thee compare;  
thou alone the Lord from heaven  
didst for us incarnate bear.
- 2 Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth,  
to the world its God announcing,  
seen in fleshly form on earth.
- 3 Eastern sages at his cradle  
make oblations rich and rare;  
see them give, in deep devotion,  
gold and frankincense and myrrh.
- 4 Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:  
incense doth their God disclose,  
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,  
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.
- 5 Holy Jesus, in thy brightness  
to the Gentile world displayed,  
with the Father and the Spirit  
endless praise to thee be paid.

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-c. 413)  
translated by Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

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## QUIZ TIME



### Christmas Quiz Answers

1. Love's Labour's Lost and The Taming of the Shrew
2. I Feel Fine
3. The Grinch (2018)
4. Aeroplane
5. Coventry
6. O Holy Night
7. 1981
8. Six (Partridge, Turtle Doves, French Hens, Calling Birds, Geese and Swans)
9. Osborne House
10. Turkey
11. Julia Donaldson
12. Do You Hear What I Hear
13. Matthew(2:1-12)
14. Ninety-six
15. Donner

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### ST VALENTINE'S DAY

1. What was the title of Kylie Minogue's UK no3 hit from 2010?
2. Who wrote the line " 'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all"?
3. Which Beatles song was described by Frank Sinatra as "the greatest love song written in the last fifty years"?
4. In the movie "Sleepless in Seattle", where do Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan's characters meet up on St Valentine's Day?
5. Which fruit is associated with Venus, the Roman Goddess of Love?.
6. Who wrote and directed the 2003 movie "Love Actually"?
7. Which famous explorer was killed on St Valentine's Day in 1779?
8. Which three acts had hits in the 1980s with songs entitled "The Power of Love"?
9. In which of Shakespeare's plays is St Valentine's Day mentioned?.
10. Which son of Aphrodite would you associate with Valentine's Day?.
11. In the Jane Austen romantic novel "Pride and Prejudice", what is Mr Darcy's first name?.
12. Which play by Oscar Wilde was first performed on February 14th 1895?
13. In which Italian city is "Romeo and Juliet" set?.
14. What do the letters SWALK on the back of an envelope indicate?
15. Which fence on the Grand National course comes immediately prior to Valentine's Brook?



The blessing of the signs of spring be *yours* today:  
The new life visible in the fields be a sign of new life in *you*,  
The birds building nests be a sign of belief in the future for *you*,  
The tiny flowers on grassy banks be a sign of  
the small but significant things in *your* life.



May the blessing of God,  
Sower of seed,  
Nurturer of hope and  
Gardener of harmony,  
Stay with *you* today and always.  
Amen

Rosemary Wass

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| FEBRUARY                  |                    |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | 11.00 am           | Morning Worship – Own Arrangement                                |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning                                      |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>    |                    |  |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning<br>Upper Room Prayer Meeting at 11am |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>   | 12.30 pm           | * Valentine's Day Lunch  |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>   | 11.00 am           | Morning Worship – Rev Philip Macdonald<br>(Holy Communion)       |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning                                      |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | 1.00 pm            | Film Afternoon (Musical)<br>(Join us with your lunch beforehand) |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> | 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm  | * Family Film & Craft Afternoon                                  |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>   |                    |  |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning                                      |

| MARCH   |                    |  |
|---|--------------------|--|
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>                              | 11.00 am           | Morning Worship – Rev Julie Coates                               |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>                              | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning                                      |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>                              |                    |  |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>                             | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning<br>Upper Room Prayer Meeting at 11am |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>                             | 11.00 am           | Morning Worship – Rev Meg Burton (Holy Communion)                |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>                             | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning                                      |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>                             | 1.00 pm            | Film Afternoon<br>(Join us with your lunch beforehand)           |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                             |                    |  |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>                             | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning                                      |
| Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>                           | 10.00 am – 2.00 pm | * Mothering Sunday Celebration & Lunch                           |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Clocks go forward</i> | 11.00 am           | Mothering Sunday<br>Morning Worship – Daphne Sidney              |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>                             | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning                                      |

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| <b>Closing date for items for April / May Contact – Monday 17 March</b> |
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