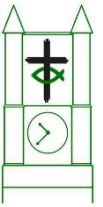


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View From Number 10



You have an anointing!

The Apostle John writes in his first letter to those in the early church who needed some guidance and encouragement as they went through troubled and uncertain times. They needed to keep their eyes on Jesus so as not to be knocked off the true path of life.

In chapter 2, he addresses these children in the faith about this “last hour” that they are in. He speaks of the hostile opposition to the faith and about those who deny that Jesus was truly the Messiah and of the spirit of the antichrist already at work in the world (see 4:3). Today, we live in a world of fake news, AI and air-brushed images; it’s often hard to know quite where the truth lies.

John reminds these believers in Jesus that they have “*an anointing from the Holy One*” (v20) and so are well equipped to separate truth from lies. This gift of God is, after all, the Spirit of truth who will guide them into all the truth, as Jesus had taught in John 16:13.

Jesus was a man full of the Holy Spirit, and he ministered in the Spirit’s power from the time of his baptism. He was God’s Anointed – this is the meaning of the Hebrew word Messiah (Christ in the Greek). As he began his work, he took the words of Isaiah 61 and applied them to himself, as we read in Luke 4:18 – “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me...*”

As his short time of ministry came to an end, he commissioned his disciples to continue the work and promised that they would receive power to be his witnesses. This anointing from on high came on The Day of Pentecost – the Holy Spirit filled them and set them off to serve as his ambassadors in the world taking the Good News of his kingdom life to the ends of the earth.



Those in the early church soon came up against opposition and people who had other doctrinal ideas, so they

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needed great wisdom. Jesus declared in John 8 - *“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* (31-32). They were soon blessed to have the Spirit within them, and we who follow Jesus today benefit from this same anointing. He gives us all we need to navigate through the choppy seas of modern-day living amidst all the diverse ideologies.

John urges us – *“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”* (1 John 4:1).

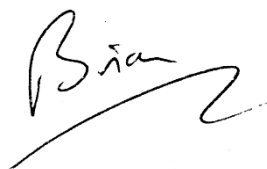
One of the gifts of the Spirit is that of discernment. We all possess a degree of common sense, but sometimes we need deeper insight in order to see things clearly and to differentiate between good and evil. The devil masquerades as an angel of light (2 Cor 11:14) and his false prophets appear like harmless sheep but below the surface are in fact ferocious wolves. We'll soon know by their fruit or lack of it (Matt 7:15-20). The Spirit will help us keep safe and to hold to what is true.

Some may have a special gift of discernment but all of us who are in Christ have on-board resources to help us know the truth – the anointing from the Holy One. This equipping from the Holy Spirit is the real deal; Jesus' living presence with us every day granting us clarity of mind and peace within – not like those counterfeit spirits spreading confusion and fear and leading folk astray (2:27).

So, let's keep watchful and alert so we don't get hoodwinked or knocked off course; let's keep rooted in Jesus and know that he is right with us, by his Spirit, helping us along.

With every blessing for the onward journey,

Grace and peace,



Prayer



Prayer - always at the heart of our life

Monday Prayer at 13:00 – a weekly meeting in church. This is especially to pray about our priorities for us as God’s people going forward and seeking kingdom growth.

Tuesday Prayer at 19:30 - Continues each week via Zoom using the same account as for other activities and groups:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3242665584?pwd=ZTlXZzBLWnkrWTNB.Y2JBK1o0K2ZXdz09> or use the Zoom app and click on ‘Join a meeting’. The Meeting ID you will need is 324 266 5584, and the Password is: 936536.

Text Prayer Network - If you have an urgent and important issue that needs immediate cover, please text Lou on **07514 766798** (or, as a back-up - Jean Cunningham on: 07854 324809) with your prayer request and she will mobilise a team of intercessors by forwarding the message to the group. Each of the team will pray and then delete the message.

If you'd like to be added to this network, please get in touch with Lou and she will brief you on the protocols.

Pray for The Bay Grace Mckenzie from Christ Church hosts this gathering, normally on the first Thursday of each month, at her home in Lake at 14:00. Ask Brian or Lou for details if you are interested in going along. **Next meeting: 2nd July**

Praise, Prayer and Share

– **Saturday 29 August from 11:00**

A time to meet and praise God together and to seek him in prayer combined with a **Bring-and-Share Lunch** around 12.30

Save the date and try to get along as we begin to prepare for the new term of activity. *“I will sing the LORD’s praise, for he has been good to me”* Psalm 13:6

SURC July Prayer Diary

We have again included a prayer diary for you to use daily, covering a wide range of topics to be prayed for as the Spirit leads you.

Wed 1	The Well - volunteers, regulars and visitors	Thu 16	Church tech team - and for the tech used
Thu 2	The prayer life of the church	Fri 17	The Church Property Team
Fri 3	Those who aren't well enough to get to church	Sat 18	Churches on the IoW spreading God's Word
Sat 4	Home groups	Sun 19	CARE
Sun 5	Today's Communion service	Mon 20	The NHS; staff, patients and services
Mon 6	Churches in The Bay	Tue 21	Persecuted Church
Tue 7	Those affected by violence and conflicts around the world	Wed 22	Organisations supporting the Persecuted Church
Wed 8	Christian youth work in The Bay	Thu 23	Local schools and for outreach to them
Thu 9	Shanklin Town Council and Isle of Wight Council	Fri 24	Text prayer network, & Lou who organises it
Fri 10	UK Government	Sat 25	Safety of children
Sat 11	European Union	Sun 26	The RNLI
Sun 12	United Nations	Mon 27	Our minister, Brian
Mon 13	World peace	Tue 28	IoW Youth for Christ
Tue 14	Bible Bite	Wed 29	Care homes on IoW
Wed 15	The Evangelical Alliance	Thu 30	Our Church Elders
		Fri 31	Open Doors UK and for the work they do

Save the date

**Sunday 13th September
at 17:00**

*Venue to be confirmed –
Newport area*

The five congregations that support the Island CAP project will gather together to celebrate how things have been progressing and to commission the two new workers – Val Taylor and Rhoda MacLeod.



Do please come and share in this special service if you can – refreshments will follow.

Look out for final details and please offer lifts if you can.

Connection Quiz

1. Who was friends with Mole, Ratty and Toad in Kenneth Grahame's '*The Wind in the Willows*'?
2. Which English king was known as 'the Lionheart'?
3. What Asian country gained independence from UK in 1947?
4. Which English monarch was succeeded by George I?
5. Which English Premier League football club are known as 'The Magpies'?
6. So, what is the **connection** between the answers to questions 1 - 5?
7. And bonus question... the cover photo was taken on the Island, but do you know where it is?



Answers are on page 43

Seafarers Mission

Sylvia is going to give knitted hats, scarves, gloves and blankets to Peter Wells again at the Seafarers Mission in October/November in time for Christmas. Any contributions you can make for them would be most welcomed.

The seafarers are away from home for many months and often they are poorly paid and don't get a chance to go off the ships.

They are also in need of toiletries, e.g. toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, washbags, etc..

They are grateful for anything we can give to them.

Many of them are Christians and Peter gives Bibles and he speaks to them about the Lord.

For more information you can see Sylvia in church or may call her on 862942.

Bible Society - Romans Course

Our Home Group recently completed the revised Bible Course, since none of us had been able to attend when it was run at the church last year. We all thought it was very good and decided that we would try out their Romans Course.

So far, we have only completed the first two sessions, and it is definitely living up to our expectations. Andrew Ollerton explains Paul's sometimes convoluted and legalistic writing in a way that explains its immediate impact in the society of the time and then goes on to show how it is still relevant to us today. The ten sessions start with Paul's explanation of the Gospel, then progress through Sin and Salvation to Peace, Freedom and Hope, finally arriving at Community and Mission, and how we can be ambitious with the gospel.

From what we have seen so far, I would recommend to the Elders that they consider running this course at the church after the summer.

Bill C

The Well

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Living Well

Together

Drop in at any point

Wednesdays 11:00 – 12:30

A safe place for friendship, a chat,
support and refreshments



And sausage rolls!



ENCOUNTER

On the last Sunday of each month at 10:30

**A café style meeting place to drop in and enjoy
time together with God**



**A relaxed time of Friendship, Fun, Food
and exploring Faith...
with craft, songs, challenges, prayers...**

EVERYONE is welcome – why not bring a friend?

**The next café service will be on 26th July – do
please invite friends to join you for this more
informal service**

– café serving from 10.15

Website of the month:

www.embracingage.org.uk/

***Embracing Age is a Christian charity working towards a world
where older people are valued, connected and full of hope***

The Rise and Shine Breakfast Ministry

Every Monday and Tuesday morning, from the 6th of July, we will be opening our doors and transforming the church into a sanctuary of compassion and safety. A dedicated team, spearheaded by Steve, is stepping directly into the gap of our local homelessness and addiction crisis - equipped not with lectures or complex programs, but with a warm, welcoming space and a simple breakfast.

Our newly launched "Rise and Shine" initiative aims to meet people exactly where they are by opening the church doors to those experiencing homelessness, trauma and substance dependency. By providing a safe, predictable environment to enjoy a morning meal, we will be doing more than filling stomachs; we are hoping to build vital human connections with a population that often feels entirely invisible.

We aren't here to judge or enforce rigid rules. Those who walk through our doors will be fighting incredibly heavy battles with addiction, trauma and homelessness. A warm smile and a reliable meal in a safe space can be the tiny spark that reminds someone they matter.

How You Can Help (Without Leaving Your Kitchen)

The initiative has gained a lot of attention, but keeping the tables set requires a steady supply chain. We want to emphasize that currently, **there is no need for extra volunteers to host or serve the meals.** Due to safety protocols and the specific training required for on-site hospitality, our team is already fully staffed. We may need help down the line as the ministry expands and will keep you posted.

Instead, the lifeblood of this entire operation relies on one specific, vital contribution: **the food itself.**

We are appealing to our church family and wider community, to help supply the component parts of these breakfasts. By donating specific, ready-to-eat breakfast items, you can directly fuel this mission from the comfort of your own home.

The Breakfast Wish List

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Because we will be focusing on quick-turnaround, easily portioned morning meals, the initiative relies strictly on individual, easily accessible items.

We are currently seeking donations of:

- **Juice Boxes & Bottled Water:** Crucial for hydration and easy to hand out.
- **Soft Granola Bars & Breakfast Bakes:** Soft textures are highly preferred, as many individuals face dental issues.
- **Fruit Cups & Pouches:** Peel-back lids or squeeze pouches only (no cans requiring tools).
- **Individual Servings of Porridge or Cereal Bars:** Quick, dense energy sources to start the day.
- **Bread and bread rolls.**
- **Sausages and bacon.**
- **Anything else you think might be useful.**

Donations can be dropped off at the URC on Wednesday mornings from 11:00 to 12:30, or on Sunday mornings before the service. Please place dried goods in our clearly marked collection box, which will be placed near the table trolley. If you are donating fresh food from our wish list, please make sure these are handed to one of the team for correct storage.

In the future, we are hoping to be able to make up simple food parcels that can be given away.

We have also had enthusiastic commitments from our local charity shops and other organisations, to support us with much needed practical items such as sleeping bags, clothing and more. These will be free to those needing them, on presentation of a card from us.

It takes very little to make a massive difference. A single box of juice or a pack of breakfast bars from your weekly grocery shop, directly translates into a morning of dignity and sustenance inside a safe haven. You provide the food; Shanklin URC will open the doors.

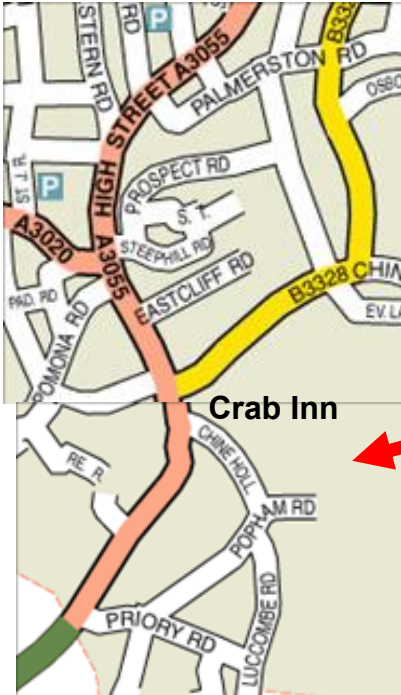
Finally, the team would very much appreciate your prayers as we prepare to launch this much needed ministry in our local community.

With thanks, Steve, Sheilagh and Baz.

CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER IN THE BAY

warmly invite you to join us for

Worship in the Open Air



Each Sunday

at 19:00

in Rylstone Gardens

(turn left just past the Old Village)

**An informal service for everyone led
from the bandstand by local Churches**

Each Sunday until 30th August



FREEDOM IN CHRIST

“So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.” (Galatians 4:7)

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1)

Our Security (Part 1)

As Christians, we often find ourselves reverting to a “worldly” mindset ~ after all, that is what we were born with! As we have seen, Satan is always trying to make us take this view. However, our security is not in temporal things but in those which are eternal. We are to focus our lives on who we are in Christ, that is, to focus on our **Spiritual Identity** ~ so we must **Reprogramme** our worldly mindset. Here is what Neil Anderson has to say about this...

Our Spiritual Identity

As you consider the importance of your spiritual identity and the spiritual identity of your family & friends, meditate on these five passages:

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.” (Romans 8:16&17)

“So, in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” (Galatians 3:26&27)

“Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father.’ So, you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.” (Galatians 4:6&7)

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:9&10)

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,^[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.” (1 John 3:1-3)

Let us find out who we are as children of God and help our families & friends to establish the same eternal relationship by discovering their identity in Christ.

Lord, continue to show me who I am in Christ that I may encourage others in their relationship with You.

Reprogramming Our Minds

Since we came into this world physically alive but spiritually dead, we had neither the presence of God in our lives nor the knowledge of His will. Our minds were programmed to live independently of Him. We were mentally conformed to this world.

When we became Christians, nobody pushed the CLEAR button in our pre-programmed minds. Even as Christians, we can still allow our minds to be programmed by the world. So, what must we do?

First: ***“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1)***

How do you renew your mind? By filling it with God's Word!

Second: ***“Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.” (1 Peter 1:13)***

Peter directs us to prepare our minds for action. Do away with fruitless fantasy. To imagine yourself doing things without ever doing anything is dangerous. But if you can mentally prepare yourself in advance to

obey the truth, you can motivate yourself toward productive living - as long as you follow through by doing what you imagine.

Third: ***“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”*** (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Practice threshold thinking. Evaluate every thought by the truth, and don't let your mind entertain thoughts contrary to the will of God.

Fourth: ***“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*** (Philippians 4:6&7)

When your commitment to do the will of God is being challenged by thoughts from the world, the flesh, or the devil, turn to God, come to Him in prayer. By doing so, you are acknowledging God and exposing your thoughts to His truth. Your doublemindedness will dissolve, and your hearts & minds will be guarded in Christ Jesus.

Fifth: ***“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”*** (Philippians 4:8)

Assume your responsibility to think!

Lord, I commit myself to practice these steps daily in order to bring my mind under Your control.

Neil Anderson

Freedom in Christ Ministries

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We need help in doing these things, but we are not alone; the **Spirit of Truth** will guide us. Leading us to know that our **Security is in Eternity** ~ we will look at these next month.

Robin

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Gone Missing!

What a lovely occasion it was recently for dear June's 90th – a wonderful milestone! – and then to have a 'Bring-and-Share' lunch after worshipping together.

A lot of trouble had gone into people bringing a variety of delicious dishes, all of it being overseen by our amazing catering team.

A salad always seems to go down well, so that was one of our offerings... washed and put in one of our favourite Tupperware bowls – burnt orange in colour, with a ribbed lid that seals it. I'm sure you might be asking what am I going on about!!

Well, at the end of the morning, when everything had been cleared away, there was the bowl washed and ready to be reclaimed, but no lid in sight!! In spite of several helpful church family searching 'high and lo', no lid was to be found. Had it by mistake been thrown away – or taken by someone in error!

In the scheme of things, it is not important, but if anyone has any clues as to its whereabouts, we should love to hear from you – or perhaps it might suddenly come to light at church!

In the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 15, Jesus spoke three parables about lostness, verses 1-7, of the lost sheep, verses 8-10, the lost coin, and verses 11-32, the lost son. All of these were pointing to the joy in heaven over just one sinner who repents.

The woman with ten silver coins, having found she had lost one, set about diligently to sweep her house until it was found. This would have been so important to her, as this was her security. When she found the coin, she called her friends and neighbours together saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost."

These parables illustrated to the crowds listening to Jesus the preciousness of the one lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son, and how precious each individual is to the Lord and worth searching for.

Our Tupperware lid – if it comes to light, great, but the most important thing for us all is to know that we have been found by our dear Lord and are now part of His Kingdom – that is the greatest joy of all!

Blessings in Jesus' Name, the Good Shepherd who is always looking out for us lost sheep and bringing us home. Jane H

God With Us: Thy Kingdom Come 2026 Reprise

Last time we looked at **The Spirit of Promise** from both the TKC Novena (by Archbishop Sarah Mullally) and Prayer Journal (by Rev Canon Chris Russell). Now we turn to ...

The Spirit Broods over Creation

Genesis 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.

⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light ‘day,’ and the darkness he called ‘night’. And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day.

Imagine, in your mind’s eye, the most profound darkness.

A darkness which is not just untouched by light, but one where light has never even existed.

But even in that darkness – the most complete that could ever, or has ever, existed, when things literally could not get any darker – there was hope. The Spirit was present, hovering over the waters.

God works through us – His Spirit can be felt through us – and He calls on us to be present with all those who find themselves in darkness.

As Isaiah proclaimed, ***‘the Spirit of the Lord has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to comfort those who mourn, and to release the prisoners from darkness.’*** (Isaiah 61:1-2)

The Holy Spirit is the difference. Bringing the energy and pulse of life and the light. It is the Holy Spirit who makes the word effective.

When we pray ‘Come Holy Spirit’ over the lives of those we know, we are invoking the presence of the one who brought the world into being out of nothing. It’s that big. Let us pray that, if anyone we know finds themselves in darkness, we may be present with them through it, sharing the presence of the Holy Spirit.

‘Eternal God, eternal Trinity, You are a mystery as deep as the sea; the more I search, the more I find, and the more I find the more I search for You. But I can never be satisfied; what I receive will ever leave me desiring more.

When You fill my soul, I have an ever-greater hunger, and I grow more famished for Your light. I desire above all to see You, the true light, as You really are.

Amen.’

[St Catherine of Siena 1347-80]

Father, prompt us to be aware of those around us who need a touch of Your Spirit. To be ever watchful of the needs of others and always be ready to respond in love.

Robin

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The ex-footballer braving persecution in Mexico to share the gospel

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The men's 2026 FIFA World Cup has kicked off! Did you know that 14 of the 48 participating nations, including co-host Mexico, are on the World Watch List? During the tournament, could you pray as they play? You'll be helping people like Jeremías, who in exchanging the football field for the mission field, has encountered his toughest opponent...

Jeremías* made a deal with his wife. He'd been a semi-professional footballer for nine years and, sensing God calling him to leave the football field for the mission field, he said that if his team won the league and he finished top scorer, he'd retire.

It happened – and Jeremías followed through on his promise. “In that moment, we felt God's call,” he remembers. “Of course, we had doubts. We wondered, ‘How will we live?’ But the Lord reminded us that if we obey Him, He is faithful and will provide everything we need.”

Football, faith and fear

It was 2020 when the family, responding to God's call to go to the unreached places of Mexico, went to an indigenous community in Chiapas. They were the first Christian missionaries there. Given that it was a closed community, they weren't allowed to live there. Instead, they stayed a two-and-a-half-hour drive away, returning every weekend to help wherever they could, including cultivating land.

During one trip, they prayed for a woman suffering with severe pain. “From that day on, it never returned. And she and her family came to faith,” Jeremías shares. Word spread and others were eager to hear about Jesus.

After three years, criminal gangs took control of the area. Jeremías and his son, Josías*, refused to join a gang, but it put them in such grave danger that the family had to flee immediately one night. To add to the trauma, Jeremías' youngest son was very sick.

“I thought he would die that night in the cold, but we still chose to leave, otherwise we would all die,” Jeremías recalls.

That night, the family saw God powerfully come through for them. They hid under coffee trees and felt no cold, even though by morning the grass was completely soaked. “It was as if we were inside a bubble. My son also stopped coughing. God saved us that night,” Jeremías says.

Gospel to the gangs

Three weeks later, the family returned, despite having to pass through checkpoints armed by gangs. “I was afraid,” Jeremías says. That day, he handed out gospel pamphlets, even to armed men, opening opportunities to share about Jesus. “Many were there because they were being forced. They needed a glimpse of God.”

That night, even as rumours of an attack spread, the family stayed. Over the next 11 days, they prayed with people and encouraged them. “They didn’t understand why we had peace, until we shared the gospel with them. Many received Jesus in those days.”

But then an attack came. During the night, they heard footsteps, doors breaking and people screaming. “We prayed the entire night,” Jeremías remembers. By morning, the family were the only ones left in the village. They fled again, this time for good. They were amongst 10,000 people displaced by the cartel’s push for control.

Josías remembers that night. “I was afraid the bad men would take my dad,” he says. “I was only able to pack some clothes and honey for my little brother, because I knew he would need it.”

Leaving his friends was the hardest part. “They were rough and difficult to deal with at first,” he says, adding that over time they changed and became friends after encountering Jesus. “It was hard to leave them.”

Jeremías also left behind his football trophies and photos, but what hurt most was leaving the people. Even in that moment, God reminded him of John 4:37: “One sows and another reaps.”

“We just keep praying that the Lord will send more hands to continue His ministry there,” he says.

Immovable faith

A few months later, Open Doors learned about the family’s situation and helped them start again. “We were able to buy basic items for our new home, like a stove, furniture and a gas tank,” Jeremías says.

Through the Standing Strong Through the Storm (SSTS) training, the family also found healing and a deeper understanding of persecution. “I realised that dependence on God makes you immovable. When you act out of fear, you make wrong decisions.”

Even in their new home, the family continue to live in the shadow of criminality, such is its pervasive presence in many parts of Mexico. “The cartels are almost everywhere, but God is more powerful,” Jeremías says. “They see us as a problem because we teach people to serve God, not them.”

It’s not only the gangs that show hostility. “A neighbour forbade her children from playing with ours,” he says. “I tell them: someday, when the community surrenders to Jesus, you will have plenty of friends.”

Despite everything, the family loves their community, praying for them and seeking opportunities to share their faith. “Organised crime made us lose everything, but Jesus loves these people, and they need to hear about Him.”

Using his own experience and expertise, Jeremías now serves as an SSTS trainer, traveling with his wife to strengthen other persecuted Christians. “I share my testimony and remind them that God can bless us wherever we are, if we obey,” he says.

Pray as they pray

The coming weeks provide a golden opportunity to pray for believers like Jeremías in Mexico who are vulnerable to persecution for their faith, with the country co-hosting the men’s FIFA World Cup alongside the USA and Canada. In fact, Mexico is one of 14 participating teams on the World Watch List, the others including Iran, Egypt, DRC, Uzbekistan and Morocco.

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As they play, can you pray? Keep an eye on our social media channels for prayer cards, which will be shared on the days when their respective countries are playing. They feature facts and figures, together with a short prayer request. These can be downloaded for you to print and give to your family, friends, church and youth group.

With a passion for faith and football, Jeremías urges his global family to take this moment to pray for people like him who face dangers because they follow Jesus. “Pray for spiritual and physical strength,” he asks. “May the flame not go out. May God’s work continue despite persecution.”

**Names changed for security reasons*

Please pray

- For resilience for Jeremías and others in Mexico who face dangers for their faith, and for opportunities to share the gospel with others
- That the World Cup will promote awareness of the challenges facing Christians in Mexico, prompting advocacy and prayer
- For the strength and growth of the church in all 14 participating countries where following Jesus can bring discrimination and persecution.

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Mellow Drama at Ventnor Fringe

For the last two years Mellow Drama have performed gospel themed plays at the Ventnor fringe to over 200 people. This summer Mellow Drama returns with "**Star Draws**" - a Nativity! Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July 15:30 at the Pier Street Playhouse. Tickets are £9 available from the box office on 01983 716767 or online at vfringe.co.uk.

If you have any problems ordering tickets, please contact Andy H on 07729 680735

Who Opened The Book? The Ethiopian Eunuch

There are Jews in many countries. Some have been there since the Exile, but the Jews of what-was-then-called Ethiopia (present-day North Sudan) traced their origin to the visit of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon. At the time of Jesus, the Queen of Ethiopia was Candace. We don't know whether her Treasurer was a Jew. He may have been a 'God-fearer', that is a Gentile who had converted. In Acts 8 Luke says he had been to Jerusalem to worship. Unhappily Deuteronomy 23:1 banned him from entering 'the assembly of the Lord' because he was a eunuch. Shown here is the inscription within the Temple Court of the Gentiles which threatened death to those who went further.



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Philip was told to go to the desert road leading to Gaza. The eunuch was reading in his chariot, which would have been travelling at little more than walking pace. Jogging alongside, Philip asked him whether he understood what he was reading. "How can I?"

asked the Treasurer, "unless someone explains it to me." He was reading the Greek translation (Septuagint) of Isaiah 53 which speaks of the Suffering Servant who patiently faces injustice. That passage made no sense until Jesus stood silently before His accusers and was crucified. Philip told the Treasurer the Good News. The fact that Jesus

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rose from the dead proves that He took the punishment for our sin and everyone who accepts Him, even those barred by the old law, can be saved. The Treasurer's heart leapt.

As the chariot neared some water, the Treasurer asked whether there was anything stopping him from being baptised. He then instructed his driver to stop



Philip baptised the Treasurer. A eunuch, who had been forbidden by a law etched on stone from being truly one of God's people, was fully accepted into the family of God. How wonderful that must have been.



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Philip's job was done, and he disappeared. But that didn't faze the Treasurer. Luke says that he went on his way rejoicing.

Open the Book shares the Good News, that all are equally welcome, with children in schools.

Do they listen? Our narrator overheard a child whispering to her neighbour (who had presumably just moved to Ryde): "This is where we learn about Jesus and the Bible."

Another child asked a team member why we come into school every Thursday. He replied: "To tell you some of the most important Bible stories." The child asked: "Do you enjoy it?". When the storyteller replied that he loved it, the child said that he too enjoys and loves our assemblies.

Please pray for the children in Year 6 who will be leaving at the end of this month. We have already given each child a copy of the Scripture Union booklet 'It's Your Move' to prepare them for secondary school. In one section, older children say how their faith in Jesus helped them when they moved on.



Reading Between the Lines: Why Jesus's Bizarre Miracle Is a Socio-Political Protest

We have all heard the story of the Gerasene demoniac in Mark 5:1–20. In Sunday school, it is treated as a dramatic tale of personal spiritual warfare. We picture a profoundly disturbed man living in the tombs, howling and cutting himself with rocks. Jesus arrives, commands the chaotic spirits to leave, casts them into a herd of two thousand pigs, and sends them drowning into the sea. The man is healed, the townspeople get angry about lost property, and Jesus moves on.

For generations, churches have read this through a private lens, viewing it purely as an individual mental health crisis or spiritual healing. But through examining the specific words Mark uses, a hidden world emerges. Against the shadow of the brutal Roman destruction of Jerusalem, this story is a coded, brilliant protest against political oppression. Through this miracle, Jesus challenges the violent structures of foreign military occupation and offers a radical blueprint for community liberation.

Decoding the Secret Resistance Language

To understand Mark's intent, we must look through the eyes of a first-century local living under Roman rule. The original audience would have recognized several political triggers immediately.

In looking at the geography, this story takes place in the Decapolis - a league of ten Greek cities serving as a cultural and military buffer zone for Rome. Setting the miracle here signals a head-on collision between local community identity and occupying foreign forces.

Consider the name of the entity possessing the man; when Jesus demands a name, the spirits reply: *"My name is Legion; for we are many."* In the ancient Roman world, "Legion" was never a casual word for a crowd. It was the strict technical term for a massive military unit of 5,000 to 6,000 heavily armed soldiers. By calling the demons "Legion," the text directly ties spiritual evil to the physical realities of the occupying imperial army.

The presence of the pigs carries an intentional political message. Pigs were completely unclean to Jewish people, but they were the primary

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food source for Roman troops. Crucially, the *Legio X Fretensis* - the notorious Roman military division responsible for terrorizing Judea and destroying the Jerusalem Temple—carried a wild boar as its official symbol and mascot.

First-century inhabitants would have pictured two thousand pigs plunging headlong into the sea, immediately evoking imagery of an invading imperial army being completely routed and drowned. It echoes the ancient Exodus story where Pharaoh's pursuing army was swallowed up by the Red Sea.

The True Cost of Societal Trauma

It is against this background, that our view of the man in the tombs changes. He is not just an isolated, troubled individual detached from reality. He is a walking embodiment of the collective trauma caused by a brutal military occupation.

Under the weight of a violent empire he cannot fight, the man internalizes the structural violence around him. He adopts the name of the oppressors – Legion - and destroys his own flesh. His self-harm and isolation are the tragic, bodily fallout of living under a crushing, colonized system.

How does the community respond to his suffering? They try to control him with chains and shackles, prioritizing superficial public order over deep human restoration. Rather than addressing the root systemic causes of his displacement, local authorities try to police and contain the symptoms. The man represents the forgotten consequence of a societal system that values a predictable status quo over genuine human healing.

Choosing Financial Comfort Over Human Healing

The most unsettling part of the narrative occurs after the miracle. The townspeople find the former demoniac sitting there, fully clothed and in his right mind. But instead of throwing a celebration, the text says, "*they were afraid*" and begged Jesus to leave their territory.

Why reject a profound miracle of human restoration? The answer lies in the economic disruption. The destruction of two thousand pigs represented an immense financial blow to the local elites who profited by supplying goods to the Roman military machine.

The townspeople were deeply invested in an unclean economy built on imperial foundations. They preferred a manageable solution - a suffering human being tucked safely out of sight if it meant their financial comfort remained undisturbed. Confronted with the radical, economically disruptive Kingdom of God, they chose the predictability of the empire.

Confronting the Modern "Legions"

What does this ancient liturgy of resistance mean for our church congregation today? It demands that we dismantle our hyper-privatized views of faith and look squarely at the collective forces crushing people in our own neighbourhoods. When our churches preach that "demons" only represent private, internal battles, we become completely blind to the systemic forces driving our neighbours into modern-day tombs.

Today, the legions we face take the form of predatory economic systems, corporate greed, systemic institutional racism and the deep stigmas surrounding mental illness and addiction. The unhoused crisis, mass incarceration, and systemic poverty are the direct modern equivalents of the Gerasene tombs.

This text forces our congregations to face an uncomfortable mirror: *Do we prefer a comfortable status quo where the marginalized are hidden away, or are we willing to accept the unsettling economic cost of the Kingdom of God?* Are we more worried about protecting our financial comfort than we are about the holistic restoration of broken human lives?

Moving From Charity to Real Change

Jesus entirely upends paternalistic models of charity. When the healed man begs to join his traveling inner circle, Jesus refuses and commissions him to stay behind as an ambassador to the Decapolis.

Jesus leaves the former outcast to establish a permanent outpost of resistance and alternative peace right in the heart of imperial territory. This shows us that those who have been crushed by societal chains are not merely passive objects of our charity. They are called to be the primary leaders of God's mission.

True discipleship means moving beyond superficial policing of social problems. It calls us to embody *Shalom* - a comprehensive, divine

wholeness that heals the mind, restores the body, and rebels against the oppressive systems keeping people bound. True transformation requires us to stand on the margins, challenge structural exploitation, and rewrite the narrative of power. Let us stop managing the tombs and start drowning the legions in our midst!

Sheilagh

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Bible Society – Prayer in Action

Do join in praying for the work of the Bible Society, that the Lord would prosper their vital ministry in the nations and for the resources they need to reach many in these days with the Scriptures. Please pray for their Bible a Month Club, that all who receive Bibles for the first time will encounter the Living God in a way that transforms their lives.

Prayers for July

5 – 11 July

Please pray for peace and stability in all areas of conflict. Pray that persecutors and warmongers will repent and turn away from evil.

12 – 18 July

Ask God to strengthen the faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Gulf region and bless them with perseverance.

19 – 25 July

Pray that the twenty different projects that the Bible Society in the Gulf is developing this year will help people to engage with Christ's message of hope.

26 July – 1 August

Please ask God to protect the staff members and their families at Bible Society in the Gulf so that they may continue their good work.

Source: [Bible Society](#)

Rylstone Gardens Concerts - July 2026

Date	Time	Who's Playing
Wed 1 st	20:00	Sandown & Shanklin Military Band
Thu 2 nd	20:00	Vectis Brass Band
Sat 4 th	15:00	Brading Community Choir
Sun 5 th	15:00	Vectis Brass Band
Tue 7 th	19:45	Bob Howarth Big Band
Wed 8 th	20:00	Sandown & Shanklin Military Band
Thu 9 th	20:00	Vectis Brass Band
Sun 12th	15:00	Shanklin Town Brass Band
Wed 15 th	20:00	Sandown & Shanklin Military Band
Thu 16 th	20:00	Vectis Brass Band
Sat 18 th	15:00	Steve Love's Island Songs
Sun 19 th	15:00	IWSO Brass
Tue 21 st	19:45	Bob Howarth Big Band
Wed 22 nd	20:00	Sandown & Shanklin Military Band
Thu 23 rd	20:00	Vectis Brass Band
Sun 26 th	15:00	Shanklin Town Community & Youth Bands
Mon 27 th	19:45	Cowes Concert Band
Tue 28 th	20:00	Abbey Brass
Wed 29 th	20:00	Sandown & Shanklin Military Band
Thu 30 th	20:00	Vectis Brass Band

Let's be practical

When Brian preached about the Ethiopian Eunuch, he pointed out that Philip (and Stephen, the first Christian martyr) were both on the catering committee. Meals have always been central to the life of the church, as they were to Jesus and His disciples. But, at the house of Lazarus, Jesus said that Mary, who sat listening to Him rather than helping Martha to get the meal ready, had chosen the better part.



We all feel sympathy for Martha – having 12 guests to feed is a lot of work. But look at the words used to describe Martha: she was distracted; her attention was fixed wholly on housework. Martha accused Jesus of not caring, she resented Mary. Jesus says to Martha: ‘you are worried and upset.’ His love for her is shown by the way he said: ‘Martha, Martha.’ Everyone in the room would have heard His loving care in the tone of His voice.

So, how do we offer hospitality (thereby entertaining angels unawares Hebrews 13:2) without being overwhelmed and stressed out? Here are a few tips

- If you know that guests are coming
 - Plan a meal that you have made lots of times before and are confident about making - not a soufflé!

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- Unlike Martha, we have fridges, ovens that can be programmed and microwaves. Prepare beforehand so that the food can be kept in the oven or fridge.
- If you feel God prompting you to invite someone to come back for a meal immediately
 - God had a reason for this and it wasn't to show off your housekeeping skills! Don't worry what your guests will think about you (because the house is not immaculate), think about making them welcome.
 - Ask your guests to help. Give them simple tasks such as grating cheese, peeling carrots or laying the table. This will put the guests at ease, knowing they are not imposing on you.
 - There is nothing wrong with using tinned soup as the sauce for pasta, reheating leftovers, defrosting something or even sending out for food. What is important is the fellowship you will be having together.
- Guests will appreciate your company more than your cooking.
 - If a guest is not satisfied with what you have given from your heart, their opinion is not worth having.
 - When Jesus sent out his disciples (Luke 10) he said: "When you enter a house... stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you.... Do not move around from house to house." He was encouraging us to accept service given in His name, not to go looking for something of higher quality.
 - Remember, Jesus said: "if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." Matthew 10:42
 - Be yourself – that's who Jesus loves

We thank God for those in our congregation who have the skills to bake wonderful cakes, but what would cake be without a hot drink? Jesus calls us to serve one another and we all appreciate a drink on Sunday mornings. Could you help by joining the café rota?



FOCUS

on our Christian Brothers and Sisters being persecuted for their faith

UN experts write to Nigerian government over ‘deeply troubling’ violence against Christian women and girls

11 June 2026

Praise God that the Nigerian government has been contacted by United Nations experts over the awful violence facing Christian women and girls in the country. Please pray that the letter will have impact.

In a very welcome development, UN experts have written to the Nigerian government raising serious concerns over the ‘deeply troubling’ violence against Christian women and girls in the country, including abductions, forced marriages and killings.

Disproportionately targeted

Whilst the text of the letter will be made public after 60 days – during which time the Nigerian government can reply – the accompanying press statement says, “We are particularly alarmed at the very specific and heightened risks of discrimination, violence and exploitation that Christian women and girls are exposed to, as we continue to document grave cases of sexual violence, abductions, acts tantamount to enforced disappearances, forced conversion and child marriage amongst them.

“These crimes took place within a broader pattern of violence and persecution disproportionately affecting Christian communities in some northern states, including killings, attacks on churches and villages, mass displacement, mob violence linked to accusations of blasphemy, and severe insecurity affecting women and children in internally displaced persons camps.”

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It concludes, “Victims and survivors must not be left without protection, justice, reparations, including rehabilitation and meaningful support.”

The full press release, together with the names and offices of the different Special Rapporteurs who signed it, can be viewed here: www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/06/nigeria-un-experts-warn-rights-violations-against-women-and-girls-christian.

Arise Africa aims

“I am pleased that the UN experts are convinced of the urgent need for the Nigerian government to address violations against Christian women and girls,” says Anna Hill, Open Doors International’s (ODI) UN Advocacy Officer.

“Their calls for protection, justice and reparations echo the aims of our Arise Africa campaign, which raises issues faced by Christians not just in Nigeria but across sub-Saharan Africa.

“I thank the experts for this important communication and am hopeful that the Nigerian government will respond with meaningful commitments that tackle impunity, protect Christians from further attacks and restore communities where violence has taken place.”

Have you signed the petition?

The letter reiterates the crucial role advocacy has in helping address the grave injustices facing millions of our sisters and brothers in Nigeria and across sub-Saharan Africa. It’s why the Arise Africa petition carries such monumental potential, raising a noise that cannot be ignored by those in power who have position and influence to make a real difference.

If you’ve yet to already, please add your voice to the petition, and please share with your family, friends and church. The aim is to reach one million signatures before it’s handed in to the UN, African Union, EU and local governments towards the end of the year. With your help, we can make it. Thank you!

Please Pray

- In thanks for this encouraging development, asking God that the

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letter carries weight, favour and authority with the Nigerian government, compelling them to provide greater protection for Christian women and girls

- That every woman and girl affected by violence in the region will heal and recover from their ordeals, and for the immediate release of those held captive
- That the Holy Spirit will already be preparing the hearts of those in power who will receive the petition, and that noise about what's happening will lead to real change for our persecuted family.

Source: [Open Doors](#) - used by permission



**Summer
Special**

**Saturday
18th July**

15:30 – 17:30

Great family fun and vital story

- no unaccompanied children please

Come and explore a Messy Church experience at Shanklin URC - a fun way of learning for all ages in a hands-on way.

There will be several craft activities to choose from followed by a short celebration with songs, prayers – and some delicious food.

Please let Yvonne know if you can help in any way – even with clearing up – even if you are a regular helper. Thank you.



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BBQ

We are holding another BBQ on the date below. Please come and support our armed forces and a local charity, thank you.

This year, we will again be additionally supporting a local Isle of Wight Charity - Ability Dogs 4 Young People IoW

When: 22nd August 2026

Time 15:30 - 19:00 (Food from 16:00)

**Venue: 93 Lushington Hill, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4NR
(next to Wootton Bridge Car Boot Field)**

Huge variety of homemade cakes for sale, crafts for sale, children's lucky dip, sweets stall, guess the weight of the cake, tombola

RSVP (for catering): Miriam or Malc: 07891 935221 or 883811

A suggested price list will be available for food.

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Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd July 15:30 at the Pier
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Dates For Your Diary

Day	Date	Time	Details
Thu	2 nd Jul	14:00	Pray for the Bay (see page 4)
Sat	4 th Jul	10:00	Foodbank pre-loved clothing sale
Sun	5 th Jul	10:30	Communion Service
Fri	10 th Jul	18:00	Elders' Meeting
Sun	12 th Jul	10:30	Ellen speaking
Sat	18 th Jul	15:30	Messy Church
Sun	19 th Jul	10:30	Morning Worship
Tue & Wed	21 st and 22 nd Jul	15:30	Mellow Drama at the Ventnor Fringe
Thu	23rd Jul	19:30	Church Meeting
Sun	26 th Jul	10:30	Encounter Café Service
Wed	5 th Aug	19:00	Shanklin Carnival Outreach
Sat	22 nd Aug	15:30	Help for Heroes BBQ at Malc & Miriam's home (see page 29)
Sat	29 th Aug	11:00	Praise, Prayer and Share (see page 4)
Sun	30 th Aug	19:00	Last Open Air Worship in Rylstone Gardens of 2026
Sun	13 th Sep	17:00	CAP Service in Newport

Prepare

Prepare - to get ready, to arrange.

The pre - fix 'pre' means before, .so pre - cooked - cooked beforehand. Pre - flight check.

If you remove the prefix 'pre' in 'Pre'pare, pare itself means nothing, it can only be **Prepare** - in advance, beforehand.

You are told your mother-in-law is coming, when do you prepare?

Before she arrives or after she arrives?

Before..... or After.....

The Bible tells us Jesus is coming.....

URC Learning Hub

Did you know that the United Reformed Church has a Learning Hub?

It's the home of all the URC online learning and self-access courses, including Stepwise.

It can be found at... www.urclearninghub.org.uk/

Why not visit it and take a look



Connection Quiz Answers

1. **Badger**
2. **Richard**
3. **India**
4. **Anne.**
5. **Newcastle United**
6. **Connection:** If you take the first letter of each word it spells out... **Brian.**
7. This issue's cover photo is from Havenstreet Station (photo © C P Sparks).



The Puzzle Pages

Sudoku

A numerical placement puzzle!

To solve it you need to fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

A hard one this month.

Enjoy!

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Last month's Sudoku - how did you do?

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7	9	4	6	1	2	3	8	5
8	3	9	7	4	5	1	6	2
2	5	1	9	3	6	7	4	8
4	6	7	8	2	1	5	9	3

Down

- 1 Someone from the French capital city (8)
- 2 BBC 1 quiz show with Rick Edwards (10)
- 3 Thanks, slang (2)
- 4 Mr Clapton, guitarist (4)
- 5 White bird of the genus Cygnus (4)
- 6 ITV1 quiz show with Bradley Walsh (3 5)
- 7 - de Triomphe, Paris monument and landmark (3)

Across

- 1 BBC 1 quiz show with Alexander Armstrong (9)
- 8 Become shrivelled (6)
- 9 A Cluedo murder weapon (4)
- 11 BBC 2 quiz show with Victoria Coren-Mitchell (4 7)
- 14 (3)
- 15 Day before today (9)
- 17 Biting in small amounts (6)
- 18 Ale (4)
- 20 - -, French dance (3)
- 22 Naval recognition of an order received (3 3)
- 25 Bear in Jungle Book (5)
- 27 Fifth largest city of the Netherlands (9)
- 28 2000 song by Eminem, featuring Dido (4)

- 10 In, en français – and the answer is in the question!! (2)
- 12 'More' is a Morrison's – card, other supermarket – cards are available (7)
- 13 Neither (3)
- 16 ITV1 quiz show with Warwick Davis (7)
- 18 --, Yogi Bear's friend (3)
- 19 Normandy city where Joan of Arc was killed in 1431 (5)
- 21 Not Applicable *initials* (2)
- 22 Tool for chopping down trees (3)
- 23 & (3)
- 24 Latin word for 'I' also used to describe your self-image (3)
- 26 Not in (3)

Can You Guess The Year?

- Casino Royale released, Daniel Craig played Bond for first time.
- Charles Kennedy resigned as leader of the Liberal Democrats.
- Liverpool won the FA Cup, beating West Ham on penalties.
- The FIFA World Cup took place in Germany.
- And UK No. 1s include:
 - Shakira with '*Hips Don't Lie*'
 - Madonna with '*Sorry*'
 - Scissor Sisters with '*I Don't Feel Like Dancing*'
 - McFly with '*Star Girl*'
 - Lily Allen with '*Smile*'

Answer next issue

This Issue's General Knowledge Questions

1. What, in WW2, was Adler Tag?
2. Who was the English monarch after William I?
3. What was Cliff Richard's second Eurovision song?
4. What is the capital of Latvia?
5. Which measurement system is used by the most countries?
6. In which TV programme would you find James the Red Engine?
7. In computer terms, what does HTTP stand for?
8. What is the official National Anthem of Gibraltar?
9. What is the largest town in Shetland?
10. In what year was the Royal Air Force founded?

Answers next issue

Please note that the deadline for contributions for the next magazine is:

Sunday 19th July

Contributions can be emailed at anytime up to the deadline day to the editor at:

surc.thelink@btinternet.com

Last Issue's Solutions

- Guess the year: it was 1963
- Last issue's crossword ↓

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Last Issue's General Knowledge Quiz Answers

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| 1. 6 th June 1944 | 6. The Wombles |
| 2. Operation Overlord | 7. Read Only Memory |
| 3. Ring Ring | 8. Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau (Land of my Fathers) |
| 4. Tallinn | 9. Kirkwall |
| 5. 15 th February 1971 | 10. 1824 |
| 6. True | |

Sunday Service

<u>Morning</u>	10:30	Morning Worship in church <i>Broadcast live on YouTube</i>
		→ Holy Communion on 1 st Sunday of each month
		→ All Age service on last Sunday of each month
<u>Evening</u>	17:00	Worship and Prayer in church <i>Except on 2nd Sunday of the month</i>

Weekday Activities

Monday	13:00	Prayer Meeting in church (see page 4)
Tuesday	14:00	Bible Bite ministry in church (Refreshments from 13:30) <i>Broadcast live on YouTube</i>
	19:30	Prayer Meeting on Zoom (see page 4)
Wednesday	11:00	The Well
Friday	10:00	CatURpillars Toddler Group (<i>term time</i>)

Details of any other services/activities that we hold will be posted:

- [inside the church](#)
- [on our Facebook page](#)
- [and on our website](#)

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