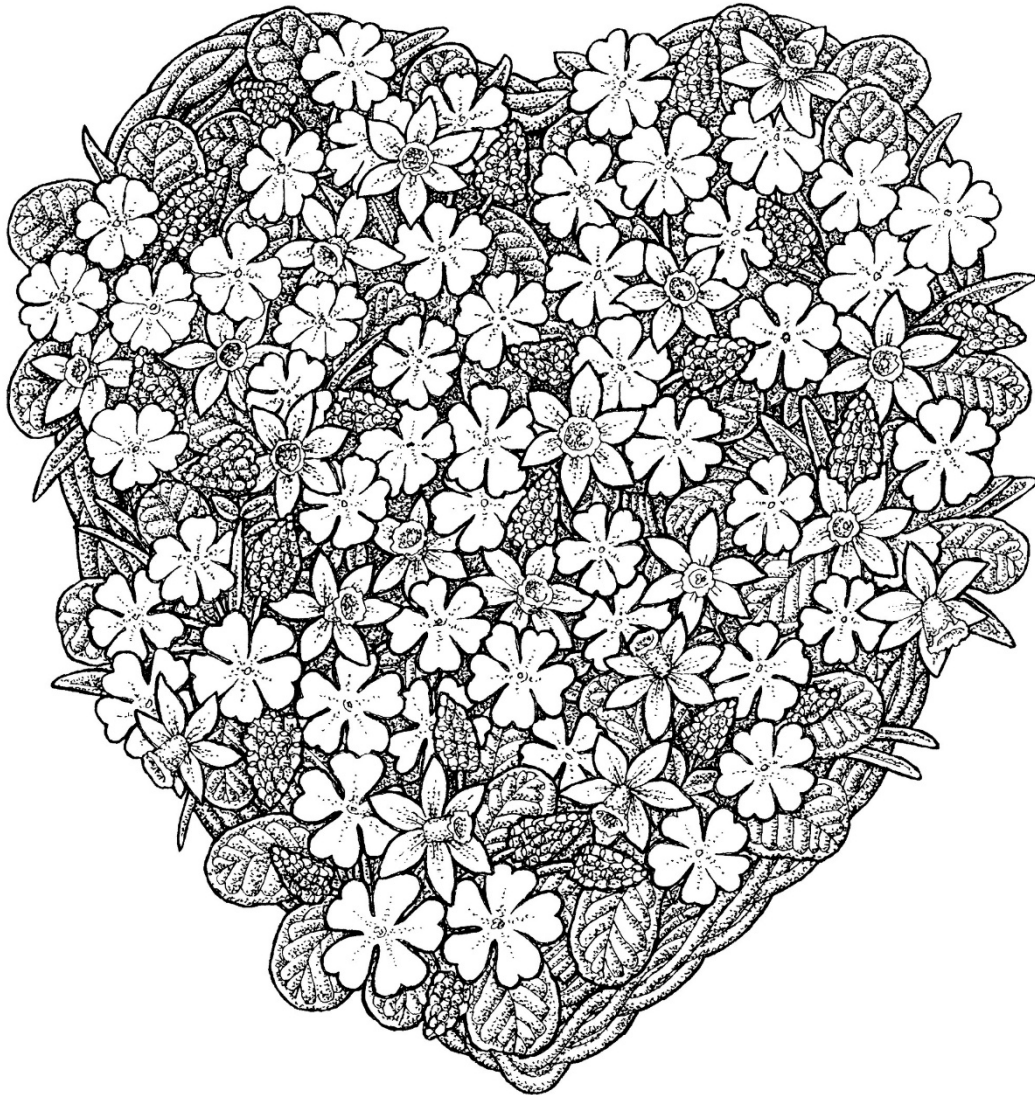


# Parish Magazine

March 2026

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## THANK YOU



## St. John's Parish Church

Rufford Road, Crossens, Southport  
(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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### **Sunday (10am)**

Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Morning Prayer: 8<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> March

### **Wednesday (10am, unless otherwise stated)**

Morning Prayer or Holy Communion

For later dates, please check the website: [www.stjohncrossens.co.uk](http://www.stjohncrossens.co.uk)

## A Letter from Reader Pam Finch ...

Hello Everybody,

What a blessing to be able to write a letter again! It is only the second one I have done!

The dark and early nights continue. I was on retreat before Christmas where the theme was, 'stars' and the star of Bethlehem particularly. I was acutely heartened by a quote from Helen Waddell that God is '*the star lit darkness*'. This carried me through Christmas to Epiphany.

Remembering this helps in these dark days of winter. I felt blessed by the appearance of snowdrops in the garden this week, a sign that spring is round the corner. Spring hastens life, new birth, new life, new arrivals, a fresh start, all invigorating us and making us feel so much better. As a Nanna to two beautiful girls, I eagerly await another addition to the family in March.

As we approach Lent, it is time to reflect on our relationship with God, our Lord and Saviour. The Church of England has produced a Lent course called 'Draw Near' which, as Archbishop Sarah Mullally says, 'is all about teaching us how we can cultivate the habits and practices that will draw us nearer to God. And we will find that in doing so, God will draw nearer to us too.'

The 'Draw Near' course gives us daily prompts in our prayers and Bible study, covering things like worshipping together, exploring the Bible, Communion, offering service and sharing the Good News.

Blessings,

Pam Finch,  
Reader

**DRAW  
NEAR**  
**LIFE-GIVING  
HABITS FOR LENT**

# ROTAS

## Sunday Coffee Rota

1<sup>st</sup> March Nicola & Andrew  
8<sup>th</sup> March Brenda & Chris  
15<sup>th</sup> March Louise J & Heather  
22<sup>nd</sup> March Kath & Jane  
29<sup>th</sup> March Nicola & Andrew



Help is urgently needed to maintain a weekly rota. If you are willing to volunteer, please see me. Chris Jowett

## Wednesday Coffee Rota

4<sup>th</sup> March Eileen & Trish  
11<sup>th</sup> March Brenda & June  
18<sup>th</sup> March Jean  
25<sup>th</sup> March Chris & Janet  
1<sup>st</sup> April Eileen & Trish

## Readings Rota

<b>1-Mar-2026</b>	Joey	2nd of Lent	Romans 4.1-5,13-17
<b>8-Mar-2026</b>	Louise J	3rd of Lent	Romans 5.1-11
<b>15-Mar-2026</b>	Maggie	4th of Lent	Ephesians 5.8-14
<b>22-Mar-2026</b>	Sylvia	5th of Lent	Romans 8.6-11
<b>29-Mar-2026</b>	Joan	Palm Sunday	Philippians 2.5-11
<b>5-Apr-2026</b>	Andrew	Easter Day	Acts 10.34-43
<b>12-Apr-2026</b>	Nicola	2nd of Easter	Acts 2.14a,22-32
<b>19-Apr-2026</b>	Simon	3rd of Easter	Acts 2.14a,36-41
<b>26-Apr-2026</b>	Chris J	4th of Easter	Acts 2.42-end



St John's  
Church,  
Crossens



**EASTER**

**COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**10-12 noon**

Drinks & Cake,

Raffle and Stalls

## **Shining Brass**

Once a month, if you would ever have the need to go into our vestry, then you would have found Brenda and Mavis rubbing and cleaning our brass and silver furnishings. They have regularly kept this work going for several years and we thank them most sincerely for it!



They now feel that it is time to stop, and they would be grateful to hand over to someone else.

If you feel that you would like to continue this work, then they would be very grateful. Please contact Chris Jowett if you would like to help in keeping our church well cared for.

## **A Thank you from John Sutton's family**

Jean and family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, donations and overwhelming support on the loss of John.

Forever loved

## **Thank you!**

Very many thanks for your prayers, cards and messages after my recent operation. The support of all at St. John's has been a great help. I hope to be fully fit in a few weeks. Once again thank you to all.

Chris

# Puzzles – Sudoku

## EASY

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

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## MEDIUM

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

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## Sanctuary Flowers

February 1<sup>st</sup>      Candlemas. Mrs J Navin

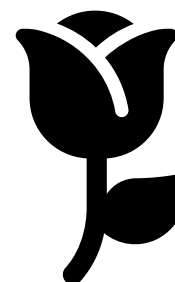
February 8<sup>th</sup>      \_\_\_\_\_

February 18<sup>th</sup>    Ash Wednesday

No flowers in Lent

Thank you to all who contribute to the flower fund.

ECB



## "SCHOOL - RESCUE ME!"

As part of their work to support charities, school are supporting an animal rescue centre called "Rescue Me". The children have been asked to collect postage stamps from envelopes, unwanted foreign currency and any pre-decimal or pre-euro currency people may have hidden in old socks!!!

If you have any such items, please can you pass them to Karen Corbett and she will take them into school.

Nexus

# Churches Together

*(in North Meols)*

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

At Cornerstone Methodist Church

7:30pm

**Everyone is very welcome!**

*“A new commandment I give unto you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”*

*John 13:34-35*



THE NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 7PM

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

TUESDAYS EVENING'S 7.00pm

SAID BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

EVENING PRAYER

HELD AT THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES ACROSS OUR  
TEAM ON THESE DATES

ST CUTHBERT'S 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

ST. STEPHENS IN BANKS 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

ST CUTHBERT'S 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

ST JOHN'S CROSSENS 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

ST STEPHEN'S 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

ALL VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THIS QUIET  
REFLECTIVE SERVICE

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## **COME AND JOIN US THIS HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

### **March 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

- **St Cuthbert Churchtown**
  - 10.30am Holy Communion / Blessing of the Palm Crosses
- **St John Crossens**
  - 10.00am Morning Prayer / Blessing of the Palm Crosses
- **St Stephen in the Banks**
  - 10.30am Morning Prayer/ Blessing of the Palm Crosses.

### **March 30<sup>th</sup> Holy Monday**

- **St John Crossens**
  - 7pm The Stations of the Cross

### **No Service on Holy Tuesday**

### **April 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Wednesday**

- **St Stephen In The Banks**
  - 7.30pm Service Led by Christian Endeavours

### **April 2<sup>nd</sup> Maunday Thursday**

- **St John's Crossens**
  - 7pm Team Service Of Holy Communion

### **April 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday**

- **St Cuthbert Church**
  - 10.00am Walk Of Witness from the Village Church To St Cuthbert's service to follow
  - The Last Hour 2pm-3pm Service of Reflection
- **St John Crossens**
  - 10.00am Service of Reflection For Good Friday
  - The Last Hour 2pm-3pm Prayers And Music

- **St Stephen In The Banks**

- 10.30am Service For Good Friday
- The Last Hour 2pm-3pm Service Of Reflection

### **April 4<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday**

- **St John's Crossens**

- 6.30pm Easter Concert And Lighting Of The Easter Candle

### **April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**

- **St Cuthbert Churchtown**

- 10.30am Holy Communion

- **St John Crossens**

- 10.00am Holy Communion

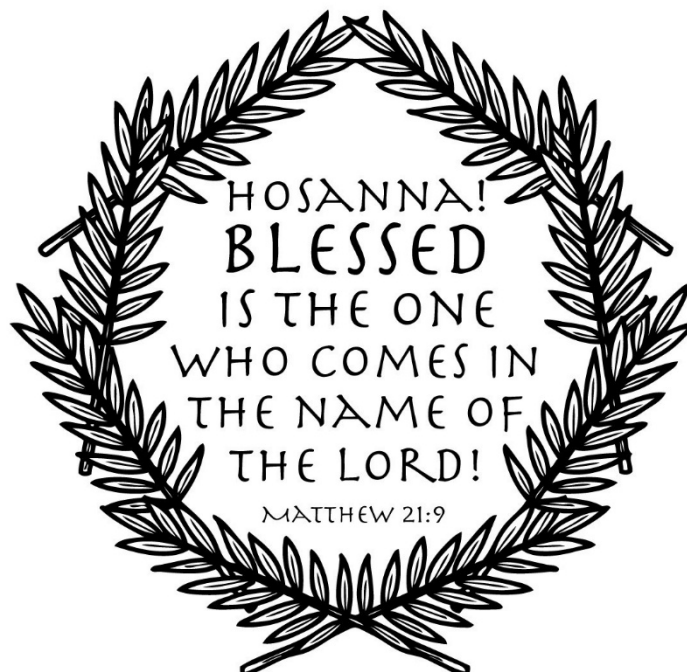
- **St Stephen In The Banks**

- 8.00am Book Of Common Prayer Holy Communion
- 10.30 All Age Worship For Easter Morning

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# WORDSEARCH

## Love and serve one another

On Maundy Thursday we recall the final command that Jesus gave to his disciples before his death. After the Last Supper, He rose and washed his disciples' feet. This was astonishing for a 'teacher' to do, but He had a firm purpose in mind: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The 'washing of the feet' ceremony was an important part of the medieval church's liturgy, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

Maundy  
Thursday  
Final  
Command  
Jesus

Disciples  
Death  
Last  
Supper  
Washed

Feet  
Astonishing  
Purpose  
Teacher  
As

Loved  
you  
Must  
One  
Another

Service  
Domination  
Latin  
Ceremony  
Medieval  
Humility  
Obedience



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus told a story to help his disciples  
to be ready for the end of time. 'A  
rich man was about to go on a journey...'

He gave his servants money  
to look after, depending on  
what they could do.

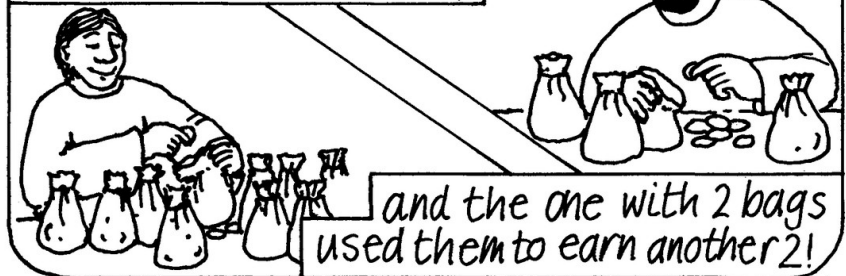


He gave 5 bags of coins to the  
first, 2 to the second, and 1 to the third.

As soon as he had gone,  
the first two servants  
started to work.



The one with 5 bags of coins  
used them to earn 5 more,



and the one with 2 bags  
used them to earn another 2!

The third servant dug a  
hole and buried his bag.



When  
the master  
came back,  
he called  
his  
servants  
to him...



The first two showed him they  
had doubled his money, and he  
was very happy with them.



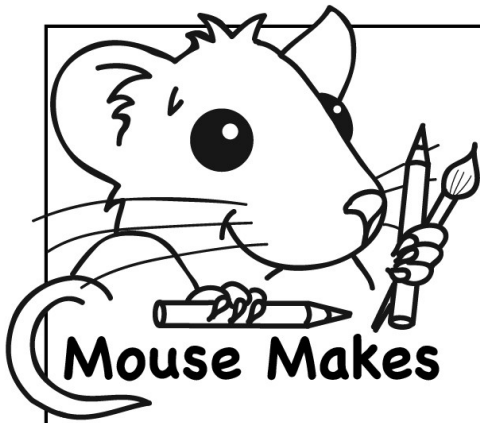
You are a hard man  
who expects us to work. I  
was afraid so I just hid it.

If you knew what I  
expected, why didn't  
you do it?



Get out of here!



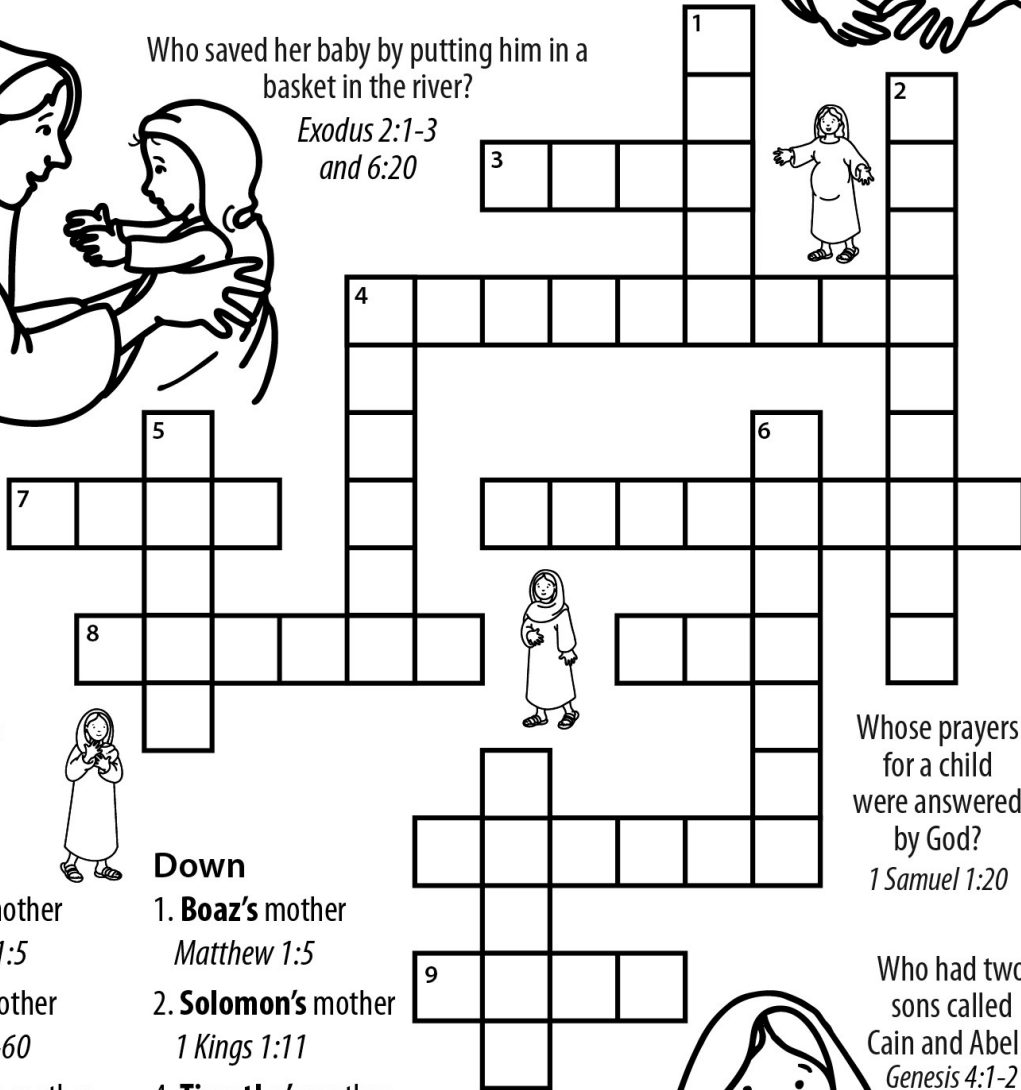


The Bible has many stories of mothers who had great faith in God. With their love, care, encouragement and prayers their children grew up to be great people of God.



Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

Exodus 2:1-3 and 6:20



Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?  
Genesis 17:19



Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?  
1 Samuel 1:20

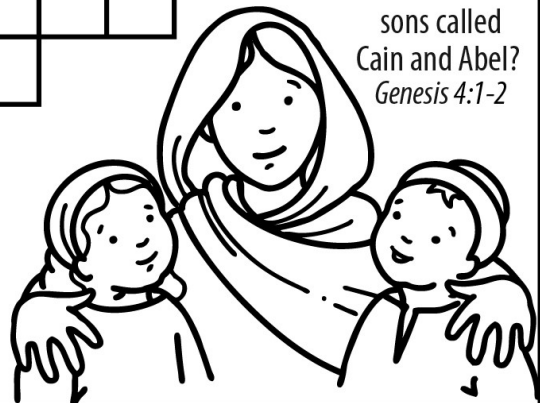
Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?  
Genesis 4:1-2

**Across**

- 3. **Obed's** mother  
*Matthew 1:5*
- 4. **John's** mother  
*Luke 1:57-60*
- 7. **Reuben's** mother  
*Genesis 29:32*
- 8. **Joseph's** mother  
*Genesis 30:22-24*
- 9. **Jesus'** mother  
*Acts 1:14*

**Down**

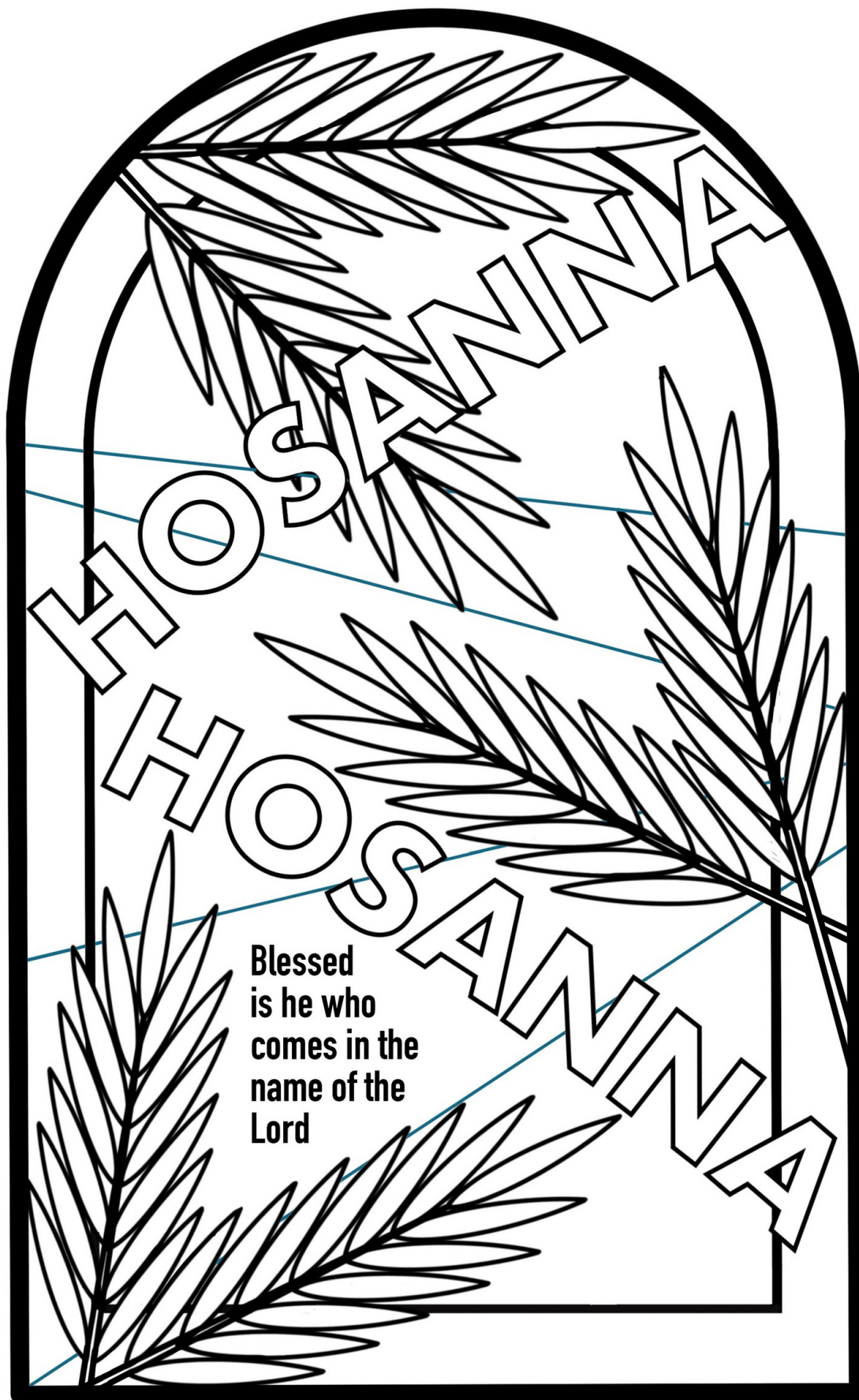
- 1. **Boaz's** mother  
*Matthew 1:5*
- 2. **Solomon's** mother  
*1 Kings 1:11*
- 4. **Timothy's** mother  
*2 Timothy 1:5*
- 5. **Ishmael's** mother  
*Genesis 16:15*
- 6. **Jacob and Esau's** mother  
*Genesis 25:21-26*



Answer the questions then put them into the crossword

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is he who  
comes in the  
name of the  
Lord**

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