

Parish Magazine

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St. John's Parish Church

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

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Service times:

Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion	2 nd March, 16 th March, 30 th March (Mothering Sunday)
Morning Prayer	8 th March, 23 rd March

Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion	12 th March, 26 th March
Morning Prayer	19 th March, 2 nd April

*****No midweek service on Ash Wednesday 5th March*****

For later dates, please check the website: www.stjohncrossens.co.uk

A letter from Pam Iddon, Reader.....

Dear Friends,

What an honour to join you for our March parish magazine.

I reflected recently on Lent and the fact that it starts much later this year.

Lent started on 14th February 2024. It starts on March 5th this year.

Are we blessed to have more time to prepare for Lent?
Are we open to what God wants for us in Lent,
preparing our hearts for Jesus?



The Church of England Lent theme this year is Living Hope, we are called to deepen our hope in God and be a part of what God is doing to bring hope to the world. As we draw nearer to finding out more and making a choice to join fit for mission, my hope is to make a bigger difference locally, to draw people into God's kingdom.

Our little section of the world has been rocked to the core recently, after the events of July 2024. We were blessed to see our churches response in bringing love and hope to the residents of Hart Street, by the whole street waking to 'you are loved balloons' on Valentine's day.

I am part of a health journey with 800,000 other women across the country, we are encouraged to have a gratitude journal and record in that journal each day, what we are thankful for.

What a blessing it is to record the simple things in life, thankful for a roof over my head, a meal to put on the table, warm clothes to wear. Most of all thankful for the hope and love I have for the Lord Jesus and placing my faith, hope and love in him.

Are we ready to deepen our hope in God as we start our Lenten journey?

As readers, as we approach Lent, we look forward to welcoming you in Church for our Lent services, March 11th St Cuthbert, 18th St Stephen, 25th St John at 7pm in Church and 1st April St Cuthbert and 8th April St Stephen.

We look forward to welcoming all to our services of Lent.

Yours in Christ

Pam
Reader St Stephen, St John and St Cuthbert.



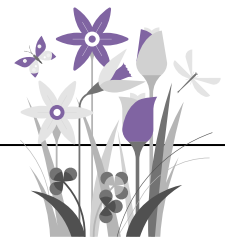
This Quarter's on line Team Ministry Magazine will be available to view on our Team's Youtube Channel

NORTH MEOLS TEAM MINISTRY SOUTHPORT

The Programme includes the following items:

A New Look at Numbers with Year 6 at St. Stephen's School.....Exercising Patience as a Christian.....

Is it the End of The Pier for Southport?.....Making the Most of Lent and Easter.....



Sanctuary Flowers

No flowers in Lent

Thank you to all who support our Flower Fund. ECB.

ROTAS

SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

2 nd March	Louise J
9 th March	Kath & Jane
16 th March	Nicola & Andrew
23 rd March	Brenda & Chris J
30 th March	Louise J



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

WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

5 th March	No Morning Service (Ash Wednesday)
12 th March	Chris & Janet
19 th March	Eileen & Trish
26 th March	Brenda & June
2 nd April	Jean & Mavis

Readings rota

02/03/2025	Joan	Sunday before Lent	2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2
09/03/2025	Simon	1st of Lent	Romans 10.8b-13
16/03/2025	Nicola	2nd of Lent	Philippians 3.17-4.1
23/03/2025	Chris J	3rd of Lent	1 Corinthians 10.1-13
30/03/2025	Maggie	Mothering Sunday	2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17
06/04/2025	Louise J	5th of Lent	Philippians 3.4b-14
13/04/2025	Andrew	Palm Sunday	Philippians 2.5-11
20/04/2025	Joey	Easter Sunday	Acts 10.34-43
27/04/2025	Eileen	2nd of Easter	Revelation 1.4-8

Child's car seat available. (Not a baby's seat). Hardly used
Stair gate, free
Child's play kitchen in very good condition
If interested in any of the above, please contact Chris Jowett

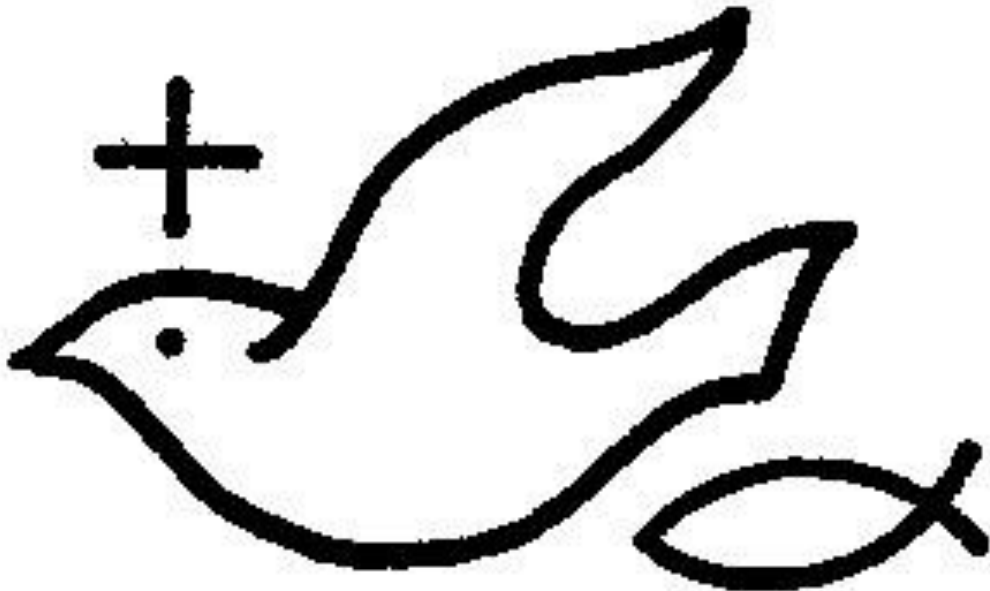
North Meols Team

Special services for Lent

A short (half hour) service of Evening Prayer

Each service will start at 7pm

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tuesday 11 th March | St Cuthbert's, Churchtown |
| Tuesday 18 th March | St Stephen's in the Banks, Banks |
| Tuesday 25 th March | St John's, Crossens |
| Tuesday 1 st April | St Cuthbert's, Churchtown |
| Tuesday 8 th April | St Stephen's in the Banks, Banks |



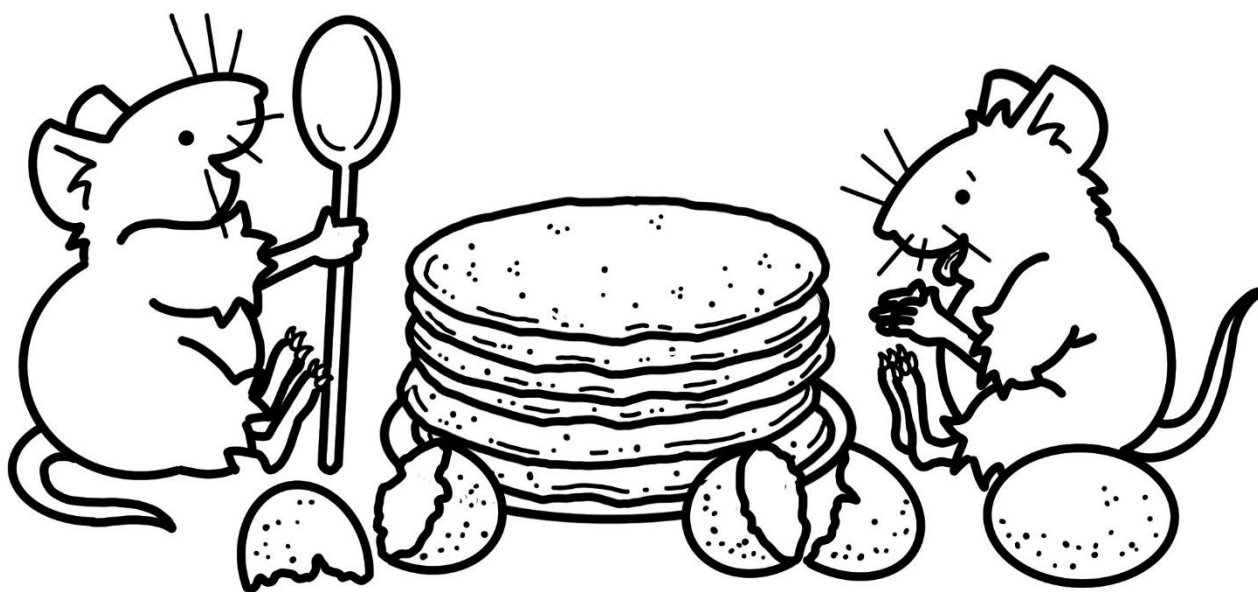
Shining Brass

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.

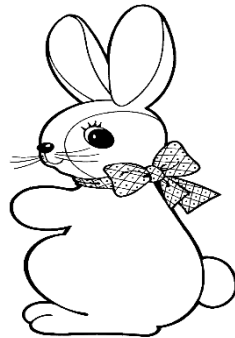


SAVE THE DATE!!

SATURDAY 12TH JULY SUMMER COFFEE MORNING! MAKE SURE THIS IS IN YOUR DIARIES.

DETAILS TO BE GIVEN NEARER THE TIME.

EASTER COFFEE MORNING

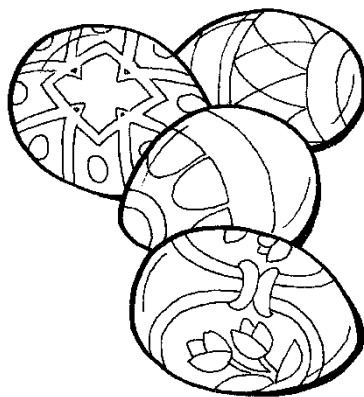


SATURDAY 19th APRIL

10AM - 12 NOON

COME FOR A COFFEE AND START TO
CELEBRATE EASTER!

THERE WILL BE CAKES, GOODIES AND A
RAFFLE!!!!



PUZZLES - SUDOKU

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EASY

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.

Nexus
Churches
Together

(in North Meols)

Tuesday 11th March

At St Patrick's RC Church
7:30pm

Everyone is very
welcome!

"A new command I give 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]

WORDSEARCH

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and to grow closer to Him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

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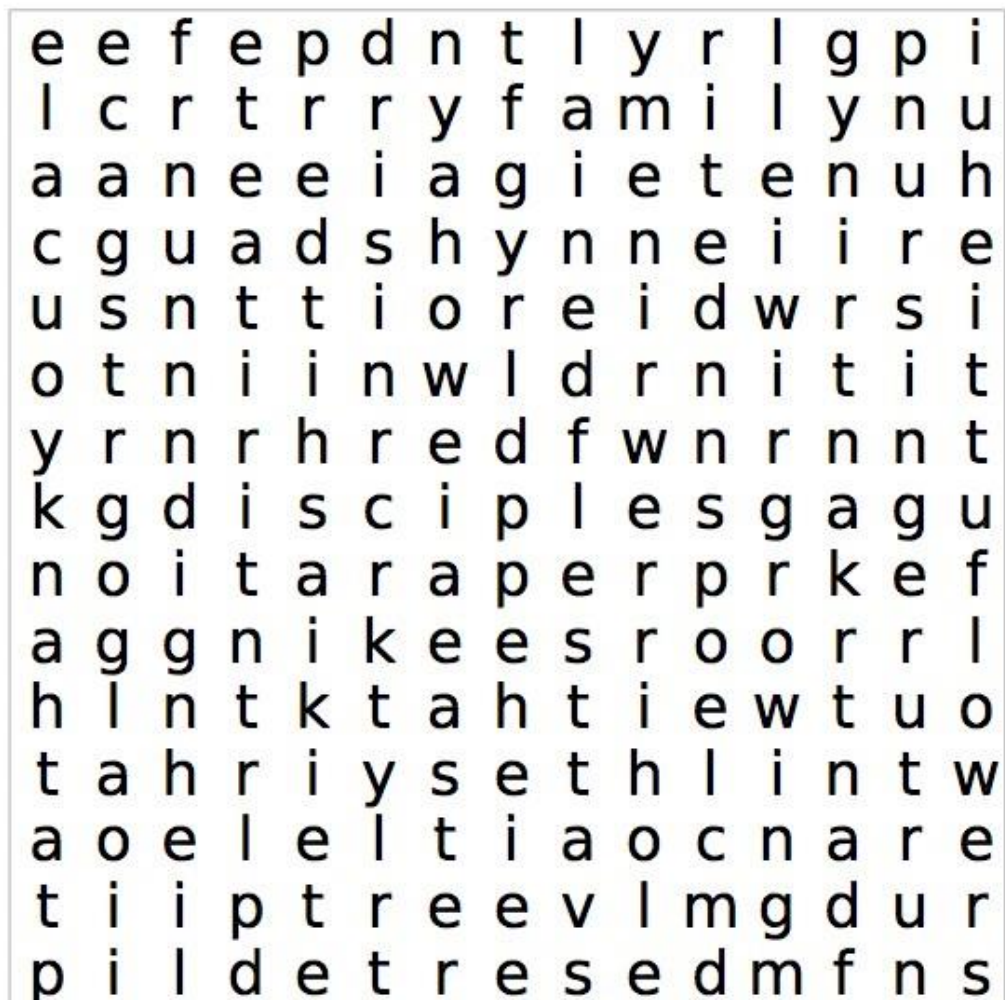
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repentance
seeking
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growing

mothers
love
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thankyou
nursing
family



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

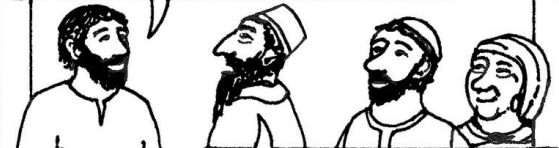
It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the Law of Moses wanted to test Jesus' knowledge of the laws in the Bible, so he asked Jesus a question.

Teacher, so what must I do to get eternal life?



What does it say in the Bible?



Love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and Love your neighbour as yourself.

You've got it right.



But who counts as a 'neighbour'?

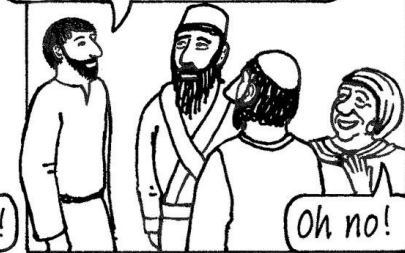
So Jesus told a story -

A man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho



That's a dangerous road!

He was attacked by robbers who left him for dead.



Oh no!

A priest was walking the same way, and after him a lawyer.



Oh, they are good people, they'll help.

They saw the hurt man but they walked past



I bet it's an ordinary person who helps!

Then a man from Samaria came that way...



Oh no! We hate them and they hate us Jews! That hurt man is done for!

He felt sorry for the hurt man, and cleaned and bandaged his cuts.



What? No!

He put him on his donkey, took him to an inn, and paid for him to stay.



So who was a real neighbour to the hurt man?

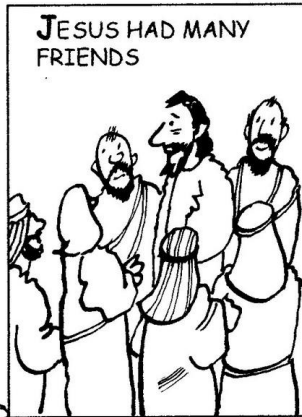


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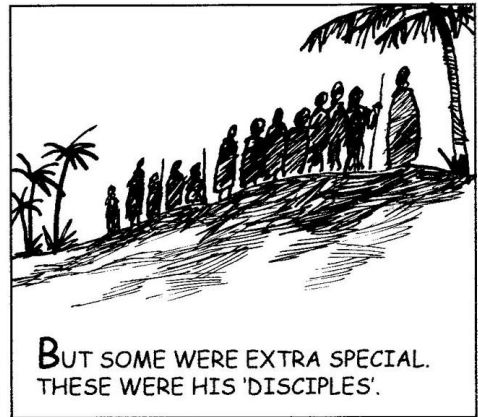
So go and do the same.



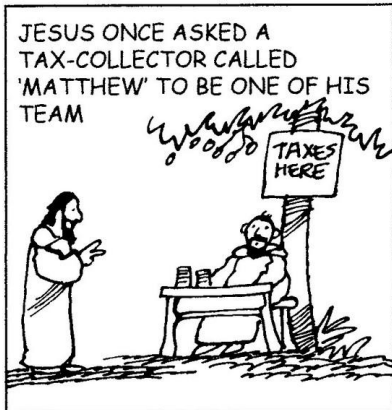
The Doctor and the Patient



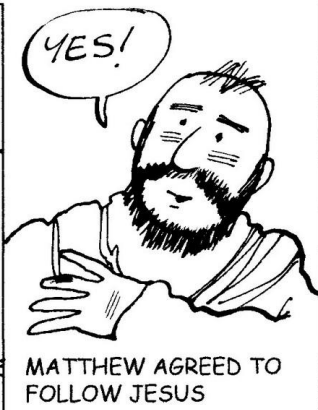
JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS



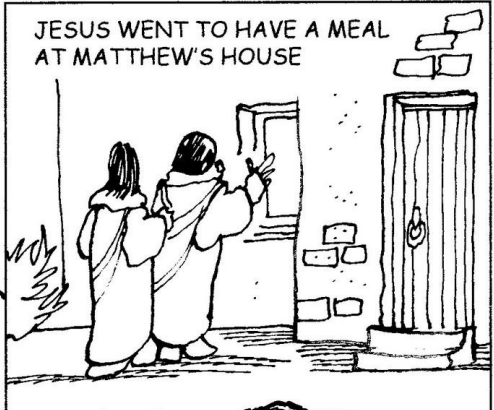
BUT SOME WERE EXTRA SPECIAL. THESE WERE HIS 'DISCIPLES'.



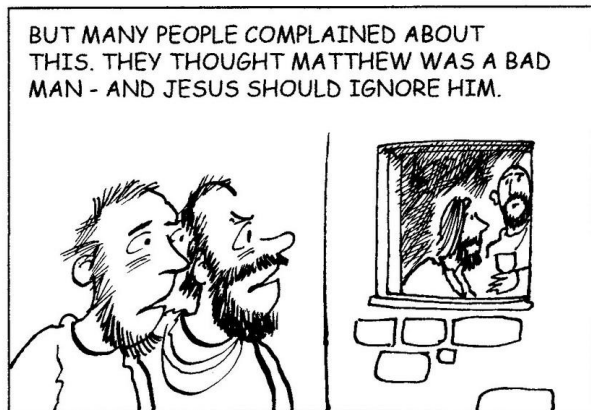
JESUS ONCE ASKED A TAX-COLLECTOR CALLED 'MATTHEW' TO BE ONE OF HIS TEAM



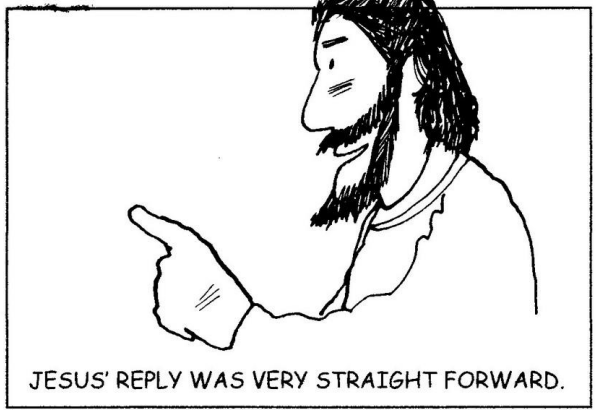
MATTHEW AGREED TO FOLLOW JESUS



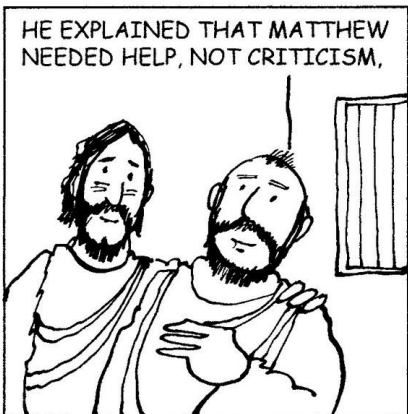
JESUS WENT TO HAVE A MEAL AT MATTHEW'S HOUSE



BUT MANY PEOPLE COMPLAINED ABOUT THIS. THEY THOUGHT MATTHEW WAS A BAD MAN - AND JESUS SHOULD IGNORE HIM.



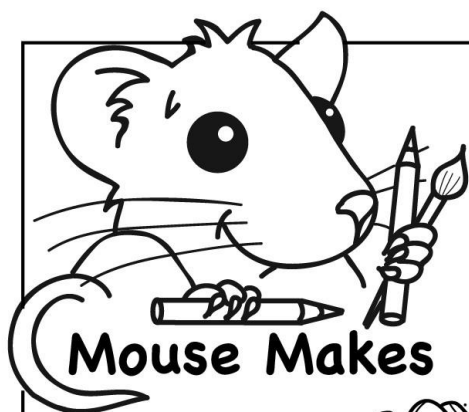
JESUS' REPLY WAS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD.



HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTHEW NEEDED HELP, NOT CRITICISM,



"IT'S NOT THE WELL THAT NEED A DOCTOR - BUT THE SICK!"
see Luke 5:27-32



THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?

 Luke 4:1



For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?

 Luke 4:2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

 Luke 4:3

What happened after the temptation of Jesus?
 see Luke 4:14-15

Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

 Luke 4:8



READ
 the story in
Luke 4:1-13

Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...

 Luke 4:12

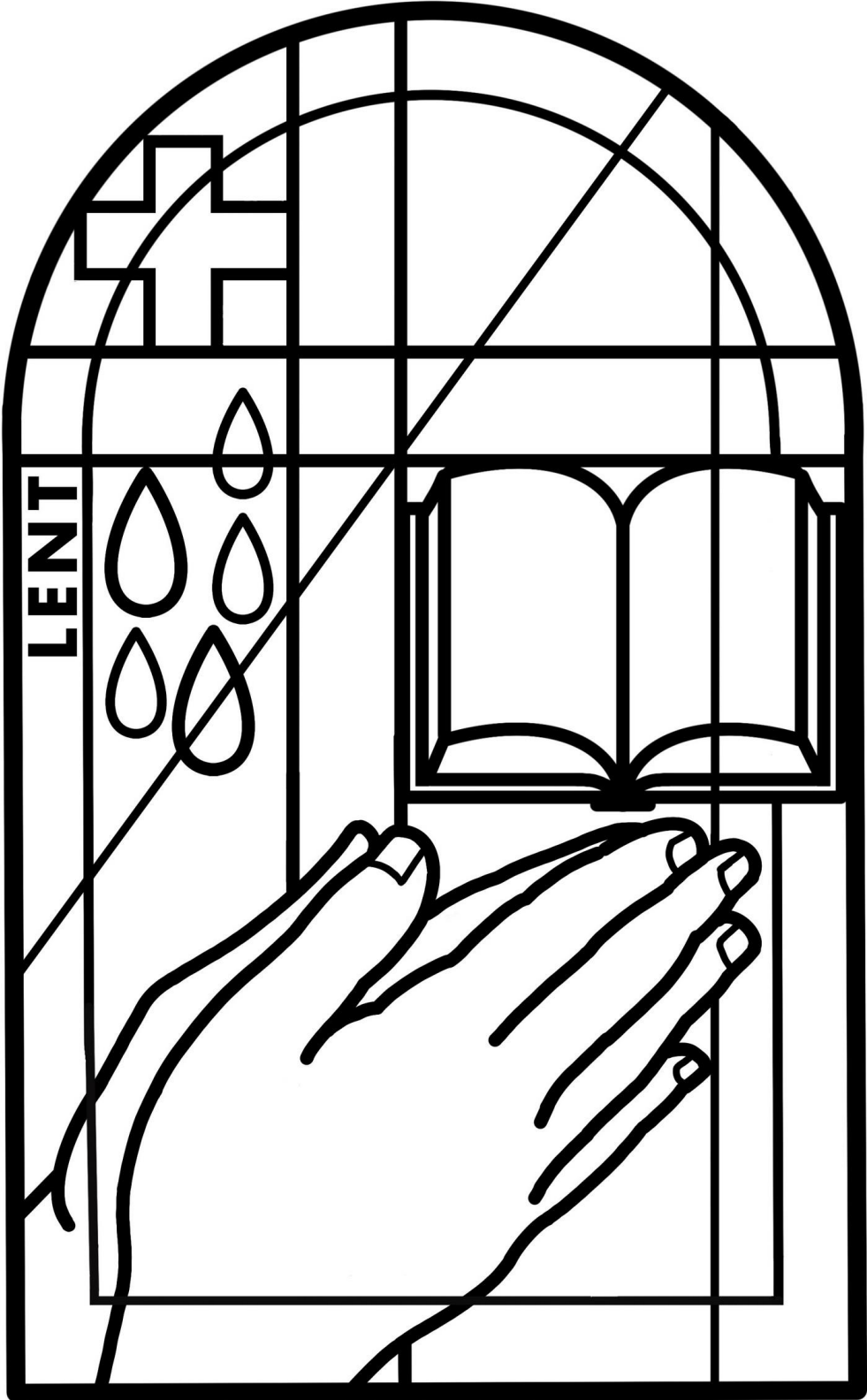


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 WILDERNESS
 DESERT
 TEMPTATIONS
 DAYS • DEVIL
 HUNGRY • SON
 STONE • ROCK
 KINGDOMS
 WORLD • GLORY
 WRITTEN
 SCRIPTURE
 WORSHIP • ONLY
 SERVE • LORD
 JERUSALEM
 HIGH • TEMPLE
 THROW • DOWN
 JUMP • ANGELS
 HANDS • HOLD
 LIFT • FOOT

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Some colouring for all ages....



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