

Kingswinford



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And surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age.

- Matthew 28:20 NIV

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From the Editor....

In the absence of an idea or a theme, I took it upon myself to discuss what faith means to different religions in this time of world chaos, with Muslim, Christian and Sikh (sadly one of no faith) adults to seventeen-year-old males during my day at work.

Every conversation was uplifting and faith affirming. Most spoke about one God - one person even said, *“it is the same God.”* Another, who spoke about conflict in his own life, summed up by saying, *“prayer and God provide stability, love and reassurance.”*

A common theme - whether it be Jesus, Allah or Waheguru - was that God is not a source of war or retaliation. In fact, the very opposite - however God is named, God is a source of peace and love for all peoples.

Another value, which emerged from the eldest to the youngest - one even used the term *“living their best life”* - described something similar to the way I speak of endeavouring to wear my Jesus clothes, which is encouraging.

Currently, at Bible Study, we are exploring what it means to respond as Christians to the environmental issues God’s world is facing. Without prompting, two of those I spoke to mentioned leaving the world in a better place for the next generations and respecting God’s creation. Whilst people frequently moan to me about Britain, another common theme was counting one’s blessings and being able to live a good life, a family life, in this country and praising their God for it.

To conclude, everyone I spoke to recognised man’s part (powerful leaders) in creating chaos in the world - but their faith provided hope, respect for everyone and the promise that love can make this world a better place for all.

God bless everyone, enjoy this month’s magazine.

Richard

Deadline for the next magazine is: Friday 22 May 2026

Please put this date in your diary!

Core Bible May 2026

We meet at 7.30 pm on Monday evenings in the worship space. We are always glad to welcome new faces. This group is for everyone - whether you read the Bible daily and can quote multiple verses, or if you pick the Bible up rarely and are not sure what the names of all the books are!

We are an Eco Church, and part of our commitment to this includes studying the Scriptures through an ecological lens. During May, we are continuing to explore *“A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues”* by Martin and Margot Hodson. In the foreword to the guide, Andy Atkins -chief executive of A Rocha UK, who founded the Eco Church initiative - gives this incentive to our study and action:

'Is there hope?' is a question I am often asked. No doubt, the trends in biodiversity loss, climate change, plastics pollution and many other 'environmental' issues are very concerning, not to say potentially catastrophic. But, yes, there is hope. Not just ultimately, in a loving, creator God, but in him now. Churches and Christians are still present in every village, town and neighbourhood in the UK. However stretched we may feel, we have a unique potential to make a positive impact on the environmental crisis locally and nationally if we act together, drawing on the E science and the resources we have.

Date	Reading	Title
May 4 th	No meeting!	
May 11th	John 6:1-15 John 6:30-40	Loaves, Fishes and Bread of Life
May 18th	Mark 4:26-29 Mark 4:30-34 Mark 4:35-41	Kingdom, Faith and Calming a Storm
May 25th	No meeting!	

In June, we follow the Bible Month and look at the letter to the Philippians.



... from Ann and John Mearman

Thank you to our Church family for the beautiful flowers presented to us on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

... from Young Minds

Young Minds (the February chosen charity of the Tuesday coffee morning) have emailed to say how much they appreciated our generous contribution and stated that they cannot stress enough how important our support is right now.

... from Jackie Cliff

Dear friends, I have been overwhelmed by all the wonderful cards, flowers, messages and phone calls I received following my recent house move.

I am settling well into my bungalow in Burbage. The good people of Burbage Methodist Church have made me feel very welcome. I have some friendly neighbours too.

It goes without saying that after 43 years of attending KMC I miss you all very much and the happy memories will be with me forever. I feel so honoured to have been part of it, but the move to be nearer family was the right decision for me.

I wish you all God's blessings on this special 60th anniversary year and pray that KMC continues to flourish through the amazing outreach work that you do.

Thank you again for all the love and support you gave me.

With love – Jackie

When I said I'd give up everything - by Eddie Askew

When I said I'd give up everything, Lord, I didn't really think it would be like this.

I didn't really think it through.

Yes, it's true, I know it is.

Forgive me for trying to sidestep, but it hurts.

Little deaths every day.

Choking back the angry word,

Not telling the other driver he's a fool.

Responding with love.

Giving, not receiving.

Giving a bit more when no one says thank you for what I've already given.

Giving my time, and energy, and help,

When all I want to do is curl up on my own.

Then I look at you, Lord, and I'm ashamed.

I see the wounds.

Not just on your hands and feet,

But in your heart.

And I know there's no other way.

Your death brought life.

In dying you live.

In your life I too am alive.

And your life grows in me.

Through all these little deaths I die each day.

And through them you bring me closer to yourself.

Lord, I don't really want it any other way.

Second Saturday Prayers only!

May 9th only at 9.00 am in the Parlour or follow the link on the website to join via Zoom.

Come and join us as we pray for individuals, our church and circuit, the community we serve and situations across the world. You can also join by participating in the Prayer Chain, which receives requests via WhatsApp or email. If you or someone you know requires prayer, please send requests to Melanie using the contact details provided on the last page.

When we look around us at all that is going on and the various power struggles that deny the love, peace, justice, mercy and righteousness God desires, it may be hard to find the words to pray. In those times, we can lean into God by taking time in silence, simply listening and making space for God to speak. During May, why not find a time as the days lengthen and the sun rises higher in the sky to fall into silence and listen to what God has to say?

Please note that, due to the bank holiday, there is no fourth Saturday Prayers on May 23rd.

Thy Kingdom Come

The annual Thy Kingdom Come global call to prayer is fast approaching. This year, the dates are 14th-24th May and the theme is 'God with us', which will be explored on each of the 11 days through Bible stories which demonstrate God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and places.

During this period, there will be some 'al fresco' prayer stations around our cross and grounds to encourage our local community (and us!!) to pray for five people known to us to experience the life-changing love of God for themselves. So please come and light the world in prayer...

- **By the cross** write the names of five people you know on the hand shapes available, trace the shape of the hand and, as you journey along each finger, pray for the person named before hanging the hand shape on the cross.
- **By the benches** there are “fake stones” - use five to build a cairn and, as you do so, pray for the five people on your heart.
- **On the path** follow the temporary stepping stones and, as you take each step, pray for one of your five.
- **Around the trees** – add a ribbon to the one surrounding each of the five trees, one for each of your five as you pray.

Friendship Group

Thursday 14 May
2.15 pm in the Church
Parlour

Thursday 28 May
LUNCH OUT
The Swan, Kingswinford

Contact: **Joyce** on **01384 295122** for more details

All welcome – no minimum (or maximum) age limit

Men's Group

On **Wednesday 6 May** the Men's Group will be meeting at **7.00 pm** in the Red Room at church for a 'bring and share' Faith Supper and dominoes tournament.

On **Wednesday 3 June**, Richard is arranging a meal out at The Swan. Please confirm to him if you wish to attend.

Contact: richardwalters964@icloud.com

Opportunities to serve ...

Are you good at hospitality?

Do you bake? Could you join our wonderful team and offer your skills and bake just one item per month for Coffee mornings, Café Worship and other events? If this is your gift, please see Melanie who would be delighted to add your name to the friendly Cake WhatsApp.



Setting up the hall for after-service beverages...

Are you fit and able? Could you get to church a little earlier and set up the tea and coffee tables on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday each month? If so speak to Diane Jones who organises the coffee rota or one of the Stewards who would love to hear from you.

Coffee and Craft



Come with your craft project (or not!) and
enjoy a coffee (or tea!) and natter.

Saturdays 9th May & 6th June

10:30 – 12:00

Grow Trees  **Grow Hope**

In the February magazine, the Eco page was devoted to **Tree Aid** – an environmental charity working in Africa. We were encouraged to think about, pray for and, if possible, support their work with a monetary donation. Thanks to the donations given at the two coffee mornings in March we have been able to send them £110.

In terms of what that would buy, a shopping list could look like this:

3 x Torches £4 2 x Watering cans £5 2 x Wellies £8

2 x Ethiopian apple trees £10 2 x Fantastic shea trees £10

2 x Pruning tools £15



No Mow May

During May, part of the front lawn at church will be left uncut to encourage wildlife to visit. We will also be refilling the bug hotel cross. If you have anything that you think a bug might like to explore please add it to one of the “rooms” or leave it in the Link for someone else to do.

Easter Joy

Maundy Thursday



On Maundy Thursday Rev Jem led a “Love Feast.” We were reminded of Jesus sharing a meal with his friends to celebrate the Passover where, before they ate, Jesus broke bread and shared it with the disciples.

We all shared bread together before enjoying a fabulous spread. During the meal Jem offered to wash our feet – just as Jesus did. Then we ended by sharing the wine.

Good Friday

Our Good Friday service was led by Rev Andrew Roberts. The message was based around the tag line, *“It’s Friday! But Sunday’s coming!!”*

With that hope in our hearts, we enjoyed fellowship with hot cross buns and then had the opportunity to join with other local churches for a short service at Townend place.



Easter Saturday



Feed My Sheep moved to Easter Saturday when we had afternoon tea. The invitation to the wider church congregation meant that there were 50 of us.

Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday morning the cross was beautifully decorated.



With a fun packed Family Fun morning on the Monday and Rev Michael's Holy Week walk on the Wednesday it was a special week indeed.

Thank you to all who made it possible.



The Easter Message through Holy Week

Debbie Westwood

On Palm Sunday we thought about Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and how he rode on a donkey. We discussed how Jesus didn't come to overthrow the Romans as the big 'I am' - but how he came in peace, came for all and came as a Servant King.



As a church, we looked to serve our local community through Holy Week. One of the ways we did this was by delivering Easter gifts to several local care homes including Wyncroft, Tiled House, New Bradley Hall, Castlewellan and Highfield.

We also delivered eggs and gifts to the residents and staff at Saltbrook Place. We have received messages to say that these have been well received and much appreciated by staff and residents.

It is important that we continue to share the message of Jesus' love and grace to those who might not be able to join us in person but to whom we are still connected.

We are thankful that our prayers have been answered and that, last month, the management of Saltbrook Place was taken on by Changing Lives, a support group based in the North East who help those facing the challenges of homelessness. They seem to be very proactive and it is clear that staff and residents have hope for the scheme's future. As I write this, we have arranged to share breakfast with the residents on 15 April. This sharing of food and fellowship means a lot to those we meet with and it is always a blessing.

We pray for our continued work with Saltbrook Place and other homes over the coming year.

Easter Family Fun Morning

Monday 30 March 2026

Debbie Westwood

We welcomed 34 young people and their families to enjoy some more half term fun. We were fully booked again within days but unfortunately a few families didn't make it on the day. Those who were there had an amazing morning! What a wonderful way to continue with the joy of Palm Sunday, the day before. As we began the journey through Holy Week, we looked forward to the celebrations of Easter Sunday.

The young people made stained glass windows depicting various scenes from Holy Week - the donkey, the Last Supper, the Cross, to name a few. Holy Week is a time of highs and lows; a lot can happen in a week and it certainly did. Those first disciples and followers were on a rollercoaster.



There was also the ever popular edible crafts. One was a biscuit decoration of the Easter tomb. A heart jammy dodger represented the tomb, with the heart in the centre, as we remembered that love led Jesus to the cross and that Jesus loves us all. There was plenty of icing and sprinkles and then a Rolo. 'The stone was rolo...ed away'. What other

sweet would do?!

Another edible craft was a carrot cone decorated and filled with some sweet treats.

There were a range of egg and chick crafts too - decoupage eggs (we love a bit of glue); chick balloons (there were yellow feathers everywhere); Easter scratch art; egg and chick decorations.



The young people made Easter cards for friends or family, each unique and with some lovely messages.

There was also a range of puzzles and pictures to solve and colour.

When we moved through to the worship space Stuart and Richard helped us to think about what sort of king Jesus was.



- He wasn't a king of riches, fine clothes and palaces. He was a king who gave up everything for us.
- He wasn't a king who expected people to serve him. He was a king who got down on his knees and washed the dirty feet of his disciples.
- He wasn't a king who looked to save his own life. Jesus was a king who lived, died, and rose again for us – so that we might be forgiven our sins and live eternally with God our heavenly Father.

After church we enjoyed an egg hunt. Twelve eggs were hidden in the church, the link, red room, double room, hall and garden. The young people had to collect a letter from each egg and solve the message. The message was '**JESUS IS ALIVE.**' Once solved and decorated they could collect an Easter prize. We rejoice that Jesus is alive and, in our chaotic world, comes to offer us hope.

We have a great team who, when able, give their time to staff these events. Everyone has an important part to play, from supporting the crafts, staffing the kitchen, overseeing games, leading / taking part in worship, welcoming the young people and their families, chatting and tidying up. If you feel able to help, please let us know. I think we get as much out of it as those who come.

As the families left, we had loads of positive comments, saying what a great time the young people had had and how they would be keeping an eye out for the next event.

Jesus came for all - we hope to be open to all!

Jesus offers us **hope**, **love** and **light** at Easter and forever.

We're thinking about the next event in July. This will be themed around **bees**, when we will be introducing our "Bee Installation" – a fun trail for August.



60th Birthday Celebrations



With a month to go until we celebrate the church's 60th birthday there is still plenty to do....

With (potentially) warmer days you might:

43. Go to a gallery or museum

50. Go to a local place of interest you've not visited before -

Have you visited the Lace Museum in Amblecote?

17. Send a postcard

52. Splash in a puddle

22. Learn to say "Hello, my name is .." in a different language

- ideal for Pentecost Sunday

Birthday celebrations include:

13 June at 7 pm:

- Concert by **The Gentlemen Songsters** at KMC
Tickets: £10 (to include refreshments). Available shortly from Ann Jackson.

21 June:

- Morning Worship led by Rev Michael Payne
- Evening Café Worship (ItL Praise) led by Rev Andrew Roberts.

60th Church Anniversary Quiz

Margaret and Roger Shuttleworth

On 28 March, we held a “60th Church Anniversary” Quiz. It was a great evening, with both verbal and pictorial questions ably organised by Brian Arch.



There were 8 teams and about 50 people attended. There was much laughter and great fun, with Brian trying to keep us in order. The winning team was “Two Ducks” (Richard, Mel, James, Michele and Martyn Filsak), but there were only 8 points between the top 4 teams.

It was good to see people from other churches who came to support us.

A raffle was held, with most prizes having a chocolate theme. Margaret Timmins won the first prize of a lovely seasonal hamper, provided by Kira.

Excellent refreshments were served in the interval, with Judith organising a mouth-watering selection of cakes.

A total of **£345** was raised towards the Boiler Fund.

Our grateful thanks to everyone who attended or helped in any way. Special thanks to Brian and his glamorous assistants, Jocelyn and Carol.



Boiler Fund

We've done it!

As at 31 March 2026 the total raised to repay the Circuit Loan for our new boiler stood at **£21,367.51**.

Many thanks to everyone who organised an event, supported an event or made a personal donation to the Fund. In the first quarter of this year we have been blessed with two very substantial donations which has taken the pressure off the Church.

The additional amount over £20,000 together with the Quiz takings will be used towards the cost of heating repairs in the hall. There are still many improvements that need to be made to the 'Community' end of the premises which will complement the improvements made to the Worship Area in 2020-21.

So, no doubt there will be further fundraising opportunities to provide the money for these upgrades.

John Miller – Church Treasurer

Feed My Sheep

The next Feed My Sheep lunch will be on **Sunday 3 May at 1.00 pm**.

Feed My Sheep meals are for those who would otherwise normally eat alone on a Sunday. They are completely free.

If you would like to attend the next meal or any meals in the future (they happen once a month, normally on the first Sunday) please contact Megan (details on the back page).



Kingswinford Methodist Memory Garden

Doris Hill's ashes were interred in the Memory Garden on 14th March and Jane and the family have made a donation to the upkeep of the garden for which we give thanks.

From Doris's daughter, Jane:
I would like to say thank you to the church and Jem for leading an interment service in the memory garden on 14th March for mum's ashes and to Roger for planting a white rose in mum's memory. It was the first time I had been in the garden and what a lovely space it is for church members to be able to sit and remember loved ones. I shall certainly visit next time I am in Kingswinford.



I still read the newsletter and wonder which events I would have been bringing mum to - probably anything food or music related.

My best wishes to you and the church family

Ariane's story - Joyce Fellows

If you are on the Church Prayer List, the name Ariane will be familiar to you as requests for prayers are on that periodically. If not, she is a French lady of astounding faith known to a couple from my previous church who now live in Luxembourg.

Ariane and her husband became Christians after their young son died, aged 10 – and, in due course, they felt led to work first in Albania with MEDAIR and then a choice of Africa or Afghanistan.

February 2000 found them in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime. Then came along Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda. The country was in turmoil. It was time to return to France whilst they could but with the determination to return to Kabul, if at all possible, and create their own organisation. Thus **Le Pélican** was born – ‘pelican’ being a historical symbol of Christ - and they returned 4 months later. The culture shock was very real. After the Russian invasion and the civil war, it was now the most closed Islamic republic in the world.

In faith, her husband - whose trade was a baker - set up a bakery to teach young men the trade. When he became ill, they returned to France. Cancer was diagnosed and on 16 November 2013 he died.

On 25 March 2014, Ariane returned to Kabul. Her heart is there. She has returned to France on several occasions but always manages to go back to Kabul. The last time, they granted her a visa for a given time - but then Pakistan fell out with Afghanistan recently and three bombs landed too near for comfort. Time to leave once more.

An airline ticket was purchased to France, via Dubai - she always flew through that country. But then a certain Donald decided he didn't like Iran and began a war against them! Dubai was struck, so no planes landing there. It had to be Istanbul. Ariane landed there and this is a message I received from our contact in Luxembourg. She and God have an amazing relationship:

Ariane was very grateful for all the prayers and said she met an “angel” in a Turkish police uniform in Istanbul airport. There was no news in Kabul about the war in the Middle East, so all she knew was that the flights in and out of Dubai were cancelled. The Afghan director managed to find her a flight to Istanbul, but when the flight arrived it was running late. The connecting flight to France was announced “Boarding closing”. She saw a Turkish police officer and explained to him that, being over 75, she could not run across the airport but needed to catch the flight as she had a cataract operation booked in France. He told her to leave it with him. He phoned the boarding desk and asked them to keep the desk open until Ariane got there and flagged down a cart going past, put her on it and told the driver to take her to the plane. When they arrived, Ariane found he had also arranged for the flight crew to upgrade her to business class!

Le Pélican is our Tuesday Coffee Morning’s chosen charity for the month of May so any donations will be very gratefully received.



Coffee & Cake

Conversation



&

Friendship



10am until 12 noon
5th and 19th May

Le Pélican

Rainbows Brownies

All Age Team in Rainbows and Brownies

Karen Edwards

Thanks, as usual, to Megan and Melanie for another super evening running our Rainbows and Brownies' session and for all the hard work they put in to prepare for it.

We started with all the girls colouring in pieces of a 'jigsaw' - each with a word on it – just colouring the sections with a spot in. Once the girls knew what their words were, they then worked together to put them in order to make the bible verse – “*Christ Jesus makes his home in your heart so your roots will grow strong in God's love.*” (Look for it displayed in the hall!)



They talked about doing good turns – part of the girls' Guiding promises. In response, they planted pea seeds - seeds of **love**. The girls were able to take these home and were encouraged to look after them and care for them, just as Jesus cares for us all.



We finished off a fun and busy session with a game and some singing.

Thanks again.

All-Age Service

Sunday 10th May

They will be
comforted...



Retiring collection for
**christian
aid**



Worship group leading songs from 10am
Formal start at 10.30am
Relaxed and family friendly!



Super Sunday

Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday



10.30am—Creative worship for all ages

The mission of Black Country Foodbank is **‘to feed local people in crisis’**

BCFB are pleased to announce that their Impact Report 2025 is now available to view on their website – a reflection of a year shaped by compassion, resilience, and the power of community.

From innovative community projects that brought hope into difficult moments, to the volunteers and partner organisations supporting people on the frontline with dignity. Their Impact Report celebrates the individuals and partnerships that continue to make crisis a little less lonely and our communities a little more connected – reminding us that meaningful change starts with people helping people.

The stories and data within their report reflect the heart of who they are: a charity dedicated to providing essential food projects to all those in crisis, whilst also fighting for a future where no one needs to access a food charity.

Thank you to everyone who provided donations in April. The following items are currently in short supply. Please consider these urgent requirements alongside your usual donations.

Long life milk

Tinned fish

Tinned meat

Tinned spaghetti

Tinned vegetables

Tinned fruit

Small jars of coffee

Breakfast cereals

1 litre cartons of long life fruit juice

Jars of pasta sauce/cooking sauce

Roll-on deodorant

Shower gel

Toilet roll

Bars of soap

BCFB cannot accept out of date food or food items containing alcohol.

How to donate financially

Website - donate on the website www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk

Bank transfer - Sortcode: 40-11-55, Account No: 30116548

Mobile phone - You can text **BCFOODBANK** to **70085** to donate

Circuit News

Circuit Ramblers



9th May – 10.00 am
from **Hurcott Wood, DY10 3PG**
(Can you please double up in cars)



Other walks:

2nd May - Amblecote Wordsley Coffee Morning

16th May - Roman Road - Wollaston Coffee Morning

23rd May - Withymoore Sainsbury's car park

30th May - Ounty John Lane

Thanks for the Memories – Amblecote Wordsley MC



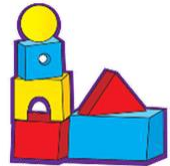
A monthly **Sunday** afternoon singing of favourite songs from the past and from musicals.

Tea: from 3.30 pm. Singing: 4.00-5.00 pm.

All are welcome. Contact Amblecote to check date.

Eden Toddler Group – SMC Gig Mill

All are welcome to pop in with babies and toddlers to the Toddler Group at Stourbridge Methodist Church Gig Mill every Friday morning 9.30-11.30am Admission £1.50 Contact Amy on 07561 880938 for more information.



Time for Tea at SMC Gig Mill

Tuesday 5th May, 2.30-4.00pm



Everyone is welcome. Come along and make some new friends!

Beetle Drive at SMC Gig Mill – Saturday 2 May at 7.00 pm

Tickets £3 – all welcome. Bring and Share food. Tombola.

Circuit Farewell Service – Rev Michael and Anita Payne and Rev Chris Watson – Sunday 12 July 2026 at SMC New Road, 6.00 pm

Tea will be served from 4.00 pm. Parking available on Argus Fire car park on the corner of Worcester Street.

May Rotas

Foodbank

3rd May	Paula Durrant	24th May	Jane Artist
10th May	Colin Russ	31st May	John Mearman
17th May	Stuart Ashmore	7th June	Rod Worthington

After service coffee/tea

3rd May (church)	Into the Light, Jean Whitehouse
10th May	Debbie Westwood, George & Judith Tyler
17th May	David & Diane Jones, Celia Miskin, Lynda Johnson
24th May	Bob and Edna Drake, Paula Durrant
31st May	Jocelyn Arch, Jane Stokes, Esther Homer

Diane Jones would always be happy to hear from anyone else who would like to join the after-service coffee/tea rota

Meet & Greet

3rd May	Ann Mearman, Paula Durrant, Betty Payne
10th May	Margaret Shuttleworth, Carol Pearson, Jocelyn Arch
17th May	Ann Mearman, Jennifer and Colin Russ
24th May	Bob and Edna Drake, Sylvia Allaway
31st May	Diane & Iain Robertson, Sylvia Allaway
7th June	Margaret Shuttleworth, Paula Durrant, Betty Payne

Jane Artist would always be happy to hear from anyone else who would like to join the Meet & Greet team

Tea Towel Washing

May	Paula Durrant
June	Grace Bradley

The Tea Towel washing rota for 2026 is currently complete and on the wall in the kitchen! Thank you to all those who have agreed to serve in this way - Sy

May Services

	10:30 am	6:00 pm
3 rd	Rev Andrew Roberts Holy Communion	
10 th	All-age Team All-age worship ItL leading worship from 10am	
17 th	Rev Jem Hawkins	Café worship Mrs Melanie Walters Supported by ItL
24 th	Mrs Jill Martin Plus KYC activities in the Hall ItL leading worship from 10am	Circuit Service – Kinver (see below)
31 st	All-age Team Super Sunday - Creative Worship (General Church Meeting after)	

****** Sunday 24th May ******

Circuit Pentecost Praise @ Kinver – 6pm

Refreshments from 5pm

June Services

	10:30 am	6:00 pm
7 th	Holy Communion	

Evening Services elsewhere in the Circuit

3rd May – SMC Gig Mill– 6pm- Payne & Filsak

10th May – Kinver Praise– 6pm- Rev Jem Hawkins

What Came First? Quiz – Esme Ashmore

1) Which Cadbury product was created first?			
Flake	Crème Egg	Milk Tray	Curly Wurly
2) Which board game was produced first?			
Monopoly	Cluedo	Sorry!	Connect 4
3) Which country was made independent first?			
Algeria	Cameroon	Egypt	Morocco
4) Which Heinz product was invented first?			
Baked Beans	Tomato Soup	Salad Cream	Chicken Soup
5) Which battle was fought first?			
Waterloo	Hastings	Agincourt	The Boyne
6) Which sport was thought of first?			
Lacrosse	Rugby	Aussie Rules	Ice Hockey
7) Which water company was founded first?			
Highland Spring	Evian	Buxton	Volvic
8) Which car company started building first?			
Toyota	VW	Hyundai	Ferrari
9) Which high street shop opened first?			
Tesco	Sainsbury's	Boots	Co-Op
10) Which composer was born first?			
Mozart	Beethoven	Tchaikovsky	J S Bach
11) Which King ruled first?			
James I	Charles II	George I	James II
12) Which US President was sworn in first?			
James Madison	John Quincy Adams	Andrew Jackson	James Monroe
13) Which Abba hit came first?			
Lay All Your Love	Mamma Mia	Dancing Queen	Money, Money, Money
14) Which fast food chain was founded first?			
McDonald's	Domino's	KFC	Burger King
15) Which football team was founded first?			
Crystal Palace	Nottingham Forest	Aston Villa	Wolverhampton Wanderers

The Tree Quiz – Answers

1.	Tallest type of tree - Redwoods
2.	Welsh band released <i>A Thousand Trees</i> - Stereophonics
3.	Only country to be named after a tree - Brazil
4.	Trees as a traditional feature of UK churchyards - Yews
5.	'The Major Oak' forest in the UK - Sherwood Forest
6.	Common name for linden trees in the UK - Lime Trees
7.	Name sometimes given to eucalyptus trees - Gum Trees
8.	Dendrochronology - Calculating the age of a tree by looking at its rings inside
9.	Acer is a genus of trees known as - Maple
10.	Tree in Trafalgar Square at Christmas time - Norway Spruce
11.	Football stadium built on a cherry tree orchard - Bournemouth
12.	Amber is made from fossilized - Tree resin
13.	Name of the tree in the Garden of Eden? The tree of the knowledge of good and evil
14.	In Morocco, goats climb in order to eat fruit - Argan trees
15.	County is England's largest forest - Northumberland
16.	Tree particularly associated with Buddha - Bodhi Tree
17.	Famous children's book by Shel Silverstein - The Giving Tree
18.	Tree whose seeds are referred to as 'helicopters' - Sycamore
19.	Garden tree with poisonous seeds/yellow flowers - Laburnum
20.	Tree produces 'cobs' and 'filberts' - Hazel

Rock Cakes – Sylvia Allaway

When I was working in Switzerland in the 1970s, my grandmother would write to me. She often sent me some of her recipes. The Rock Cake recipe is one of my favourites. This is the recipe I often make.

It was adapted for the March Super Sunday, when a group of us made rock cakes. Those who took part worked hard at it. The rock cakes cooked in time for people to take some home. I hope that, if you make some, you will enjoy them as much as I do.

Ingredients:

8 oz self-raising flour
3 oz margarine
3 oz sugar
1 egg
3 oz sultanas
1 dessertspoon of marmalade (optional)
1 teaspoon of mixed spice (optional)

Method:

Rub in margarine and flour. Add fruit and sugar. Mix to a stiff dough with the egg. Add a little milk if necessary.

Place spoonfuls on a greased baking tray. Bake for 15-20 mins at 180° C.

This should make about 15 rock cakes.

Let's end with a Loff

Divine intervention?

A little boy was playing outside with his mother's broom in the garden. That night his mother realised her broom was still missing and asked her son to go out and bring it in.

When the little boy confessed he was afraid of the dark, his mother tried to comfort him: *'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid.'*

Hesitantly, the little boy opened the back door and peered out.

He called softly: *'Lord, since you're out there already, please will you pass me the broom?'*

Lot's wife

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son.

'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.'

His son looked up, concerned. *'What happened to the flea?'*

From a parish newsletter:

'Children are normally collected during the Offertory Hymn'



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8)

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**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**

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