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The Parish Magazine for the parishes of
St Catherine and **Holy Trinity** Ventnor and **St Boniface** Bonchurch



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Morning Prayer

Tuesday at 9.30am and Thursday at 9.15am at Holy Trinity
Wednesday at 9.30am at St Catherine's
Friday at 9.00am St Boniface Parish Church

Midweek Services

St Catherine's - Wednesday - 10.30am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity - Thursday - 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday Services

Please see inside Link for details of Sunday Services

Ventnor & Bonchurch Parish website address
www.ventnorcofe2.btck.co.uk
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“SOUL MUSIC”

From the 16th Century Lutheran Pastor Martin Rinkart to Bob Dylan, via the Wesleys, negro spirituals, The Beatles, Bruce Springsteen, and various other points in between, Hugh led us through the development of hymnody into popular music, using the magic of PowerPoint and U-Tube!

Hymns originally appeared to be much more corporate songs of praise and thanks to God, exemplified by “us” and “we” in the sentiments expressed, but gradually became more personal, (“I once was lost, but now am found”) and then less religious but more passionate, until some songs, such as the later ones of John Lennon, came across as having very little sense of hope. Perhaps it was both Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan who were able to express themselves on a way not conventionally religious, but movingly spiritual. They had a way of saying “Let’s make the world a better place” that seemed very close to our saying “Thy Kingdom Come.”

The morning was attended by a variety of people, including the Area Dean and Archdeacon Peter, and there were some probing questions and interesting discussions at the end of each of the three sessions.

Thank you, Hugh, for putting together an interesting series of talks.....
We await the book!

Gill Chaloner



In the Hub for refreshments.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

If you would like a Daily Bible reading ordered, they are printed three times a year and cost £4.50 to £4.95 and are sent to Ann Radcliffe in advance of dates. You do not have to pay any postage if you order this way.

The people who already have them highly recommend these readings.

There is a selection of the publications on offer at the back of St Catherine's Church, please put your name with the title of the publication on the order form. or speak to Ann Radcliffe.

‘TRY PRAYING’

Every **TUESDAY** afternoon
at 2:30pm - 3:30pm in St Catherine's Church.

We will be praying for our
community, businesses, people, churches
and all that is going on.

Do drop in for a short time
and add your concerns or needs to our prayers.

Come when you can.

ST BONIFACE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN BONCHURCH

SUNDAY JUNE 3rd

FESTAL EVENSONG IN THE PARISH CHURCH 6.30 PM.

**TUESDAY JUNE 5th
(ST BONIFACE DAY)**



10am – NOON
IN THE PARISH CHURCH

AFTER THE COFFEE MORNING

PROCESSION TO THE GROTTO TO BLESS THE WELL

HOLY COMMUNION 6.30pm
IN THE **OLD CHURCH**

PLANT SALE

2nd JUNE - 10am - 2pm

Lots of Plants,
Gardening Books
and

Refreshments

St Catherine's Church



MACNAUGHTON - HOWE ARTS & CRAFT FESTIVAL

Friday 8th JUNE - 1pm till 5.30pm

Saturday 9th JUNE - 10am till 4.30pm

St Catherine's Church

Sales, Table, Raffle. Refreshments

Admission £1 - Children Free

'Pitch up at the Pub!'

At The Winter Gardens.

A friendly social afternoon!

2 - 4 pm - 25th June

Last Monday of each Month (except May)

*Book Swap * Chat!!! * Fun Quiz * Raffle / Bingo.

Pop in for a friendly welcome and good company.

All ages welcome,
the more the merrier!

Contact Nina for information,
or if you require transport locally: 07736 151630

VENTNOR WEATHER - APRIL

Rainfall of 61.8mm (2.43ins) was 134 % of the average 45.97mm (1.81ins). Rain fell on 14 days, the wettest was the 1st with 13.1 (0.51ins). The mean temperature of 10.7C (51F) was warmer than the average 9.7C (49F). The hottest day was the 19th with 21.9C (72F). The coldest night was the 1st with 4.2C (40F)

Thanks to Mike Wood for our weather information for Ventnor.



Trinity Folk



Next "Trinity Folk"
will be on

15th JUNE.
7.30pm - 10pm

Trinity Church Hall
Bring your instruments
but, more importantly,
yourselves to join in
with music old and new.

Watch this space- Internationally renowned musician
coming to Holy Trinity in August.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS



HOLY TRINITY FUN QUIZ



SATURDAY 16th JUNE

6.30pm - 9.00pm

Tickets £3.00



PLOUGHMANS
SUPPER



Monday Evening 7.45pm

Contact Jenny Holder 852575

Tuesday Evening - 8.00pm

At Mick and Nava Young's

St Andrews, Belgrave Road. 852680

CHERUB BILLY LEADS US



This land of ours, so beautiful, so bountiful and pure,
The flowers and the fruit trees, all this is nature's store
One great glorious garden, come sunshine, rain or snow,
A great and mighty Eden everywhere we go.

We must be responsible, and tend it all with love,
Our garden is our Eden sent from our Lord above.
And then of course the wilderness, a daunting place to be
surrounded by great waters, we know them as the sea.

The sun sinks in the western sky in a blaze of glorious red
We say a prayer of thankfulness before we go to bed.
Cherub Billy leads us in our act of praise
For all the glories God has given in so many ways.

The glories of the sunset in colours bright and clear,
illuminate the heavens as night is drawing near.
A child shall lead us all this night with a little prayer
In power, in praise in thankfulness, all of this we share.

Indeed, a child, a cherub will bow his head and pray,
Give thanks to God for sunset and all his gifts today.
And now we lie down peacefully and close our eyes in sleep,
Our Cherub and the Angels. For our safety keep.

We drift into that mystic world of dreams of peace and love
The Angels there will guide us in the heavenly realms above.
We will have no fears to worry us, no anger and no woes
Blessed sleep enfold us protect us from our foes.

Ted Busbridge.



Articles for the **July/August Magazine** should be handed in
by **June 10th** please. You can hand it in at the Hub or email
it to Joan Garlick at **ventnorcofe@hotmail.co.uk**
Hand written reports/articles are accepted if you **do not**
have access to a computer.

SOMEONE IS PRAYING.

Listen my friend, I know that sometimes you feel worthless and of no use to anybody, this could be brought on because you are lonely. It is commonly known as a bout of depression.

My advice to you - as a wise old bloke in my nineties, - is to have faith in yourself, believe in yourself and above all try to understand that you are not really alone.

There are a few million others in the same position as you and some are even worse off.

It is at this point that I would like to draw your attention to the power of prayer, yes that invisible thing that very few people can really comprehend.

Prayer is powerful, I know it is, having lived here on this earth for a few years more than the usual allotted time, although age is really irrelevant. If you have ever watched those old, films about the Victorian workhouses or orphanages, you may have seen a notice on the wall proclaiming: "GOD IS LOVE". That message still applies today, and we must have faith and love for each other.

There is always something good awaiting your approval in the pipeline, so don't feel let down, lonely or unwanted.

You can be sure that someone, somewhere is praying for you.

YES YOU !

I too, know what it feels like to be lonely, my beloved wife died four years ago. I miss her and I always will. I live alone

In my own house with all its memories, this is how I want it to be. I occupy myself in reading and writing and greeting friends or family who wish to visit me, when they can.

I am slowly becoming more and more disabled physically but not mentally.

However, I don't feel sorry for myself, I just want to get on with life and reach that magic 100. and more. I have faith, I know that somewhere, someone is praying for me.....

Ted Busbridge

Short prayers

Prayers don't need to be long to be acceptable to God. For instance, consider:

Peter (Matt 14.30): Lord, save me.

A Canaanite woman (Matt 15.25): Lord, help me.

Samuel (1 Sam. 3:10): Speak, for your servant is listening.

Psalms 43.3: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Christians in later years have adopted the same form.

Michelangelo: Lord, make me see your glory in every place.

Gladys Aylward: O God, give me strength.

William Barclay: O God, keep me from being difficult to live with.

Francois Fenelon: Teach me to pray. Pray yourself in me.

John Wesley: O Lord, let us not live to be useless, for Christ's sake.

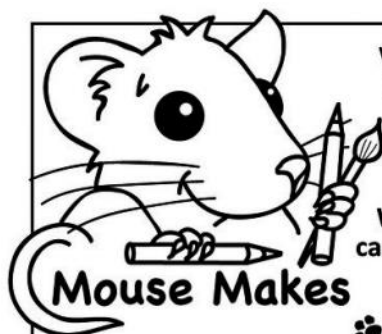
Why not practise saying a simple sentence prayer of your own each day?

The Church of England brings cashless transactions to its congregations

The Church of England has recently made contactless, virtual terminal, and SMS mobile payments available throughout England, in a bid to make transactions faster and easier for the Church's congregations. In an increasingly cashless era, churches will now be able to offer cashless payment options for events including weddings, christenings, church fetes and concerts, as well as for making one-off donations and the booking of churches and halls.

Over 16,000 churches, cathedrals, and religious sites will now have access to portable card readers through the Church of England's Parish Buying portal through a partnership with SumUp and iZettle. The readers will be used to take contactless payments, Apple Pay and Google Pay, as well as chip & PIN capable. The pay-as-you-go pricing is well suited to the needs of religious institutions, charging only a small transaction fee when the reader is used. The decision follows a trial which began in summer 2017 in cathedrals and parish churches.

Using iZettle, church-goers now have the choice to pay and make contributions in whatever way suits them best - whether it is by cash, card, mobile or wearable technology - which will benefit both the church and its visitors.



Which animal did Noah
let out of the ark first?

Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals
came out of the River Nile?

Exodus 8:6

What insects did John
eat in the wilderness?

Matthew 3:4

Which animal can
we learn from?

Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the
Holy Spirit appear as?

Luke 3:22

Which animal did
Jesus ride on?

Matthew 21:7

DID YOU KNOW?



Four of the miracles
Jesus performed
were to do with fish.

1. Feeding of the 5000
Matthew 14:15-21

2. The coin in the
fish's mouth
Matthew 17:24-27

3. When Jesus called
His first disciples
Luke 5:4-11

4. At the Sea of Galilee
after Jesus'
resurrection
John 21:4-11



DID YOU KNOW?

There are
four animals that are
small but the Bible says
are extremely wise...
the ANT, the HYRAX,
the LOCUST and
the LIZARD.

Look up
Proverbs 30:24-28
to find out why.

Proverbs 30:24-28
to find out why.



Which
animal
goes with
which bible character?



LAMB	HOLY SPIRIT
LIONS	BALAAM
LOCUSTS	JESUS
DOVE	JONAH
RAVENS	PAUL
BIG FISH	SOLOMON
DONKEY	DANIEL
BEES	ELIJAH
SNAKE	JOHN
PEACOCK	SAMSON

DOG CAME LAMB G A
P L I Z A R D O V E Q N N
F Q P E A C O C K G O A T
I U R A V E N U S X D T F
S A B U L L K S H E E P R
H I S N A K E T E O E I O
L I O N H Y R A X R G G

Find the animals
in the word search

SHEEP • GOAT • LION • LAMB
DONKEY • RAVEN
SNAKE • DOVE

LOCUST • QUAIL • HYRAX
CAMEL • DEER • FISH • FROG

GNAT • PEACOCK

ANT • OX • LIZARD

DOG • PIG • BULL

BONCHURCH EVENTS

You may have noticed that quite a few of the trees at the top of the church yard have been felled. This has made the church yard much lighter and brighter. Now you can actually see the church as you come down the Shute. Whilst having a "secret church" is good in some respects it does make it difficult for people to find!

Our regular activities will continue through the summer. Do come along to one of our sewing/craft bees which take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2 -4pm in the Parish Church. These afternoons are great fun and full of chat and laughter. The £1 we pay for our tea and biccies goes into the P.A.T.C.H. box.

We also have a coffee morning on the 1st Tuesday of the month between 10 am and noon. The next one on June 5th is St Boniface Day so please come and support us on our special day and join in the procession to the grotto in the village afterwards for our tradition of "well dressing". We hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend and to bring some flowers from their garden with which to dress the grotto.

In the evening there will be a service of Holy Communion in the Old Church at 6.30pm.

There will also be sung **Evensong on Sunday June 3rd** in the Parish Church at 6.30 pm

Be with you

The vicar at a local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: 'There's something wrong with this microphone.'

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: 'And also with you.'

Too late

First friend: 'It took me forty years to discover I had not the gifts for Holy Orders.'

Second friend: 'Goodness, whatever did you do when you found out?'

First friend: 'It was too late to do anything. By then I was a bishop!'

A WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER
FOR Isle of Wight CHURCHES
GOING DEEPER WITH GOD
A RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE, A SAFE SPACE
TO EXPLORE

15 – 21 July 2018 Carisbrooke Priory

What the week is

The idea of a *Week of Accompanied Prayer* or *Retreat in Daily Life* arose in the 1970s for people unable to take a residential retreat. Such weeks have become tried and tested ways to help deepen prayer and reflect on what's important in life.

They provide confidential “safe spaces” where prayer pilgrims can reflect on their lives and relationship with God with the support of an experienced prayer guide. The focus is entirely on the pilgrim's faith journey, offering a rare opportunity to be listened to, to be affirmed in prayer, and to experience newer or different ways of praying. It can be another step in becoming more fully the person God has created us each to be.

One of the strengths of such a week is that it takes place in the context of everyday life; the whole of life as it is normally lived is the framework for the week of prayer

No special preparation is needed, just a longing to know God better, and a commitment to prioritise some time during the week to pray, to reflect and to meet with a prayer guide.

The prayer guide accompanies each pilgrim as they reflect on their daily life and prayer. Their “job” is to listen to and encourage the pilgrim, not direct or prescribe, though they may offer tools to help with the process of reflection.

How the week happens

It starts with everyone involved (prayer pilgrims and guides) meeting on the Sunday beforehand for an initial briefing and for prayer together. Although each person undertakes the retreat on their own there is usually a strong sense during the week of being part of a community of people engaged in the same task. Then from Monday to Friday each pilgrim sets aside **30 minutes every day** to reflect, to pray, to be “alone with God”

In addition each pilgrim meets for **30 minutes each day** with their prayer guide at Carisbrooke Priory, Newport at a mutually convenient time.

It ends with everyone coming together again on the Saturday to draw the week to a close and give thanks for what has been experienced.

Previous prayer pilgrims said:

- ☐ *I was apprehensive about joining the week but it turned out to be very helpful - I've never been listened to in this way before and felt so encouraged in my relationship with God.*
- ☐ *Life is so busy and I wasn't sure about committing so much time to the week. But it's the best thing I've done in a long time – listening to myself and to God and slowing down. I intend to make some changes.*
- ☐ *I think I expected something more holy! As it was I was able to be me and think and pray about life as I'm experiencing it now.*
- ☐ *Finding thirty minutes of quiet amidst the chaos of my daily life was extremely difficult – but I thank God that I did because the experience has been so valuable.*
- ☐ *Brilliant week – not judged – not “churchy” – just felt I could be me.*
- ☐ *I think I always prayed “in my head” and have never thought feelings to be that important ...probably not a good idea to feel too much! After this week's experience I see that both the heart and head are important and something is changing.*
- ☐ *It was a bit nerve-racking to begin with; I wasn't sure what to expect of the chat with the prayer guide...but I felt at ease during the week and able to share some of the difficult parts of my life.*
- ☐ *It has brought me closer to God and (made me) more open to receive God's love in a way I could not imagine.*
- ☐

Is it for me?

This week is for anyone, at any stage of life. If you want to talk it over to find out more, then either talk to your vicar or the diocesan spirituality adviser Revd Dr Ruth Tuschling on 023 9289 9686.

If you wish to participate in the Week of Accompanied Prayer please contact Sally Rivlin with the details below.

The half hour appointments will run on Mon-Fri from 8.30am-12.30pm, 3pm-6pm and 7.30pm-8.30pm. Normally one has the same slot each day but some flexibility may be possible by arrangement with your guide.

Please wait for confirmation of your time.

Details of the Sunday and Saturday services will be forwarded in due course.

Sally Rivlin. c/o Archdeacons Office
5 The Boltons. Wootton PO33 4PB
023 9289 9699

sally.rivlin@portsmouth.anglican.org

Tim Slade (Holy Trinity) has some leaflets and booking forms.



First Thursday of the month at 9am,
St Catherine's Church. A warm welcome to
breakfast and a friendly chat.

For further information contact Steve 856953

Ventnor Townswomen's Guild

Francis Quinn "My Career on the Thames"

20th June - 2.15pm

Resident's Lounge. Knights Court, High Street, Ventnor.

Secretary - Mrs J Walters - 855892

Social Studies Group

4th June - 2.15pm

History and Work of the Coroner

Held in the Resident's lounge at Byrnhill Grove, Park Avenue

For more information contact Mrs Barbara Joyner - 651577

£1 per meeting including refreshments

ST ALBANS THE MARTYR CHURCH

SUNDAYS:-

3rd (Corpus Cristi & the 1st after Trinity)

10th (2nd after Trinity)

24th Feast of St. John the Baptist & 4th after Trinity

9.30am Solemn Sung Mass with Communion Motets

Sunday 17th June, 2018 St Alban's Patronal Festival

& the 3rd after Trinity.

10am Solemn Sung Festival Mass also celebrating

the tenth anniversary (2008) of the re-opening of St Alban's.

3.30pm Sung Evensong & Benediction

Evening Canticles to Dyson in C

Anthem: "Come My Sheep" - setting by Andrew Pellow

TUESDAYS 5th & 19th June at St Margaret's Hall, Lowtherville.

11am Service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

These Services are on the initiative of Godshill Parochial

Church Council. All are cordially welcome.

WEDNESDAYS: (at St Alban's Church)

6th, 13th, 20th & 27th JUNE

9.30am Holy Communion (said). Traditional Rite.

Celebrant at all these services is the

Godshill/St Alban's Priest-in-Charge. Fr John Ryder. S.S.C.

The First of the **SEASONAL CONCERTS** at St Alban's

is on Friday 8th June, starting at 7pm with the return of the

TROY PLAYERS CONSORT

(with wind ensemble & vocalists) under the baton

of Richard Bennett.

FREE ADMISSION. Retiring Collection. Refreshments available.

www.stalbans.org.uk

www.facebook.com/stalbansventnor

Bread

It takes a year to produce a loaf of bread, from field to fork. Yet in the UK we throw away 24 million slices of it, every day. The average person will throw away more than half a loaf of bread every month.

A recent survey by Love Food Hate Waste has also found that among 18 to 34-year-olds, 69 per cent throw bread away every week. The campaign is urging people to slice and freeze their bread when they get it home, so that it can last for several months.



Urgently items -

Fruit Juice

Sponge Puddings

Dried Rice

Tinned Spaghetti

Longlife Milk.

Toiletries (Toilet Rolls, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes & shower gel)

Messy Church

23rd June 3pm - 5pm

St Francis Academy

Upper Ventnor

"Come and share a meal with us"

**Children must be accompanied by a parent/
guardian or carer. Do please tell any families
you know about this Free event.**

**The English monk St. Boniface (ca. 672-754) is known
as the Apostle of Germany because he organized the
Church there in the 8th century.**

Named Winfrith by his well-to-do English parents, Boniface was born probably near Exeter, Devon. As a boy, he studied in Benedictine monastery schools and became a monk himself in the process. For 30 years he lived in relative peace, studying, teaching, and praying. In his early 40s he left the seclusion of the monastery to do missionary work on the Continent. Because his first efforts in Frisia (now the Netherlands) were unsuccessful, Winfrith went to Rome in search of direction. Pope Gregory II renamed him Boniface, "doer of good," and delegated him to spread the gospel message in Germany.

Worship for JUNE

June 3rd The First Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

6.30p.m. Festal Evensong, St Boniface Church

Tuesday, June 5th St Boniface Day

**6.30p.m. Holy Communion,
Bonchurch Old Church**

June 10th The Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Morning Worship, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

6.30p.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

June 17th The Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. **COME AND SEE**, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

June 24th The Fourth Sunday after Trinity The Birth of St John the Baptist

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Boniface Church

Bible Readings for JUNE

June 3rd The First Sunday after Trinity

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

St Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10th The Second Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 3:8-15

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

St Mark 3:20-end

June 17th The Third Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 17:22-end

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

St Mark 4:26-34

June 24th The Fourth Sunday After Trinity The Birth of John the Baptist

Isaiah 40:1-11

Galatians 3:23-end

St Luke 1:57-66,80

BEREAVEMENT GROUP....Can we help you?

We are aware that there are a number of people who have been bereaved and might like someone to talk to.

If this is YOU or someone you know, please contact any of the Bereavement Group from St Catherine's, Holy Trinity and St Boniface, by telephoning 01983 853729 or visit the Hub at St Catherine's any morning between 10.30 am and 12.30pm. If you'd rather leave a note, there's a box in the Coffee Shop. Anything you wish to discuss will be treated with absolute confidentiality.

**Is something worrying you?
Want someone to listen to you?**

Come in on Mondays - 11am - 2pm.

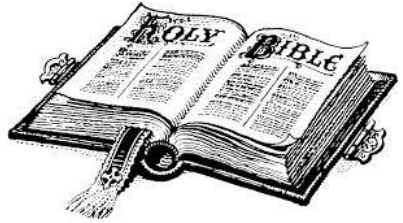
at

The Living Room - 82-83 High Street, Newport

We have trained Acorn Christian Listeners you can talk to.

**Don't forget to pick up your free copy of
the new look @CofEPortsmouth.
Issued quarterly.**

**We pray for those
who have a long
term illness**



**We pray for those who are without a
place they can call Home.**

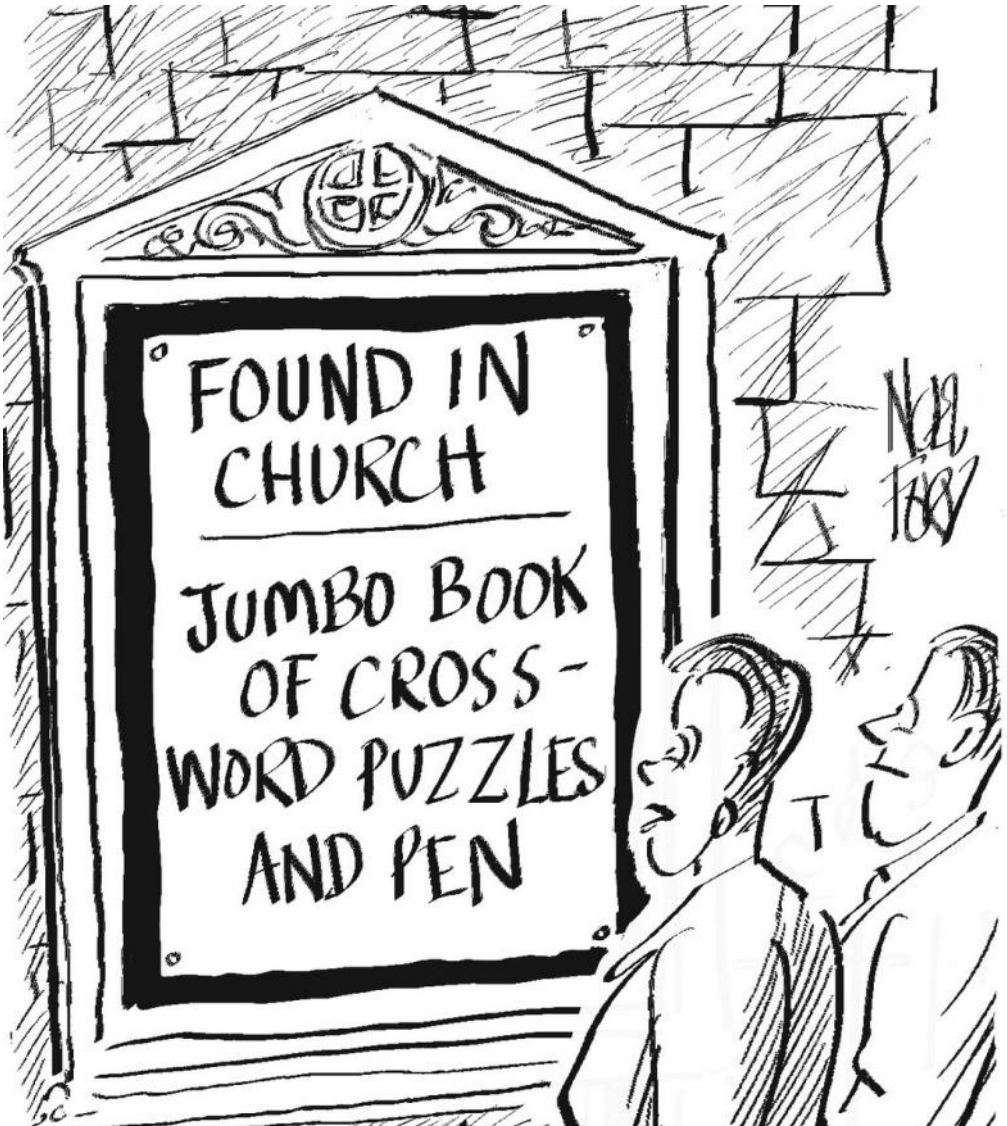


**And we pray for those
newly baptised.**

**We remember with love and affection those
who have died this year, especially we pray
for their families.**

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"It'll be interesting to see if anyone
has the nerve to claim them."