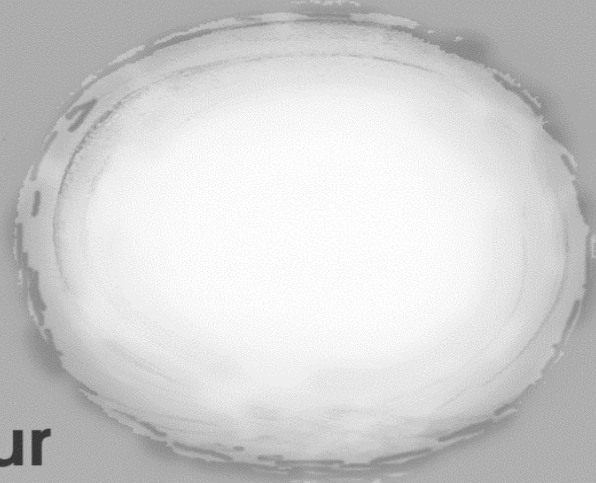


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Hanham Methodist Church

On our days off,
on our days
of rest,
in all our days,
Lord, grant us,
a glimpse of your
glorious new world.



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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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Word from the Minister

Dear Friends...

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me and your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139 vv 7-10).

Holidays are precious things and in the middle of June I had opportunity to take a week's break in Yorkshire. Across the week I spent some time on the Yorkshire Dales, then in Whitby and finally in York. In Whitby I spent one day meandering through the village with its tiny streets, touring the museum commemorating the discoverer James Cook who acquired his sailing skills as an apprentice in the town and walking the grounds of the ruined abbey founded by St. Hilda in 657AD. After all this activity I then set out at 4.00pm to walk the six and a half mile stretch of coastline between Whitby and Robin Hood's Bay, a walk that took just under three hours. The weather was reasonably kind and I must have past no more than a handful of people heading in the other direction.

About the halfway point on this walk I came across a bench on the footpath dedicated to a husband and wife who had farmed the land that bordered part of this coast. It was a welcome point of rest and for a while I was able to sit and just be lost in the peace and presence of God as I enjoyed the view. I could also look at least a mile either way up and down the coastline and realized I was in complete isolation. There was, in that moment, that sense of just being alone with God away from the noise and demands of the world and spiritually refreshed I was able to set off on my way again arriving in Robin Hood's Bay to enjoy what I saw as a well earned fresh fish meal in a local establishment (a nice salmon salad for those who wish the detail) before catching the bus back to Whitby.

Two days later in York attending the Sunday Service and Sung Eucharist in York Minster the curate in his sermon spoke on how we have all come from God and are also journeying to God. I was struck by this after my walk a few days earlier reflecting that on any journey what is behind you gets smaller in the distance whilst what is before you draws ever nearer and more visible. If God who is eternal is ever both behind us and before us then wherever we are in life's journey we may take comfort in knowing God is with us and that He may be seen and known. It would also be true to say that His peace and presence and power in our

lives never diminish but just become experienced and viewed from different perspectives. The Psalmist and author of Psalm 139 knew this and expressed it so beautifully. May such a realization also strengthen and bless each every one of us. Finally, may I wish you all equal blessing wherever you may spend some time during this holiday and summer season, time I hope to renew oneself in body, mind and spirit. I finish with the final words of Psalm 139 surely one of the most beautiful passages in the Bible and a Psalm you may wish to reflect upon through the Summer.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139 vv 23 & 24)

Peace and Blessing

Andrew

Special Services through July and August

On Sunday 28 July at 4.00pm we hold our annual outdoor service on Hanham Mount in the company of Unity Oldland Brass Band and friends from neighbouring Churches. John Wesley was convicted of the need for field preaching upon witnessing his good friend George Whitfield preach in the open air in Bristol in 1739. Within eight days Wesley himself was preaching one of his first open air sermons to 1500 people from the top of Hanham Mount. It is our privilege to follow in his and their footsteps. This year we welcome as our speaker Rev David Weeks. In the event of inclement weather the service will be held at Hanham Methodist Church.

Finally, on Sunday 14 August we look forward in the afternoon and for the evening service to welcoming our friends from Ystrad Mynach Methodist Church in Wales.

Please put all these dates in your diaries in order to avoid disappointment.

Rev Andrew Prout

Sunday Services

7 July	10.45am	Rev Andrew Prout	Communion
	4.00pm	Messy Church	
	6.00pm	Ys Men	
14 July	10.45am	Rev Andrew Prout	
	6.00pm	Rev Dr David Hart	
21 July	10.45am	Mrs Julia Gilborson	
	6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout	Communion
28 July	10.45am	Mr Ken Thomas	
	4.00pm	At Hanham Mount	
4 Aug	10.45am	Mr John Hopper	
	6.00pm	Rev Hilary Cooke	Communion
11 Aug	10.45am	Mrs Anne Bishop	
	6.00pm	Rev Andrew Prout	
18 Aug	10.45am	Rev Andrew Prout	Communion
	6.00pm	LA	
25 Aug	10.45am	Mr Tim Lansdown	
	6.00pm	Mr David King	

July / August Dates

7 July at 10.45am	Family Communion Service led by Rev Andrew Prout and the Youth Church
7 July at 4.00pm	Messy Church
13 July at 9.30am	Prayer Meeting
16 July at 7.30pm	Bible Study in Church
27 July at 9.30am	Prayer Meeting
28 July at 4.00pm	Annual Service upon Hanham Mount
14 Aug at 6.00pm	Service with friends from Ystrad Mynach

The Mummy test

I was out walking with my then four year old daughter. She picked up a sweet wrapper from the ground and was about to sniff it. I told her not to do that, and she demanded why.

"Because it's been lying outside and is dirty and has germs that will upset your tummy," I replied.

She looked at the wrapper and then at me. "Wow! How do you know that?"

"Um," I was thinking quickly, "Um, it's on the Mummy test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mummy." My daughter digested this reply in wondering silence, and we continued walking.

Suddenly she stopped. "I get it! If you fail, then you have to be the Daddy."

Thank You

Janet & Melv Morgan would like to thank everybody for their get well cards, best wishes and visits and many offers of help in various forms.

Although my operation was more than two months ago progress is "painfully slow" but I do feel I am now gradually recovering.

God Bless

Janet & Melv Morgan

JMA and Oversea Mission Boxes

Please can you let Janet Morgan have your JMA & Overseas Mission boxes by the end of July for "year end" accounting?

Thank you

Janet Morgan

Methodist Conference

This year's Methodist Conference, the body of elected representatives from around the country who gather annually to review, govern and determine the life of the Methodist Church will be taking place at Methodist Central Hall in Westminster, London from 4 – 11 July. The Conference is a gathering of 306 representatives drawn from each Methodist district, along with some who have been elected by the Conference, together with some ex officio members, and international, ecumenical and youth representatives. It is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world.

Live video of the main Conference debates will be streamed [online](#) and people can watch the debates later through the Conference website too. There will also be regular Conference updates on Twitter (#methconf) and Facebook. Key events and issues for debate include:

Saturday 6 July

Induction of the president (Ruth Gee) and vice-president (Daleep Mukarji) of the Conference / The president's address and the vice-president's address / Report by the general secretary, the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins / Report from the Church's Children's and Youth Assembly

Sunday 7 July

Conference Worship and Ordination of Methodist ministers in venues across London

Monday 8 July

Supporting ministers with ill health / Same-sex marriage working party proposals (A response to the legislation going through parliament)

Tuesday 9 July

Future mission together (Methodist Missionary Society Report) / Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network

Wednesday 10 July

Address by Archbishop of Canterbury

For more details of all the above and for further detail you can also look on the [Methodist Church Website](#).

Bible Study

Before the summer break I want to offer an opportunity for an evening of Bible Study and reflection upon the debate and current legislation that is going through parliament in respect of same sex marriage which is also being debated at Methodist Conference, and to address how we might approach this ongoing issue and debate. I have set aside the evening of Tuesday 16 July and warmly invite you to join me in the Church at 7.30pm.

The Bible Study Group is both for those who know the Bible well and for those who want to get to know it more. It is so important we come together to study the Bible and I give you every encouragement to come along, to share in the fellowship, and to hear what God may be saying to us through His gift of the Holy Scriptures.

Rev Andrew Prout

Can you help? / Is God calling you?

Opportunities for Ministry and Vacancies in our Church Life

As we look ahead to September we are currently looking for further volunteers to assist in the following work within the life of the Church.

Members to join the Events Co-ordinating Committee (Evcog) which takes responsibility for planning the Church Christmas and Spring Fairs and other occasional one-off Church events.

Members to assist at Messy Church once a month.

Please give undertaking these responsibilities your prayerful consideration. Even if you are not able to put yourself forward please pray that other people will offer to fill these roles and offices. If you do feel you can assist please speak to me or one of the Church Stewards and we can provide you with further information.

Rev. Andrew Prout

Two Dates For Your Diary

We have two special services coming up during the next two months.

On 28 July we are holding our annual service on Hanham Mount commencing at 4.00 p.m. The preacher this year will be Rev. David Weeks, the chaplain of The New Room, who is an authority on John Wesley. Unity Brass will be leading the singing when we will, I am sure, have some rousing Wesley hymns. In the unlikely event of rain we will meet for worship at HMC.

On 11 August will be welcoming our Friends from Lewis Street Methodist Church in Ystrad Mynach. This the fifth time that they have made the journey across the water and I am sure we will give them as warm a welcome as they do to us when we journey in the opposite direction. They will arrive for afternoon tea when it is hoped many of us will be there to share with them. Then we will join them for evening worship.

Please put these two dates in your diary.

Tim Lansdown

Worship Committee Chairman

"Wesley Tea"

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Wesley Tea held on 2 June. It was great to see about 60 people, Messy church and members of the Church Family sitting down to enjoy tea, sandwiches & cakes. The afternoon's weather had been fine and sunny, so that Messy Church were able to visit The Mount, where they learnt a lot about John Wesley through the playing of games organised by Andrew and the Messy Church Team. Including the coins arranged around the picture of JW, £150 was raised for the Courtyard project at the New Room. A super effort!

Pam Blackmore

Mission Chairman

Church Anniversary 2013

This was a "Do it yourself anniversary", involving our own Mr Wesley's Preachers and we couldn't have asked for better.

Morning worship, included a parade and was ably led by Vron Jackson, who was assisted by Eleanor Bakker, (who is in training as a Worship Leader). Vron cleverly wove together a celebration of Father's day, with the elements needed to build and sustain the church at Hanham. Her adaption of the 3 Little Pigs story of house building, led us onto what are the true foundations of a Church. At the end, the congregation were invited to put a red paper heart onto a representation of our present building, to show that the Church is cemented together with love.

Eleanor used her "Messy Church" skills to encourage us to sing with full actions the song about the biblical story of building houses on rock & sand.

At the evening service, Glen led worship and included her own interpretation of what it would have been like to be a female Local Preacher in Wesley's day and how living in this area, she would have had first hand knowledge of his preaching to the miners. Arnold gave us a synopsis of the "Living memory" history of the two churches (High Street & Ebenezer), which make up Hanham Methodist Church today; while Colin reiterated some of Arnold's comments and gave us a reading from 2 Kings 20:1-15. It tells the story of how a king of Babyylon, Merodach-baladan, visited Hezekiah, king of Judah, and was shown all his treasures. Tim then expounded on this reading, relating it to our own experiences.

I think that the day proved, if we were in any doubt, that we have a great deal of talent within our Church, which perhaps we do not always recognise, and I personally came away feeling that we had truly worshipped.

Thank you.

Pam Blackmore

Crossword

Across

8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)

9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)

10 Single (1Corinthians7:27)(9)

11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)

13 Treachery (2Kings11:14)(7)

16 Of India (anag.)(2,3,2)

19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the — ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)

22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)

24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)

25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down

1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)

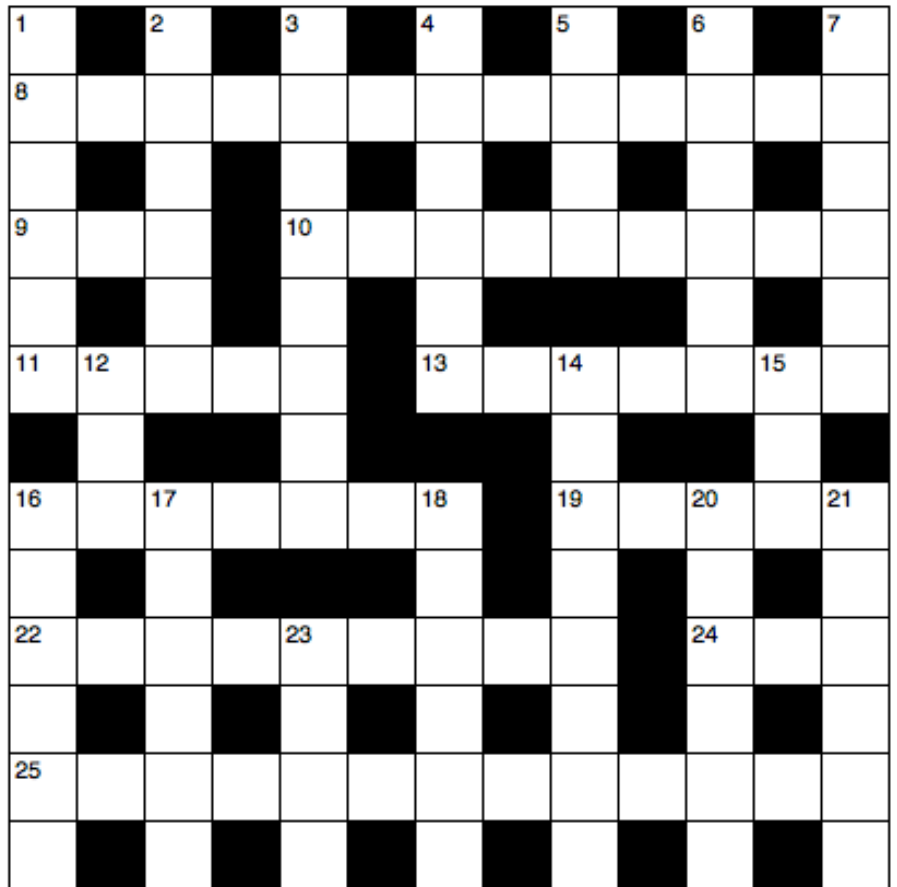
2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)

3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings12:11) (8)

4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)

5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)

6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)



7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)

12 Run(anag.)(3)

14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)

15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm12:4) (3)

16 Earnings(1Corinthians16:2)(6)

17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that— you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)

18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1)(6)

20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state(Daniel11:4)(6)

21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)

23 This month(abbrev.)(4)

Sudoku

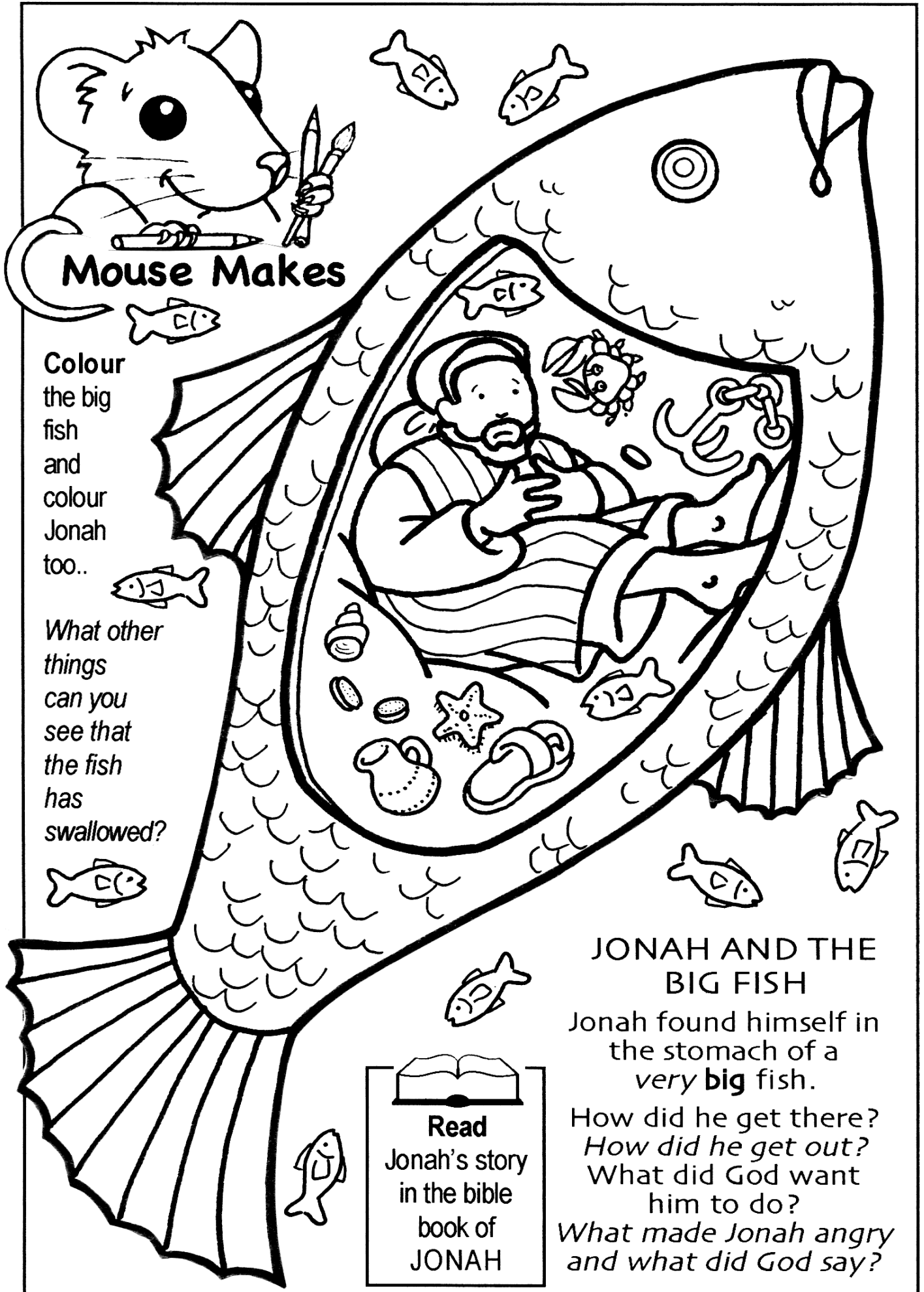
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For the Children – Mouse Makes



Mouse Makes

Colour the big fish and colour Jonah too..

What other things can you see that the fish has swallowed?


Read
Jonah's story in the bible book of JONAH

JONAH AND THE BIG FISH

Jonah found himself in the stomach of a very **big** fish.

How did he get there?
How did he get out?
What did God want him to do?

What made Jonah angry and what did God say?

The Prophet

ON JOY and SORROW

*When you are joyous, look deep into your heart
and you shall find it is only that which has given you
sorrow that is giving you joy.*

*When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and
you shall see that in truth
you are weeping for that which has been your delight.*

*Some say 'Joy is greater than sorrow', and others say
'Nay sorrow is the greater.'
But I say unto you , they are inseparable.*

My aunt was a florist and at the end of a day she would recount stories of people who had come into the shop. Maybe a young bride excitedly choosing her bouquet or perhaps a bereaved family arranging flowers for a funeral of a loved one. Another day there might be a nervous husband wanting to mark his first wedding anniversary with a gift of flowers for his wife or a young child with only a few pennies to spend for Mothering Sunday.

All human life can pass through a florist's shop as flowers are used to mark the joys and sorrows of life. The words of The Prophet remind us how closely joy and sorrow sit alongside each other within our hearts. To find joy we need to become involved with others and that will almost inevitably cause sorrow at some point. Yet who would pass up the experience of a joyful relationship in order to avoid the sorrow that will ensue when it ends.

St. Paul writing to the church in Rome tells his readers to 'Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep' (Romans 12:15). There is much sorrow and many joys in the world and indeed in our community. As followers of Jesus we are charged to get alongside people to share their sorrows and their joys. And from my experience doing that can bring true joy to ourselves

Tim Lansdown

Christian Aid

A big 'thank you' to everyone involved in Christian Aid week this year.

Special efforts by this church raised £780.00 (including Youth Church £246.00 and Songs of Praise at Baptist Church £87.00).

Street collection and tins £606.25

Hanham Methodist total £1386.25

All Hanham Churches total £2697.96

Thank you again for your generosity and we ask God that this money will be used wisely for those people who are in great need.

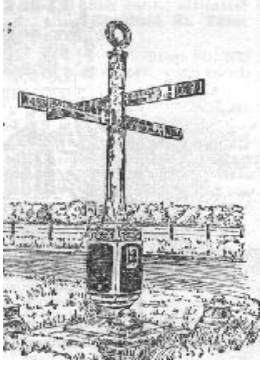
Pat Saunders

Left-handed

Bobby went to the park one Sunday afternoon with his grandmother. It was late summer, but still many flowers were in bloom. Everything was beautiful. His grandmother remarked: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?"

Only a few hours away from church, Bobby said: "Yes, God did it and he did it left-handed." Confused, his grannie asked him why he thought that. "Easy," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School this morning that Jesus sits on God's right hand!"

Signposts



'A few sunny days and the brochures for holidays and cut price cruises come tumbling through the letter box. Along with all the rest the invitation to join in a 'mystery' tour, to launch into the unknown not knowing where the destination will be. All very nice to think of all the possibilities and of course put the thought of cost on one side. Perhaps it makes us think also of the journey we make in life,'

This was how I began the first 'Signpost' for the magazine in June 2001 and placed a picture of a Signpost at the top. Hopefully this was to think a little about where we were going. Things have changed so much in a short time I still use a map, not a 'sat-nav' person although admitting that they can help when lost in the midst of an estate, I remember Emerson's Green.

However owing to unforeseen technical problems it seems June somehow was lost in space so we carry on into July/August although looking back over the years much doesn't seem to change. Natural disasters, Flood and forest fire, refugees and hunger, conflict and atrocity.

As far as the weather, usual British subject, wet summers for ten years.

Changes to the 'Guide' promise posing the question on Radio Bristol – Is God relevant today? '

To me God in Jesus is more relevant than ever, in Jesus we have selfless love, the overcoming of wrong and death. The grace and love which makes it possible to cope with daily life. Without God – nothing – only with God can we truly find love, justice and peace.

Arnold Wheeler

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 8, Prince of Peace. 9, INF. 10, Unmarried. 11, Gulag. 13, Treason. 16, In aid of. 19, Arena. 22, Calvinist. 24, Pad. 25, Moses and Aaron.

DOWN: 1, Spring. 2, Sinful. 3, Scourged. 4, Commit. 5, Spur. 6, Matins. 7, Feed on. 12, Urn. 14, Erastian, 15, Own. 16, Income. 17, At last. 18, Friend. 20, Empire. 21, Adding. 23, Inst.

Pause for Thought

AN IRISH AND CELTIC BLESSING

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

Deep peace of the shining stars to you

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you

JESUS SAID...

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

(John 14 v 27)

Rotas (Doors & Books and Flowers)

Doors and Books

July	7th	14th	21st	28th
Am	P Webber J Tippett	M Frost W Frost	N Howe M Howe	P Blackmore J Green
Pm	H Wheeler A Wheeler	R Ireland C Haycock	A Houlden M Houlden	A Angell T Lansdown

Aug	4th	11th	18th	25th
Am	P Webber J Tippett	M Frost W Frost	N Howe M Howe	P Blackmore J Green
Pm	H Wheeler A Wheeler	R Ireland C Haycock	A Houlden M Houlden	A Angell T Lansdown

Rotas – Flowers

July	7th	14th	21st	28th
Church	Glen Lewis	Beryl Stapleton	Janet Morgan	Des Davies
War Memorial	Glen Lewis	Beryl Stapleton	Pat Webber	Phil Bond

Aug	4th	11th	18th	25th
Church	Andre Wheatley	Ann Houlden	Pauline Sampson	Anna Bakker
War Memorial	Binnie White	Ann Houlden	Pat Webber	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