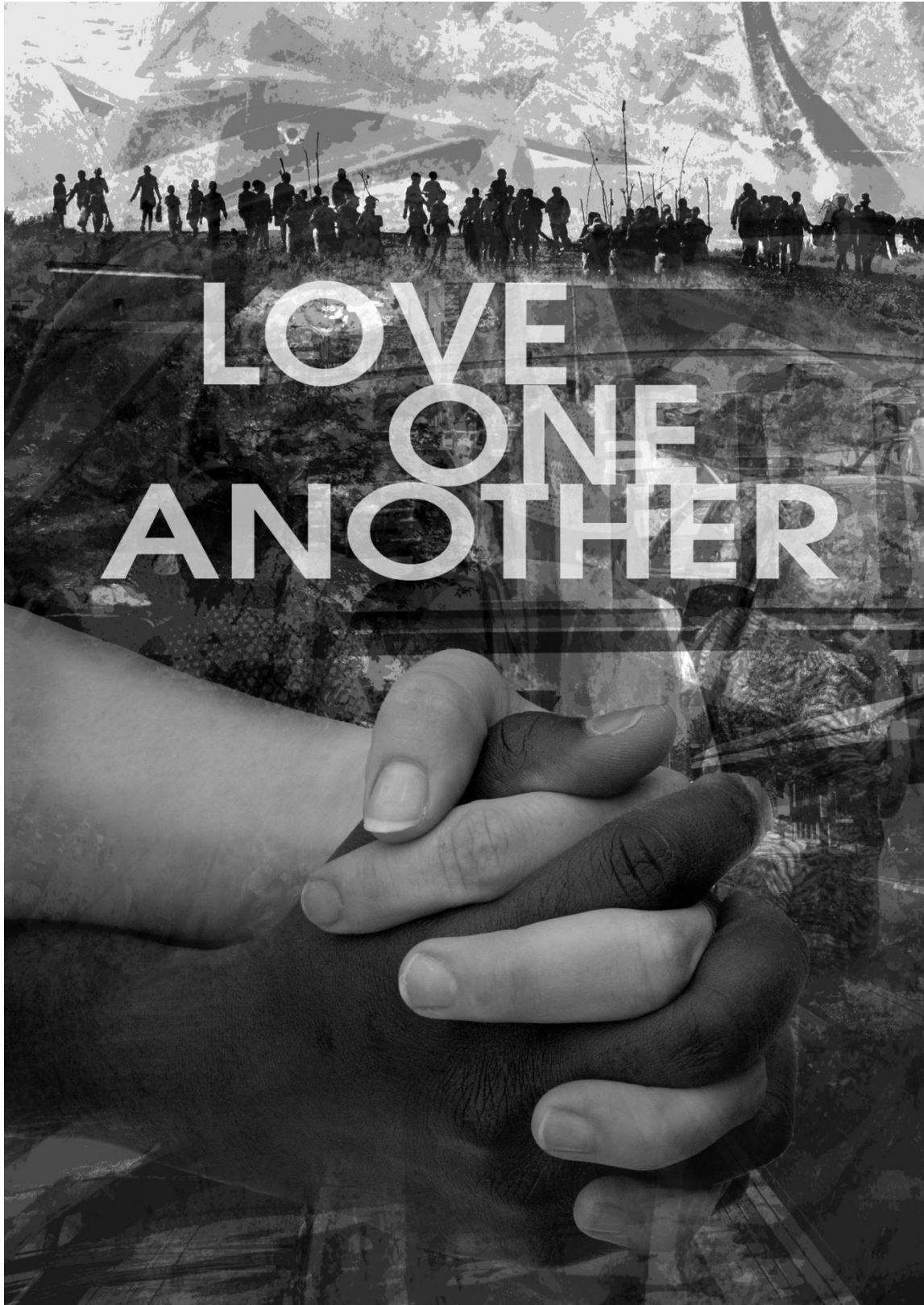


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We welcome all people to our church; you don't need to be a member to attend our worship.

## **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...

### John 1 v 5 **'The Light shines in the Darkness'**

As we enter November our thoughts and minds turn to our nation's observance of Remembrance as we call to mind all who have laid down their lives or have been prepared to do so in the service of the state. There are of course within the Christian Community different attitudes to war and conflict with some who hold a pacifist view and others who hold a view that there are moments when regrettably a peace can only be found on the other side of war and where brutality and oppression must be challenged through the call to arms. The questions that are raised from both these points of view are poignantly captured in the 1986 film produced by David Putnam **'The Mission'** a film beautifully scored by Ennio Morricone. In 2007 'The Church Times' ranked it number one in a top 50 of all time religious films. The film tells the story of Jesuit Priests undertaking missionary work in 16<sup>th</sup> Century Latin America amongst the indigenous tribes. Two of the priests are caught commending different courses of action when the mission stations they have founded become victims of European Politics and are threatened with destruction. The film does not provide an answer but simply poses the questions and ends with the words displayed on the screen of John 1v5 **'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it'**.

We therefore give thanks at this time of year for all who have paid the greatest sacrifice in the service of country and state, and for those who pose the questions that insure conflict is never entered into lightly or easily. We also give thanks that God is present even in the darkest moments of human experience from the trenches of Belgium and France to the horror of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen. And we recall that whilst Jesus suffered brutality at the hands of some soldiers he also befriended others citing one Roman Officer as having faith greater than any man in all of Israel (Luke 7 vv 1-10). At the cross it is a soldier who is the first to make the confession **'Truly this is the Son of God'** and perhaps sympathetic to the hard life of a soldier Jesus told his followers that if a soldier forced you to carry his pack one mile then offer to carry it two.

Therefore at this time of year as we rightfully remember, let us wrestle with the questions posed by war and conflict, let us seek to build a world of justice and

peace, and let us hold in our thoughts and prayers all soldiers - the members of our various armed forces and their families, soldiers caught up in conflict around the world today, and child soldiers forced into a life and brutality and violence by militias and extremists. God give us peace we pray.

**Rev Andrew Prout**

**PS.** You will I trust by now know that after nine years I will be moving on as your minister next August. Please therefore hold in your prayers this month the Connexional Stationing Matching Group as it undertakes its work between 4th and 7th November, 2nd and 3rd December and on 14th January. At these meetings all ministers who are moving are matched with an appointment that will be becoming vacant and are invited to consider this match. What this means is that the initial meeting in November of the Stationing Matching Group should result in both a name being put forward to be my successor from September of 2014 at HMC and on my part an appointment being allocated to me. Thank you for your prayers in this important respect.

**Andrew**

### **Travelling Nativity: Mary and Joseph**

A reminder to everyone that if you wish to host the travelling nativity consisting of the figurines of the expectant Mary and Joseph through Advent which this year commences on 1st December, usually for just one day, you need to sign the sheet in the vestibule or contact Pauline Sampson on 0117 9492661. This is a really good way of strengthening bonds across our Church Family and to offer opportunity for families and individuals to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Names are needed in the next few weeks in order to finalize the list and I encourage and commend your participation.

**Rev Andrew Prout**

## **Sunday Services**

3 November	10.45am	Rev David Deeks	Communion
	4.00pm	Messy Church	
10 November	10.45am	Rev Andrew Prout	
	6.00pm	Mr David Bainbridge	
17 November	10.45am	Missions	
	6.00pm	J Doble	
24 November	10.45am	Mrs Jenny Clark	
	6.00pm	Rev Richard Barley	Communion

## **November Dates**

3 November at 4.00pm	Messy Church
5 November at 10.00am	Bible Study (1, 2 & 3 John)
6 November at 7.30pm	Church Council
9 November at 9.30am	Prayer Meeting
9 November at 10.00am	Messy Church Team Meeting
10 November at 10.45am	Remembrance Day Parade Service
11 November at 7.00pm	Pastoral Committee
23 November at 9.30am	Prayer Meeting
30 November at 10.00am	Christmas Fair

## **Messy Church**

Messy Church continues to go well attracting around 25 children with their families each month. I am grateful for those giving their additional support by way of their attendance as we settle into our new pattern for worship on the first Sunday Evening of the month when we can all come together, and to the Messy Church Team who put in a huge amount of effort both on the day and behind the scenes in terms of all the preparation required. However with some recent departures from the team we would very much value some more volunteers either to work with us each month, or to be prepared to step in on an occasional basis when some of our regular volunteers are unavoidably away. We particularly need help insuring a person is based on each table to assist the families and children with their crafts. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity for mission and ministry in the life of our church and let me know if you feel you can help.

**Rev Andrew Prout**

## **100th Birthday**

On 25th November, 2013 Phyl Bond will be 100. We shall be holding a tea party in the main hall at 4.00pm to celebrate with her. Everyone is welcome to come for tea and cakes and we hope to see a good number there.

Thanks

**Pam Liddiard**

## **Thank You**

We would like to thank everyone for their cards, telephone calls and prayers during Tom's stay in hospital and since he has been home. Thank you to Andrew and David King for their visits and prayers. It was very much appreciated.

God Bless

**Clarice and Tom**

## **Christmas Fair Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Our Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 30th November opening at 10.00am and closing at 12.30pm.

As well as your time we once again ask for your generous gifts of Cakes (for the Country Fare and two refreshments outlets), Recycled Gifts (those things you have which are in good condition but don't really want but no bric-a-brac please), Pickles & Jams, CDs and DVDs (no books or videos please), Plants & Flowers, Cosmetics, Toys and anything else the individual stallholders / providers request. We can not accept mains electrical goods.

Stall holders will be contacted and asked to organize the staffing of their stall. We are also pleased to have people on the day simply available as cover to help and if you are willing to do this please let me know. We will be setting up the halls and stalls at 2.00pm on Friday 29th November when you can bring your donations. We would welcome your help in setting up at this time as well as in the dismantling of the fair once it is finished.

So do come along and enjoy the camaraderie and ambience of the occasion as well as good food and lots of things to buy. You can also meet Father Christmas and the Messy Church Puppets. The fair is a means both of outreach into the community and of raising money for the ongoing work of our Church. Please put the date in your diary and make every effort to attend and also to invite neighbours and friends.

**Rev Andrew Prout**

### **Purring**

Little George was visiting his aunt. He found the cat in a sunny window purring cheerfully. "Oh Auntie, come quick," cried George. "The cat has gone to sleep and left his engine running."



## **Visit to the Methodist Church at Ystrad Mynach**

Many of you know that for the past eight years we have enjoyed exchanging visits with the above church.

Compared to our church Lewis Street Methodist Church's premises and congregation are small, but, contained within is a big heart and a membership with vision.

This vision has resulted in an impressive addition to the building and a complete revamp and reorientation of the original premises with a larger kitchen.

The communion table is now where the entrance porch used to be and the way into the church is through the new aptly named "glass room" which is furnished with comfortable chairs and small tables. The large area of glass in the "glass room" is a prime design feature which lets passers by see what is going on inside the building and reminds those looking out that there is a community and wider world outside of the church.

And so to the purpose of our visit. Six members representing Hanham were invited to attend the Re-dedication Service for the extended and re-vamped premises followed by the usual sumptuous tea.

The service led by Rev Phillip Poynor (Minister) and supported by other participants was of course, pertinent to the occasion containing a warm welcome to the Hanham contingent, hymns, prayers and readings appropriate to the purpose, use and contents of the building and those who attend the various activities in what is clearly a "house" dedicated to the glory of God. There was also a short history of the church and a description of the works undertaken to achieve this wonderful outcome together with an amusing sketch about the decision making process of the Church Council.

The Rev Paul Donnison, Superintendent of the Mid Glamorgan Mission Circuit preached the sermon taking as his text "Make the tent larger; lengthen its ropes and strengthen the pegs" from Isaiah 54:1 to 10. He very eloquently expounded and expanded his theme embracing the

revitalised building, the congregation (the opportunity to look out and to look in through the “glass room”) and the community at large.

It was a privilege to be part of this joyful occasion joining with members of the congregation, visitors from other churches and people who had instigated, guided and enabled this visionary project to reach fruition.

We thank Lewis Street Methodist Church for its kind invitation and pray every blessing on all they do in and around their building which proudly bears the words “METHODIST CHURCH” for all to see.

A copy of the order of the Re-dedication Service together with a picture of the church is displayed in the vestibule.

**John Liddiard**

### Quiet

A Sunday School teacher asked her children: “And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?” One little girl replied helpfully: “Because people are sleeping.”

### Quiz night - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Please come and join us for our annual Quiz Night. Make up a team of a maximum of 6 or we will put you into a team.

The usual magnificent prizes, delicious food and great fun. Start time 7pm. Cost £6. to include supper.

Names to:                    Pam Liddiard. 9670910  
                                     Pam Blackmore. 9611754  
                                     John Brown 9679869

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

**Pam Liddiard**

## Crossword

### Across

1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all — , Lord of all — , whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)

9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you — your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)

10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline — (2,3)

11 'At even — the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay' (3)

13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)

16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but — for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)

17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)

18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must — God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)

20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, — Eareckson Tada (4)

21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)

22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat — ' (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)

23 Infectious tropical disease (4)

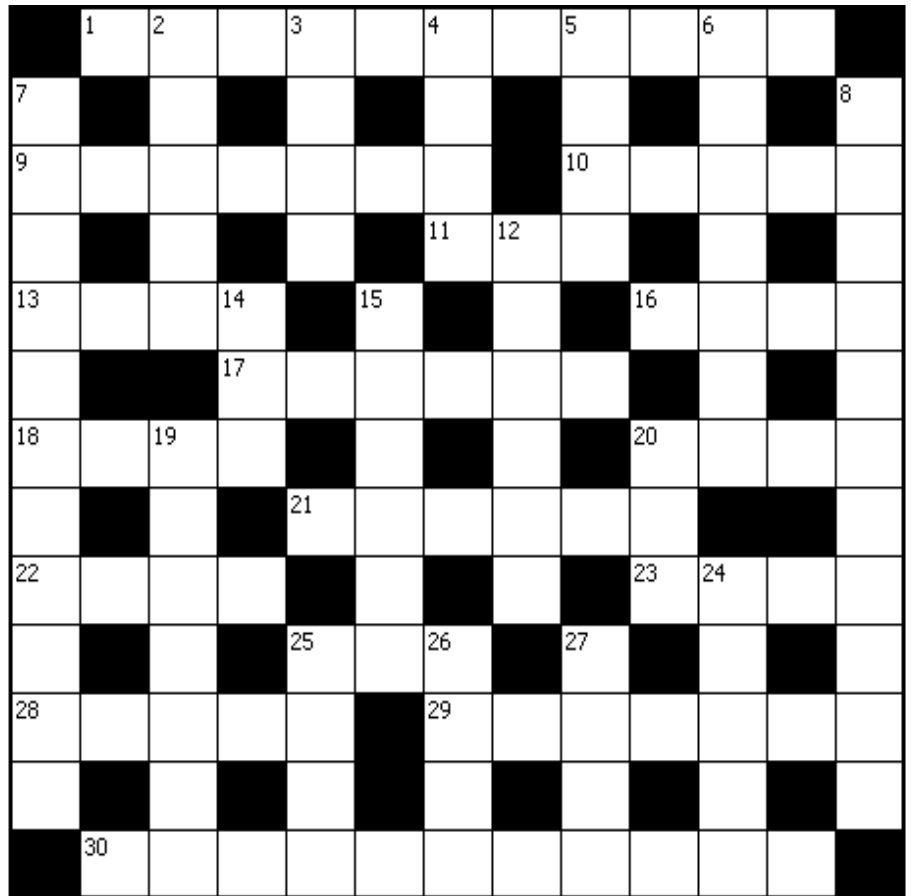
25 Tree (3)

28 'No fear of me should — you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5)

29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)

30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

### Down



2 'O Jerusalem... how — I have longed to gather your children together' (Matthew 23:37) (5)

3 Way out (4)

4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)

5 Done (anag.) (4)

6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)

7 Concerning the study of God (11)

8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)

12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)

14 Frozen (3)

15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)

19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)

20 See 1 Across

24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)

25 Time (anag.) (4)

26 Lists choice of meals (4)

27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the — of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)

# Sudoku

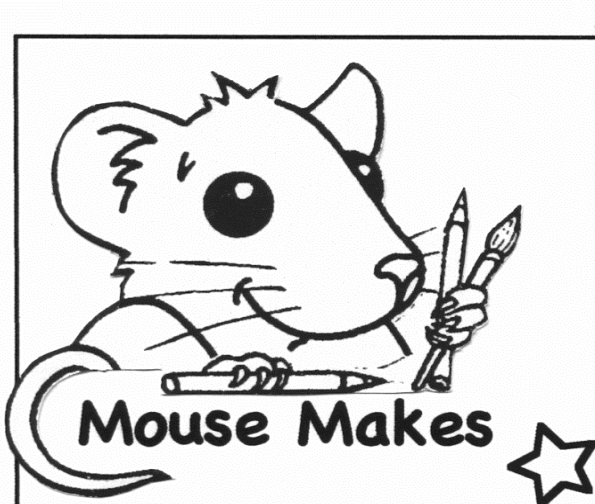
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## Intermediate

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					5	4		
9				2				

# For the Children – Mouse Makes



CHRISTMAS is coming,  
ADVENT is near!

Colour in **one** section of the Advent candle (starting at the bottom)

on each of the **four** Sundays before Christmas and read about God's **promise**,

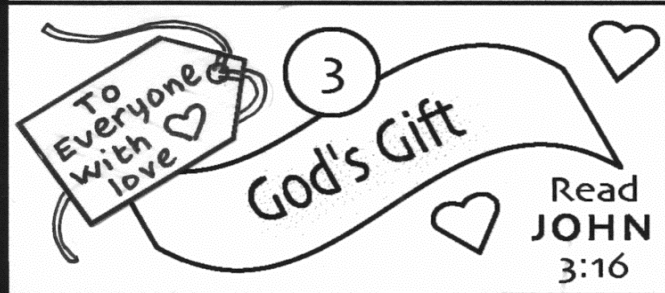
God's **message**.

God's **gift** and God's **good news**.

On Christmas Day colour in the flame at the top of the candle, cut the candle out and hang from the tree.



Read  
**LUKE**  
2:1-20



Read  
**JOHN**  
3:16



Read  
**LUKE**  
1:26-28



Read  
**ISAIAH**  
9:6-7

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Can you find these words?  
ADVENT • PEACE • JOY  
HOPE • LOVE • GOOD • NEWS  
JESUS • BIRTH • SAVIOUR



# The Prophet

## ON REASON AND PASSION

*Your soul is oft a battlefield, upon which your reason and your judgement  
Wage war against your passion and your appetite.*

*Your reason and your passion are the rudder and the sails of your seafaring soul.  
If either be broken you can but toss and drift or be becalmed in mid sea.*

*For reason, ruling alone, is a force confining; and passion unattended, is a flame  
that burns to its own destruction*

I recall Cilla Black singing a song entitled 'Anyone who had a heart'. I would silently respond that everyone has a heart without which they would die. But the song, like vast volumes of poetry and literature, refers to the heart not just as a pump that circulates our blood but as the seat of our passion.

The prophet identifies the conflict that often exists between reason and passion. How often do we say when having to make a decision 'My heart says one thing, my head says the other'? Paul was a deep thinker of great intelligence but he was also a man of great passion for the gospel of Jesus, likewise John Wesley.

When we became Christians we weren't asked to leave our brains behind but similarly we need to be passionate about our faith.

### **Tim Lansdown**

#### Wife

A Sunday School teacher was teaching how God created everything, including human beings. One little boy seemed especially intent when she explained how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and asked him what was the matter. The little boy explained worriedly: "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

## **Y's Men's Club of Hanham**

Back in August of this year our club and the Kingswood Y's Men's Club hosted the International Y's Men's Area Europe Convention 2013 at Bath University.

The theme for the convention was "Peace in our Hearts". As well as attending many planning meetings, members of the Hanham Club acted as marshalls during the event and, most importantly, planned, co-ordinated and led the Church Service which took place on Friday evening of the Convention.

When all the finances were sorted out it was found that there was enough money left for donations to be made. The rules exclude the host clubs from receiving any money, except expenses, from the Convention so we were pleased to accept a cheque for £250 made out to Hanham Methodist Church. This money has been handed to the Treasurer.

Thanks

**Pam Liddiard**

## **Advent House Groups**

For the first time York Courses, who produce such excellent Lent material, have produced a course specifically for Advent. It is entitled 'Expecting Christ'. The format seems to be slightly different from the Lent courses but it is still based on a conversation on a CD with a booklet that makes suggestions for discussion.

The four dates and the venues are: -

Wednesday 20 November at 4 Hunters Close

Tuesday 26 November at 4 Martins close

Thursday 5 December at 4 Hunters Close

Tuesday 10 December at 4 Martins Close

Please let either Rosemary or myself know if you are able to come and put the dates in your diaries

**Tim Lansdown**

Chairman Worship Committee

## **Celebrating Christmas 2013**

Gift Service will be on the morning of 8th December this year. We shall be delighted to receive new toys for children up to 5 years and family gifts, like chocolates & biscuits, which we can send to "Home Start"; Blankets, hats & scarves for Julian Trust and towels for Midland Road. Please bring them all to the service.

As in previous years we shall be setting up a "Christmas Card Tree", where greetings can be posted for friends and members at Church, whilst making a donation to our Church Charity.

15th December, Mission Committee will be hosting a Christmas Tea from 4.00pm onwards, come and enjoy a cup of tea and Christmas fare and then join for Worship at 6pm.

All donations for Christian Aid.

1st January 2014, we shall be holding a "reflection" from 2.00 – 4.00pm, in the Sanctuary. This will give opportunity for quiet reflection on 2013, whilst looking forward to 2014; a chance to listen to music and readings and then enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

We look forward to seeing you at one or all of these events.

**Pam Blackmore**

Mission Chairman



## Messy Church at the Cathedral

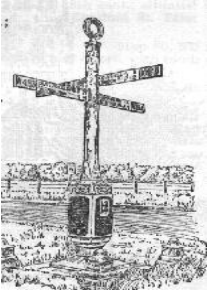
Early one October morning (well, early for me, especially on a Saturday) saw our Messy church craft team heading for Bristol Cathedral, car loaded up with various craft items, including one large wooden whale, a large bucket and 15 pints of jelly! This was to be Bristol Cathedral's first ever city wide Messy Church event with the theme being Jonah and the Whale. In our activity they had to reach through the wooden whale into its stomach (the bucket of jelly) to feel for items, memorize them, make a list then get a lolly for their pains. We had a constant queue to get covered in jelly and eventually had to put a "Gromit" type stop on the queue as we knew they wouldn't all have time to do the activity before time was called. 250 children were registered in not including their family, and tourists just turning up on the day. The large variety of activities by various teams included 30 children spending 90 mins making puppets of Jonah and the people of Ninevah, for the for the afternoon worship, and most impressively, guided by a lady who usually makes carnival items, a huge whale puppet made from willow, covered with coloured tissue squares, needing ten children to work it as it made it's way down the aisle. Cannon Robert was in relaxed mood as he told us he was wearing jeans in the cathedral for the first time ever. We showed him our Messy church prayer (copies in the foyer) as we had made a "humungous mess" and were surprised and pleased when he changed his planned ending to the worship, by using our prayer. We had all had a "whale" of a time, even though an exhausting one.

**Marion Biggs**

### Chicken rules

One day a new chicken was introduced to the farm. The duck, who was in charge, showed the new chicken around. "This is where you go to get fed, this is the water trough and that is the coop. Chickens hang out near the fence, us ducks near the pond and the geese near the gate. We're pretty friendly but we keep to our own. Oh but whatever you do, DO NOT cross that road. You'll never hear the end of it."

## Signposts



Even earlier than last month preparations were in the shops for the coming of Christmas, decorations and the gifts you 'must have' but in so many homes Christmas is a get together or a celebration without Christ being the centre and yet this celebration would not exist if Jesus and His message of love, His coming into the world had not taken place.

Yet before we even start the season of Advent other events take place. Halloween or a contraction of "All Hallows' Evening" on October 31, the eve before 'All Hallows or All Saints Day dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs, and all the faithful departed believers. This also seems to have lost its true meaning. Then in November is 'Remembrance Sunday' when those killed not only in two horrific world wars but also in other conflicts are remembered. This is not only a time to remember but to gauge what is really success in life not worldly wealth, not power but sacrifice for others which has been shown by so many ordinary courageous people. The death of Jesus on a cross and His resurrection was a sacrifice which enables all who believe on Him to have hope and the promise of new life.

### **Arnold Wheeler**

#### **Bargain with God**

Angus was driving down the street worried because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up toward heaven, he prayed in desperation: "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up whisky."

Miraculously, a moment later a parking place appeared. Angus looked up again and said, "Never mind. I found one."

## Great invention

The boys had been up in the attic together helping with some cleaning. They uncovered an old manual typewriter and asked their mother what it was. She briefly explained, but they were still puzzled as to how it worked.

"I'll show you," their mother said, and returned with a blank piece of paper. She rolled the paper into the typewriter and began striking the keys, leaving black letters of print on the page.

"WOW!" they exclaimed, "That's really cool...but how does it work like that? Where do you plug it in?"

"There is no plug," she answered. "It doesn't need a plug."

"Then where do you put the batteries?" they persisted.

"It doesn't need batteries either," she continued.

"Wow! This is so cool!" they exclaimed. "Someone should have invented this a long time ago!"

## Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Hopefulness. 9, Hitting. 10, du Pre. 11, Ere. 13, Ozni. 16, Wait. 17, Climbs. 18, Obey. 20, Joni. 21, Cuckoo. 22, In it. 23, Yaws. 25, Elm. 28, Alarm. 29, Epistle. 30, Whitsuntide.

DOWN: 2, Often. 3, Exit. 4, Urge. 5, Node. 6, Soprano. 7, Theological. 8, Westminster. 12, Rebuke. 14, Icy. 15, Ritual. 19, Epitaph. 20, Joy. 24, Acted. 25, Emit. 26, Menu. 27, Gift.

## **Pause for Thought**

### **A HYMN FOR THE SEASON OF REMEMBRANCE**

What shall we pray for those who died,  
Those on whose death our lives relied?  
Silenced by war but not denied,  
God give them peace, we pray.

What shall we pray for those who mourn  
Friendships and love, their fruit unborn?  
Though years have passed, hearts still are torn;  
God give them peace, we pray.

What shall we pray for those who live  
Tied to the past they can't forgive,  
Haunted by horrors they relive?  
God give them peace, we pray.

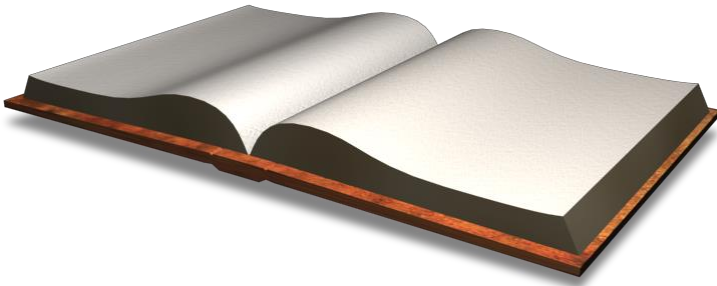
What shall we pray for those who know  
Nothing of war, and cannot show  
Grief or regret for friend or foe?  
God give them peace, we pray.

What shall we pray for those who fear  
War in some guise, may reappear  
Looking attractive and sincere?  
God give them peace, we pray.

God give us peace, and, more like this,  
Show us the path where justice is;  
And never let us be remiss  
Working for peace that lasts.

***STF 721 / Tune: Just as I am  
(Words and Music c Werg, Iona Community)***

## Rotas (Doors & Books and Flowers)



### Doors and Books

Nov	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>AM</b>	N Hogg M Wilby	H Teague B Jones	S Brown J Hurfurt	M Stone M Golding
<b>PM</b>	Messy Church	R Ireland C Haycock	M Kenway M Kenway	M Morgan J Morgan

### Rotas – Flowers



Nov	6 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Church</b>	Barbara Lewis	<b>Remembrance</b> Pam Blackmore	Harry Dee	Bill Frost
<b>War Memorial</b>	Brenda Jackson	Pam Blackmore	Free	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