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July Letter

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”

Hebrews 11:1

We have this verse in a frame on our bookshelf at home - it always makes me think of Thomas, the disciple who doubted. I wonder how anyone who saw Jesus perform miracles, or who saw him after the resurrection could in any way doubt him!

Are we any better than Thomas?

Faith is such an important thing in our Christian life - is faith the same as trust? A quote from Christianity Today says “Faith recognizes that a chair is designed to support the person who sits on it, and trust demonstrates the faith by actually sitting in the chair.”

Faith is relying on something which you can't prove, it's believing in something which you haven't seen yourself - this is our faith in God - we can't see him, but we know he is there for us, and we trust that he will always be there.

We have recently welcomed a guide dog brood bitch into our home. In my research into this volunteering role I have inevitably been thinking about guide dogs and how important they are to sight impaired people. They too must have faith, not only in the dogs who guide them, but in the trainers who teach the dogs to perform that role, after all, they are literally putting their lives in the hands (or paws) of a dog!

And I am sure we have all played the Trust Game with friends, or on those team-building courses which employers send us to. We have faith in the people behind us, even though we can't see them - we trust that they will not let us hit the ground - that act of falling is trust. In the same

way, we put ourselves in God's hands - we can't see him, but we trust him, and that he will do as he has promised.

“We live by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7 - trusting in something you can't see may not be easy, but God's love for us can be felt in all we do, every day.

If we believe in God, we have faith in him, and therefore we must trust him with our lives....”**Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.” Psalm 21:7**

So as I remind myself often, God can do what we can't - trust him.

Carol

Listen to a Sunday Service from Coventry Cathedral

We're acutely aware that not everyone has access to the internet and so have now started a service which means that you can listen to the latest recording of a Sunday service from Coventry Cathedral over the telephone. You can choose between listening to the whole service, hearing just the sermon or enjoying an anthem sung by our virtual choir. The number to dial is 02476 939700. You pay just the cost of a local call – which may well be included in your phone package anyway. Of course, if you haven't got internet access you won't be able to read this – so, next time you're on the phone or writing a note to someone who might be interested, please let them know. Thank you.



Also, the Church of England provides Daily Hope, a 24 hour free phone line.

Praying for our Parish in July 2021

1	Look through your window and see God's amazing creation. Thank and praise Him for this beautiful world that He has given us.
2	Thank God for His love and care and for the forgiveness that He offers each one of us.
3	We remember today that our annual Sausage Sizzle would have taken place – we pray that we will be able to enjoy this event again in the future.
4	Ask God to show us how we can be good stewards of all that He has given us.
5	Thank God for providing us with all our daily needs and pray for those who are not so fortunate as ourselves.
6	We give thanks that the community café is open again.
7	Thank you, loving God, for making us the people we are, and helping us to understand that we are precious in your sight
8	We pray for those who take care of others. We pray that they may have support themselves, so that they don't become weighed down by their responsibilities.
9	Pray for your neighbours – that you will be a good friend and support to them.
10	Think of your family and pray for each member – for their physical and emotional wellbeing but also their spiritual wellbeing.

11	Think of your friends and pray for each of them.
12	Pray for your colleagues at work or school or those you have previously worked with.
13	Remember those who do not have work.
14	As Hartshill Mothers' Union meet via Zoom this evening, we pray that all groups may soon be able to meet in person
15	Pray for Heather and all clergy – that they will remain faithful to Your word and the calling to which they are serving. Remember especially those working abroad.
16	Give thanks for the freedom that we have to worship in this country. Pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.
17	Pray for those who are not well in body, mind or spirit. Remember also those who love and care for them.
18	We thank you that we have been able to hold services in the building again recently, but we are conscious that many members of our congregation may not feel able to join us yet. So we thank you for the technology which has kept us in touch over the last few months and that arrangements are still in place for services on line.
19	It is 73 years since the NHS was created. Give thanks for that vision and for all who have worked within this caring environment and those who continue to do so.
20	Sustain, strengthen and protect all caregivers. Bless them as they offer compassionate care and show selfless courage in the face of risk.
21	We pray for those whose incomes and livelihoods are threatened.

22	The sun may be shining, but there are still many who do not have homes. Pray that their needs may be met.
23	As the schools prepare to break for the summer holidays, pray for the safety of the students and staff over the summer period.
24	Pray for safety for all who will be going on holiday over the coming weeks.
25	Remember all those who have lost a loved one and still grieve for their loss.
26	We give thanks for the lives of those whose lives have touched our own
27	This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
28	Pray for the leaders (and opposition leaders) of our country – for wisdom to make decisions for the good of the people and to fight social injustice.
29	Pray for the safety of those who live in war torn areas. That their leaders will seek a way to peace so that lives, homes and nations can be re-built.
30	Remember all those who volunteer in so many organisations and keep many vital services going. Give thanks for their sacrifice and continued commitment.
31	Give thanks to God for His continuing love and care of you and your family.



Crossline began as a result of Mary Whitehouse, a moral standards campaigner (remember her - she was from Nuneaton) who was very concerned about the many disturbed people coming away from the cinema having watched the film "The Exorcist". She called Gordon Wright, a Christian counsellor working in Plymouth at the time, asking him what he was going to do about it. In response Gordon got together a number of Christian friends and handed out leaflets telling people where they could get help if needed. That helping hand became known as crossline. Since then, a number of crossline organizations were formed.

They are there to listen to peoples' problems, hurts or situations and anyone, Christian or not, can call them. Callers will receive a caring, compassionate ear in total confidence. The charity quotes a verse from Psalm 34 v 18 "The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit". The Crossline listeners are there to hear the cries of those who need someone to listen to them and receive the same compassion that Jesus practised. They will give you time and acceptance to share your burden of grief, loneliness, indecision, guilt or to help talk through a particular problem. As a Christian organization they will be able to offer prayer if people wish and to continue to pray if needed. They can also put people in contact with others who may be able to help such as support agencies or churches in a person's local area or details of Christian counsellors.

The listeners are fully trained and all are volunteers giving 3 or 4 hours of their time a week. During Covid the listeners are available as normal.

During this last year we have heard a lot about people struggling in isolation, not being able to get out, see families or friends face to face

and some are desperate to talk to someone. This may be you or someone you know. Crossline may be someone who could help.

Looking at some of the testimonies, lives have been saved (literally) through this service and for others they have found Salvation in Jesus for their eternal life. Praise the Lord.

Maybe you don't need this service, but you may feel called to become one of their volunteers. An office number is 01482 610 054

Crossline Coventry is available every night from 6pm to midnight on 0300 111 0101. Other areas are available 9am - midnight on the same number.

Lynda Kelly

Foodbank - What we can Continue to Do



The pressures on foodbanks continues to grow so we would continue to urge you to consider making a donation towards their work.

Please visit their website- www.nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk and click on the Donate button at the top right of the page.

This is a really valuable way we can collectively as Churches show our love to the vulnerable people in our society – especially as we are not able to support them with our usual collection of tinned/packet food.

Sharon's Recipe - Strawberry Tart

Serves 6



Ingredients Sweet Flan Pastry

1 egg yolk

2 tsp icing sugar

100g plain flour

Pinch of salt

65g cold butter cut into chunks

1-2 tbsp very cold water (put it in fridge for 30 minutes before its required)

Ingredients Custard Filling

2 egg yolks

50g castor sugar

30g plain flour

1 tsp vanilla essence

250 ml fresh milk

Ingredients Topping

450g fresh strawberries

2 tbsp strawberry conserve

200 ml double cream

1 tbsp icing sugar

Method Pastry

1. Grease a 18 cm flan tin
2. Mix the egg yolk and icing sugar well together
3. Sift the flour and salt into a mixing bowl
4. Add butter and rub in with fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs
5. Mix in the egg yolks, sugar and some water to get a firm dough that cleans the sides of the bowl. How much water depends on the flour on the day so add it gradually as it may not all be needed.
6. Put on a lightly floured surface and knead a little until smooth
7. If the kitchen is hot wrap the pastry in cling film or wax wrap and put it in the fridge for 30 minutes – don't leave it any longer or it will be too hard to roll out
8. If the kitchen is cool, roll out the pastry to fit the greased flan tin and line the base and sides of the tin with the pastry straight away without refrigerating.
9. Prick the pastry base all over with a fork and line with foil. Place baking beans or lentils into the foil and bake in a preheated oven at 200 degrees C/ Gas Mark 6 for 15 minutes
10. Remove from the oven and remove the foil and the baking beans and return the pastry to the oven for 15 minutes and bake until golden
11. Remove from the tin and cool on a wire cooling rack.

Method Custard Filling

12. Beat together egg yolks and sugar until thick and light
13. Stir in flour and vanilla essence and gradually blend in milk

14. Pour into a small saucepan and heat stirring or whisking constantly, until the mixture comes to a simmer and thickens. Simmer gently for 3 minutes, stirring continuously
15. Remove from the heat and allow to cool. Stir it every few minutes to prevent a skin forming on top.
16. When pastry and custard are completely cold, pour the custard into the flan case and even it out

Method Topping

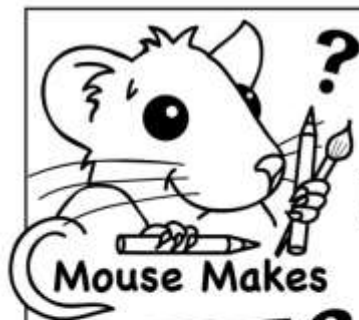
Place the strawberries over the custard, cutting them as necessary to lay them on attractively. Gently melt the strawberry conserve in a saucepan and then brush over the strawberries to give them a nice glaze. Take care as conserve gets very hot.

Beat the cream and sugar together and then put it in a piping bag with a star tip and pipe the cream over the top in a lattice pattern. If you don't have a piping bag either pile the cream on top of the flan or you could put the cream on top of the custard and put the strawberries on top but if you do it this way you will have to drizzle the conserve over carefully as it cools or leave it off altogether.

Chill for 30 minutes before serving

Can be kept in the refrigerator for up to 2 days. Not suitable for freezing.





WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

J _ _ _ S

- Mary's first child
Luke 1:30-31
- Hannah's son
1 Samuel 1:20

⌘ _ _ T

- He wrote the second Gospel
- Followed Elijah
2 Kings 2:15

A _ _ ⌘

- The first man
Genesis 2:20
- Baby in a basket
Exodus 2:1-10

_ _ _ S

- A wise king
1 Kings 4:29
- He built an ark
Genesis 6: 13-14

H _ _ A

- Wrote the 28th book of the Bible



WHICH BOOK IN THE BIBLE...

- ... is the **first**?
- ... is the **last**?
- ... has the **most** chapters?
- ... is the **last** in the Old Testament?

How many books are there in in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the whole Bible?



FIND THE BROTHERS

- | | |
|----------|---------|
| BENJAMIN | HARAN |
| ISAAC | MOSES |
| AARON | JOSEPH |
| GAD | SHEM |
| JAPHETH | JAMES |
| JACOB | ASHER |
| JOHN | ESAU |
| CAIN | ISHMAEL |
| PETER | ABEL |
| ABRAHAM | ANDREW |

DID YOU KNOW?

In the Bible there are: 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, 773,692 words.

The longest word is in Isaiah 8:1

The longest verse is Esther 8:9

The Bible was originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek



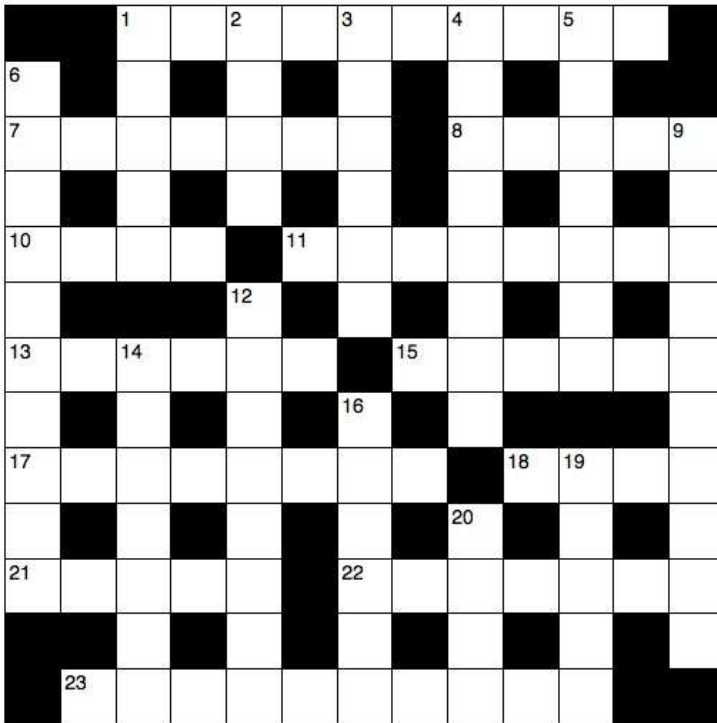
Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?



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PHILIP • JAMES • JUDAS

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Crossword



Across

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1–6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)

23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

(Answers on page 15)

Answers to crossword on page 13

ACROSS: 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

DOWN: 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.

From the Editor

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the magazine, If anybody has anything they would like to share with readers of the magazine, please email it to me at mu@susanmfoster.co.uk. The deadline for articles for the August magazine is 26th July.

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