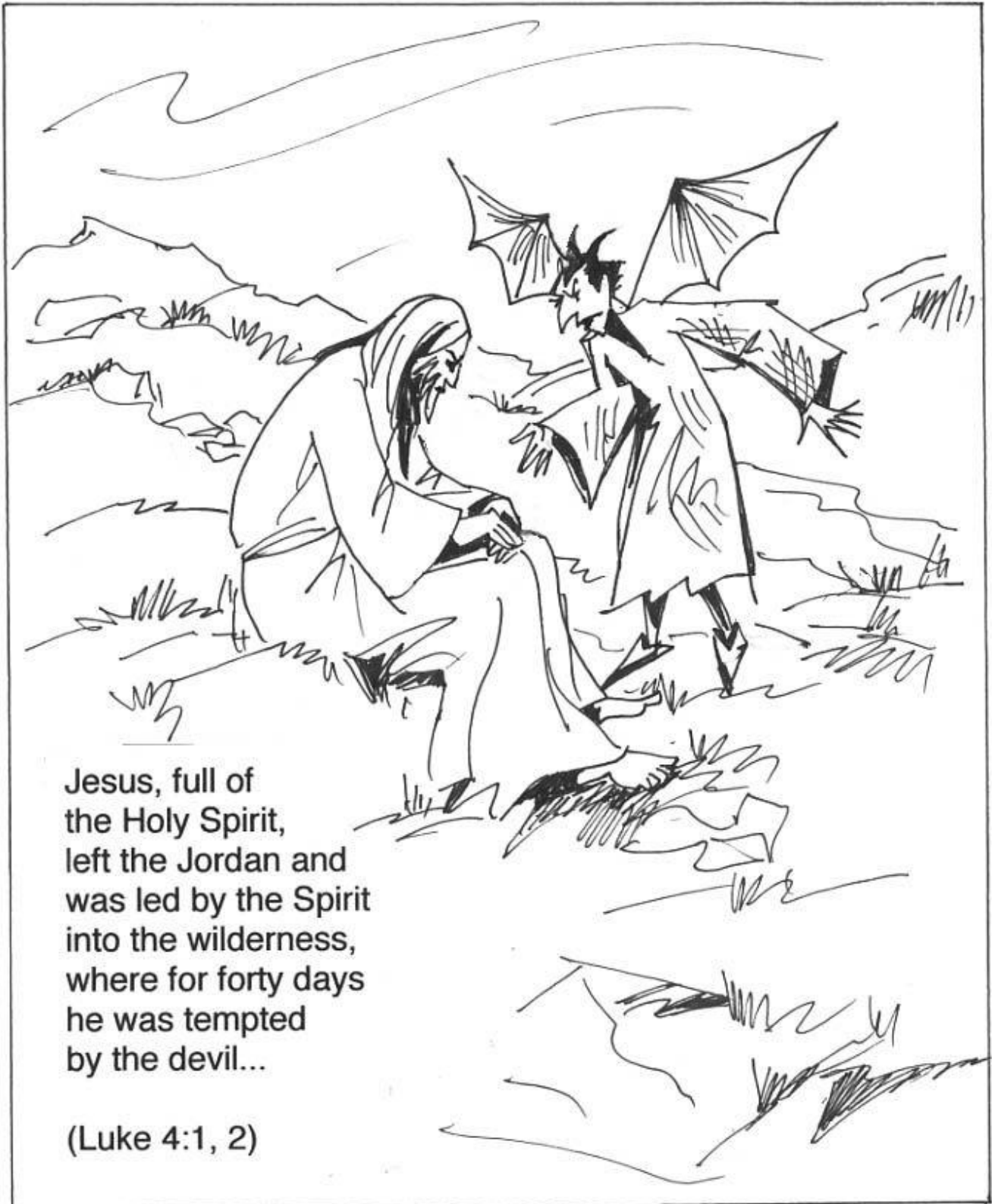


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Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil...

(Luke 4:1, 2)

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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

Rev. Andrew Prout is on sabbatical between the beginning of January 2014 to the end of March 2014. Rev. Angie Hoare will be covering for Andrew during this period.

Lent

Last week I visited someone who lived in a flat. Before she moved there, she had been a keen gardener. There were lots of plants at the end of the corridor just near to her flat door and when we went inside we noticed her balcony was also full of plants. As we chatted about them, she told us that she had 29 apples from the tree on the balcony last year. She explained that she hadn't been out there for a while because of the weather and that all the dead leaves and stems needed cutting back, but, she assured us, the balcony would be full of lilies in the summer.

Lent is the time to do a spot of gardening in our lives, to cut away the unproductive parts and add a bit of fertiliser, so that our lives may blossom freely and bear fruit for God. Sometimes it is easy for us to ignore this work, especially if the conditions aren't good – if, for example, we are busy or distracted by other concerns. We know if we don't do the work, the harvest will be less; so in Lent we try to make time to pay more attention to the work of God in our lives.

There are different ways to do this – “giving up something” for Lent, self-denial or fasting is like cutting back the dead leaves and helps us to focus on what is important in our lives. Attending Lent Groups or reading a Lent book, is like the fertiliser that encourages growth.

You'll find details of the venues and locations of the Lent Groups further on in this magazine. They will be following the York Course – Build on the Rock: faith, doubt and Jesus. There will also be a series of special sermons on Sunday mornings in Lent based on women in the gospels. Do support these if you can.

Christian Aid have produced a resource for Lent called Count your Blessings, which helps us celebrate the good things of life we often take for granted and show our thankfulness by making donations. You can find details on www.christianaid.co.uk.

Whether or not you attend the groups or share in initiatives like Count your Blessings, I encourage you to think about how you will keep Lent this year so that your life may bloom and bear fruit even in unlikely places.

Rev Angie Hoare

Sunday Services

2 March	10.45am	Rev Angie Hoare	Communion
	4.00pm	Messy Church	
9 March	10.45am	Mrs Veronica Jackson	
	6.00pm	Rev P Mortlock	
16 March	10.45am	Mr Tim Lansdown	
	3.30pm	Circuit Service at St Andrews	
23 March	10.45am	Mrs Glenys Lewis	
	6.00pm	Rev Angie Hoare	Communion
30 March	10.45am	Youth Church	
	6.00pm	Mr David King	

March Dates

2 March at 4.00pm	Messy Church
22 March at 7.00pm	Murder Mystery Evening

Advance Warning of Easter Services

Tuesday, 15 April	Meditation at 7.30pm
Thursday, 17 April	Communion Service at 7.30pm Rev Andrew Prout
Friday, 18 April	Service followed by Walk of Witness at 9.45am

Apologies from the Editor

I apologise for the delay in getting this month's magazine to you. Unfortunately, due to technical problems, illness and a rather hectic time at work last month the magazine has unavoidably been delayed. I will endeavour to get future editions out earlier.

Many thanks

Katie Dicks (the editor)

Lent House Groups

Listed below are the venues for this year's Lent Groups as promised in the February magazine.

Wednesday 12th March at 4 Martins Close

Thursday 20th March at 4 Martins Close

Wednesday 26th March at 4 Hunters Close

Thursday 3rd April at 4 Martins Close

Tuesday 8th April at 58 Greenbank Road

Judging by last year's course I am confident that again we will find great benefit in using the excellent material supplied by York Courses.

Tim Lansdown

Worship Committee Chairman

Thank you

Pearl & I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards & letters wishing me well during my illness.

Thank you!

Pete Leyton

Circuit Service Sunday 16th March 2014

This will be held at St Andrew's, Elm Park, Filton, BS34 7PS at 3.30pm. The service will include accreditation of Local Preachers one of whom will be our own Glenys Lewis. Please give this service your support if you are able. There will be no evening service at Hanham.

John Ireland

Murder Mystery Evening. Saturday 22nd March

Come and join the fun and suspense. The Mystery is set in a Country Club evening atmosphere, come dressed for the occasion.

Start Time: 7.00pm

Cost: £8.00 (which includes supper and drinks)

Please speak to any member if you wish to come.

Y's Men's Club of Hanham

The Prophet

On Eating and Drinking

Would that you could live on the fragrance of the earth

And like a plant be sustained by the light.

But since you must kill to eat, and rob the new born of its mother's milk

To quench your thirst, then let it be an act of worship

On your table stand an altar

On which the pure and innocent of the forest and plain are sacrificed

For that which is purer and still more innocent in man

As well as our love of hymn singing we Methodists are renowned for sharing food at every opportunity. Our Lord himself is recorded as one who liked to feast and attend parties (Mark 2:16). Food is necessary for our very

survival therefore we should enjoy it, particularly when there is opportunity to share with others. The raison d'être of the Friendly Table is to give people who may be lonely an opportunity to meet with others over a meal.

The prophet reminds us of where our food originates, that by eating we are partaking of the fruits of God's creation. He suggests that each meal should be a sacrament. This leads us to reflect on the most famous of all meals within the Christian tradition, the Last Supper. Here Jesus took the physical bread and wine to represent the spiritual giving of his life for us.

Tim Lansdown

HANHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Invites you to

The Living Last Supper

a reflection for Holy Week

Tuesday 15th April 2014

7.30 pm

to include Holy Communion



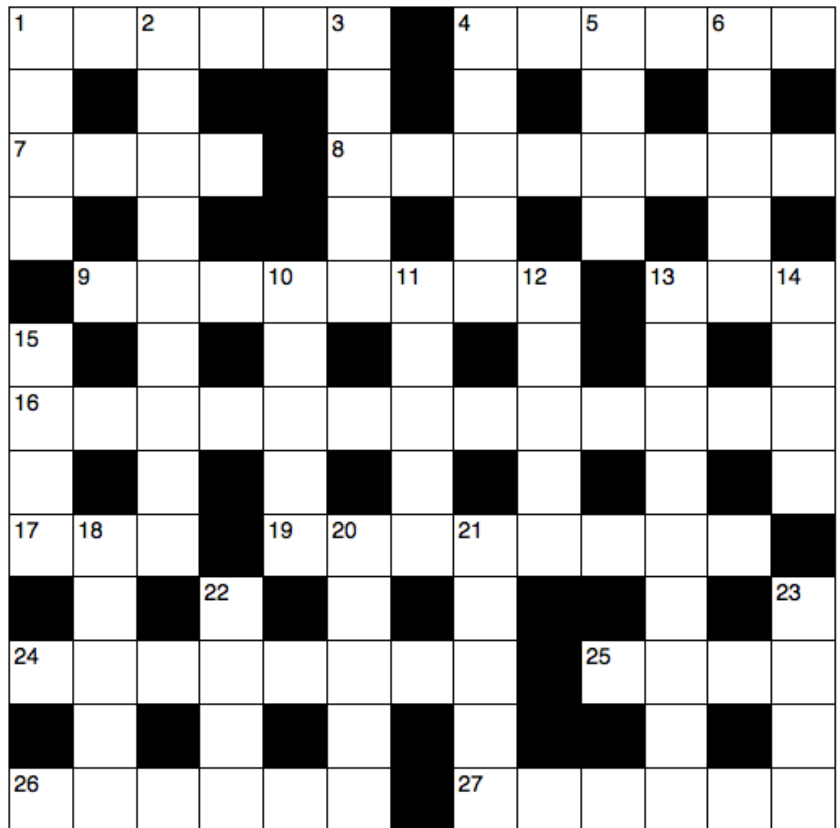
Crossword

Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8)
 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8)
 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke 8:16) (3)
 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)



- 6 To put forth (5)
 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel'(Genesis 25:26) (5)
 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)
 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
 22 Does (anag.) (4)
 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

Sudoku

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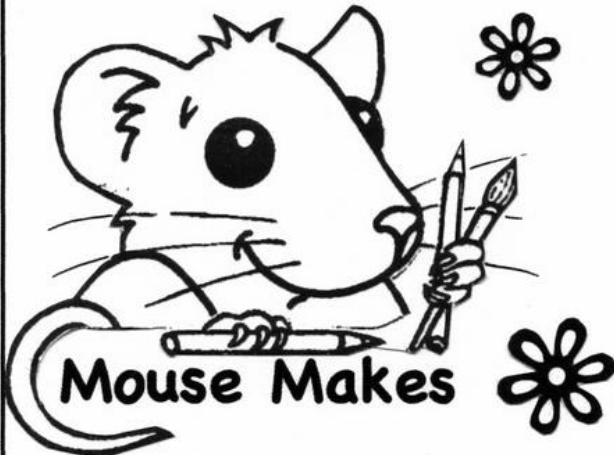
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For the Children – Mouse Makes



The 4th Sunday in Lent is celebrated as **Mothering Sunday**. Originally families would get together for a special service at the 'mother' church, often at the local cathedral.

Today Mothering Sunday is celebrated as a family day, a time to say '**thank you**' to our mothers and to all who look after us.

There are many wonderful Mothers in the Bible, look up the Bible verses and find out who they are....

Matt 1:16 **M** _ _ _

Num 26:59 _ **O** _ _ _ _ _

Luke 1:57-60 _ _ _ _ _ **T** _

1 Sam 1:20 _ _ _ _ **H**

Genesis 4:1 _ _ **E**

Gen 25:21-26 **R** _ _ _ _ _

Gen 21:1-2 **S** _ _ _ _



Thank you Mum
for all you do,

For all your
love and care,

For helping me
as I grow up,

For all your
loving prayers.

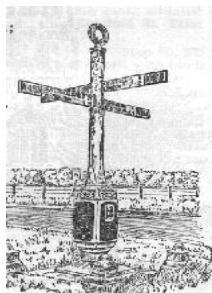
For teaching me
about Jesus,
Of how he loves
me too.

Thank you Mum
for loving me,

I LOVE YOU!

A bookmark gift for Mother's Day. Cut out the bookmark above, glue onto card and colour in.

Signposts



This is the time of year when we look forward to the signs of Spring, the beginning of Lent and the wonder of the Easter message, a message of hope. So many people need a great amount of hope and the help of neighbours, friends and state as so much of the country has struggled with the continuing stream of gales, high tides and floods. It is difficult to imagine the despair and frustration of many.

Across the world so much despair for many, from the continuing horror of places such as Syria where even children have been trained to use automatic weapons.

Other places have experienced forest fires or volcanic eruptions.

Yet through the sodden earth a crocus and a snowdrop struggle to show new life and colour and the promise which will come.

How often in times of adversity we find true love and generosity, a moment of sharing to people we have never known.

Jesus came calling people to follow Him and His way, not a way of 'self' first but a way of service, a way to change the world.

As we come towards Easter, reminded of a cross but also of a risen saviour may we all have peace and hope.

Arnold Wheeler

Cruising through many Cultures

The readers of previous months of this magazine, may recall the account of my husband Pete and I, having set sail from Falmouth, Cornwall, aboard our sailing boat, "Market Lady" early in 2005, arriving in the Algarve, Portugal, during the summer of that year.

“Market Lady” is not just our “magic carpet” but also our all year round home. After enjoying visits from family and friends, we decided to look into the possibilities of spending the winter in Portugal, anchoring in the beautiful Faro Lagoon whilst making enquiries about boat yards and marinas in the area.

It was during this time that I experienced my first tropical storm, WOW! Some experience. Having rocked, rolled and been buffeted about for nearly twelve hours, all was unnervingly calm, quiet and peaceful as the “eye of the storm” passed directly through our position. I now truly understood the meaning of 'the calm before the storm'. We waited nervously, knowing we had to experience at least as much discomfort, if not more, when in a couple of hours the wind, waves, stinging rain and spray would return, and sure enough it did for a further fourteen hours.

We did finally winter in a boat yard in Faro, living aboard and continuing improvements to “Our Lady”, whilst at the same time, getting to know the Portuguese people and their way of life. Of course we flew back to UK to see the family around Christmas time, and to be there for the birth of another Grandson. Again it was difficult to leave our loved ones when time to return to Portugal, though I relished the life we were returning to aboard “Market Lady”.

As spring arrived, we said farewell to Portugal and the friends we had made, setting sail for the Mediterranean. It would be impossible to include here all the places we visited over the following years, so I think perhaps preferable to discuss the countries, rather than individual places.

Gibraltar, the 'Gateway to the Med', was another of our highlights. I was just so elated when we arrived, so much so I could easily have believed the banners, bands and flags we saw and heard ashore were to welcome me, sadly not, we had arrived in the middle of celebrations for the Queen's birthday. We stayed for about a week, touring “The Rock” and of course saying hello to the famous monkeys.

From “Gib”, it was, 'Spain, here we come', but before doing so, we had a somewhat unusual stop over to make. Directly opposite and twelve miles south of Gibraltar is Morocco, but more poignantly the port and town of Ceuta. We felt we had to visit this port which is Spanish territory, despite being within the Country of Morocco.

We enjoyed our stay but couldn't help wonder, why in Spanish eyes it was acceptable for them to own Ceuta, but definitely not acceptable for the UK to own Gibraltar!

Neither Pete or I had ever visited the Spanish Costas, so were looking forward to sailing along the coast, stopping wherever we wanted. Sadly we quickly learnt the meaning of the slang expression "Costa Packet". We entered a marina on the Costa del Sol having requested first by radio, a berth for a nine point seven metre vessel. Having stayed for a couple of days, we went to pay the Harbour Master, only to be handed a bill for half as much again to that due. On queering the bill we were informed "we had no small berths, so put you in a berth for a fifteen metre boat".

We discovered this, along with many other tricks, was common practice so decided to depart mainland Spain and cross to the Balearic Islands. There we had a fabulous time finding superb anchorages, glorious beaches, crystal seas and wonderful weather. Karen, our daughter, flew out to visit in Majorca, bringing Thomas, our most recent grandson aged just six months, to the boat for the first time. Much of the summer was spent in the Balearics, until eventually it was time to sail on further eastward. After a week's wait in Mahon, Menorca, for a good weather window, we finally set sail, for our thirty six hour passage across the Algerian Basin to Sardinia where we had decided to spend the 2006/2007 winter.

Though winds were fair for us, it was not a pleasant trip, my memory recalling thunderstorms and lightning all around us during the night. I was fascinated how Pete was able to spot the worst of the storms well ahead of us and repeatedly altered course missing the worst.

Memories of Sardinia are very special. The Sardinians are Sardinians first and Italians second! We loved the people and the Island, spending the winter in Arbatax, on the east coast. Practically no English was spoken so to get by, it was necessary to learn a few Italian phrases. We were one of only a few boats wintering there, but the marina family treated us so kindly, inviting us to many family celebrations. On Christmas morning we woke to find a present and cake on the bow of our boat, whilst on New Year's Eve we spent an amazing evening as guests, sitting round the family table, enjoying a thirteen course fish feast with the extended 'marina family'. The Grappa went down very well as we welcomed in the New Year!

From Sardinia, we were to make our way to Greece, but not directly. We headed north across the Bonifacio Straits to Corsica, a super French Island, with real beauty inland as well as along the coast. From Corsica we were to continue our Italian travels, visiting historic Elba, Rome and Amalfi – Wow, those lemons! We were able to leave the boat in Amalfi and journey by coach to Pompeii, visiting Sorrento on the way. A real highlight for us was to sail around the Isle of Capri, singing “Gracie Fields” favourites as we navigated through amazing rock formations.

Next, on to the volcanic Island of Stromboli, timing our arrival for around midnight in order to see the sparks and flames shooting from this amazingly active volcano. As we neared the volcano we saw 4 large cruise ships who had obviously brought their passengers to witness the same activity. We watched and waited, waited and watched, but saw nothing. How disappointing. Undaunted we continued to the Aeolian Island of Vulcano witnessing Mt Vulcano steaming and very active. In the morning we bathed in the bubbling waters, a weird but memorable experience, though the smell of sulphur was strong and not too pleasant. As for the belief that bathing in these waters provides eternal youth, we are not convinced!!!

The Aeolian Islands were our final Italian call as we said farewell to Italy and sailed through the Messina Straits, out to open sea on our passage to Greece.

We were really delighted to arrive in Greek waters, sailing in the Ionian Sea south of Corfu and across to Igoumenitsa on the mainland, where we were to sign all the necessary papers to 'enter' Greece, a long, hot and tiring experience in temperatures of over forty degrees celsius. The Ionian was our playground for many months, the islands of Corfu, Paxos, Lefkada, Kefalonia and Zakynthos as well as other smaller ones, providing beautiful anchorages, good sailing, interesting sightseeing and glorious weather, most of the time.

The Greek mainland in this area also has lovely towns and villages, coves and anchorages, each with a prolific number of “Tavernas” serving delicious traditional Greek cuisine.

It was in the marina in Lefkas, on the Island of Lefkada that we spent the winter of 2007/2008, enjoying socialising with other boaters, competing in quiz nights, joining in BBQ's and even Carol Singing! Yes, a group of about twenty people of varying nationalities, paraded around the town, singing carols. I never imagined that I would sing 'Silent Night', in Greek, to the local patients spending Christmas in Levkas Hospital. Quite an emotional rendering of that much loved carol.

I hope you have enjoyed part 1 of "Cruising through many Cultures", to hear of our continued navigation across the Aegean Sea, to the magical Aegean Islands and Turkey, join us next month.

Margaret Wheeldon

Commemorating World War 1 – Some Thoughts

"That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons that history has to teach us!"

(Aldous Huxley)

World War 1 was the war to end all wars - but it wasn't. So Huxley was right. But there again maybe he wasn't.

Lessons Learnt from World War 1

1. The most recognized lesson learnt from World War 1 came from the 1919 Peace Treaty which it was realised contributed significantly to World War 2 - in 1945 a different peace was made and the United Nations formed.
2. The death of so many men over so little ground led to changes in warfare (especially in Europe) and now women are a respected (if not yet fully equal) part of our armed forces who play a disproportionately large role in United Nations Peace Keeping Duties.
3. The loss of so many men led to the recognition that their deaths needed to be honoured which led to the erection of war memorials –

to which the names of those shot for 'cowardice' have now been added.

4. In the absence of men, women took on new roles and responsibilities of which most men (and many women) had thought them incapable and this contributed to them getting the vote. This was helped by the many widows and single women who continued to show what women were capable of and who had the time and freedom to campaign for the vote. Now there is legal equality for men and women in our country.
5. The return from war of so many men affected with physical and psychological injuries led to developments in medical care and treatment and especially in understandings of 'shell shock'. Ongoing conflict still contributes to advances in these fields.
6. The fact that the war left so many men and women unable to provide for themselves and their dependents led to developments in the welfare state and to the formation of the British Legion. Now Help for Heroes raises funds to help meet the otherwise unmet needs of those affected by the impact conflict continues to have on our armed forces and their families.

So lessons have been learnt – and many more have been learnt through creative works of art beginning with the first world war poets and continuing to this day as anyone who has read or seen *Warhorse* (especially on stage) will testify.

Bearing all this in mind, how should we commemorate World War 1?

Wearing the Poppy with Pride

The poppy remains the most powerful symbol of World War 1 in particular and the commemoration of war in general. Those who struggle most with how war should be commemorated have produced white poppies but most such people wear this along with a red one.

If we are to honour all those whose lives have been and continue to be affected by war what do we have to do to be able to wear our poppies with pride?

Further Ideas

You could donate money to the British Legion, Help for Heroes or any other charity fighting for justice.

You could give time or money to any of the many organisations fighting injustice in this country and across the world.

You could use your creative talents in the search for peace and justice

You could sign the petition for Edith Sitwell to be one of the people on the World War 1 commemorative coins. <http://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/the-british-treasury-issue-a-2-coin-with-the-face-of-edith-cavell-on-it>

You could step in whenever you see bullying take place – the main cause of World War 1 was when one aggressive empire bullied another.

As a country we need to learn how to commemorate the dead by the quiet respect shown by the people of Royal Wootton Bassett.

"We gave our today for your tomorrow"

(Different versions attributed to various World War 1 soldiers)

What is your dream for tomorrow?

What are you going to do to make it happen?

Katie Baker

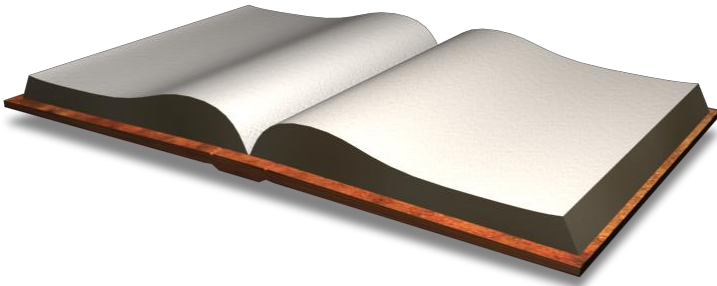
(friend of Rev Angie Hoare)

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation. 17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Baldhead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arisen.

DOWN: 1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uriel. 12, Esau's. 13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean.

Rotas (Doors & Books and Flowers)



Doors and Books

Mar	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
AM	J Angell M Brooks	A Sagar M Sagar	P Blackmore J Green	M Wilby N Hogg	B Jones H Teague
PM	Messy Church	R Ireland C Haycock	B Griffen W Stamford	J Morgan M Morgan	T Lansdown A Angell

Rotas – Flowers



Mar	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Church	Barbara Lewis	Flower Committee	Bill Frost	Free	Richard Needs
War Memorial	Barbara Lewis	Flower Committee	Pat Saunders	Free	Richard Needs

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