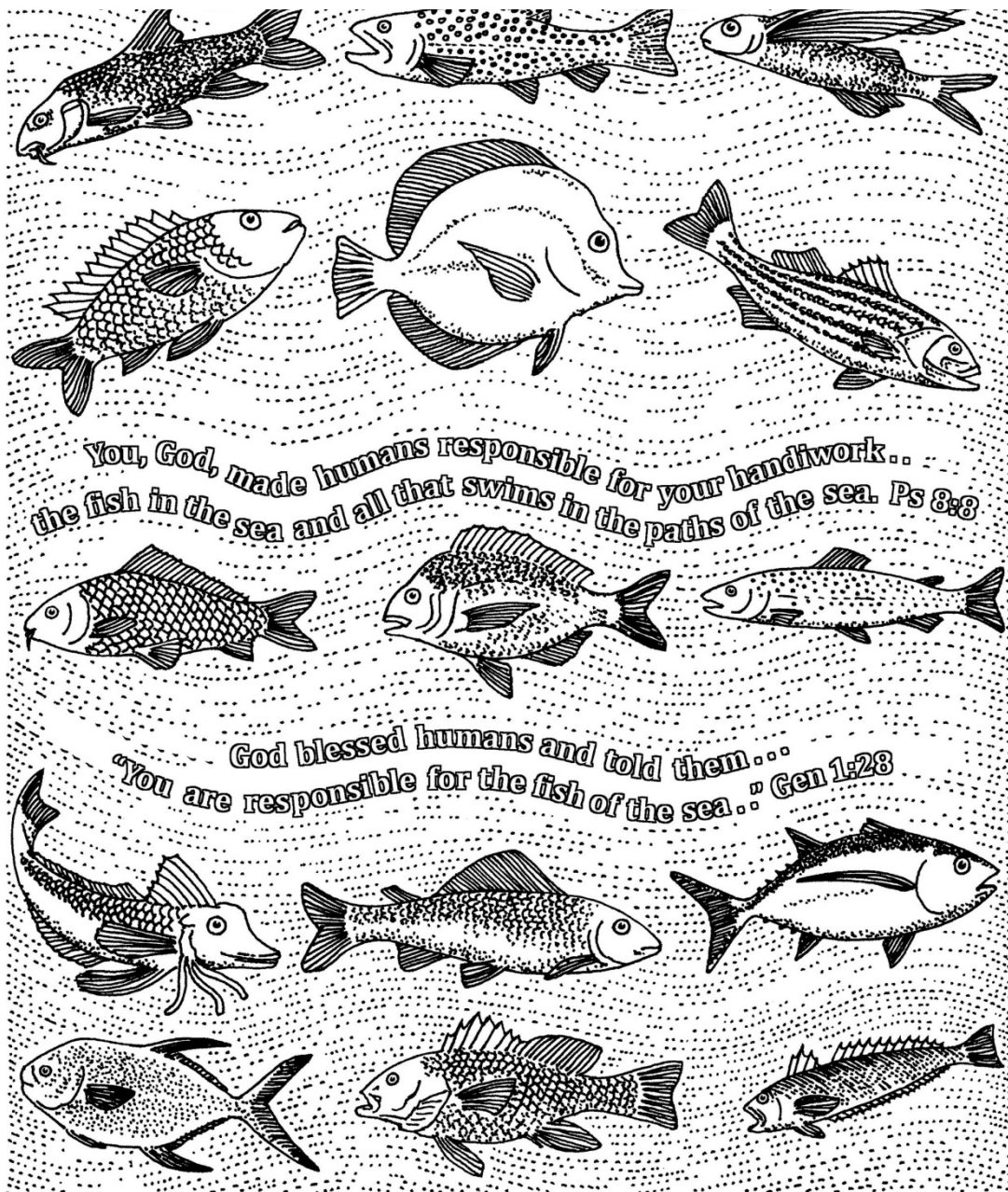


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The church will be open for regular services on Sunday and Wednesday. Service times:

Sunday: 10am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

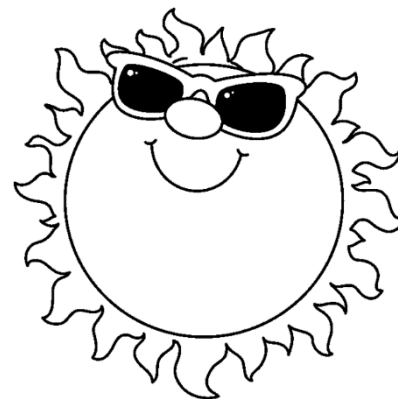
For the time being, these will be spoken services, with a few hymns. We are slowly returning to more normal services.

A letter from Rev Chris Gregory...

Dear Friends,

What is your favourite season and why? How about the least favourite?

What is your favourite part about summer and why?



I have to say that summer is my favourite time of year, it's usually warmer, everything is growing in the garden, and we can see nature at its best, watching the bees pollinating the fruit and vegetables. The best part of summer is walking down to the bottom of my garden and picking fresh organic produce.

It is summertime and the weather is fine, at least that is what we hope anyway. But we have seen the extraordinary peaks of temperature right around the world, we have seen disastrous flooding in places least expected. How much longer can we go on destroying the world, which we then have to pass onto the next generation? What will they think of us and will they wonder why we did nothing to protect this beautiful world that God created for us to tender and care for.

In July, summer is upon us and rumours of sunshine hopefully prove to be true. We give thanks for the life-giving blaze of the sun, shining down on us bringing warmth and growth and wellbeing. Although as climate change continues, we must remember the many peoples around the world who suffer from droughts, floods and weather extremes.

August is the month when schools are out and when families go on holiday and leave the world to look after itself. We think of those now on holiday for safe travel, great hotels, and wonderful experiences.

We need to think of those who cannot go away on holidays because they have no money or refugees who have escaped war, violence, and the loss of families and of their homes and seek a place to stay, to feel safe.

God of July and God of August, Lord of the year, lead each one of us through these months with faith, hope and love.

The fullness of God's wonderful creation beckons us in the summertime. Days are long, grass is green, the sun is high and hot, trees are in full leaf for shade, and warm nights invite us to gaze at the stars.

Our summer encounters with creation can serve both to enrich our own relationship with God the Creator and open us to new ways of bringing creation to all.

I really like that passage from Ecclesiastes 3.1-2 “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted”

There are several passages in the Bible that mention summer:

- Mark 13.28, Matthew 23.32, Luke 21.30 All about the Fig tree and putting forth its leaves, and “you know that summer is near”.
- Genesis 8.22, Amos 8.1, Proverbs 6.8, about the work of ants
- Genesis 2.2 “And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done”
- Genesis 1’31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.”

And...

“Enjoy the world gently, enjoy the world gently, for if the earth is spoiled it cannot be repaired, enjoy the earth gently” *The Yoruba People of Nigeria.*

“Under the warmth of the summer sun, the world awakes and blossoms into every imaginable colour, you created a garden got us to enjoy, and within it planted the most magical of flower and trees. You needed no horticultural training to plan your colour schemes, no gardening expert to recommend variety of design. Your garden is perfect, its colours harmonious, its scale immense, spoilt only by the clumsiness of those who tend it.” *John Birch*

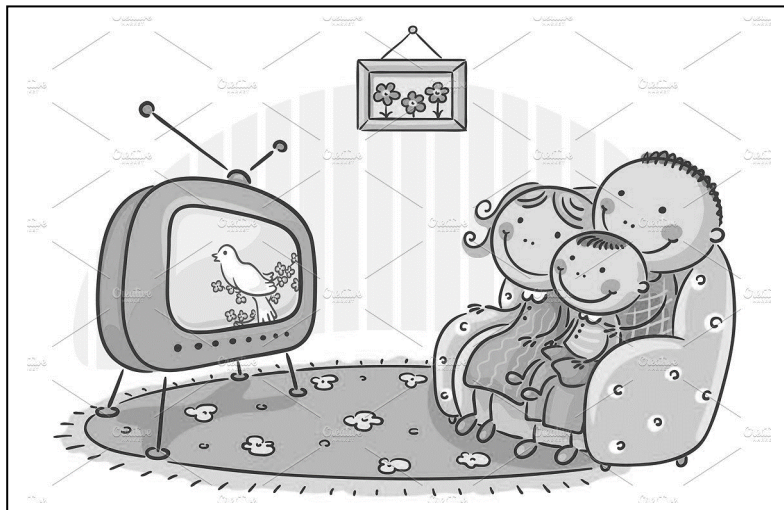
Hope you all have a great summer and enjoy God’s beautifully created world

Yours in Christ

Chris



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Church events...Local history...Interviews
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ROTAS

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

3rd July Heather & Jenny
10th July Chris/Bill
17th July Kath & Jane
24th July Nicola & Chrissy
31st July Chris D & Eileen Baldwin

7th August Heather & Jenny
14th August Chris/Bill
21st August Kath & Jane
28th August Nicola & Chrissy



WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

6th July Chris & Janet
13th July Brenda & June
20th July Jean & Mavis
27th July Chris & Janet
3rd August Brenda & June

10th August Jean & Mavis
17th August Chris & Janet
24th August Brenda & June
31st August Jean & Mavis

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

Sanctuary Flowers

July 3rd Mrs J Topping
July 10th _____
July 17th _____
July 24th _____
July 31st _____



August 7th Mrs G Johnson
August 14th _____
August 21st Mrs.B Brown
August 28th _____

Thank to all who support our Flower Fund. ECB

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Medium

"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.

Churches Together

(in North Meols)

Our first post – Covid meeting!

Tuesday, 12th July 2022

7.30 p.m.

at St Cuthbert's C of E Church

**Everyone is very
welcome!**

The meeting will be led by:

Cornerstone Methodist Church

"Be completely united, with only one thought and one purpose."

[1 Corinthians 1: 106]

CONFIRMATIONS 2022

There will be a Confirmation Service on Wednesday 12th October here at St John's at 7.00pm. This will be a Service where churches from across Southport will be attending.

The Bishop will lead the Confirmation Service in October and all those from St John's will receive their first Holy Communion on the following Sunday.

If anyone is interested in taking their next step in their Faith Journey, to renew the vows made by your Parents and Godparents, then please have a word with me. Confirmation is where children or adults confirm their personal acceptance of the Christian life.

There will be a short five-week course beginning in September on Sunday after the Service in the morning.

Please give it some thought and get back to me whenever you wish.

Every Blessing

Chris



WORDSEARCH

10th July brings us Sea Sunday, the day when Christian churches remember, pray and give thanks for the more than 1.5 million merchant seafarers and fishermen worldwide. If seafarers seem irrelevant to your daily life, think again: 90 per cent of everything you buy in the shops comes to you by sea. Merchant seafarers quite literally keep our global economy afloat. Yet it is a tough life, far from loved ones. Merchant ships are harsh working environments, never mind the threat of piracy or even shipwreck.

To help the seafarers, a worldwide network of port chaplains has sprung up. They offer hospitality and friendship, as well as practical, emotional, and spiritual support, providing almost a 'home from home' in hundreds of ports, in more than 50 countries. You might wish to support one of these three well-known societies: The Mission to Seafarers (Anglican), The Apostolate of the Sea (Roman Catholic), and The Sailors' Society (inter-denominational).

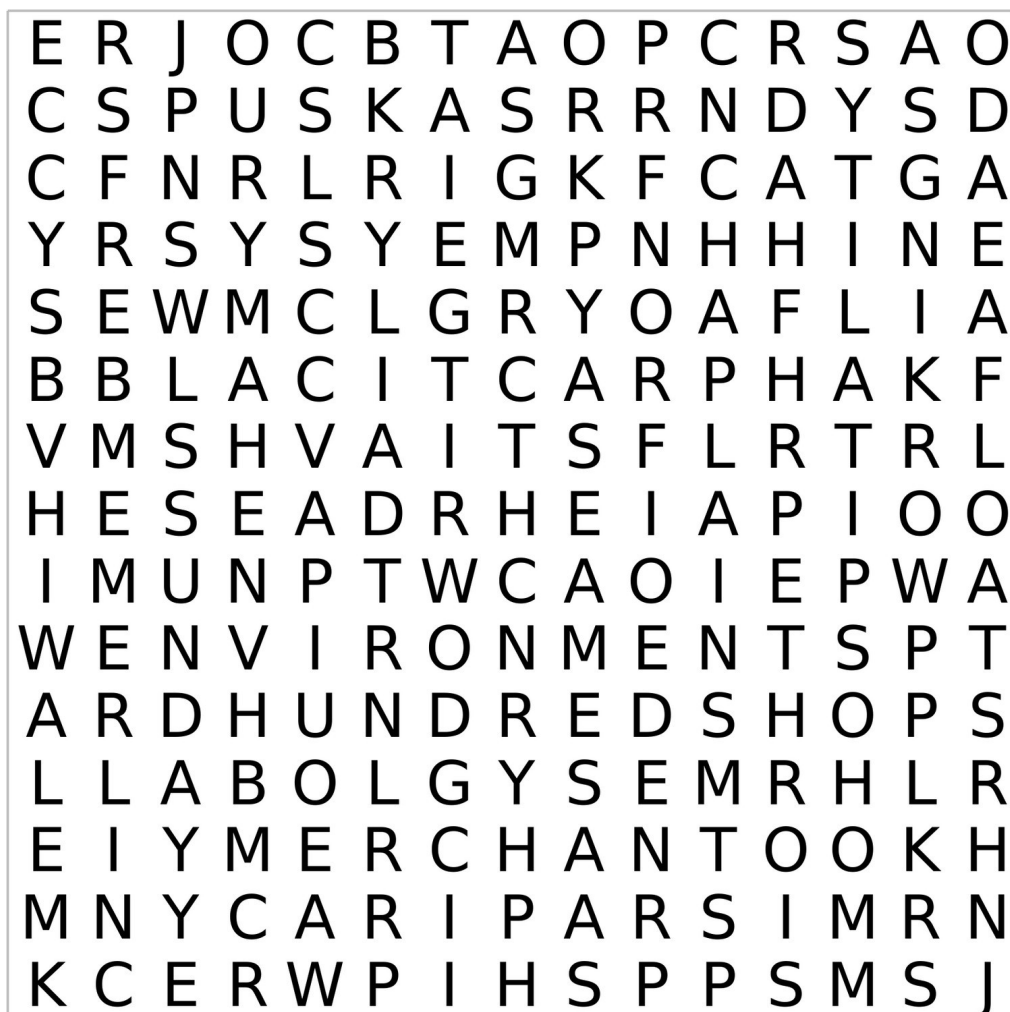
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Daily

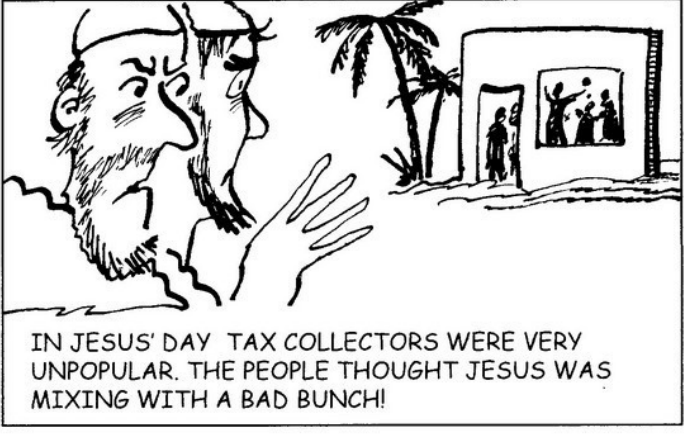
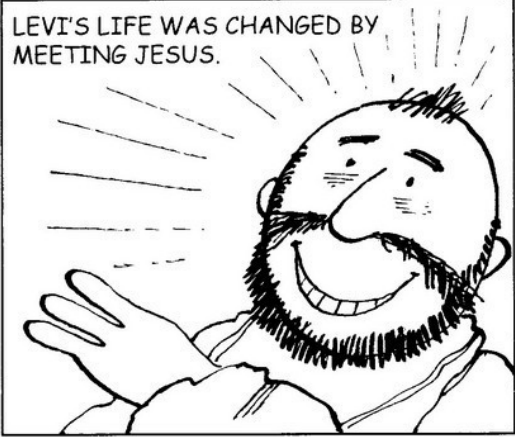
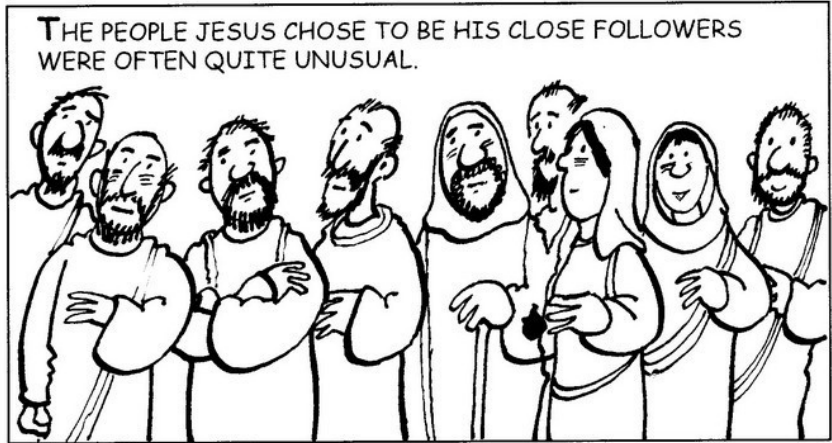
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The Doctor and the Sick




Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke chapter 2 verses 41 to 51

Every year Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival with their family and friends. This year Jesus was twelve.

The women and children went in front to set the pace



Next year, Jesus, you'll be walking at the back with the men.

The Passover feasting lasted eight days...




..and then they set off for home again



but without Jesus.

Mary and Joseph didn't find out until the evening



I thought he was with you!

So they walked back to Jerusalem and started searching for Jesus....



Sorry, I haven't seen him.


..and the next day,



Jesus!


then on the third day

they went to the temple



Look!

He was talking with the teachers.



You must be very proud of your clever son




But Mary was not happy.

How could you treat your father and I like this?



Didn't you know I'd be here?

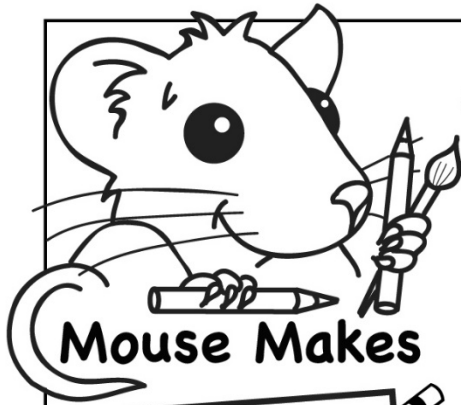


I needed to be where my birth father, God, is working.

Mary thought about this all the way home



...and all her life.



Mouse Makes

Cross out all the X to find the bible verse:

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What did Jesus turn water into?

John 2:1-11

Who's mother-in-law did Jesus heal?

Matthew 8:14-15

How did Jesus get out to the disciples in the boat?

Matthew 14:22-27

Who did Jesus raise from the dead?

John 11:38-44

How long had the woman at the synagogue been disabled?

— — years

What did she do after she was healed?

Luke 13:10-13

Who did Jesus heal when his ear was cut off?

Luke 22:47-51

DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus fed thousands of people from a few loaves and fish, ... not once but twice!

READ

Matthew 14:13-21

AND

Matthew 15:32-39

In each story... How many loaves and how many fish did Jesus have?

How many people were fed?

How many baskets of broken pieces were left over?

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over

37

miracles of Jesus recorded in the Gospels.

How many of them do you know?

Find these words in the word search

JESUS • MIRACLE

DEAF • HEAR • BLIND • SEE

PARALYSED • WALK • SICK

HEALED • DEAD • RAISED

MUTE • SPEAK • DEMONS

CAST OUT • STORM

CALMED • WATER • WINE

FISH • MULTIPLIED

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