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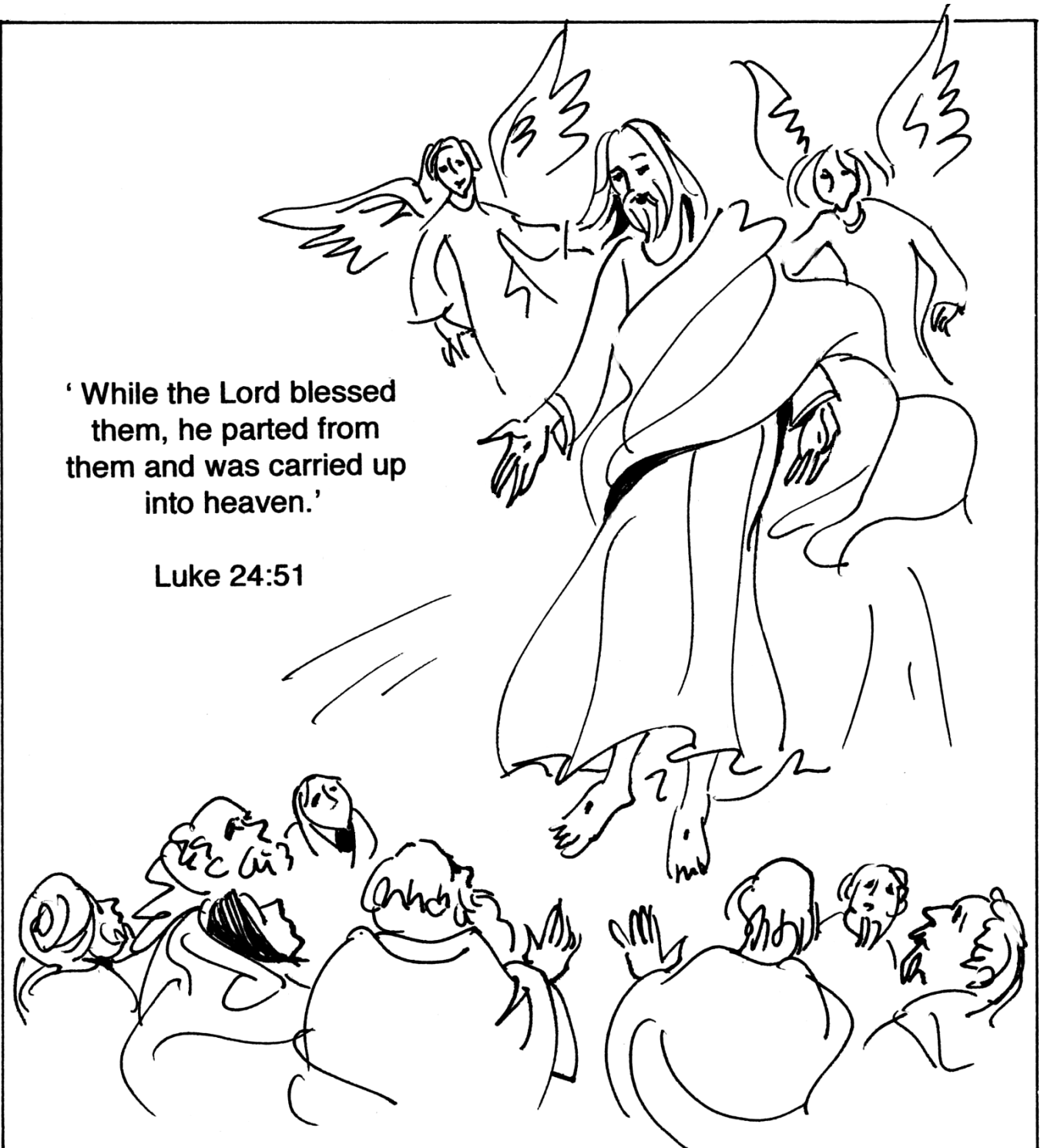


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# **Hanham Methodist Church**

**' While the Lord blessed  
them, he parted from  
them and was carried up  
into heaven.'**

**Luke 24:51**



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We welcome all people to our church; you don't need to be a member to attend our worship.

## **Worship at Hanham Methodist Church**

Worship at Hanham is traditional Methodist, in an informal and welcoming style. Hymn singing is led by our traditional pipe organ and we have a loop system for those who are hard of hearing. Notices, Service Sheets and the Church Magazine are all available in larger print and Services on CD are available for the housebound.

Everyone will be most welcome at any of our services.

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### **Seize the day**

Today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be, so enjoy this day while it lasts.

## **Word from the Minister**

### **Dear Friends**

The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost

*When the day of Pentecost came, the believers were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them... And everyone in Jerusalem heard them speaking in their own language. (Acts 2 vv 1-4)*

On May 19th the Christian Church celebrates Pentecost, the day in fulfillment of Jesus' promise when the Holy Spirit entered in a new way the life of God's people empowering them for service and a mission that would take them to the ends of the earth. On that day the eleven disciples with the believers (about 120 in number) were gathered together fulfilling Jesus' instruction spoken prior to His Ascension to wait for coming of the Holy Spirit but perhaps also afraid as they pondered how they were going to take forward Jesus' task of making disciples of all nations. However, once the Holy Spirit came they were inspired and emboldened, and they began to speak to others of the Good News of Jesus Christ. In response to Peter's message as recorded in Acts Chapter 2 some 3000 were added to their number on that first day. And so a handful of men and women began to change the world. We should never underestimate what God can do.

On May 24th in 1738 (275 years ago) John Wesley reluctantly went to a Christian Society meeting in Aldersgate Street in London and there as he records in his journal:

*In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while the leader was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.*

This experience came after a crisis of faith in Wesley's life and a series of failures. He felt on that night such an overwhelming sense of grace that it inspired him to look for new ways to proclaim the gospel and to '*make the whole world his parish*'. John Wesley's life is truly remarkable and I invite you to attend a special screening of a new 50 minute production entitled 'Wesley, the Man and his Mission' at Hanham Methodist Church on 11th June at 7.00pm. The screening shall be followed for those who wish to stay by the AGM of the Friends of Hanham Mount. I have viewed the film and it is something that will inform both those who know much of the life of John Wesley and those who know little of him. So come and discover or rediscover where the movement which resulted in the Methodist Church we know today began, and be inspired.

As I reflect on both the Day of Pentecost and John Wesley's life and particularly his Aldersgate experience I give thanks and am encouraged because it reminds me that God is constantly at work in the world and among his people. Our task like the disciples and Wesley is to wait on the Holy Spirit and to seek the things of God even when faith is hard. We will find that in this journey God is present with us and further he will equip us by His Holy Spirit just as he has equipped past generations and will equip future generations. God by the same Spirit will guide us, encourage us and strengthen us, and give us courage in word and in action, in love and in praise to proclaim the Gospel. So in the words of the often sung hymn at this time of year...

Let every Christian pray  
Each Day and every day  
Come Holy Spirit Come (HP305)

Peace and Blessing and every encouragement in the work of the Gospel

**Andrew**

**PS.** First, thank you to everyone who supported the Church Spring Fair on April 13th and the Church Flower Festival the following weekend with particular gratitude being expressed to our Fair organizers and Flower Committee. A good sum of money was raised at the Fair which will be put very much too good use and an excellent time was had at both events. I am sure you agree that the members of our Flower Committee excelled

themselves and thanks must also be given to the work they do all year round. Secondly we look forward to participating in a very special 'Songs of Praise' style service at Hanham Baptist Church at 6.00pm on the evening of May 12th which is Ascension Sunday. I also remind you of the **Church AGM on Friday 3rd May which commences at 7.00pm.** The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for all Church Members and Adherents to come together for mutual support and fellowship and to hear of and to consider the ongoing life of the Church. It is intended the meeting will last approximately an hour and will then be followed by a Faith Supper. **Please give both the Songs of Praise and the Church AGM your support.**

## **Rev Andrew Prout**

### **Sunday's Services**

5 May	10.45am 4.00pm 6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout Messy Church Mr Joseph Holly	Communion
12 May	10.45am 6.00pm	Rev Angie Hoare Mr Tim Lansdown	
19 May	10.45am 6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout Mr Stephen Holliday	
26 May	10.45am 6.00pm	C Sledge Rev Andrew Prout	Communion

### **May Dates**

3 May	Annual Church Meeting at 7.00pm <b>An important gathering for all Members and Friends of the Church</b>
5 May	Messy Church at 4.00pm
11 May	Messy Church Team Planning Meeting at 10.00am

12 May Songs of Praise Hanham Baptist Church at 6.00pm

11 June Wesley 'The Main and His Mission at HMC at 7.00pm  
**Followed by Friends of Hanham Mount AGM**

### **Thank You's**

Many thanks to all of the good people at Hanham Methodist Church for the cards, good wishes and kind remarks in regard to my recent 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The warmth of your congratulations has been very gratifying and I look forward to your friendship in the coming years.

#### **Bill Frost**

Many thanks for all your care, concern and not least your prayers during my recent spell in hospital. The visits, cards and telephone calls were much appreciated and once again the pastoral care at Hanham has proved to be second to none.

#### **John Tippet**

### **Christian Aid Week; 12 – 18 May**

Urgently needed: Door to door collectors and people willing to stand outside shops with a collecting tin.

Saturday 11 May	Coffee morning	10.00am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 14 May	Soup & Roll	12.00 – 1.30pm
Thursday 16 May	Soup & Roll	12.00 – 1.30pm
Friday 17 May	Soup & Roll	12.00 – 1.30pm
Sunday 19 May	Simple Lunch	12.00pm

Thank you.

#### **Pat Saunders**

## **In praise of the Flower committee!**

It never fails to amaze me, the skills and ingenuity of the members of the Flower Committee. From, often a simple idea, on behalf of one of the members is taken and translated into the glory of arrangements, depicting a wide range of subjects. Where does all this talent stem? Me, I just buy the flowers and put them in a vase. I love to see them, but never in a month of Sundays would my efforts ever resemble, what we have been treated to this year.

And it's not just the arranging! There is the planning; getting up early and visiting the market, and running the gauntlet of the powers that be there, and hiding in the cold store, the result of new regulations which involve the wearing of high vis. Jackets; preparing the oasis; collecting artifacts; robbing the hedgerows and gardens for greenery; -have I missed anything- only then can the flowers be arranged.

At some points during the proceedings, it looks as if a bomb has hit the church, yet gradually everything falls into place, a bit of tweaking here, some advice there, a word of encouragement. And is it all worth it? I hope that you looked for yourself and agreed with me that it certainly was; and that the "Brains" behind all this, is going to have to have a few more "thinking" sessions before Harvest, to come up with new ideas surpass it!

Thank you and well done!

**Pam Blackmore**

### **Windy**

Three elderly ministers, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning.

The Methodist minister observed, "Windy, isn't it?" "No", the Baptist pastor said, "It's Thursday." The Anglican vicar agreed: "So am I! Let's go and get a pint."



## **The Prophet – On Work**

*What is it to work with love?*

*It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart.*

*It is to build a house with affection, even as if your beloved were to dwell in that house.*

*It is to sow the seeds with tenderness and reap the harvest with joy, even if your beloved were to eat the fruit.*

*It is to charge all things you fashion with a breath of your own spirit.*

*And to know that all the blessed departed are standing about you and watching.*

When I was young you had a wide choice of jobs you could apply for when you finished your formal education. Employers were desperate for workers. Today, the trend has reversed as we had confirmed recently when a superstore, opening in Longwell Green, had over 1200 applications for nine jobs advertised. We must be very aware of the plight of the young generation who cannot find work. We should pray for them and support them rather than dismiss them as workshy.

But how does this affect the older generation. There is a large demand for work in the voluntary sector where skills learned over a lifetime can be put to use. Recently I was listening to the Safeguarding Officer of the Bristol District. Now retired, he held a similar paid post for a Local Authority. He said that retirement for him is 'working without pay'. What opportunities have we to use the skills that we have developed over the years for the benefit of others?

The writer to the Hebrews tells us that 'God will not forget the work you did or the love you showed in rendering service to his people'. (Hebrews 6:10)

**Tim Lansdown**

### **Golf**

Golfer to caddy: "Why didn't you watch where my ball went?" Caddy to golfer: "I'm so sorry. Your ball doesn't usually go anywhere, and this took me completely by surprise."

## **A Magnificent Weekend**

The weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April saw Hanham Methodist Church at her best.

On the Friday before the ladies of the Flower Committee worked extremely hard to beautify the sanctuary and the vestibule with a wonderful set of floral displays under the title of 'Celebration' On Saturday many visitors came to view the displays and coffee and cakes were served in the morning with cream teas in the afternoon.

On the Sunday two good congregations shared in joyous acts of worship led by two of our own Local Preachers, Glen and Vron, both of whom gave us much to reflect upon. After the morning service over 70 of us sat down to a sumptuous three course lunch arranged by the Mission Committee.

Our thanks are due to all those who contributed to the weekend in any way, by arranging the flowers, providing refreshments and helping to lead worship.

**Tim Lansdown**

Worship Committee Chairman

Come and see a DVD Presentation about  
**John & Charles Wesley and Early Methodism**

This new DVD is the outcome of the visit from Australia, in 2011, by the Reverend Dr. Keith V. Garner (Superintendent CEO Wesley Mission), and a professional camera crew.

The DVD is part of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Methodism in Australia. Amongst the historically significant Methodist locations covered by the DVD are the New Room in Broadmead and Hanham Mount together with a brief interview with John Goddard – the chairman of the Friends of Hanham Mount.

The FHM and Hanham Methodist Church have arranged a special showing, the first in England, of this commercial quality, 60 minute DVD at Hanham Methodist Church – 7.00pm on Tuesday 11 June.

All welcome and entrance is free. The DVD can be purchased (price £15) and is surely a 'must-have' for anyone interested in this historic subject.

### **Flower Festival**

The Flower Committee would like to thank everyone for their support both in terms of visits and donations. The donations were very generous and actually covered our costs.

Comments made were very uplifting and rewarding.

Thank you

### **The Flower Committee**

### **Thank You**

Our grateful thanks and appreciation for your cards, phone calls, visits, thoughts and prayers which provided so much help and support to Angela and I during and after my visit to hospital.

Our blessings to you all.

**Martin & Angela Sagar**

### **Money**

here is the story of a minister who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building programme. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

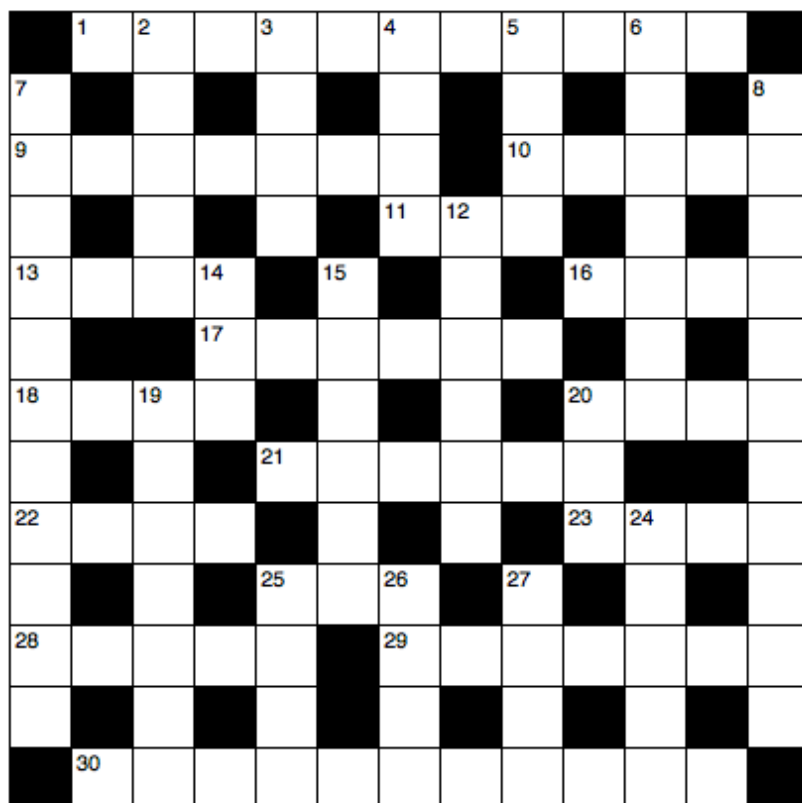
## Crossword

### Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)  
 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)  
 10 'Each man—a sword to his side' (Exodus 32:27) (5)  
 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)  
 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4)  
 16 'Anyone then who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2, 2)  
 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts 13:50) (6)  
 18 Burden (Luke 11:46) (4)  
 20 'As far as the east is from the—, so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)  
 21 Sign (Luke 23:38) (6)  
 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)  
 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)  
 25 Has (anag.) (3)  
 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)  
 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4, 3)  
 30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

### Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)  
 3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)  
 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)



- 5 Slip (anag.) (4)  
 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3, 4)  
 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)  
 8 'Therefore, as we have —, let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)  
 12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)  
 14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)  
 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on——!' (Philippians 2:8) (1, 5)  
 19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7)  
 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3)  
 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)  
 25 'Give to everyone who—you' (Luke 6:30) (4)  
 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)  
 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

# Sudoku

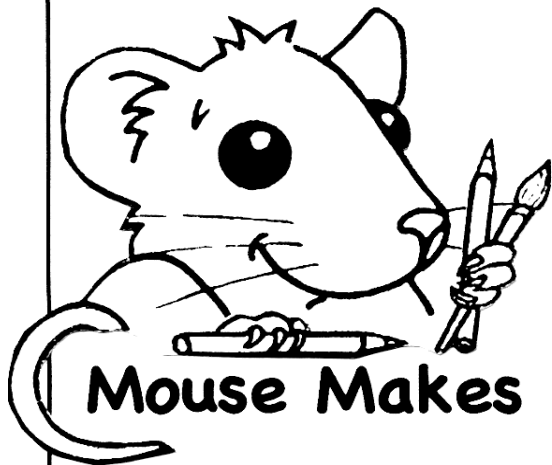
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Intermediate

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## For the Children – Mouse Makes



It was the festival of PENTECOST and the Apostles and other believers were all together when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like tongues of **fire** which spread out and touched every person. All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. A crowd had gathered outside and each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.



**Read Acts 2:1-11**  
Which countries had the crowd come from?

A bookmark for PENTECOST

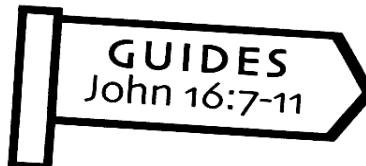
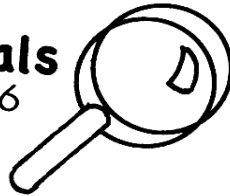
### The Holy Spirit



John 14:26

### Reveals

John 16  
14-15



### Helps

Romans 8:26

### Comforts

John 14:16-17



### Transforms

2 Corinthians 3:18



The work  
of God's  
Holy Spirit  
in us brings:

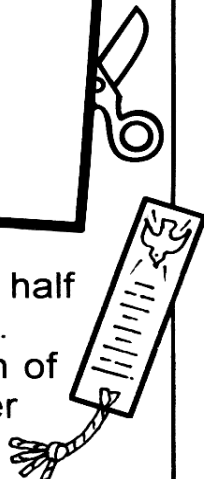
LOVE  
JOY  
PEACE  
PATIENCE  
KINDNESS  
GOODNESS  
FAITHFULNESS  
HUMILITY  
SELF CONTROL

Galatians 5:22-23



### To make your bookmark:

Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.



## **Signposts**

'March winds and April showers bring forth May Flowers' but the winds of March this year coming from the Arctic coupled with hard frosts made the saying more than a little doubtful. Also, because Easter was so very early, flowers were required to decorate the Lenten Cross as after the period of Lent when symbols of the journey Jesus made to Jerusalem were placed on the Cross, which ended in His Crucifixion. These were then changed to celebrate His triumph over sin and death. Flowers depicting joy, new life and love.

Jesus is alive in the world to bring the love of God to all who would believe on Him. Jesus promised the Power of the Holy Spirit which we celebrate on the 19<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost.

Every day is an opportunity to give thanks not only for the wonderful world of God's creation but the personal love which comes to us.

Throughout the year we follow a pattern of days and months, not only remembering the church calendar of events but also the very many varied happenings in our own lives. Birthdays and marriages, birth and young children, growth and growing pains to sometimes illness and untimely death.

The terrible bombing at the Boston Marathon, the funeral of Baroness Margaret Thatcher which fortunately was peaceful.

Still, difficult to understand the hatred which underlies the actions of many people. What a mixture life can be.

### ***Cross Outside Hanham Methodist***

Rather than hate can we follow the pattern of living that Jesus taught to care, share and love those about us, family and friends but also those about us we meet each day and even the stranger in the land.

Only possible if we too can receive strength in the coming of the Holy Spirit into each day.

**Arnold Wheeler**

## **Wesley Celebration Tea**

Hanham Methodist Church on Sunday 2 June

The New Room or John Wesley's Chapel, in Bristol is a world heritage site and well known in the city and throughout Methodism. A building has stood here since 1739, changing slowly in design and use over the centuries. A couple of years ago the courtyard in which John Wesley's equestrian statue resides was "Greened", with very positive effect, resulting in a peaceful, tranquil space in the centre of a bustling city, where all walks of life can meet or rest a while.

The Horsefair courtyard dates from 1955, before that it was a mess of derelict, cramped dwellings and industrial buildings. It was decided to bring this area up to date and in line with modern usage. The whole project involves a two story building to include, a resource centre (including space for a library), lecture room, café and toilets; all of which will not be visible from the Horsefair, yet will allow a view of the chapel from the arch through a glass link to the original building.

This will of course require a great deal of money, so that an appeal was launched earlier this year. The Methodist Church has already promised over a million pounds, from the sale and legacy of Methodist International House, but it is also up to us. Consequently on Sunday 2 June we have decided to hold a "Wesley Tea". This is also a Messy Church date, so the afternoon will pan out as follows. Messy Church will meet at the Mount, (weather permitting) at 4.00pm. Their time on this historic spot will include activities and a short time of worship. They will return and join members and friends at 5.00pm for tea. On this occasion Tea will be served in the Hall. Evening worship will proceed as normal at 6.00pm.

We are also hoping to make a "circle" of coins on the dais under John Wesley's portrait, at the entrance to the sanctuary

We hope that as many of you as possible will join us on this occasion, when all proceeds will be donated to "The Horsefair Appeal".

**Pam Blackmore**  
Mission Chairman



## **Dates from the New Room**

3 May     1.00pm    Holy Communion  
             1.20pm    Philip Wilby organ, Gordon Pullin tenor.  
                         Samuel Wesley & the Great Bach Revival  
                         (part of Bristol Organ Festival Week)

10 May    1.00pm    Holy Communion – Ian Cramb (Keynsham)

17 May    1.00pm    Holy Communion – Ruth Carter (Stapleton)

### **19 – 25 May - Wesley Week**

19 May    3.00pm    'Wesley Walk' with David Weeks & refreshments

24 May—Wesley Day

             1.00 pm    Full Service of Holy Communion

                         Celebrant:        David Weeks (The New Room Chaplain)

                         Preacher:        Gary Best (Warden)

                         After the service, Gary Best will give a talk on 'John and Charles Wesley's Hymns

25 May    A group visit to the Charles & Sally Wesley's Wedding Anniversary Celebrations at Garth House & Llanleonfel Church). For further details please contact the Office (0117 926 4740)

31 May    1.00pm    Holy Communion – Angela Hoare  
                         (Bristol and South Glos Circuit)

## **Crossword Answers**

**ACROSS:** 1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel. 16, To do. 17, Incite. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash. 23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, Noah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus.

**DOWN:** 2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing. 8, Opportunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet. 24, Hindu. 25, Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.

## **Pause for Thought**

### **'Come Holy Spirit Come'**

Let every Christian pray,  
This day and every day,  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the church we love  
Commissioned from above?  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

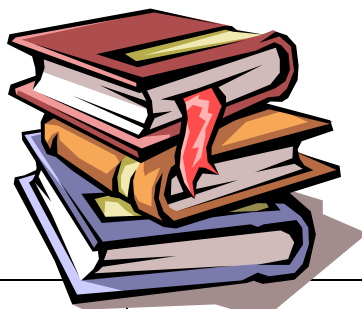
The Spirit brought to birth  
The church of Christ on earth  
To seek and save the lost:  
God never has withdrawn,  
Since that tremendous dawn,  
The gifts at Pentecost.

Age after age, he strove  
To teach her how to love:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Age after age, anew,  
She proved the gospel true:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

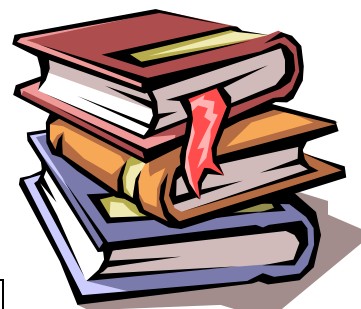
Only the Spirit's power  
Can fit us for this hour:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Instruct, inspire, unite,  
And help us see Your light:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

***F. Pratt Green 1903 - 2000***

## **Rotas (Doors & Books and Flowers)**



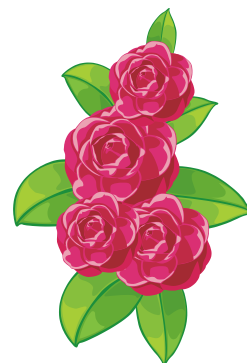
### **Doors and Books**



<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>
I Hogg I Wilby	H Teague B Jones	S Brown J Hurfurt	M Stone M Golding
Kenway Kenway	R Ireland C Haycock	J Morgan M Morgan	B Griffen W Stamford



### **Rotas – Flowers**



<b>May</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Church</b>	Hilary Lansdown	Wives Anniversary	Edna Needs Daughter	Wendy Stamford
<b>War Memorial</b>	Free	Wives Anniversary	Edna Needs Daughter	Free

## **Weekly Activities**

You are invited to share in our services and activities as listed below.

If you would like an introduction to any of the groups / activities please contact the Minister or a Church Steward.

Details of further events inside.

### **Sunday**

10.45am Morning Worship, Youth Church & Creche  
4.00pm Messy Church (First Sunday of each month)  
6.00pm Evening Worship

### **Monday**

10.00am – 3.00pm Friendly Table  
2.30pm Bright Hour  
Evening Brownies, Guides & Rangers  
Table Tennis

### **Tuesday**

7.30pm Girl's Night In  
(First Tuesday of the month, ask about venue)

### **Wednesday**

1.30pm Mums & Toddlers  
Evening Rainbows  
7.30pm Wives Group (Alternate weeks)  
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

### **Thursday**

2.15pm Shawl Ministry (Last Thursday of the month)  
Evening Boy's Brigade (Anchors, Juniors, Company & Seniors)  
Brownies

### **Friday**

7.30pm Y's Men (Third Friday of the month)  
Men's Curry Club (As announced)

### **Saturday**

9.30am Prayer Meeting (Second & Fourth Saturday of the month)  
Coffee Morning