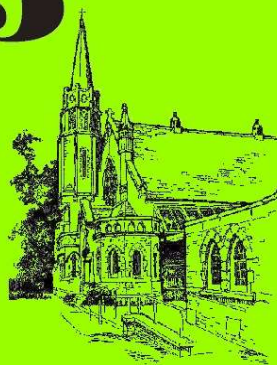


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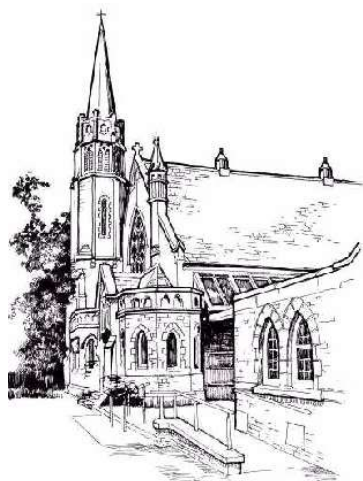


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# PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

Lent/Easter 2025



The world is getting smaller! We often hear this phrase and recognise that, actually, the world is the same size, but communication, travel and a general awareness of much more of the world has become so much easier. Most of us, even if we may never have visited these places, know so much more about countries in the southern hemisphere or across the major oceans. We recognise images of famous buildings or geographical landmarks. We are able to access information easily through the internet, linking the whole

world in an instant. News spreads quickly and reporters are quickly on scene bringing us the latest updates from around the globe.

It's increasingly difficult to imagine what life was like back in Biblical times, when word of mouth was often the only means of communication, and travel was limited to the distance most people could walk. Yet news did travel. As Jesus made his journeys around Palestine, crowds gathered because they had heard about his teachings, sick people were brought to him in the hope of being healed, and the opposing authorities plotted his downfall.

This year we have followed the journey through Lent from Luke's perspective. Luke, an educated man, was the first to write down the many stories, recollections and testimonies which were shared during and after the time of Jesus. He wrote in a way that these stories could be spread beyond the immediate culture and language, and to reach out to everyone, regardless of their background or beliefs. The Good News about Jesus is for everyone.

As we celebrate Easter, how do we share that great joy? How, in this world of easy communication, do we shout it from the rooftops? How do we reach out to those who might never have had the chance to explore how Jesus can be part of their lives? In the words of Tom Wright, 'The challenge of praying through the Easter story is the challenge of holding your mind, and your whole life, open to the God who does unexpected things. Life-transforming things you'd never have imagined in your wildest dreams.'

Let's help transform lives and release those wildest dreams. Let's share the message of Jesus our Saviour as far as our world can take it, by whatever means we can. Christ is risen!



**Carolyn Hothersall**  
(on behalf of the Ministry Team)



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER EVENTS

- Sunday, 13th April: **Forest Church** alongside Palm Sunday service.
- During **Holy Week**, Prayer stations available in church.
- **Maundy Thursday**, 17th April: Tenebrae service at 7:00 PM.
- **Good Friday**, 18th April:
  - Messy Church activities at 1:30 PM.
  - Procession at 2:45 PM.
  - Meditation at 3:00 PM.
- **Easter Sunday**, 20th April:
  - **Sunrise service** at 5:30 AM in the car park at Beacon Fell. Bring a mug for coffee and hot cross buns.
  - **All-age Easter Day** celebration at 10:30 AM, including Communion.

### Other Events

- Sunday, 27th April: General church meeting.
- Wednesday, 30th April: Worship consultation at 6:30 PM.
- Tuesday, 6th May:
  - Messy Church from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
  - Bible study at 7:00 PM.
- Monday, 19th May: Alternative church.
- Saturday, 24th May: Farmers market.

### Baptisms

- Welcoming the Esslemont and Ashcroft families as they bring their children for baptism.

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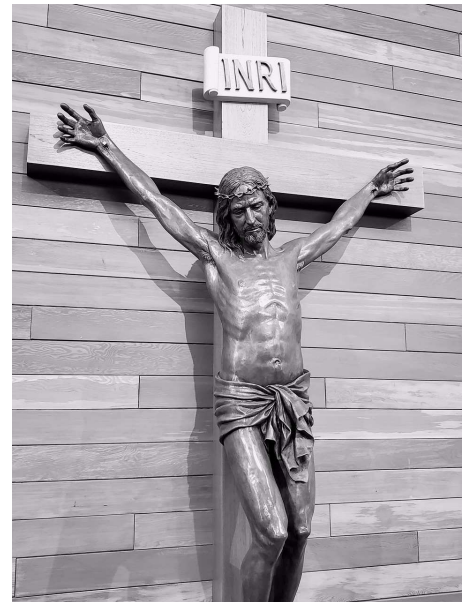
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## MEDITATION

Oh God, what have I done? What have I done?  
The man I called my friend,  
    taken before Caiaphas, tried by the Council,  
    condemned to the most dreadful of deaths,  
    and all down to me.  
I've tried telling myself that it's not my fault,  
    that it's the priests, Herod, Pilate to blame,  
    anyone but myself.  
They're the ones who want him dead after all.  
They're the ones who pronounce the sentence.  
    so why accuse me?  
I've tried telling myself that my part was irrelevant,  
    that if I hadn't betrayed him someone else would,  
    that it was only a matter of time,  
    that all I did was bring things to a head -  
    so why condemn me?  
I've tried telling myself I had no choice,  
    that I had to bring him down to earth,  
    make him see reason,  
    stop the crowds getting carried away.  
All for the best possible motives -  
    so why judge me?  
I've tried telling myself it's what He wanted,  
    even that I've been used,  
    an innocent pawn in God's cosmic plan,  
    a helpless puppet dancing to his tune,  
    made in such a way that I had no choice -  
    so why blame me?  
But I do, that's the trouble;  
    I do blame myself.  
It's not others I'm worried about;  
    it's me.  
For I know, despite all my excuses,  
    that there's no escaping my responsibility.  
It's there before me, every second, every moment,  
    deep in my heart -  
    the doubt, the fear, the greed.  
    the selfishness,  
    which sent him to his death with a kiss.  
Oh God, what have I done? What have I done?  
God forgive me, forgive me.  
For I can't forgive myself.



*from Margaret Holmes*  
*Author unknown*

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## EDITORIAL

The copy date for our **Summer 2025** issue is **Sunday 15 June**. Any material in advance of that date would, of course, be most welcome. Please do remember that articles may be subject to editing.

*Roy Smith* (Editor)

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## THE DESIRE OF ALL NATIONS CAME

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!  
The Desire of all nations came!  
He came to save us from our sin.  
Jesus Christ is His holy name!

God sent His only begotten Son  
From His home in Heaven above.  
God sent His only Son to die  
Out of His great, tremendous love!

All nations desire a leader  
Who will bring peace to the earth.  
The Desire of all nations came  
At the advent of Jesus' birth.

Jesus came to this earth below.  
He came to die for the sins of all.  
He arose, and He lives forever.  
Upon the Saviour, let us call!

*By Margaret Cagle*

"Glory to God in the highest!"  
Sang the angels, a glorious sight!  
"Peace on earth, good will to men."  
The Saviour was born that night!



## EASTER TIME

A reflection of Jesus  
And man's crime  
He suffered for us  
But we celebrate the joys of Easter  
Because he lived again

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Easter, a time to celebrate  
The joy of Jesus  
Who man forsake.

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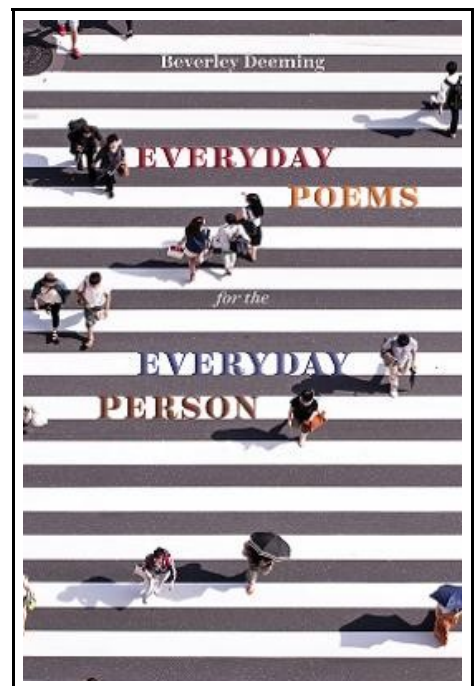
Chocolate eggs.  
All different shapes and sizes.  
Some with surprises.  
A time to remember  
A time to reflect  
As Jesus arises  
The rolling of the eggs  
Is the rolling stone  
To which Jesus was not on  
His own.



All by *Bev Deeming*

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Bev Deeming is a poet who worships with us at Fulwood. She has had a book of poems published, '*Everyday Poems for the Everyday Person*' available at Waterstones, other bookshops and online.





## FULWOOD METHODIST BROWNIES 2024

The Brownie Pack goes from strength to strength and has been full throughout the year.

Spring term 2024 featured the Local History Badge with a guest presenter, followed by a noisy Burns night celebration (complete with a bagpiper). We had a circus themed sleepover at the Church, joint with another pack. The girls had a great time with the instructor and we managed to give the church a sizeable donation. We played lots of games, sang songs, had a science night and did plenty of crafts and activities during the term.

Summer 2024 saw some new starters and we were straight into preparations for our Pack Holiday at Waddecarr at the beginning of May. 22 girls from our pack had a great time doing archery, crate challenge and a number of water-based challenges to complete our “Under the Sea” theme. Back at our normal meetings we did more science, a dance challenge, a games night, a music night and completed the jobs badge (many thanks to the outside instructors who came in to share their expertise with the girls). In July we took part in a “Sporty Saturday” at UCLan Sports Arena with girls from across Preston North Division and we ended the term with a party.



A number of our girls moved up to Guides in the summer, but we also had several new starters in September so were still up to maximum numbers. The highlights of the autumn term were a visit from a representative of Lancashire Cricket Club who taught the girls some cricket skills, a Gold Award evening run by one of our senior Brownies, a visit to the Fire Station on Blackpool Road, the completion of 23 Christmas boxes for International Aid, a stall at the church

Christmas Fair, a cinema trip to see Moana 2 and a disco with the Rainbows. These were in addition to our usual crafts, games and songs.

As of March 2025 we have 28 girls, 5 qualified leaders, 2 unit helpers (who intend to become qualified leaders in due course), a Young Leader and a Brownie helper (a Guide who comes along to assist). We are very grateful to the volunteers who give up their time to make Brownies such an enjoyable experience for the girls.

*Diane Bird*



## GREETINGS FROM AMERICA

This is a voice from the past. Some of you may remember Keith and Diane Schmuck and their son, Jason. We spent six weeks during the summer of 1999 with the people of Fulwood Methodist Church as a part of a pulpit exchange with Stephen and Myrtle Poxon and their family. As the Poxons served St. Paul United Methodist Church in Manchester, Pennsylvania, we were blessed to serve with the people of Fulwood Methodist Church in Preston.

We fondly remember our times with you. We remember the families and individuals: Chesworth, Cooper, Carter, Smith, Black, Ridout, Rae, Squire, Stanton, Oldham, Atherton, Armstrong, Whitman, Grice, Hardman, Speight, Maudsley, Fletcher, Bennett, Hall, Clarke, Butterworth, Waddilove, Saunders, Ferris, Poxon, some of whom won't be with you now, and many others. I have told many people here in the States that the most fulfilling and exciting time of my ministry was the six weeks we spent with you in Preston. You were so gracious and hospitable to us; opening your homes to us, taking us on day trips to see the sights of northern England, taking us to restaurants and sporting events, making sure Jason at age 18 was included (especially his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration). All those memories and you – the people who helped make them are very dear to us.

Here in America, as you are aware, we are experiencing difficult times politically and with dwindling attendance in our churches, but, although there are difficult times, the work of the church and the witness to the grace of God in His Son Jesus, our Saviour, carries on. Since 1999, we have served a number of different churches; namely: Lykens UMC, Juniata UMC of Altoona, PA., and Winterstown UMC where I retired in 2015. In retirement I have served part-time at Mt. Pisgah-Trinity UMC, and presently at Crossroads UMC in southern York County of Pennsylvania. The people, of the Cross roads Church remind us of you - they are kind, loving and generous, willingly serving God, their church and the community.

Diane is retired from working in both public and Christian education, and now serves as facilitator in a Grief Share ministry, and leads a weekly women's Bible Study in our home. Jason graduated from Boston University and now works as the technical director of "Dreamwrights", a local youth and family community theatre.

As we now take part in the Lenten season as a time of meditation, prayer and devotion; we are reminded again of the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. With thankful hearts we join Jesus as he accepts the cross, taking our sins with him, to offer with his death - mercy and forgiveness. We acknowledge the cross as our hope, our future, our life - for we know the cross is not the end of the story! We look, with great anticipation, toward Easter; when death and sin are overcome and eternal life is given and assured. May Easter joy be yours this day and everyday as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning. Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

May God bless you, your family and your church,

***Keith, Diane, and Jason Schmuck - sent to Geoff Oldham***



## I LIKE TO BE IN AMERICA

*Many readers of this magazine will be concerned at the events they are witnessing in so many parts of the world. We as a Church hold in our prayers all those who are directly involved and also the very many who are anxious about the future of the world which is our home and will be the home of those who follow us, especially our children and grandchildren.*

*As well as hearing news which bothers us, occasionally we can find real hope in realising that many others feel as we do and who are encouraging us all to do God's will. Recently this piece appeared on a social media platform with which I am linked and it might help to share it with you here.*

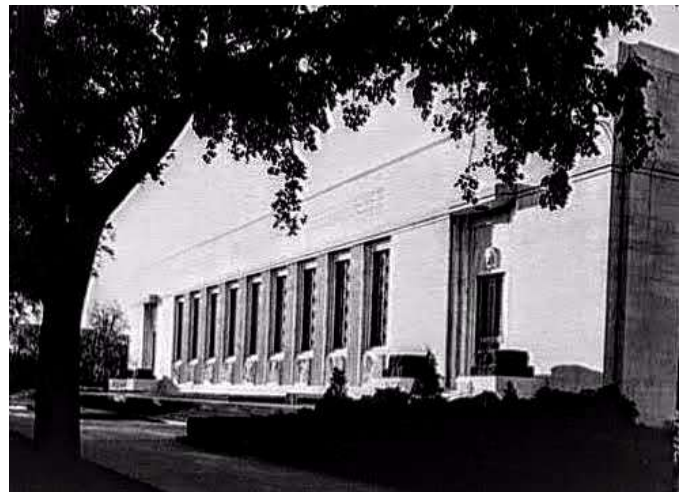
*It is written by the rather grandly named Rev. Dr. Leslie Griffiths, Lord Griffiths of Burry Port. Leslie is a Methodist minister, who has been appointed to several important posts within the Methodist Church over many years. He has long standing links through his ministry with the country of Haiti which is just one country at present stricken by unrest and turmoil. Presently he is an active member of the House of Lords and continues to work on issues of justice both in this country and across the nations.*

**Ken Wales**

*He wrote as follows:-*

What is the America I love? Memories come flooding into my mind. Lovely, warm memories, innumerable.

I think of the dozens of times I have visited the 'home of the free' - from Florida to Alaska, from the deep south to the frozen north, in the capital city and in little places like Wayne in West Virginia or Eugene in Oregon. I think of the Folger Shakespeare Library on Capitol Hill, the pecan pies and the peaches in South Carolina and watching games of incomprehensible (American) football. I recall walking over the Edmund Pettas



*Folger Shakespeare Library*

bridge in Selma, tasting the wines of California, visiting the Schomburg Centre for Research in Black Culture in Harlem, I preached for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundry Methodist Church in D.C. I remember when Margaret and I flew over the snow-covered Mount McKinley and reading T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets while sitting on the deck of a great big paddle steamer in Louisiana. Add to that all the films I have seen, the popcorn I have consumed, the laughter I have been moved to, the thinking I have done, and the countless occasions when I have enjoyed hospitality with American families and church congregations.

I can only be grateful. The American people are special. Indeed, I'd go further. They are exceptional. But being exceptional brings duties as well as blessings. The God who blessed America with its resources is the same God who made so many other places with few if any resources at all. The warm hearts, the fellow-feeling and, yes, deep pockets, the American people have contributed so generously towards meeting the needs of the poorest people on earth. Like the lovely, wonderful, people of my beloved Haiti. I have thanked God time and again for American altruism.



This is great testing time for the United States of America. God is putting our American friends through a time of trial. Christians especially will be under scrutiny in these tough times. When God looks at his children, he must not mourn their lack of generosity, their narrowness of view, or their hardness of heart. he must remind them to go on being what they have always been- compassionate, big hearted, radiant sons and daughters of the Creator of the universe.

God's people must not be found wanting.

*Rev. Dr. Leslie Griffiths*

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## CATERING AT FULWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

In the last edition of this magazine, we commented at length upon the contribution made by the 'Nearly New Shop' to our work in the community. This time, we are looking at the contribution made by giving attention to how food and drink can contribute to the welfare of our neighbourhood. Next time, some wider reflections about why these activities are a substantial part of our witness as a Christian community.

For almost as long as human life itself, we have all known and most of us have experienced the joys of eating and drinking together. That is certainly so in the world of Methodism; and not least at Fulwood.

When the changes to our Church buildings were being planned over fifteen



years ago, the opportunities which might be realised for the wellbeing of the community and ourselves through food and drink were a very high priority. Edna Armstrong led a group of very willing volunteers to work out what might be possible. All their hard work in planning and then in meeting our needs has

certainly paid off. This article is to provide some background to what goes on and it might even encourage more of us not only to participate but also to assist in various ways. More hands are always needed!

Of course, the frequent special events in our Church often are made even more memorable by the catering which is provided – often a major exercise of its own equivalent in the effort required to the event itself. Even more important (and certainly more demanding) are the several occasions each week when food and drink accompany our activities. Especially on a Wednesday morning, a warm, friendly and comfortable environment is available to all who come through our doors. Some come for a chat, some for a game or activity, some to see what's new in the shop, whilst others just want some peace and quiet in warm comfort. All are welcome: many are regulars whilst some are attracted in by the Welcome Wednesday road-side publicity.

And once there, they are often tempted by delicious aromas from the kitchen to enjoy a late breakfast, their elevenses or even an early lunch. Prices are sensible and nobody is left without. At present all the preparation is made by teams of

volunteers organised by Margaret Squire, and to her and to all others who participate we offer deep thanks – some will be mentioned here, but all are recognised.

The food is prepared on site by a team of cooks who jointly plan their activities so that tempting menus are always available. Martin Burt has gained a reputation within North Preston and in wider circles as a champion purchaser of bacon, eggs and sausage. He is also a dedicated maker of soups, creatively made to meet the volumes and to offer the variety we require. Margaret's fruit crumbles, with custard or ice-cream, are a source of wonder and delight.

None of this happens without much preparation, effort and a willingness to deal with the work before and after the event. That is one reason why having more hands to share the load is so important – setting-up, clearing-up, washing, drying, restoring, re-stocking and the thousand and one other tasks involved. We have systems in place for keeping the fridge stocked, for regular purchasing of milk, butter, bread, preserves and tea, coffee and sugar. We keep an eye on ethical trading too. Each Wednesday morning a full team of staff, in the kitchen and front of house, will be made up of up to eight staff. Margaret currently has 28 volunteers who work on rotas – well done, all of you!

The staff who prepare food require formal training for the Food Hygiene Certificate, which is now available online and must be updated every three years. That is why the kitchen is regarded as a 'protected area' and not a general meeting area for the Church as a whole. The Church has responsibilities and a reputation to protect.



We are delighted to say, and congratulate all involved, that every inspection since 2010 has resulted in a 5-star rating. You may have seen the certificates displayed in the church buildings – this is a result of clear systems whereby there is a 'Cook of the Day' designated for each session to make sure that all the records are kept and measurements made.

If you have looked into the spacious kitchen area, always immaculately presented, you will have seen the high quality of the fittings. The various officers and committees in the Church are aware of the need for regular maintenance and



programmes of replacement and our thanks go to them too – nothing is left to chance and that can be a demanding task when regular users of the Church often ‘make a brew’.

So much more could be written about the demanding, important work these folk undertake on behalf of the Church, but we are not just a business. In fact, whilst we keep a firm view upon the finance of these activities, we are not even a business!! The key thing, as Edna and others saw so many years ago, our catering



team is here to provide a service to our community. Since 2010, we have seen many changes. Of course, the COVID years significantly altered the way the Church operated, but the fact is that the Church is recovering from those years. Come along on a Wednesday morning, and at so many other times, to see

the ways in which sharing food and drink with others opens doors to conversations and interactions which would never otherwise be possible.

Whilst this can be very demanding upon our catering team members, it has its lighter moments. Who knew that there was once an occasion when 300 sausage rolls had to be rushed to home kitchens and brought back to Church accompanied by flashing police escort (well, not quite), or that if there is an emergency the hatch cover that can come down to leave the kitchen staff to perish silently (not really) or why not ask them to tell you their stories.

Talking to our volunteers filled me with admiration for all they do. Sure people can be fussy, can be demanding, can be awkward – we all can be! But so much pleasure is gained from the gratitude which is expressed; so many examples are seen of new friendships developing; opportunities to welcome people into our Church and to see them prosper there: and the opportunities we have to signpost people to other services where their special needs can be met.

Please do consider whether you might be able to assist – come along to see what goes on – come along and think about what else might be done. One thing is for certain, I reckon if Jesus were in Preston today he would be there on a Wednesday morning. Not sure whether he would want a bacon butty, but there would be something to keep him happy.

**Margaret Squire & Ken Wales**



## KNITTING GROUP UPDATE

Back in 2014 we wrote about why and when knitting group started, when we meet, what we charge and what we do, so now, 13 years later, we'd like to tell you how we're doing.

We continue to meet every week, but now it's in the afternoon from 2-4pm. We even continued during Covid when we met outside once allowed to, in Jan's Garden or under my carport in the drizzle! We still welcome beginners as well as more experienced knitters, crocheters and crafters and someone usually has the relevant experience to be able to advise, or knows someone who can. We are lucky to have a large store of donated wools, yarns, needles and hooks, so beginners can be started without any personal expense. We readily accept any donations and if we can't use them we pass them on to others who can. Nothing gets wasted

We are a merry band of about 25 with members coming from our church and circuit, other churches, the local community and through some NHS Social Prescribers. We still only charge £2 per meeting for a drink and biscuits, as well as scones and cakes on special occasions. Members work on their own projects, as well as group projects too. The textile Nativity Pictures on the outside of church which are displayed every December have been joined by a 3 metre high Crocheted Christmas Tree, whose hand crafted ornaments are free gifts to anyone with love from our church and all made by our members. By the way, my dad Cyril, who loves word plays renamed us "The Knitwits"



Over the years, we have made hundreds, probably thousands now, of covers, in many designs, for Terry's chocolate oranges, which have been on sale at church, in Broadway Pantry, Bethany House and special orders from friends and families in aid of church funds and our charity projects. Outside donations have been made to Let's Grow Preston, St Christopher's Church Roof,

The Deaf School's Minibus, which was stolen, Tender Nursing Care and Rosemary & Time. We have also paid for specific Church items e.g. the Boiler motherboard and the TV in Willow Grove.

We still make crochet poppies each autumn which are sold for The Royal British Legion and church. at County Hall, Church and in the last two years at the Post Office on Garstang Road, where amazingly over 300 were sold.

Look out for the Tea cosies, which will be hanging outside church for National Tea Drinking on Easter Monday. They are also free gifts with love from the Knitters. Do you remember the other items we've hung outside church as gifts for our community?

Anyone is welcome to join us for a chat, fun and laughter, fellowship and of course, the odd bit of knitting.



*Veronica Frost*

## Rev JOHN BEARDSLEY

Since the last issue of our magazine, we heard of the death in October of a former minister at Fulwood, Rev. John Beardsley, who retired to Tewkesbury. On retirement, he became a steward at Cheltenham Racecourse and we found online an item about him from the Zurich Pensioners Association (Cheltenham Area) on 23rd February 2012 “A DAY AT THE RACES” stating - “Reverend John Beardsley was in very jocular mood as he described being a steward in the royal box at Cheltenham racecourse and meeting various royals and celebrities. He even revealed the Queen’s favourite tippie!”

Also found was this article in the ‘Forest of Dean and Wye Valley Review.’ Around a dozen members of Woolaston Methodist Church welcomed retired minister John Beardsley as he finished a 200-mile charity walk in the village.

They had a hot cup of tea and specially-baked celebration cake to mark the end of the walk between the 48 Methodist churches in Gloucestershire.

The walk, in aid of Methodist Homes, started at Hawling in the Cotswolds at the beginning of

September and finished last Friday at Woolaston, the most westerly point in the Gloucestershire Methodist circuit.

The day started in Lydney and took in Aylburton before ending in Woolaston where church treasurer Liz Lander baked and decorated a Victoria sponge.”

*(<https://tinyurl.com/5y4nrfmp>)*

Whilst checking his details online, I found that there were other Rev John Beardsleys.

Rvd. John Beardsley, born April 23, 1732 at Ripton, Connecticut, died April 23, 1810 at Kingston, King’s County, New Brunswick. He was the Founder of Freemasonry in New Brunswick.

*(<https://tinyurl.com/ywctxb39s>)*

Also, Rev. John Warren Beardsley, from Hawaii. September 4, 1930 - February 6, 2022

*(<https://tinyurl.com/yc2tcmc5>)*

Things we didn’t know!

***John Butterworth***

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I know God will not give me anything I can’t handle. I just wish He didn’t trust me so much.

***(Mother Teresa)***



## NEW VERSES FOR HYMN

On Sunday 23 March, the choir sang a hymn, No 33 in our 'Singing the Faith' hymn book. The version in the hymn book, written by Philip Jakob, only has one verse. Our choir leader and organist, Mavis Fletcher, decided to write two more verses. These were all sung by everyone and our preacher on the day, Carolyn Hothersall, read a prayer between each verse.

- 1) O Lord we are always in your presence.  
In you we live and move and have our being.  
You hold us in the palm of your hand  
And you lead us to your glory.

*(Philip Jakob)*

\* \* \* \* \*

- 2) Gracious God even though we're full of questions  
You love us as we ask for your forgiveness;  
In dark times when the world has lost its way,  
We have hope because you're with us.

- 3) Loving Lord there are times when we are troubled  
When your children fail to listen or obey;  
We pray now that your Holy Spirit moves  
In your people here today.

*(Mavis Fletcher)*

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## DYING CROPS MEANS FOOD STOPS

Uncertainty looms over indigenous farming communities in the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala, Central America.

In this forested area of mountains and rivers, the livelihoods, traditions and very survival of farmers and their families are threatened by deadly droughts, savage storms and monster monoculture plantations.

That includes Amelia, a resourceful and determined 24 year old farmer who lives with her husband and their two children, 8 year old Lázaro and 4 year old Yakelin, on ancient and beautiful land that's been in Amelia's family for generations. The family belong to the Indigenous community, who are close, and live by a blend of Mayan and Catholic traditions.



Amelia's farm, first and foremost, feeds her young children. She tries to grow a range of crops and root vegetables that will provide her children with a balanced diet, such as bananas, peppers and cassava. This way, Amelia can protect them from malnutrition.

But the climate crisis is ravaging farms like Amelia's, causing both the dry and rainy seasons that would once arrive with predictability to intensify and shift erratically. As the river runs dry and water becomes scarce, the vital crops that Amelia depends on wither and die before her eyes. Amelia's ability to protect Lázaro and Yakelin is slipping away, because dying crops means food stops.

'My first priority is to feed my family,' says Amelia. 'I worry about what my children will eat.'

These conditions are challenging enough, but Amelia and her community also have to cope with the impact of industrial plantations on their landscape.

Amelia's community, like so many others, have done little to cause the climate crisis but they are paying the highest price.

Despite these challenges, Amelia's faith keeps her strong. And her hope for a better future drives her to keep working to improve life for her family and community.

'I go to Catholic church,' she explains. 'For me, faith is very important, and a way for me to reach harmony in my life.'

## Pushing back

As the community's farms are devastated, the search for solutions becomes critical. 'With high heat, there is little we can do but adapt,' says Amelia.

When Amelia discovered the work of Christian Aid's partner, Congcoop, she quickly put herself forward as a community representative who would attend the specialist agricultural training on offer.

With funding from Christian Aid, Congcoop support communities to return to Indigenous farming practices and adopt agroecological approaches that conserve their land, culture and livelihood. Agroecology, put simply, is farming in a sustainable way that works with, not against, nature.

By joining Congcoop, Amelia's gaining the skills and knowledge to cultivate native seeds that are better suited to the changing climate. She's planning planting schedules that will deliver multiple harvests throughout the year, making her own organic fertiliser, and constructing rainwater collection systems. By changing the way she farms, Amelia's pushing back against the climate crisis.

Amelia is recognised as a leader in her community. Whatever she learns, she shares – confidently training other women to adapt their farming practices too.

Whatever the future may hold, Amelia remains resilient. As Programme Officer, Gerardo C. Tobar, says: 'Amelia's story is one of resistance, and it's just beginning.'

The unstoppable power of hope compels Christian Aid and its amazing supporters to stand up for communities in crisis and support people living in poverty.

The organisation, now in its 80th year, and its supporters are joining together once again during Christian Aid Week (11-17 May) to fundraise in all kinds of ways – from coffee mornings and craft stalls to collections at stations and supermarkets.

With seven days to make a difference, every gift, act and prayer counts.

Will you demonstrate the unstoppable power of hope and help fund vital tools and training, so farmers like Amelia can push back against the climate crisis and beat hunger?

- \* £6 could pay for the seed trays that kickstart a plant nursery at someone's home.
- \* £10 could pay for the pruning scissors that mean a farmer can care for their cacao trees.
- \* £20 could buy two pounds of climate resilient seeds that diversify a family's crop.

Find out more about the campaign at [www.caweeek.org](http://www.caweeek.org)



*Anne Garsed*

## READING AT RIBBLETON AVENUE METHODIST JUNIOR SCHOOL

At RAMJS, we LOVE reading and we believe it has the power to change the world of every child who joins our family. Our aspiration at RAMJS is ‘Brighter Futures for All’ and as Jim Roth said, “reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary”, which is why we have placed such importance on reading over the last 2 years.

As a school we have been blessed to link up with ‘The National Literacy Trust’ who, like us, share a huge passion for reading. Their recent statistics are alarming but, sadly, an accurate representation of the current generation of pupils starting at RAMJS.

### Key statistics in reading (2024 findings)

- Just **1 in 3 (34.6%)** children and young people aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading in 2024. This is the lowest level since we first asked the question in 2005.
- **Only 1 in 5 (20.5%)** children and young people aged 8 to 18 said that they read daily, again, the lowest levels since 2005.



### Key statistics in book ownership (2023 findings)

- In 2023, **1 in 12 (8.6%)** children and young people aged 5 to 18 said that they did not have a book of their own at home, while over 9 in 10 (91.4%) children and young people said that they did.
- **1 in 8 (12.4%)** 8- to 18-year-olds who received free school meals (FSMs) told us that they did not have a book of their own.

*\*more information on this data can be found here: [tinyurl.com/3wpdv3wa](https://tinyurl.com/3wpdv3wa)*

In order to gain our own picture of the current state of reading in school, we undertook our own questionnaires to establish what the picture looked like for reading from Y3 to Y6. The results of these reading questionnaire did cause some concerns – particularly in Lower Key Stage 2. As found in the national study, many children reported that they had never been read to at home and had virtually no access to books. Imagine being seven years old and never sitting with an adult and listening to the words in a book being brought to life as you imagine all the wonders the text hold. Not only that, but a child who starts school having been read to daily, enters their classroom with around 1.4 million more words than a child whose parent has never read to them.

So, what have we been doing at RAMJS to combat this huge divide and catch up the million-word gap that is keeping our least able readers from accessing the



future they deserve? Well, we looked inhouse to our passionate staff and governor readers who have helped to start a revolution.

Blessed with amazing staff such as, Mrs France and Mrs Child, we have set about on a mission to ensure that every child has access to a wide range of quality texts both in and out of school. They have brought to the forefront of the RAMJS team that Reading for Pleasure is viewed as a fundamental part of the development of our pupils and we are empowering a passion and love for books that will transform lives .

The RAMJS staff have made it their mission to inspire minds through literature, foster positive behaviour and develop key learning characteristics:

- being brave
- innovative
- and collaborative.

At RAMJS we want children to take ownership of their reading and so we focus on engaging the children with the enjoyment of books to capture their imagination both within and outside of school.



### **Our Reading for Pleasure developments has included:**

- Creation of a new library area with open access to all years.
  - Major expansion of reading stock within new library area and within in-class book corners. *A special note of thanks to the members of the Methodist Church who have donated books.*
  - Digital library system introduced in school.
  - Audit of all books in school to ensure the catalogue fully represents our diverse group.
- Subsequent purchase of books
- Whole school ‘Attitudes to Reading’ questionnaire conducted at start of year.
  - All children enrolled at the local library.
  - ‘Bookflix’ incentive scheme introduced and used in conjunction with our ‘Book Vending Machine’.
  - Book celebration days.
  - Reading clubs in school

### **So what have we been doing so far?**

Children in all years have access to the new school library area at all times, including break and lunchtime. The area is comfortable and inviting with book displays changed regularly (by both staff and



children). There is no allocated 'slot' for book exchange as all staff have access to the on-line library system and we would prefer not to dictate reading habits to the children. This has worked exceptionally well, and the very comfortable library area is nearly always occupied. Several children now see this area as their 'happy place'.

The Librosoft online library system was introduced in school and so began the mammoth task of cataloguing several thousands of books! Whilst being a somewhat arduous task, it did provide further opportunity to refamiliarize ourselves with our existing titles. Out-of-date titles were removed, and many new titles purchased to ensure our book stock is authentically inclusive. The library is now a better reflection of our children's lives but is, of course, an ever-evolving system and further titles will continue to be purchased throughout the year.

Perhaps our most significant upgrade to the library was gained via the 'National Literacy Trust/Puffin World of Stories Scheme'. We were delighted that our application for this fabulous scheme was approved and the children experienced the joy that only 600 new books arriving on the same day can bring! In addition to actual books, we were also able to take advantage of several author events and CPD for staff members.

All classes have their own book corners which were included in our full-school book audit. Areas found to be lacking were replenished with new titles. Books within classes are included in the library catalogue to encourage exchange between classes. Staff can now book titles out to children from these areas which further helps us to see children's reading habits/favourites. Cushions and blankets make these areas inviting to even the most reluctant of readers.

A 'Bookflix' incentive scheme runs in classrooms whereby children who

read a set number of high-quality books receive tokens which can be exchanged for a book for themselves from the vending machine. This has often been the child's first experience of book ownership.

Book Chat happens throughout the school year and includes the Fantastic Book Awards scheme for Year 6. Children in each year group get time to discuss their book choices, likes and dislikes. This has been particularly successful in that the children express these opinions to others in their class. In May last year, we took a group of children to the FBA awards ceremony at UCLAN – a fabulous opportunity for them to chat to their favourite authors which we hope to repeat this year.



In addition to celebrating all things books on ‘World Book Day’, for the last two years we have also marked ‘National Empathy Day’ with activities that encourage children to see the link between reading and understanding other people better.

Our 2024 ‘World Book Day’ celebrations were a huge success. In the past, a good number of WBD vouchers given to children remain unused. To avoid this happening last year, we selected our titles in advance and worked with WH Smith to get the actual books into school. It was a lovely (if hectic!) day where each child was able to visit the RAMJS ‘pop-up shop’ to choose a book and other book-related gifts. Knowing that not a single voucher went to waste was gratifying. Books have been ordered again for this year’s event and we expect they will be as well-received as last year. Children can come to school in fancy dress or PJs and activities throughout the day focus on online author events and ‘getting comfortable’ with a book.

A whole school RFP Reading Spine has recently been introduced into school and classes have already started to read their recommended titles. The spine ensures that books read to children - from short picture books to archaic texts - offer both a varied reading experience and an appropriate complexity of language and subject matter.

A library of books is available to all staff in the staffroom and all adults are encouraged to make their reading very visible to the children to communicate a “reading teacher” message throughout the school.

### **Going forward we still have plenty of work ahead of us, including:**

Ensuring our book resources remain full of rich and varied titles for the school library and classroom book corners with special focus on texts that represent the diversity of the children. We continue to purchase new books and have been lucky enough to receive several donations of books this year which have allowed us to replenish classroom reading areas.

Look for ways to increase parental engagement by hosting book mornings/support with reading sessions within school that allow parents to indulge in their own book chat. We can also take the opportunity to answer any book-related questions and distribute reading advice material. *\* This may be an area that the Methodist community feel they could support school with.*





We aim to make ‘Story Time’ and ‘informal book chat’ even more of a priority within all years.

To continue to encourage children to be experimental and brave in their

reading choices - to take a chance on a different author or genre. We plan to introduce ‘Reading Lucky Dips/Blind Dates’ to nudge children out of their comfort zones.

The ‘Reading for Pleasure’ revolution is well underway at RAMJS, and we would always welcome volunteers who could spare a few hours a week to help listen to readers across school. Not only is this a rewarding experience, but it really could also help to transform a young person’s life. If this is something you may be interested in, our governors Sue Penrith and Ruth Millward-

Hopkins are both volunteers in school and could give you a better insight into the role.

*from Amanda France and senior staff. (RAMJS)*



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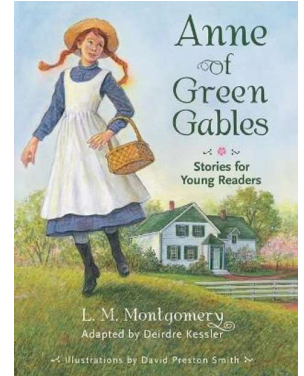
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## Stuart Black

## BOOK CLUB

It is time for an update from the Book Club. We now meet monthly, on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm in the Cedar Room. We always welcome new members and try to give them first choice of the excellent biscuits and buns which we provide. Literary tastes are wide-ranging too and we always try to make sure everyone who wishes can contribute as they wish or just listen to us having fun talking about books and the world in general.

Sometimes we come prepared (or otherwise) to discuss one book frequently as a gateway to a wider discussion about our own reading experiences. A recent example of this was in March when we discussed our own childhood reading having read again and discussed L.M. Montgomery's book 'Anne of Green Gables'. Two people came to our meeting who had visited her home land of Prince Edward Island and they had much to tell us and remember.



Sometimes too we have an open-ended session where people come along to recommend their favourite book for a certain setting – their favourite holiday book for example. I wonder what you would choose. In April, just before you read this, we will have a session on the delights and otherwise of reading 'big books' – not always easy in bed or if your memory allows characters to escape. What is the longest book you have read?

We now have a Club group on the Church WhatsApp site which allows us to pass on helpful and sometimes mischievous messages. Recently we have used it to combine activities in previous meetings which have concentrated on a splendid book set in the Met Art Gallery in New York (but about much more than art) and a session we had on poetry. The challenge was could we create a limerick in which the first letter of each line made up the name of an artist? Some weird and wonderful suggestions emerged, such as,

*Birdwatchers from all round Preston  
Look to the skies with affection  
As parrots fly round,  
Keeping feet off the ground  
Each little green bird is perfection*



Perhaps this next offering was the most inventive of the lot even if the rules of the limerick have been totally ignored.

*Hooray for the Poet of Preston  
Obsessed with meter and scansion  
Much praised for his epic,  
Elegy, free verse and epic,  
Roundly he refused to be constrained by the length of the  
limerick's last line, never mind which word to put the stress on.*

Both the poet and the subject of this final limerick will remain anonymous. No prizes for guessing though and since when was Homer an artist?

Do join us!!

*Ken Wales*

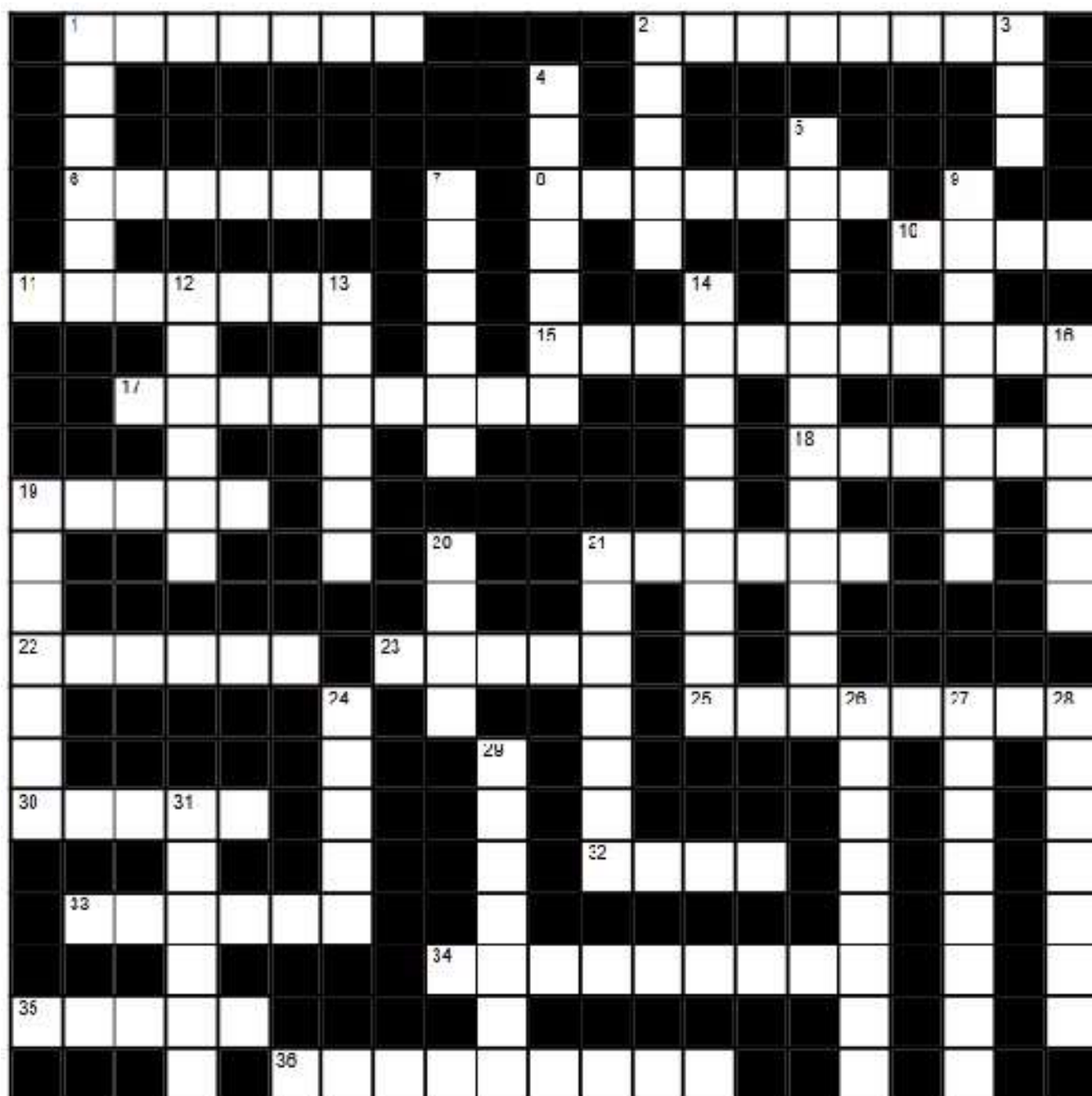
## CROSSWORD EASTER 2025

This time our word puzzle is offered as a seasonal gift and especially so if you are an anagram-lover.

The solutions are all connected in some way with the current time of the year and they all naturally fall into one of three groups. In the clues, each group is clearly defined and referred to as belonging to one of these Themes - (T1, T2 & T3) and the clue is then presented as an alphabetical row of letters which you then need to resolve as the solution itself – anagrams in other words!

However, to assist you three of the clues are presented as straightforward crossword clues which will lead you to the identity of T1, T2 and T3.

A bit different from the usual crossword format, but we hope you enjoy solving the puzzle - with a nice cup of coffee or tea perhaps, and hopefully the sun will shine.





| Across  | Down  |
|---|---|
| 1 - T2: AELMOPY (7)   | 1 - T1: ADUMNY (6)  |
| 2 - T1: ABEEENRT (8)  | 2 - T2: ILPTU (5)   |
| 6 - T3; Gnat? Urethra? You will find it in them and in many other places. (6) | 3 - T3: EGG (yes, really) (3)   |
| 8 - T2: CCEIKRT (7)   | 4 - T3: CCIINPS (7)   |
| 10 - T1: ELOV (4)   | 5 - T1: CEEINORRRSTU (12)   |
| 11 - T2: CCGILNY (7)  | 7 - T2: EINNST (6)  |
| 15 - T3: CDEINORSTUY (11)   | 12 - T3; AEELVS (6)   |
| 17 - T3: ADDFFILOS (9)  | 13 - T3; GHORTW (6)   |
| 18 - T1: AEMMSU (6)   | 14 - T3: DNOOPRSSW (9)  |
| 19 - T1: EEPRT (5)  | 16 - T1: AEERST (6)   |
| 21 - T3: AHMRTW (6)   | 19 - T1: A long-standing word describing the experience and the offering of Christ in the Passover week in Jerusalem. Pass it on - but not quite all of it. (7) |
| 22 - T3: GINPRS (6)   | 20 - T1: AMRY (4)   |
| 23 - T1:: AILRT (5)   | 21 - T2: AGILKNW (7)  |
| 25 - T3: EHINNSSU (8)   | 24 - T3: BBLSU (5)  |
| 30 - T3: ENSST (5)  | 26 - T3: GHILNSTU (8)   |
| 32 - T2: FGLO (4)   | 27 - T2: ACCEEIMR (8)   |
| 33 - T3: CDLOSU (6)   | 28 - T3: EINOQUX (7)  |
| 34 - T2: ADEGGINNRR (9)   | 29 - T1: AACLRVY (7)  |
| 35 - T3: ABELT (5)  | 31 - T1; AHMOST (6)   |
| 36 - T2: When Joy mentioned it hidden pleasure was seen. (9)                  |   |

***Ken Wales***

Solution on page 30

### **Some notes and admissions.**

- 1) Some of the clues associated with T1 go beyond the precise period defined in the solution 19 Down. You will need to be generous to the setter and swiftly get the idea.
- 2) Some solutions have a currency at other times of the year.
- 3) Not everyone will regard all the T2 words as being strictly applicable to the solution, some will - so again be generous.
- 4) A Blessed Easter to all our solvers.

## A FARRAGO

Not much to report this time: Church magazines and newsheets have come from two places: St Michael's, Hoole and from Pilling Methodist Church (where it was a real treat to find that Christmastime Carol Singing was still a part of village life).

Remember the Puritans, the English Civil Wars and such? H.L. Mencken's definition of a Puritan was: "Someone who is haunted by the fear that someone, somewhere, might be happy."

Remember the Shakers? They were among the first conscientious objectors in America. During the American Civil War, the North issued an order drafting all men between 20 and 45 years of age.

***We also regularly receive*** a copy of the magazine from our twinned Evangelische-methodistische Kirche in Recklinghausen, Germany. This is available, translated into English, on our website via a link on the front page.  
***www.fulwoodmethodist.org.uk***



Pilling Methodist Church (*Street view*)

***Roy Smith***

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It's the hand we clasp with an honest grasp  
That gives a hearty thrill.  
It's the good we pour into other's lives  
That comes back our own to fill.  
It's the dregs we drain from another's cup  
That makes our own seem sweet.  
And the hours we give to another's needs  
That makes our life complete.  
It's the burdens we help another bear  
That makes our own seem light.  
It's the dangers seen for another's feet  
That show us the path to right.  
It's the good we do each passing day  
With a heart sincere and true.  
In giving the world your very best  
It's best will return to you.

***(Author unknown)***

## DAVID HOCKNEY

Recently, a retrospective opened in Paris to celebrate the lifelong work of the artist David Hockney. He is regarded now by many as the most important artist of the twentieth century after Pablo Picasso. In his 88th year he still works, albeit from a wheelchair. The retrospective occupies the whole of a hugely prestigious gallery, with paintings which have their home in all parts of the world.

At the entrance to the exhibition will be a huge handwritten message, presented in Hockney's script and with his. Characteristic colours to the effect 'Do Remember, they cannot cancel spring'.

**May we live our lives sure in the knowledge, in these troubled days, remembering that 'They cannot cancel the resurrection'.**



*David Hockney*  
Wikimedia Commons

*Ken Wales*

**NOTE** - Much of David Hockney's work can be seen at Salts Mill in Saltaire, near Keighley. It is not very far from Preston and well worth a visit, even to see the rest of the mill complex and the pleasant area around.

# DO YOU NEED A VENUE?

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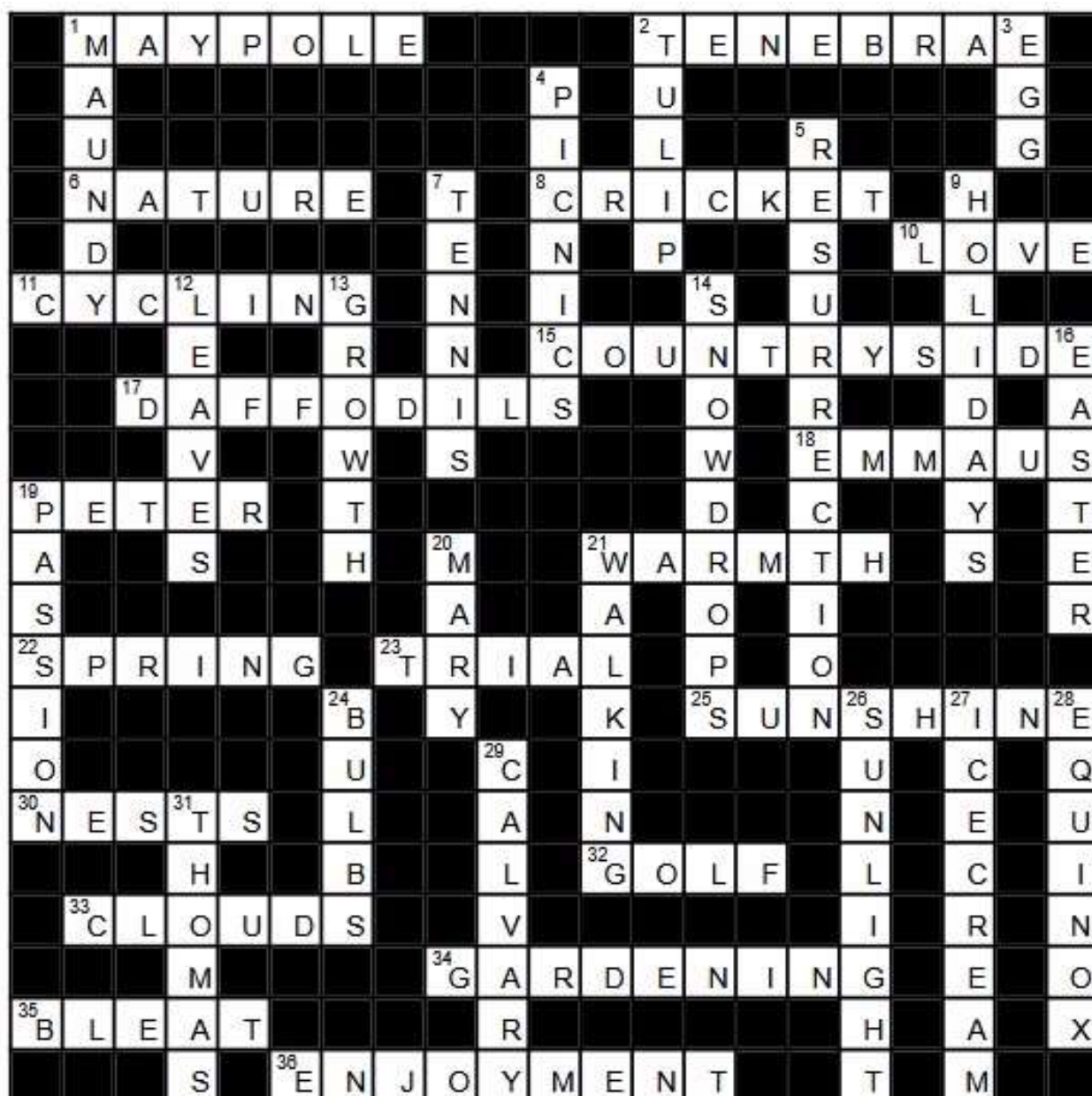
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## CROSSWORD SOLUTION



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We would welcome your feedback on the contents of our Church magazine. We work very hard to produce 4 editions each year. But what do you think when you read it? Are you pleased with it? What sort of items would you like to see in future editions? How can we broaden the range of people who write regularly or on occasions? Might you be prepared to offer an item or two?

And what do you think should really be the purpose of our magazine? Is the magazine to entertain us, the Church community, or could we find ways of making it a way of witnessing further afield?

Any general feedback which you the reader could provide (your occasional comments are always welcome!) would be appreciated - pass them on to Jane, Sonia, Roy Smith, John Butterworth or Ken Wales, in whatever way is convenient, or send an email to [fmc magazine@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fmc magazine@yahoo.co.uk). Do let us know if you enjoy the puzzles, for instance, what else would you like to see.

## SEASONAL CUSTOMS

The Shrovetide and Easter period was – and still is – a busy time for traditional customs and dances, especially so here in the North West of England. I think we've covered most of them in previous issues of the magazine so let's look forward to what follows.

Having begun in 1864, the first Saturday in May still sees the Knutsford Royal May Day taking place. It added 'Royal' to its title following a visit to the event in 1887 by the then Prince & Princess of Wales (later King Edward VII & Queen Adelaide). The Godley Hill Morris Dancers from Hyde (who regularly featured at the event) also took the opportunity to add 'Royal' to their title!



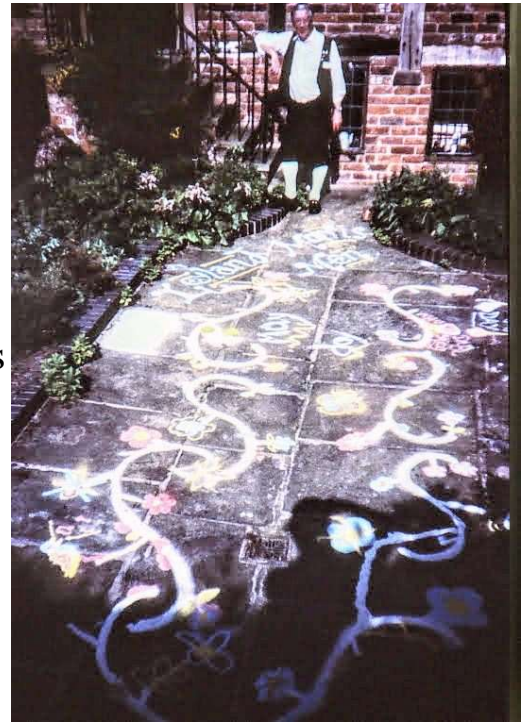
One of the unique customs of the Festival is that of 'sanding'. Mottoes and fancy patterns in sand of bright colours appear outside the homes of the May Queen and the Crown Bearer, as well as at various other places around the town. Should you wish to see them in all their glory, then you

need to be there early. Passing feet and rain can quickly obliterate them. Otherwise, visit the Heritage Centre where you can have a go yourself at making the patterns.

It's said that the origin of this custom dates back to 1017, when King Canute (Knut) passed this way. Having forded the local river, he is supposed to have sat down to shake the sand from his shoes. A bridal party happened to be passing by, whereupon he made a pattern in front of them with some of the sand, wishing them joy and as many children as there were grains of sand!!

Is it true? Well, who knows – but it's a good story and the locals keep it alive!

[As often happens, the sanding has been carried out for many years by members of the same family.]



*Roy Smith*



## LIMERICKS

*So, what do you know about Limericks? Elsewhere in this magazine, we report that the Book Club having been amusing themselves (if nobody else) following sessions they have held where they have thought about first poetry and then on another occasion a book set in the art world.*

*So they asked whether they might be able to offer a limerick (a form of poetry) with two possible additions. First, could they write it so that the first letter of each line named an artist (the first limerick below is an example only) and could they work in the word 'Preston'?*

*Here are some of the more printable entries – even though one or two of those might not have met the standards set by early editors of this magazine.*

Each is offered anonymously, to protect the guilty.

Shucks! It's always wet in Preston,  
Manchester is worse no question,  
I'll give you my view  
Though its up to you,  
Head east, but do keep your vest on.



During modern art classes in Preston,  
E' saw a lass with a chest on,  
Given time on his own  
And a big lump of stone,  
Sculpted Venus - with a vest on.

Lord, Preston is not what it seems,  
Our city inspires crazy dreams,  
We'll boycott the pub,  
Read books at our Club,  
Yet manage to realise our dream.



Friends in the City of Preston,  
Ready to give their opinion,  
Each with their own past,  
Usually show tact,  
Deep humour and sometimes wisdom.

Motorways leading from Preston  
Are known for their bad congestion.  
Now don't get too mad,  
Ease off just a tad,  
Tailgating - out of the question.





Costa! Preston drowns in coffee!  
 On every corner, look and see,  
 Stores bearing this name!  
 Though much to our shame,  
 An artist's name we fail to see.



Most Preston folk, that's my hunch,  
 Understand the artist called Munch.  
 Neglected The Scream,  
 Conceived in his dream -  
 He needed to finish his lunch.

*The question is – could you do any better? Printable offerings will be welcomed for our next edition.*

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*edited by Ken Wales*

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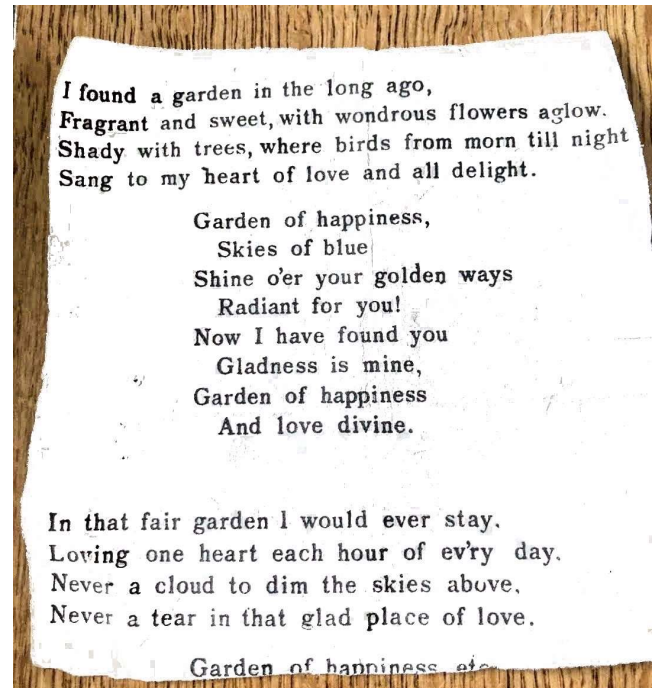
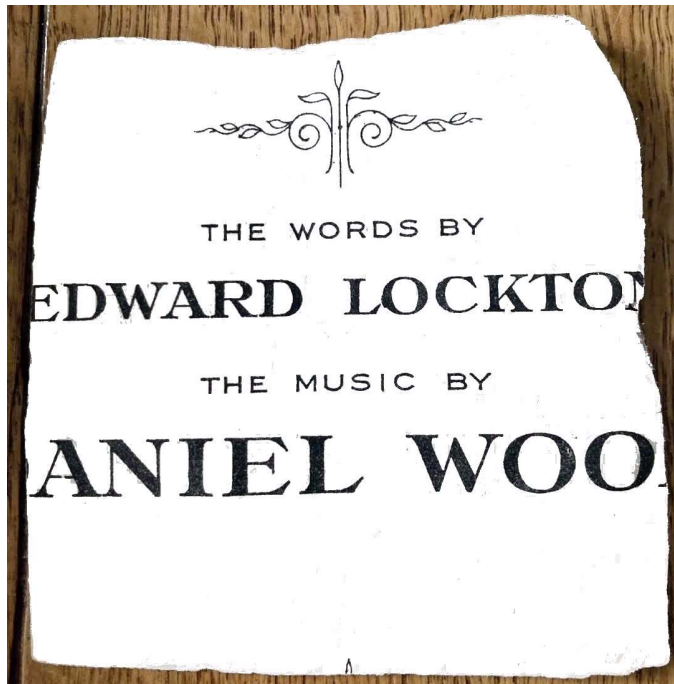
Those of us who watch the Sunday morning service by Zoom would like to thank Mike Ellis and all the various computer operators for their work. It is much appreciated, even though there are occasional times when we lose contact.

*Ann Done*

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## GARDEN OF HAPPINESS

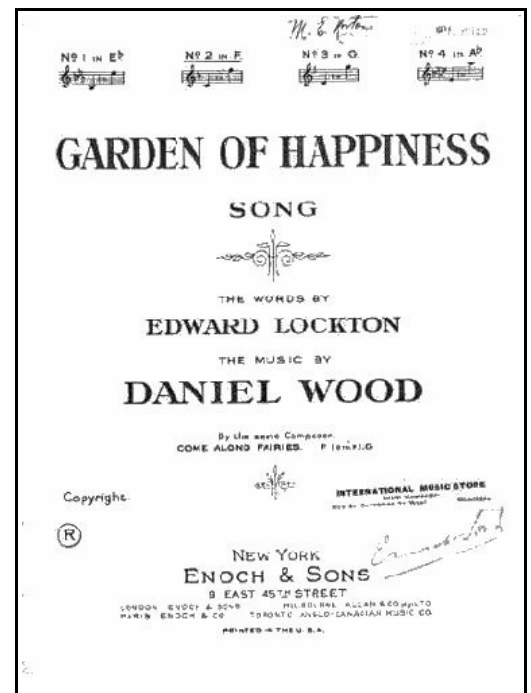
*The item, below, was submitted by Veronica Frost. She found a cutting whilst sorting through family photos. Don't know any more, but the words are nice.*



I found a garden in the long ago,  
Fragrant and sweet, with wondrous flowers aglow.  
Shady with trees, where birds from morn till night  
Sang to my heart of love and all delight.

Garden of happiness,  
Skies of blue Shine o'er your golden ways  
Radiant for you!  
Now I have found you  
Gladness is mine,  
Garden of happiness  
And love divine.

In that fair garden  
I would ever stay.  
Loving one heart each hour of ev'ry day.  
Never a cloud to dim the skies above.  
Never a tear in that glad place of love.



*Edward Lockton*

*This item is also on the web version of the magazine with all the music score set by Daniel Wood.*

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### Sunday

|          |  |               |
|----------|--|---------------|
| 10.30 am | Sunday Club  | Janet Wales   |
| 12.30 pm | The Sunday Group (2nd Sun of month for years 5 to 8/9) | Darren Arnold |

### Tuesday

|             |   |                 |
|-------------|---|-----------------|
| 10.00 am    | AM Club - (fortnightly)                 | Dave Topping    |
| 2.00 pm     | 'Friends at Fulwood' (fortnightly)      | Edna Armstrong  |
| 5 - 7.00 pm | Messy Church (half-termly) for families | Delma Whitman   |
| 7.00 pm     | Bible Fellowship (monthly)              | Margaret Holmes |
| 7.00 pm     | Book Club (monthly - usually Tuesday)   | Ken Wales       |

### Wednesday

|               |   |               |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| 10 till 12.30 | Welcome Wednesday - food, activities, games and New2U stall |               |
| 10.30 am      | Midweek Communion with prayers                              |               |
| 7.30 /8 pm    | WoW (monthly Women's Group)                                 | Wendy Gaskell |
| 7.00 pm       | Community Choir   | Dave Topping  |

### Thursday

|         |                |                |
|---------|----------------|----------------|
| 2.30 pm | Knitting Group | Veronica Frost |
|---------|----------------|----------------|

### Friday

|         |  |              |
|---------|--|--------------|
| 9.30 am | Toddlers' Club (under 5s & parents/carers) | Janet Porter |
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### Saturday

|              |                                 |               |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 10.30 - noon | Who Let The Dads Out? (monthly) | Darren Arnold |
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## FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

### Monday

|         |                      |                  |
|---------|----------------------|------------------|
| 5.45 pm | Beavers (6 - 8 yr)   | Fiona Jackson    |
| 7.00 pm | Cubs (8 - 10½ yr)    | Dave Killingback |
| 4.45 pm | Squirrels (4 - 5 yr) | Ketran Eastham   |

### Tuesday

|         |                      |              |
|---------|----------------------|--------------|
| 7.00 pm | Scouts (10½ - 14 yr) | Chris Thomas |
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### Thursday

|         |                      |              |
|---------|----------------------|--------------|
| 5.45 pm | Rainbows (5 - 7 yr)  | Jayne Myatt  |
| 6.15 pm | Brownies (7 - 10 yr) | Diane Bird   |
| 7.30 pm | Guides (10 - 14 yr)  | Hannah Jones |

### Friday

|         |                   |                          |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 6.30 pm | Escape (7- 11 yr) | Darren Arnold            |
| 8.00 pm | Youth Club        | Darren Arnold            |
|         |                   | (not meeting at present) |



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