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Cover image: Snow Drop festival
 See page 27 and 33 for the report.
Credit: Annie Chadwick -
 Denton.

Answers to the February Magazine puzzles

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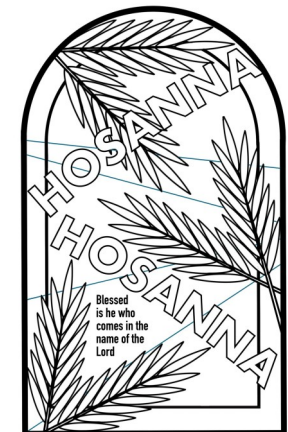
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Washburn & Mid-Wharfe Churches

Feeling inspired?

The magazine is created by compiling contributions from readers, the many people associated with running the churches, societies, clubs and event holders. Thank you to everyone for sending in items each month.

If you feel inspired to write an article for the magazine. Share some news, a poem or a seasonal recipe, please send them to the editor.

Email your items to:
magazine@washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk

Or send by post to;
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Our magazine

The magazine was created to link the communities of the Anglican and Methodist churches in the Mid-Wharfe and lower Washburn Valley. The Anglican churches of the United Benefice are All Saints Weston, Saint Helen Denton, Saint Michael and Saint Laurence Fewston, St Andrew Blubberhouses, All Saints Farnley and Saint Oswald Leathley. Norwood chapel is in the Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist circuit

Please find contact information on page 2.

The magazine is managed by our Treasurer Ann Johnson, Distributers who include Cheri Beaumont and the Editor Anna Bowman.

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We encourage business that are happy to provide a service in our rural parishes to advertise with us.

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We are also happy to discuss single adverts for events.

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To see past issues we have an online archive. Thank you to Paul (one of three Pauls who help create and deliver the magazine) for editing the website www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk/church-life/parish-magazine/.

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Please contact the Editor if you would like to arrange delivery and payments



Village Church Services March



Please check on www.achurchnearyou.com for up to date information.

1st March	The second Sunday of Lent (Purple)
9.30 am	Leathley Morning Prayer (Common Worship) (PMc)
9.30 am	Weston Holy Communion (Book of common Prayer) (TMC)
11.00 am	Fewston Morning Prayer (TMC)
8th March	The Third Sunday of Lent (Purple)
11.15am	Denton Morning Prayer (PMc)
11am	Fewston Holy Communion (TMC)
9.30am	Farnley All age Service (FD)
15th March	Mothering Sunday (Purple)
9.30am	Weston Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (TD)
11.00 am	Blubberhouses Family Service (TMC)
9.30 am	Leathley Holy Communion (TMC)
22nd March	The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Purple)
11.15am	Denton Holy Communion (TMC)
29th March	Palm Sunday (Red)
9.30am	Farnley United Benefice Communion Service (TMC)



Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel March

Sunday 8 March 2.30pm Rev. Michael Faulkner & Elizabeth Hall
 Holy Communion for Lent

Sunday 22 March 2.30pm Roland Henney
 Worship to inspire the soul

Do come along and join us!

The Vicar's Monthly Message



By the time you read this, the season of Lent will have started. I wonder if you decided to give up anything this year like chocolates or biscuits or even start something new such a commitment to read the Bible in a year or start extra times of prayer? No matter how long we have been practicing our faith it is always good to pause and hit the re-set button. To take time out in order to look at our spiritual life afresh. Just as in everyday life it is so easy to become weary and keep on doing the same old things that have become a habit for us, rather than feeling the rush of excitement and joy that was there when we first made a commitment to God.

This Lent is a wonderful opportunity for us to take stock before the wonderful celebration of the Resurrection. Just as we notice new growth in our gardens, might there be signs of renewed hope in our churches and in our faith, that perhaps we could nurture and develop even further?

May this Lent be a re-awakening for us as we make our way to Calvary and ultimately on to the Glorious Easter Morning.

Blessings Teresa

From the Registers		
Baptism		
8 th February	Fewston	Walter Michael Hardisty Nelson
Funerals		
25 th February		Mrs Catriona Cleverley



Gardeners Corner



Let's hope March will bring some dry weather so that we can tackle all those jobs we put off when the ground was saturated! There's still time to finish the pruning that you didn't quite get round to in February. Do make sure that your secateurs are really sharp and try to sterilize them regularly to avoid transmitting disease. The colourful stems of dogwoods and willows can be cut right back and the prunings used as supports around the garden. As with all pruning, give the plant a bit of a feed. Don't trim hedges yet though as the nesting season will soon begin; leave them until August to give the birds a chance.

Lots of seed packets will be looking at you reproachfully, so now is the time to get things started if you haven't already. Sow sweet peas indoors and keep them warm and moist until hardened off ready to plant out later in April. The same goes for all those other seeds that caught your eye at the Garden Centre! Similarly, tomato seeds can also be sown under cover (at around 18c) and covered with a

propagator if you have one, or just use a plastic bag. Once germinated and showing true leaves transplant tomato seedlings into individual pots, ready for transplanting to their final position in the greenhouse in April. Last year's dead growth should be removed from herbaceous plants and any that have become congested can be split and the border weeded ready to be mulched. Mushroom compost or garden compost are ideal and should be spread to a depth of at least 2 or 3 inches. This will suppress weeds and help to retain moisture as well as giving your plants a boost. We have had so much rain over the winter that it is hard to believe we might have summer shortages and hose pipe bans. Do make sure that you have water butts or other containers for harvesting as much rainwater as possible.

The days are getting longer at last and spring is just about with us. Enjoy the promise of colour to come as the daffodils finally burst on the scene and lift our spirits.



Visitors to the Snow-drop festival at Denton (see page 27 and the front cover)
Photograph credit:
Ann Chadwick





Recipe ~ Lemon Curd



This Recipe is reproduced from the All Saints Weston Recipe book, that was first printed 1st December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend Marlene Wilkinson in her mothers possessions and reprinted again. She dedicated it to "Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions"

68 years later we are sharing the recipes again.

Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

Ingredients

1/2 lb Sugar
2 oz Butter
2 Eggs
Juice of 2 lemons

- Combine thoroughly
- Place into sterilised jars and stand in a container of boiling water until it thickens.
- Stirring now and again.
- Allow to cool, place the lids on and store in a cool place and enjoy

Method

- Beat the sugar and lemon juice together,
- Add the beaten eggs, followed by the melted butter.

Recipe provided by Mrs F Hill



Farnley Estate Womens Institute



Our first meeting in 2026 proved to be a highly successful and informative session. Cathy Whitfield arrived with slides and explained that Farnley Fish Farm was formally Washburn Valley Fish Farm. Some of our members including myself had no idea that there was a fish farm at Farnley.

During her talk she explained that it had been created in the 1970s and works on the gravity using the old mill stream and no electricity. She sells trout and native coarse fish which are sold to food business' and the general public. Such was the enthusiasm for the fish farm that we are hoping to have a social visit for our members when the better weather arrives.

In February we have a talk entitled "The Fewston Assemblage" and are also visiting The Harrogate Club. To view our programme for 2026 please visit <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate>. All our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated. In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our new social events begin and these have been chosen by our members.

If you would like to come to any of the events above or want to know more about our WI please contact Diane Hanline our President by email to farnleyestatewi@gmail.com.

News from Norwood Methodist Church

Dear friends

You know, as we get older, we notice just how much changes. Buttons get smaller. Instructions get longer. Your feet – or brain – won't function in the way they once did!!! And somehow, the floor gets much further away than it used to be!

Technology changes too. Some of us grew up with radios, then televisions, and now... phones that talk back to us. Life changes. Our bodies change. Our routines change. Even the names of places change. But here is the good news – **God does not change.**

The Bible tells us:

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

That means the God who looked after you as a child is the same God who walks with you today. The God who held your hand through school, work, marriage, children, grief, joy, war, peace - He has not stepped away.

Sometimes people worry and think,

"Have I changed too much for God?"

"My memory isn't what it was."

"I can't do what I used to do."

But God never said, "I love you only if you stay strong."

He says, "I love you – full stop."

The same Jesus who welcomed children,
the same Jesus who sat with the lonely,
the same Jesus who forgave and healed,
is still doing those things today.

Though you have changed a thousand times, God has not changed once.

And for those of us who sometimes worry about the future - about illness, or dying, or what comes next - we remember this:

The God who has carried you **this far** will not drop you **now**.

He was faithful yesterday.

He is faithful today.

And He will be faithful forever.

Because,

"Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

God Bless you and your loved ones this coming month.

Cameron

Rev. Cameron Stirk

Community Notice Board



Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota March & April

1 st March	Helen Cobley
8 th & 15 th March	Karen Boothman
22 nd & 29 th March	Sue Wood
5 th & 12 th April	Julie Crowther
19 th & 26 th April	Ann Chadwick

Weston Flower and Cleaning March & April

1 st & 8 th March	Mrs H Pullan
15 th & 22 nd March	Mr & Mrs Senior
29 th March & 5 th April	Mrs J Cowgill
12 th & 19 th April	Tom & Ruth Raper
26 th April & 3 rd May	Sally Stanley



Short Mat Carpet bowls

Bowling every Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm in Fewston Parochial Hall.
A friendly and fun indoor bowling session!
See you there, beginners very welcome

For more information phone Gillian on 0779546404

Community Litter Pick

LEATHLEY AND SURROUNDS

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

SUNDAY 29 MARCH

**Anytime between
10 am and 3 pm**

Can you spare half an hour, or an hour?
Please help clear litter from the verges of our village and its surroundings — it could even be your own verges!

Litter pickers, high visibility jackets and bags supplied
(Please bring your own gloves). Equipment can be collected from and returned to Leathley Parish Room. Refreshments will be provided!

Full rubbish bags will be collected from your “litter picking” patch
Leathley Parish Room in partnership with Lower Washburn Parish Council



If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website

(www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of an organisation no more than 30 miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds, contact Mike Gray via gbwmike@gmail.com.



Titles: Robin (top)
Blackbird
Photograph credit:
Mike Gray



The Birds in Your Garden



Bird Count

The RSPB's Great Garden Birdwatch is a well-established and popular event. It attracts well over half a million people to take part each year, and introduces participants, families in particular, to the idea of looking at and recording the birds which visit their gardens. It has its limitations, taking place only once a year, but it does get people looking closely at their gardens, and it's true that the more you look, the more you see. Not only is it good at stimulating interest, but it also encourages those who are aware of the BTO to continue their observations to our benefit. The British Trust for Ornithology's garden birdwatch uses the same protocol – record the largest number of any species in your garden at any one time - but takes place every week and allows a more flexible approach to timing so that you can better fit it into your schedule. But beware, it's addictive!

I've been doing the BTO's garden bird-watch for fifteen years, and find looking at past records of what I've seen and when I've seen it very useful. Memory, or at least mine, is rarely quite right! I've recorded 30+ species in my suburban garden. But recently, as a GBW ambassador, I have spent quite a few hours going through the combined results for gardens in North and East Yorkshire, looking to see how the most frequently recorded species have fared since the project started in 1995. Remember, these GBW figures show only how many gardens report seeing each species, they give no indication of the number of each of

them present.

There's a lot being published in the media about the ups and downs of the most common garden birds such as tits and Blackbirds, as well as the northwards spread of Little Egrets (small white herons) and Ring-Necked Parakeets (very green and very noisy), so I thought it might be interesting to take a look what is happening locally.

For the whole 30 years, the Blackbird has topped the N&E Yorkshire lists, appearing in almost nine out of ten gardens, with Blue Tits and Robins not far behind. You'll not be surprised to find the Wood Pigeon next. In contrast to the RSPB survey, which finds sparrows to be the mostly commonly observed bird, the House Sparrow is usually in around 10th place, though still found in about eight out of ten gardens.

The Wren only comes in 8th place, but this I think, is more due to its secretive behaviour making it hard to spot – even though it's loud call is often heard. You may be surprised to learn that Magpie reports, although on the up, have not really increased much though they seem to be ever more common. Beautiful birds close-up, their rather menacing presence is not always welcome.

As for the Parakeets, which have taken over parts of London and evicted competitors, such as woodpeckers, which nest in the same niches, they were first reported in N Yorks in 2007 and are now sighted in one in ten gardens. Be prepared!

Community Notice Board



Fewston Foxy Ladies



Chris Powell

Come and join us and listen to Betty's Recycling Supremo Chris Powell who will entertain us on Tuesday 17th March 7.30pm.

We meet at 7.30pm at Fewston Parochial Hall
All are welcome!

If you would like more information please contact
Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741;
Joan 01943 466789;
or Margaret 01423 806151



T&T



Dominoes.

Join us for prize winning dominoes, tea and plenty of chat on Tuesday 3rd March 2pm at Norwood Social Hall.

See you then, if not before!

All welcome!

It is only £2 per person.
If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362
I have always got time for T&T!



Fewston Parochial Hall Charity teas

Teas, lunches and homemade cakes
Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March
10.30am till 4.00pm.

All proceeds to Almscliffe Tennis and Bowling club .

Askwith Ladies Social

The social evening is on the 2nd Thursday of the month,
the next meeting is the

12th March at 7pm at
The Penny Bun

Contact Anne for more information - Tel: 07713884328
Email: laeatham@gmail.com



A Treat for Mum

Please join us for Coffee and Cake and something for Mum

at St Helen's Church, Denton on **Saturday 14th March** (the day before Mothering Sunday) from 10am – 12 noon.

All very Welcome

Norwood Social Hall
Dominoes

Friday 20th March

Raffle & Pie and Pea supper
7pm for a 7.15pm start.

2026 Domino dates for your diaries

Friday 15th May
Friday 18th September
Friday 16th October
Friday 20th November
Friday 11th December Christmas Dominoes

Hope you can join us.



Washburn Heritage Centre



auctioneering in Otley since 1885. Martin Lister makes a welcome return to the Centre to talk about the history of livestock auctions in general and the Otley auctions in particular. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

An Irish supper with Ben "Blue" Waters

Tuesday 17th March, 6.30pm – 9.30pm
We will celebrate St Patrick's Day by wearing green (optional of course!), listening to the beautiful music of Ben "Blue" Waters and enjoying a relaxed Washburn light supper. Cost £22.50 member, £28.00 non-member.

Canal & River Trust, Stuart Lines Thursday 19th March, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Stuart has over ten years' experience of volunteering for the Canal & River Trust. He will share information and

anecdotes, the joys and tribulations of the ancient river routes and the development of canals in our area. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

Wheels off the bus, Angie Beaumont Tuesday 24th March, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Angela will tell us about the trip that she and 17 other people made on a double decker bus from London to Kathmandu. She'll talk of the trials and thrills of three months on a dangerous but exciting road, travelling through 14 very different countries in unreliable transport! They journeyed through Yugoslavia and Syria before war divided these countries, were shot at in Iran and entered Afghanistan just as the Mujahideen were fighting to expel the Russians from their country. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

Gardens in Askwith, Denton and Weston.
Planning is now underway for this year's this year's

Open Gardens Weekend
Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June

Do please consider opening your garden this year for a most enjoyable community event when we welcome folk to visit our beautiful villages and enjoy their gardens.

For further details please contact Ann 07986 454 433
Priscilla 07791 836 391 or Sally 07768 750 101



Washburn Heritage Centre

www.washburnvalley.org.

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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SUNDAYS** during the winter from 11am until 4pm. We welcome **NEW VOLUNTEERS**. If you can spare a few hours at the weekend once a month we would love to see you in the Tea Room. It's a busy environment, warm and friendly, but you are rewarded with cake!

Our spring programme **The Roads Taken** got off to a flying start in February. We have our usual series of walks led by experienced leaders, this time venturing slightly further afield. We have talks on roads taken across the ages from St Wilfred's pilgrimage through to a trip by double-decker bus from London to Kandahar. We will look at the development of local transport links and consider the road to life saving medical procedures. We'll learn about the local road builder Blind Jack of Knaresborough, the ups and downs of running the Tan Hill Inn on the Pennine Way and the hilarious trials and tribulations to learning to drive as part of a national television programme. Please pick up a leaflet if you visit the Tea Room.

To book a place at any of our events please contact Jenny at the office on **01943 880794** or email centre@washburnvalley.org

Events in March:

St Wilfrid's Pilgrimage, Professor Joyce Hill

Tuesday 3rd March, 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Making a welcome return to the Heritage Centre, this excellent speaker



will enlighten us on the roads taken by Wilfrid of Ripon who travelled to Rome three times between c 655 and 705. How were such journeys made? What routes did Wilfrid use? And how did his journeys shape his life? This well-researched talk will answer these questions. Light refreshments served. Cost £10 member, £12 non-member.

Washburn Book Group taster Thursday 5th March, 2.00pm

Facing bureaucratic indifference, Calum MacLeod single-handedly spent nearly twenty years building a 1.75 mile road on the Isle of Raasay using basic tools. This remarkable true story is a testament to one man's indomitable spirit, his love for his community, and a powerful act of resistance against neglect. Cost £3 member, £4 non-member.

Heritage walk Thursday 12th March, 9.30am

A walk of about 4 and half miles from Dob Park around Farnley Moor taking in views of the Washburn and Wharfe valleys. A mix of tracks and field paths with some stiles. We will return to the Heritage Centre for a delicious two-course lunch. Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

Going, going gone, Martin Lister Saturday 14th March, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Originally part of the 'Who will buy' programme, we are pleased to rebook this talk within this programme The Roads Taken. FM Lister & Son, Chartered Surveyors and rural land agents, have been linked to livestock

FEWSTON FOXY LADIES PRESENT

LET'S GO GIRLS! FASHION SHOW

Tuesday 21st April 7.30 pm
Norwood Social Hall

TICKETS: Gillian 07795464042

Members: FREE Non-Members: £5
Ticket price includes a glass of fizz!
Opportunity to buy clothes on the night

Great fun night out!

Leathley Parish Room

Domino Drives 7:00 pm

Friday 24th April

Friday 5th June
Friday 10th July
Friday 28th August
Friday 2nd October

Raffle and Cash Bar. Supper included:

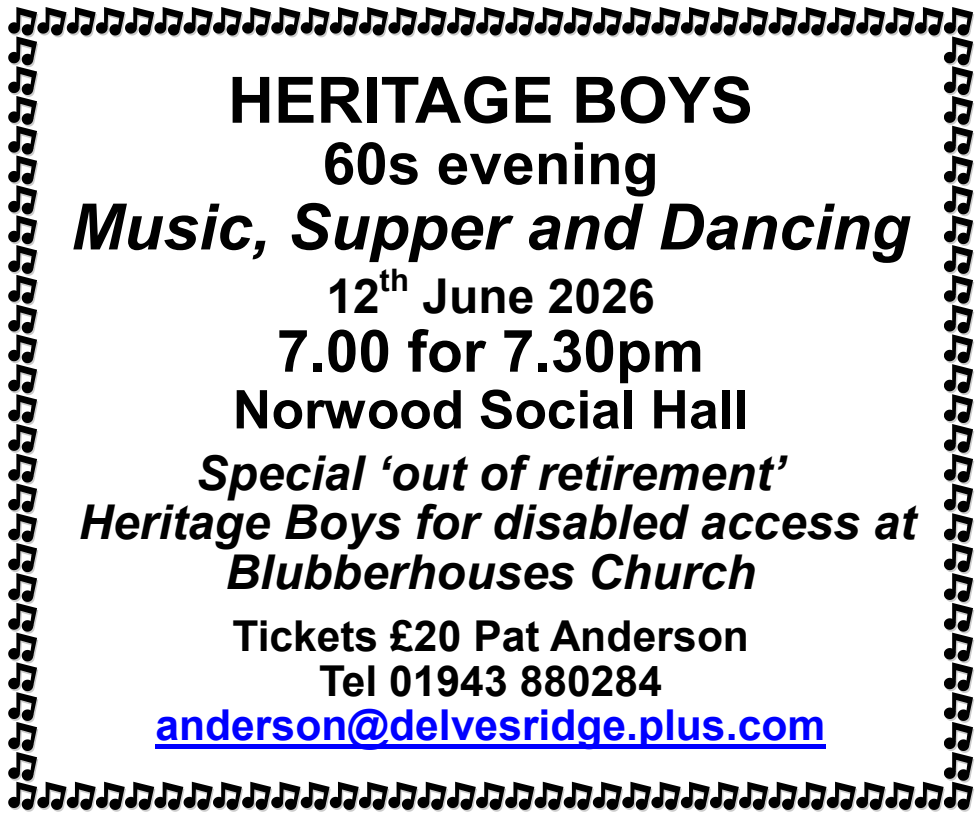
Pork Pie, mushy peas, tea or coffee - £5

Pizza and drink - £2.50

Vegetarians option available – please tell us when booking

All welcome, whether a seasoned pro or never picked up a domino before, any age that can stay awake until about 9:30. Please let us know (using contact details below) by the evening of the Wednesday before so we can be sure to order enough pies

Booking; Booking Secretaries on 07802212111
or leathleyparishroom@btinternet.com



HERITAGE BOYS

60s evening

Music, Supper and Dancing

12th June 2026

7.00 for 7.30pm

Norwood Social Hall

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Snowdrop Festival Morning

at Denton on Saturday 7th February

Despite another dull misty winter morning over a hundred people called to see the snowdrops at Denton. These brave little 'Candlemas Bells' always lift the spirits. Our visitors clearly appreciated the beauty of the flowers and the warm welcome and refreshments in church. Many thanks to all who came to support the event and to all of our helpers for baking, serving and welcoming everyone. The snowdrops are so special and never fail to delight.





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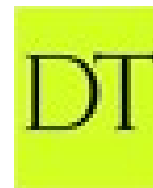
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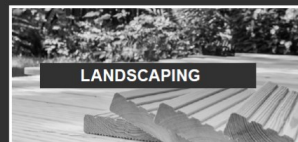
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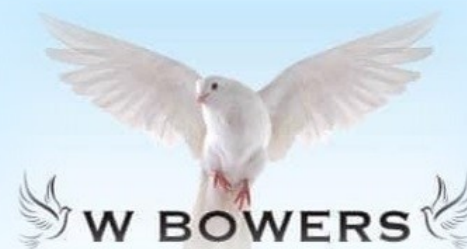
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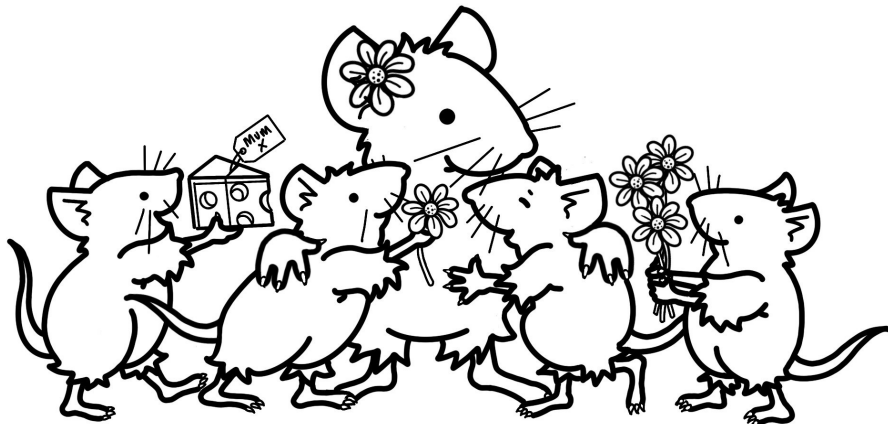
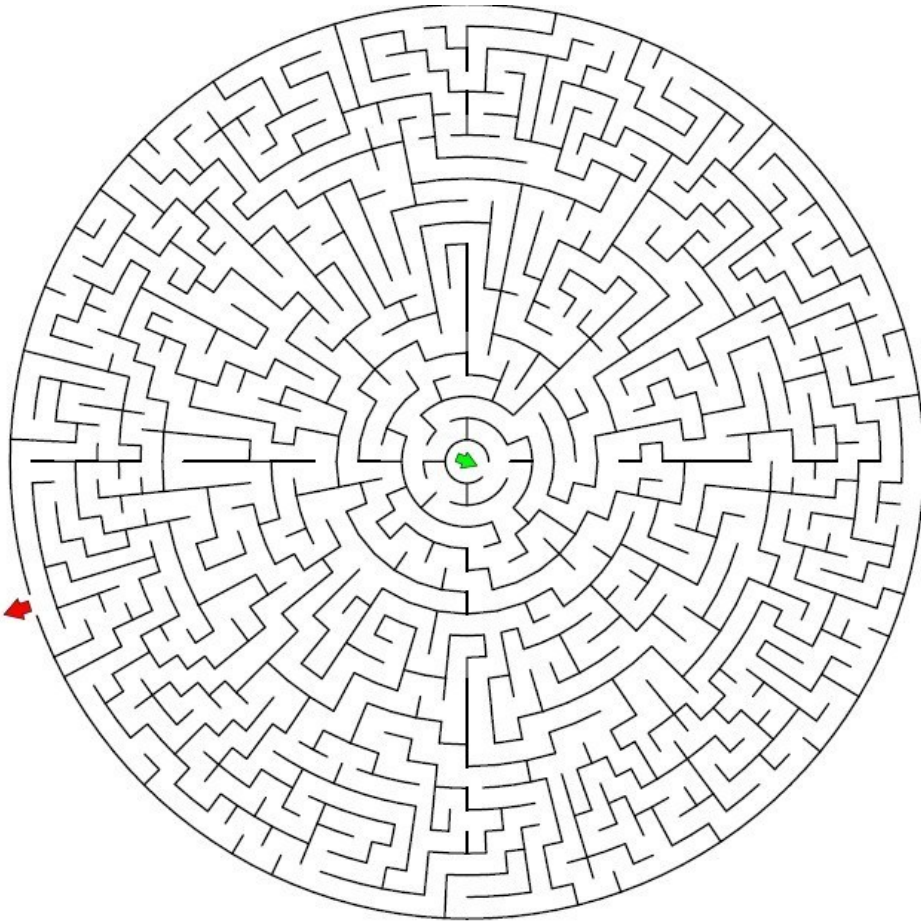
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All in the month of March

It was:

300 years ago, on 26th March 1726 that Sir John Vanbrugh, architect and playwright died. Best known for designing Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard.

250 years ago, on 24th March 1776 that John Harrison, carpenter and clockmaker died. Known for inventing the marine chronometer, which enabled sailors to calculate longitude at sea.

175 years ago, on 11th March 1851 that the premiere of Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi's opera *Rigoletto*, was held in Venice.

150 years ago, on 10th March 1876 that the world's first telephone call was made. Alexander Graham Bell used his telephone to call his assistant, Thomas Watson, after spilling acid in his laboratory. The first words ever spoken on a telephone were: "Mr Watson, come here. I want you."

100 years ago, on 30th March 1926 that Ingvar Kamprad, Swedish businessman, was born. He founded IKEA, the furniture retail company, in 1943, when he was just 17 years old. (Died 2018)

90 years ago, on 4th March 1936 that the German airship *Hindenburg* made its first flight. It was the largest airship ever constructed, and was destroyed in a fire in May 1937, ending the era of airship travel.

80 years ago, on 11th March 1946 that Rudolf Hess, former Commandant of Auschwitz concentration camp, was captured by the British forces in Germany. At the Nuremberg tribunals in April, he admitted to being responsible for the deaths of the 2.5 million people who had been killed at Auschwitz. He was executed on 16th April 1947.

80 years ago, on 25th March 1946 that London's Heathrow Airport first opened as London Airport. It was renamed Heathrow Airport in 1966.

75 years ago, on 15th March 1951 that Dennis the Menace first appeared in the British children's comic, *The Beano*.

65 years ago, on 6th March 1961 that George Formby, the 'Ukulele King,' comedian, singer and actor died.

65 years ago, on 8th March 1961 that Sir Thomas Beecham, British conductor and impresario, died. He had founded several major orchestras and transformed the operative and orchestral scene in Britain.

50 years ago, on 14th March 1976 that Busby Berkeley, American film director and choreographer died. Known for his elaborate musical production numbers, which often featured large numbers of dancing girls forming kaleidoscopic patterns.

40 years ago, on 3rd March 1986 that Queen Elizabeth II signed the Australia Act, severing Australia's remaining legal ties with Britain and granting it full independence.

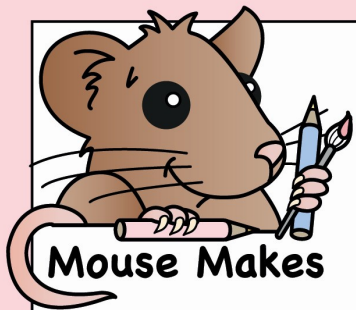
Also 40 years ago, on 17th March 1986 that Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Prince Andrew, Duke of York, and Sarah Ferguson. They married in 1986 and divorced in 1996.

30 years ago, on 13th March 1996 that the Dunblane Massacre took place in Scotland. Thomas Hamilton, a former Scout leader, entered Dunblane Primary School, shot dead 16 children and a teacher, wounded 15 more, and then committed suicide. As a result, the private ownership of handguns was banned in the UK.

20 years ago, on 1st March 2006 that the Senedd – the National Assembly for Wales's debating chamber – was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II in Cardiff.

20 years ago, on 21st March 2006 that Twitter, the online social networking/micro-blogging service, was founded. Its website went live on 15th July that year.

10 years ago, on 31st March 2016 that Ronnie Corbett, Scottish films and tv comedian, actor, screenwriter and broadcaster (*The Two Ronnies*) died.

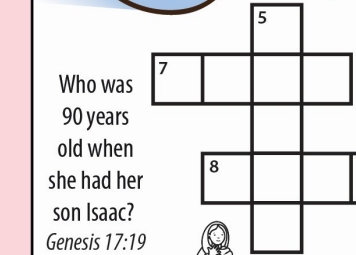
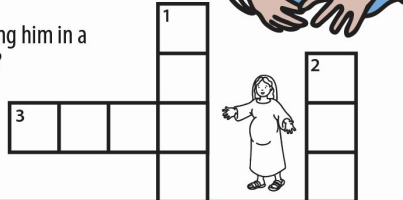


The Bible has many stories of mothers who had great faith in God. With their love, care, encouragement and prayers their children grew up to be great people of God.

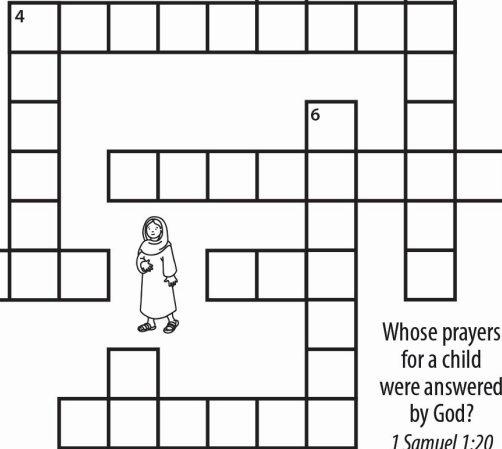


Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

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

Across

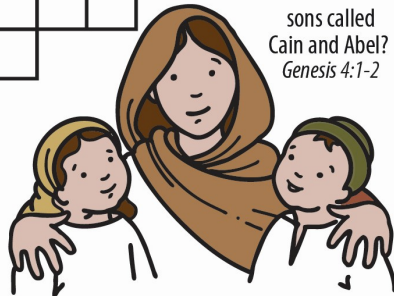
- 3. **Obed's** mother
Matthew 1:5
- 4. **John's** mother
Luke 1:57-60
- 7. **Reuben's** mother
Genesis 29:32
- 8. **Joseph's** mother
Genesis 30:22-24
- 9. **Jesus'** mother
Acts 1:14

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



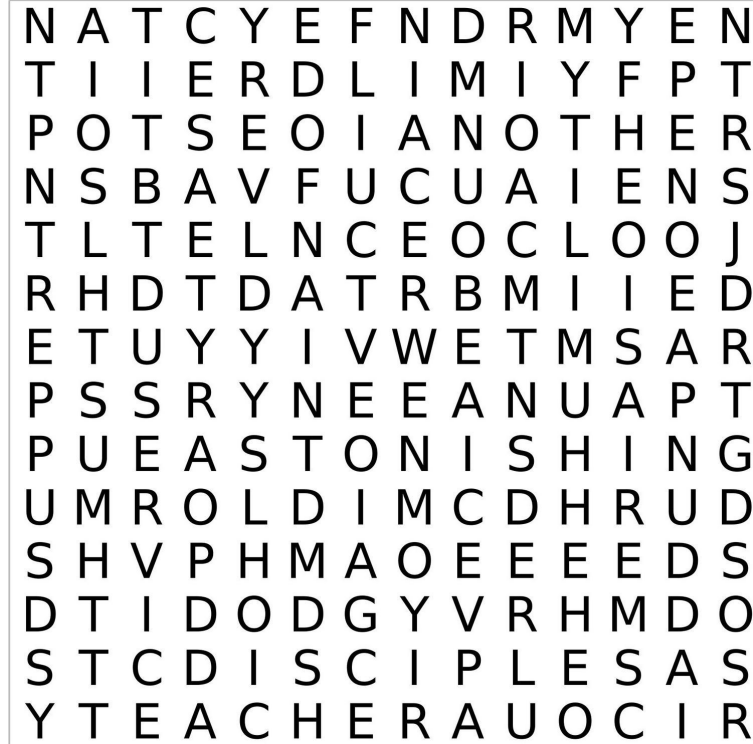
Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?
Genesis 4:1-2



Answer the questions then put them into the crossword

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Word Search



- 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



Sudoku

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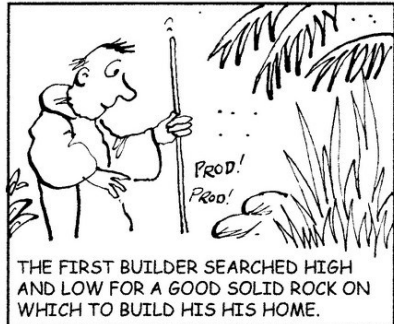
The
Tale of the
**TWO
BUILDERS**



**JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS**



**ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO
BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES**



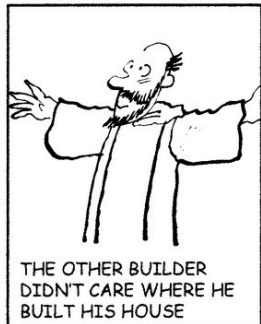
**THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH
AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON
WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.**



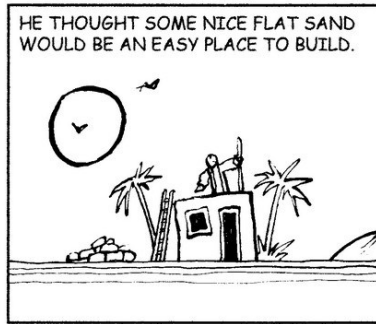
**AT LONG, LONG LAST HE
FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.**



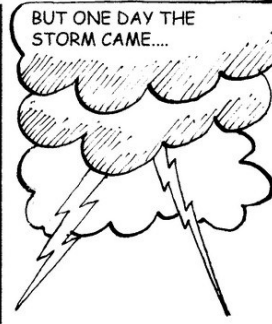
SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.



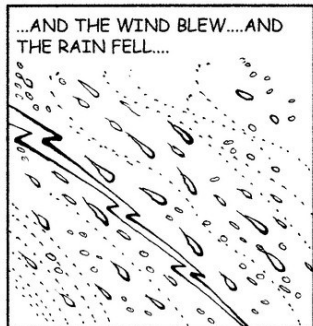
**THE OTHER BUILDER
DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE
BUILT HIS HOUSE**



**HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND
WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.**



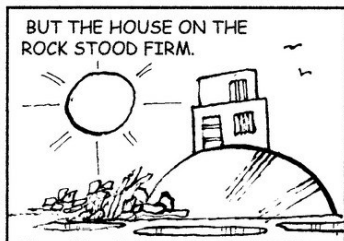
**BUT ONE DAY THE
STORM CAME...**



**...AND THE WIND BLEW...AND
THE RAIN FELL....**



**...AND THE HOUSE ON
THE SAND COLLAPSED!**



**BUT THE HOUSE ON THE
ROCK STOOD FIRM.**

**JESUS EXPLAINED -
IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE
A FIRM FOUNDATION.**



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