



**April 2021**

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# Winkfield Parish News – April 2021

## From Revd Patrick: an Easter message

### **A Happy Easter to you all!**

I trust you are doing well, and that God is blessing you and your loved ones with continued health during this challenging time. These past months have now turned into a year of going through endless personal and national challenges.

Every part of life seems to have been painfully disrupted. From school to home, home to work, work to worship, worship to family relationships. We have had to make lots of adjustments in terms of working environment, schooling and meeting up with loved ones.

Lives have been lost and businesses and jobs have vanished. The pressure of lockdown has also magnified the insidious domestic violence and loneliness. It must be said that this same pressure has brought out innate goodness as neighbours look out for each other, getting medications and shopping for the vulnerable.

The promise and rollout of the vaccines has brought much needed respite. It is incredibly good news notwithstanding the naysayers.. The Spring renewal of nature amplifies the promise of salvation embedded in the historical events of Easter.

Amid a global pandemic, this Christian story of Easter brings immense hope in the Pandemic desperation surrounding us and in us. The crucifixion is the story of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice and solidarity with the world, a resounding message of reconnection with life eternal. Jesus – the son of the Creator of the universe – willingly undergoes a painful, bloody, public death.

It is the ultimate sacrifice for a world gone bad, so that we do not need the old animal sacrifices and do not have to face God's back hand in the end. The resurrection, then, is the most astounding event in the history of the world. It is the supreme affirmation of life. We look forward to celebrating this crowning of our salvation on Easter Sunday, 2021!

Christ has died!  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.

We must never forget that over 2,000 years ago Jesus rose from the grave! No tomb could hold our sinless redeemer who had come to take the guilt and consequence of sin to the cross just as if He was the one who was the sinner! He was “guilty” of loving and forgiving sinners! By faith we are eternally saved from an awfully bad place separated from God forever, even if we didn’t know our precarious situation.

Revd. Patrick Mukholi. Interim Minister.  
Easter 2021

### **Easter faith in atheist Russia**

*Patrick’s homily is underscored by this cheering piece of history!*

Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence.

Then a man rose and asked to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: ‘Christ is risen!’

At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, ‘He is risen indeed!’ It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician, who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people that God does not exist when they have already encountered Him?

*We are fortunate indeed that, as Christians in Britain, we do not encounter the dangers and hideous punishments that Christians face in many other countries. So it is easy to forget God in our society, even though He will not forget us. But when it comes to the point, like those who stood up to Bukharin that day, we know that God is there and will support us, and that the Easter message rings in triumph over the emptiness of atheism.*

# Notices

## **From the Parish Registers**

### **Baptisms**

There are no notices of Baptisms,

### **Funerals etc.**

There are no notices of funerals, etc.

## **Standing notices**

### **Pandemic**

Government restrictions on church activity are presently holding back church services and other activities.

Restrictions may be lifted by the Government at unspecified times if and when the pandemic recedes. Please refer to the Parish Website (link given below) for the status of the churches and applicable lifting of restrictions.

St Mary's church is open for services and private prayer, in accordance with current guidelines.

### **Office opening hours:**

The church office is closed until further notice. Please refer to the Parish Website for details of church activity within the parish:

[www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk](http://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk)

or use this email address to contact the Parish Office:

[admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk](mailto:admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk)

The Parish Website contains information about church services in the parish, and about many associated activities.

## **Church Services in the Parish**

The current church services plan can be found on the following link:

[www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/thisweeksservices.htm](http://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/thisweeksservices.htm)

## **St Mary's, Church Road Winkfield**

St Mary's is Open for daily private prayer and Sunday services. Please refer to page 9 for the plan of services.

## **St Martin's and St Peter's churches**

These churches are currently closed. However, Zoom services take place each Sunday and can be attended using this link:

[www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/livestreamsundayserives.htm](http://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/livestreamsundayserives.htm)

## **Interim Minister**

The Revd Patrick Mukholi is Interim Minister for the Parish

## **Who's Who in the Parish**

Who's Who in the Parish is available at:

<https://fosmw.com/parishmag/WHO'S%20WHO.pdf>

## **Safeguarding**

Please visit the Safe Spaces link:

[www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/news-andstatements/safe-spaces](http://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/news-andstatements/safe-spaces)

as a new addition to the Safeguarding page. For anyone feeling vulnerable, it serves to provide a place to reach-out-to. For some, it may feel like the only safe point-of-contact during these times of isolation.

## **Safeguarding Sunday – a date for your diaries: 4th July 2021**

Safeguarding - What does it mean for me? Safeguarding Sunday is a new initiative to raise awareness of Safeguarding and to give a better understanding of its place in the parish, regardless of who we are. Please join us ...and perhaps gain a new perspective. More information to follow.

Camille Jeffs, Parish Safeguarding Officer  
safeguarding@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

## **Other notices**

### **Royal Ascot Cricket Club**

The Royal Ascot Cricket Club is keen to see new players & colts for the 2021 season.

Royal Ascot Cricket Club is a family club playing matches at Locksride Recreation ground Winkfield Row, with our main and fully renovated clubhouse and pitch inside Ascot Racecourse where all training takes place.

We run 4 adult teams in the Thames Valley Cricket League, 1 team in the Bracknell Midweek Cricket League, with friendlies on Sundays. We are keen to attract experienced and returning players to the sport to boost these teams. Senior outdoor nets are held from 6pm on Tuesday evenings until 8pm at the main Ascot ground.

We have an active boys and girls colts section from under 7s upwards playing competitive matches locally with a number representing the county.

We are delighted to announce that all our coaching for colts will be provided through our new partnership with the Kevin Pietersen Global Cricket Academy Ltd (KPGCA) and will begin this year in early April when allowed by the government and the ECB.

Under 7s, 8s and 9s train on Mondays from 5.25pm to 6.45pm. Under 9s with under 10s and 11s training from 6.45 to 8pm also on Mondays.

Under 12s train on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.00pm with under 13s 14s and 15s training from 6.45pm to 8.15pm also on Thursdays. Girls training takes place on Thursdays from 5.30pm to 6.45pm.

Any under 5s and 6s that are interested and ready please contact us on one of the numbers below. For further details please visit our website: [www.royalascotcc.com](http://www.royalascotcc.com) or contact:

Club and Colts Chairman Mark Wiggett on 07717 718506  
4th Team and Midweek Captain Richard Baker 07894 983563  
Club Treasurer Richard Wyatt 07974 824583

## *Around the Parish*

### **Bell ringers' report – March 2021**

Another month gone by and at last a glimmer of light at the end of a very long tunnel!

Most of the ringers have had their first Covid-19 vaccination now, some their second, and some due their second – all very positive.

So lovely to see signs of growth in the garden – beautiful daffodils and plants with new shoots all over the place.

The virtual ringing seminar was interesting if a little “high tech” for me – definitely aimed at larger ringing groups with more technical know-how!!

As part of the committee, I attended (by zoom) the Hand Bell Ringers of Great Britain, South East Region, meeting – the first for a year, where we discussed how and when we could safely start meeting again – tentative plans but lovely to have things in the diary to look forward to...

We managed our bell ringers’ AGM, also by Zoom (what would we do without Zoom at the moment??).

So lovely to make tentative arrangements for getting together to enjoy ringing and socialising again.

A thoroughly enjoyable Mothering Sunday service this morning with very pretty daffodil posies – we are so lucky at St Mary’s.

We are delighted to have been asked to ring our hand bells at the Easter Sunday service: always such a wonderful occasion.

Take care and keep well,

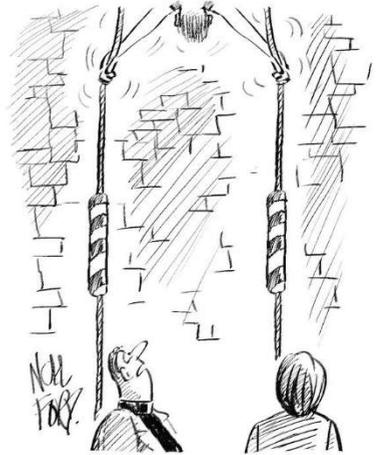
Jill Glennerster 01344-884071

### **St Mary’s Choir**

While congregations are still not allowed to sing the choir chooses not to perform all verses of the hymns chosen. The Stopford Communion service is sung at the Family Communion service on first Sundays in the month, with the Merbecke service being chosen for the third Sundays. A short anthem is usually sung at all services. This takes the place, on Communion Sundays, of the choir interlude that was performed while members of the congregation took communion. Thanks to all the choir members who continue to take part.

### **St Mary’s Women’s Guild**

The March meeting began with a short service, so enabling the Guild members to meet. For the first time in nearly twelve months, new ideas



*Eric took social distancing while bell ringing very seriously.*

for speakers, outings and fund raising were discussed. Dates for the Autumn Fayre, the Heritage Open Days and Harvest Supper were all announced and entered into diaries. There were several new ideas to be discussed, and when details are decided they will be announced. The two new additions to the flower team had a very successful 'first turn', and the additional two Guild members will join after Easter.

### **Friends of St Mary's Winkfield – FOSMW**

The Diocesan Advisory Council approved the application for an improved sound system on 2 March 2021. The installation began on 12 March, and will be completed on 26 March. The Trustees met on 11 March 11 and began discussions for the fundraising towards an overhaul of the electrical system. The FOSMW AGM will take place on 26 March.

### **Family Matins, Family Praise and Crafty Church**

These three services are all flourishing. The Activity in the Pew in February was making 'prayer chains'. Some very exotic chains were produced. The children continue to play the piano for some of the hymn slots, and we were also fortunate to have a clarinet solo.

### **An anniversary to forget!**

The website of the Friends of St Mary's Winkfield celebrated in March the first (and hopefully the only) anniversary of its Corona Page. This was started a year ago, and its first dated entry is labelled 17/3/20.

You can find it at [www.fosmw.com/fosmw-stayalert.html#start](http://www.fosmw.com/fosmw-stayalert.html#start)

The webpage was originally set up to maintain a sense of rationality and practical calm at a time when the newspapers and the media were hyped up almost into permanent alarm and hysteria.

It starts with FAQs giving advice on getting priority access to Tesco and Sainsbury, and how to re-use face-masks, with a poem and words of advice.

The entire webpage is still there, as a monumental web entity, and a rough word count puts it at 60 thousand words long – enough to fill a small book. Literature it is not, but it can be regarded as a sort of diary as we, the editors of the website as well as of the parish mag, created a step-by step analysis, reaction and commentary on the pandemic.



## Services within the Parish

As service plans may be affected by government policy, please check on the Parish Website to be certain that the service will take place.

### ST MARTIN'S CHURCH – SUNDAY SERVICES IN APRIL 2021

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	Easter Day	9:30am	No services in St Martin's church or church hall at the present time
11	The Second Sunday of Easter	9:30am	No services in St Martin's church or church hall at the present time
18	The Third Sunday of Easter	9:30am	No services in St Martin's church or church hall at the present time
25	The Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:30am	No services in St Martin's church or church hall at the present time

### ST MARY'S CHURCH – SUNDAY SERVICES IN APRIL 2021

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	Easter Day	10am	Family Communion (BCP)
11	The First Sunday after Easter	8am	No 8am service in church today
		10am	Family Matins
18	The Second Sunday after Easter	9:30am	Family Praise
		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
25	The Third Sunday after Easter	8am	No 8am service in church today
		9:30am	Crafty Church
		11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)

## ST PETER'S CHURCH – SUNDAY SERVICES IN APRIL 2021

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	Easter Day	8am or 11am	No 8am or 11am services in St Peter's church at the present time
11	The Second Sunday after Easter)	11am	No 11am service in St Peter's church at the present time
18	The Third Sunday after Easter	8am or 11am	No 8am or 11am services in St Peter's church at the present time
25	The Fourth Sunday after Easter	11am	No 11am service in St Peter's church at the present time

## ZOOM – SUNDAY SERVICES IN APRIL 2021

### Zoom Meeting:

<<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84791712258?pwd=bU03YTluM3hrU2t2V2swTGRFN3Qxdz09>>

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	Easter Day	11am	Zoom All Age Together – St Martin's or St Peter's style
14	The Second Sunday after Easter)	11am	Zoom – Holy Communion (CW) – St Peter's style
21	The Third Sunday after Easter	11am	Zoom Morning Prayer (CW) – St Martin's and St Peter's style
28	The Fourth Sunday after Easter	11am	Zoom Holy Communion (CW) St Martin's style

# Thoughts of all sorts

## 'Easter' by George Herbert (1593-1633)

*For many people, including us, George Herbert is a favourite poet. One of the loose group of 17<sup>th</sup> Century poets known as 'the Metaphysical poets', his insights into God's relationship with Man are striking. They require thought to comprehend, but it is worth the effort. Several of his poems give the words for well-known hymns, including 'King of glory, King of peace'.*

*Herbert was very well educated; he gave up a high career, including serving for a short time in the Parliament of the day, to become a parish priest.*

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise  
Without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With him mayst rise:  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part  
With all thy art  
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,  
Who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key  
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song  
Pleasant and long:  
Or since all music is but three parts vied  
And multiplied;  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

I got me flowers to straw thy way:  
I got me boughs off many a tree:  
But thou wast up by break of day,  
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,  
Though he give light, and th'East perfume;  
If they should offer to contest  
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,  
Though many suns to shine endeavour?  
We count three hundred, but we miss:  
There is but one, and that one ever.

*The Ven John Barton considers a beloved, national institution....*

### **100 years of the PCC**

It's a hundred years since parish churches gained the power to run their own affairs, separately from what we now regard as local government.

The religious affairs of a parish, as well as its secular business had been controlled by a single committee, which met in the church and was known as the 'Vestry'. Then, in 1894, Parish Councils were formed to deal with secular matters; the Vestry continued to oversee church affairs until 1921, when Parochial Church Councils (PCC) were established. People still get confused by the two.

Churchwardens have been around since the 13th Century and legally 'own' the movable contents of the church. They are meant to maintain order in the church and churchyard, with the assistance of their staves, if necessary. In the event of serious disorder today, a mobile phone might be a safer instrument, with staves reserved for ceremonial occasions! Churchwardens are now chosen by parishioners, though the Incumbent (i.e. Vicar or Rector) has a limited right of veto.

Today, anyone on the Electoral Roll of the church (sorry, this is another confusion, for the secular Electoral Roll is entirely separate) can attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which elects the PCC. The Incumbent is an *ex officio* member, as are other licensed clergy and Churchwardens, members of the Deanery Synod, plus any member of the Diocesan Synod and General Synod who lives in the parish or is on the Roll. The Incumbent chairs the PCC, which elects a Vice-Chair and appoints a Standing Committee to transact business between meetings.

The purpose of a PCC, which must meet at least four times a year, is to consult together with the Incumbent “on matters of general concern and importance to the parish”, and that includes the “whole mission of the Church”. Did you know that changes to the forms of service, or the vesture or the minister, can only happen after consultation?

Inevitably, money and building maintenance take up a lot of room on the Agenda, though we all know they are less important than mission. It’s a real challenge for every PCC member to pray for non-churchgoing parishioners and to find imaginative ways of introducing them to Christ and His Church.

If you’ve got this far and are a member of your PCC - congratulations - you are a hundred years old this year!

## **An Interesting Life – part 2: North Aston**

by Anthony Hodson

*In part 1, Anthony is born in 1937, near Paddington Station, the second son of young middle-class parents Harry and his beautiful Australian wife Margaret. Harry is a brilliant young man, an economist, and with the high academic distinction of having been a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. The ashes of Margaret and Harry lie in the graveyard of St Mary’s church.*

My two earliest memories were at around the age of three, and they relate to North Aston Hall, overlooking the flood plains of the river Cherwell, 15 miles north of Oxford. This was not *our* house, but being there came about because of the interesting early career of my father, Harry Hodson, around which so much of my early life rotated.

In 1928, aged 22, Harry, as an Oxford graduate and economist, became a History Fellow of All Souls College, an academic position with special distinction. It brought him into a community of brilliant and influential people, many of whom had retained the informal fellowship of Quondam (‘at one time’) Fellows of All Souls as they rose in the circles government of the UK and abroad: leaders the Church, journalism, economics, the academic world, and so on. Being a Fellow was not a full-time study position, but, rather, a career starting-point. Harry’s many All Souls friends, Quondams and academics, led him in due course into the thick of the movement to rethink the British Empire and the developing Commonwealth.

These people were deeply concerned with the well-being of the peoples within the British Empire – forget the stereotypes!

Harry's first position was a journalist on *The Economist*, founded in 1843 and still going today, with its distinctive red name-plate on its cover. He turned down the Civil Service as a career (despite passing the demanding entrance exam very near the top of the list). He also (mistrustful of academic economists) rejected an offer to be Economics Tutor at New College, Oxford. *The Economist* was an influential journal, and Harry did well. He was invited by the Prime Minister no less (then Ramsey Macdonald) to join the staff of the recently formed Economic Advisory Council, a think-tank of eminent economists (including Maynard Keynes), trade unionists and other experts, under the chairmanship of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. This was an offer not to be turned down. However, he was subsequently tempted away from the EAC by Lionel Curtis (another Quondam Fellow of All Souls) to become assistant editor of the *Round Table* journal.

Lionel Curtis was then the leading member of 'Milner's Kindergarten', which from 1910 had formed itself into *The Round Table*, a group dedicated to progressive and beneficent thinking on the future of the British Empire. Lord Milner had successfully brought the Union of South Africa into a being a successful country after the devastating Boer War, and wanted the ideas to expand. He formed a group of brilliant young men ("the oldies were too busy to join") – hence the Kindergarten – to rethink how Empire countries should develop. They would eventually be under rule by their peoples (although that was too far off then to consider then as current practicality), following successful economic development based on good administration and infrastructure.

*The Round Table* in 1930 had a broad-ranging set of members, including leading industrialist Lionel Hitchens. Hitchens had had a successful colonial career, after which he became Chairman of Cammell Laird, an important shipbuilding company.

It was Lionel Hitchens who owned North Aston Hall, where he lived with his beautiful wife Hermione (who became my Godmother) and their six children.

The editor of the Round Table journal in 1930 was John Dove, who lived in a cottage in the grounds of North Aston Hall, and when he died in 1934, the editorship of the journal passed to my father.

Moving ahead to close this episode, when war broke out in 1939, Lionel and Hermione, my Godmother, persuaded my parents that London was no place to bring up young children (myself, aged 2, and my brother Nick, 5): we should live for a time with them in North Aston Hall.

They had a Nanny for the children, probably a local girl whose family lived in a house without electricity. I was clearly a lively child, for once, after annoying Nanny, she told me: "If you go on being naughty, I will apply a switch to your bottom!". As a curious child, I knew that switches carried electricity, and having an electrical gadget applied to my bottom was a major threat, so I was then as 'good as I could be'. To Nanny, a switch was a twiggy stick used as a mild whip for horses - and for naughty boys. This was my first memory.

The second memory was of John Hichens, the oldest Hichens son, who had been drafted into the Army and was shortly to leave for active service. He showed me his rifle, and how its bolt worked to retain the bulleted cartridge, and I was intrigued (as I later was - and still am - by 'things that work'). John was killed in action in Normandy in 1944. His father Lionel had been killed in 1940 in London by a German bomb.

## **St James the Least of All**

*The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*

### **On the best way to run a church council meeting**

The Rectory

St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Thank you for inviting me to speak at your church council yesterday. I began to suspect that my theme of why Eusebius's dislike of Sabellianism led to his condemnation at the Council of Antioch in 324 was a little misjudged, when the only question I was asked after my lecture was if Eusebius was on Facebook.

I never realised how much technology is needed these days just to discuss church matters. It seemed that everyone had brought their laptop, so they could refer to all the diocesan briefing documents and reports that you mentioned. I've been in the diocese 40 years and have never heard of most of those papers. But then I find it too easy to delete the diocesan mailings, unread, with a click of my mouse.

Our church meetings are far more traditional. Since the church floor seems to have been carved out of permafrost, our meetings circulate round members' houses. This introduces a nice element of competition, as each host tries to outdo the previous one in the baking of cakes. Meetings at Colonel Drinkwater's – a more inappropriate name one cannot imagine – are the shortest, since we are always promised wine once the meeting is over. It is remarkable how unanimity is achieved on every subject within minutes, and nothing appears under "any other business".

Mrs Eddington never troubles us with minutes, largely because she can rarely read the notes she takes. She just shares with us whatever she *can* decipher at our next meeting. Last month, she accidentally brought her shopping list instead, and so read that out. There followed a lively discussion on whether carrots from our local shop were better than those at the supermarket. When it was found out she intended to use them in a venison casserole, endless recipes were keenly debated.

We always leave our church meetings well fed, up to date with village gossip, and totally untroubled by any church council business. And the lack of any minutes ensures that I can then make all the decisions myself, between meetings. I think you will find our system has much to be commended.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

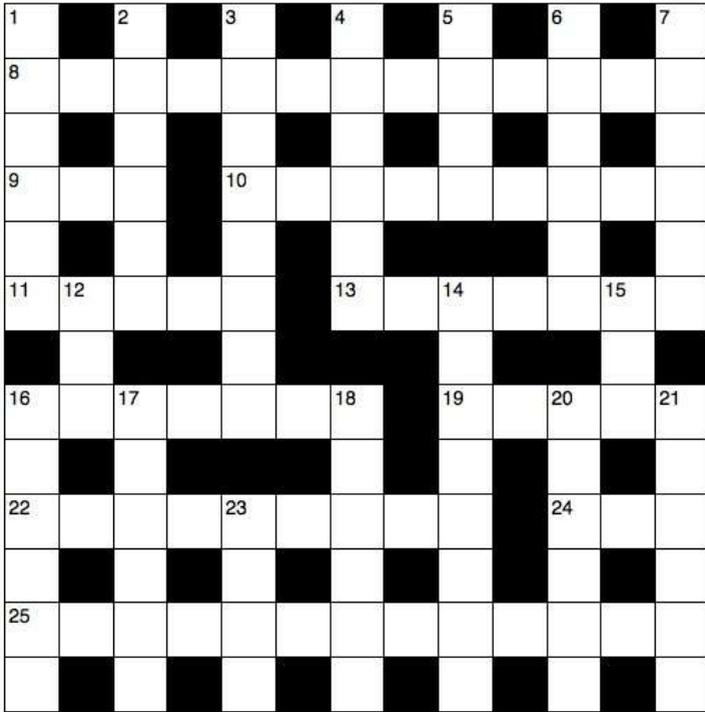
# Puzzles



## Wordsearch Clues and Answers April 2021

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, and we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life.

passover	Jerusalem	soldiers	tomb
bread	Pilate	cross	angel
wine	Judas	nails	stone
body	Gethsemane	vinegar	risen
blood	trial	temple	gardener
betrayal	crucifixion	curtain	Mary



### Crossword Clues and Answers

#### ACROSS

8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the —' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)

9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)

10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)

11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)

13 Muslim holy month (7)

16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)

19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)

22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)

24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)

25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

DOWN

1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)

2 Festival of the resurrection (6)

3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)

4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)

5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)

6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over'  
(Matthew 26:16) (2,4)

7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)

12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)

14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)

15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)

16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)

17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)

18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?'  
(Daniel 3:24) (4,2)

20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)

21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?'  
(James 4:4) (6)

23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's  
(4)

**Answers**  
**ACROSS:** 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.  
**DOWN:** 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome. Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean.

# Children's Corner

## The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

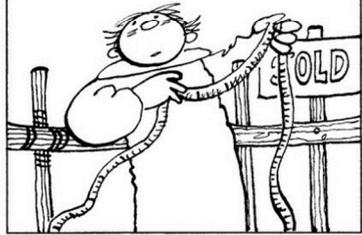


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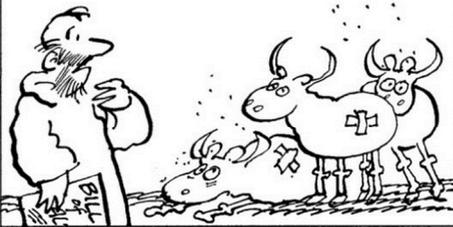


BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



YES - I CAN COME TO YOUR PARTY

THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.