

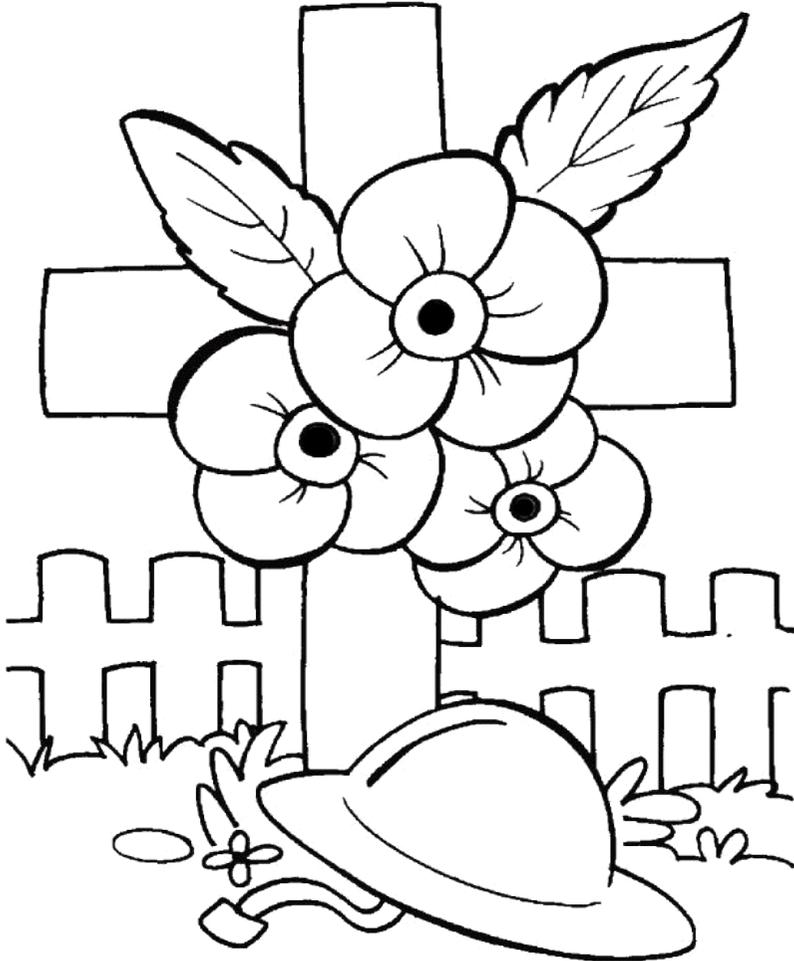


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Halifax Group Magazine

Heath New Hope New Providence



November 2017

Our vision is to know, love, live and
share Jesus, for a better world.

Letter From the Manse

Remember Remember

As we watch the leaves fall from the trees and darker nights draw even closer, we enter the month of November.

A month given over to Remembrance.

We begin with the celebration of the feast of All Saints Day followed by All Souls Day, a time when we Remember people, places and events that have triggered our memories and stirred up our emotions.

We Remember family, friends, teachers and all those who have nurtured and encouraged us, enabling us to be what we are today.

We Remember how our lives have been touched by Holy men and women, when through their dedication, trust and love of God our own faith has been strengthened.

The second Sunday in November is a National Day of Remembrance.

A day when Europe and the countries in the Commonwealth Remember the sacrifices made by members of the armed forces whilst serving their country in the two world wars, and the many conflicts there have been since.

We Remember their courage and in honour of their memories we pray for peace.

Letter From the Manse

So as the starkness of November slips away and the colder days of December brings forth the season of Advent and all the preparations of Christmas, may we all take time each day to REMEMBER and THANK GOD for all our BLESSINGS.



Pulpit list

Heath URC, Free School Lane. 10.30am

November 2017

- 5 Rev Linda Maslem
- 12 Mr Jim Walker- Remembrance Sunday
- 19 Rev Daphne Hull - Communion
- 26 Rev John Jenkinson – Fair Trade Stall

Activities in November

Tuesday 7 November – 3.00pm – Elders Meeting at Rufford Villas

Thursday 9 November – 7.30pm – Flower Demonstration by Karen Longbottom of Finishing Touches

Sunday 12 November- noon – Church Meeting

Sunday 12 November – 4.00pm – Messy Church

Tuesday 14 November 10.00am – Clean Church - (all welcome)

Saturday 18 November 10.00am – 12noon – Gift Day

Tuesday 21 November - 10.30am - Community Coffee Morning

Weekly Events

Monday

9.30am Toddlers (except Bank Holidays)

2.00pm Sing for Fun – Singing Group

5.45pm Beaver Scouts 5-8yrs

6.30pm Cub Scouts 8-10yrs

Friday

7.00pm Scouts 10-14yrs
7.30pm Explorer Scouts

My Good Samaritan story

One night in October I was driving home from Manchester when my car broke down at the traffic lights on the Sowerby Bridge Bypass. I was surrounded by cars and completely unable to move. Everyone was coming out of work at the Data Centre and wanting to get home when a young man pulled his car over and asked if he could help me. He contacted my breakdown service and told them exactly where I was with post code etc. He apologised for not being able to stay with me as he had somewhere to be. After about another hour a young woman pulled up beside me saying she had seen me there earlier and could she help and I let her run me home. My car got picked up the following morning and when I got it back there was a note on the windscreen from the young man saying he had come back later and hoped I was alright.

The National Papers don't think this sort of thing is very newsworthy but I do.

Jean Bull

Reform Magazine

Our URC Magazine 'REFORM' is now due for renewal. This is an interesting monthly magazine with News, Comment, Letters, book reviews and debates about issues of the day and our church. It costs £28 for 10 monthly issues. It can also be accessed digitally for £18 per year. If anyone would like to add their name to the list please tell Jean Bull.

November 2017

Pulpit Supply

- Nov. 5th Rev John Jenkinson
Nov. 12th Mrs Sue Ng
Nov. 19th Mrs Juliet Foster
Nov. 26th Mrs Kathleen Melling

Macmillan Coffee Morning – We had our coffee morning on the 23rd September inviting people from the community and we raised £340

Friendship Hour at 2.30pm

We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays most months to enjoy each others company. Why not come along earlier at 2.15pm for a cup of tea or coffee and meet new friends.

The meeting on November 8th will be The King and Thai by Chris Freeman and the meeting on November 22nd will be The New Yorkshire Air Ambulance by A Mahandru.

Fellowship Hour We meet on the first and third Wednesdays at 2.30pm for prayer and discussion.

Saturday, 4th November Bonfire Plot & Fireworks at Averil & Alan's, 50 Whitehill Road, Illingworth. 6 p.m. Enjoy the plot & fireworks from the comfort of the conservatory. Of course there will be food and a box for donations.

Whence the Poppy

What happens to all the poppies
After Remembrance Day?
Are they preserved and treasured?
Or do they get thrown away.

For just a few days in Autumn
Poppies we wear with pride
And then thoughts turn to Christmas
So poppies get cast aside.

Because they can't be recycled
Or gathered for reuse,
They end up in the dustbin
With no need for excuse.

But they are only a symbol
Recalling those who died.
It's not the flowers we're wearing
That counts, but what's inside.

In some ways it's rather shameful
We need emblems to tell
Of those who for their country
Fought in the wars and fell.

At least there's a consolation
That through each poppy bought,
Assistance goes to someone
Who in war has fought.

John Phillips

NEW PROVIDENCE

Pulpit Supply

November

- 5th – Mrs. Juliet Foster
- 12th – Rev. John Jenkinson (Communion Service)
- 19th – Sue Lees-Wolfenden & Thea Farmon
(Parade/Toy Service)
- 26th - Mr. Andrew Mitchell

New Providence Diary

November

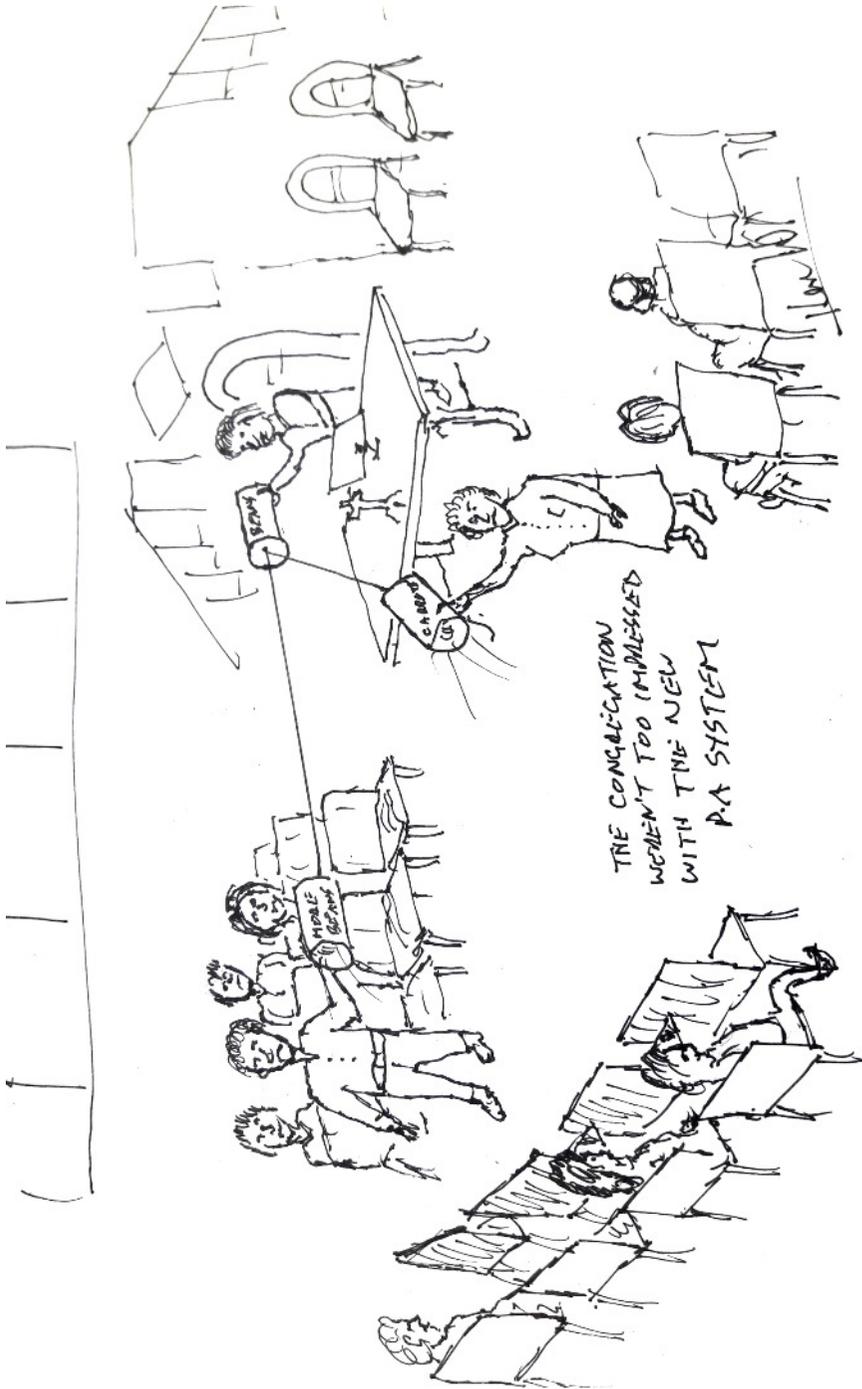
- Friday's – 6.30pm Brownies at New Providence
- Friday's – 6.45pm Boys Brigade & Girls Association at the Carlton Centre
- Thursday 2nd – 7.30pm Elders Meeting
- Sunday 12th – 12.45pm Church Meeting
- Monday 27th – 7.30pm – New Provi Circle

TOY SERVICE

Now is the time when most of us start to think about Christmas shopping. Whilst you are thinking of family and friends don't forget our Toy Service.

On Sunday November 19th we will hold our annual Toy Service. We are again asked to bring a new toy (unwrapped.) These will be distributed by the Salvation Army to families who would otherwise get very little at Christmas. As they get more toys for younger children and girls it would be good to get something suitable for an older child especially boys, but anything will be welcomed.

NEW PROVIDENCE



The Centre Of The Bible

Inspirational Christian Story

Q: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 117

Q: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 119

Q: Which chapter is in the centre of the Bible?

A: Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118

Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

Q: What is the centre verse in the Bible?

A: Psalms 118:8

Q: Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they
would like to find God's perfect
will for their lives and that they
want to be in the centre of His
will, just send them to the centre
of His Word!
Psalms 118:8

"It is better to trust in the LORD
than to put confidence in man."
Now isn't that odd how this
worked out (or was God in the
centre of it)?

When things get tough, always
remember...
Faith doesn't get you around
trouble, it gets you through it !!

-Author Unknown



THE TOURIST PRAYER

Heavenly Father, look down on us, your humble and obedient servants, who are doomed to travel this earth taking photographs, buying souvenirs and walking in drip-dry underwear. We beseech you, Oh Lord, to see that our plane is not high-jacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage goes unnoticed. Protect us against unscrupulous taxi drivers and unlicensed English speaking guides.

Give us this day, divine guidance in the selection of our hotel that we may find our reservations honoured and our beds made up. We pray that the telephones work and the operators speak our language.

Lead us, Oh Lord, to good inexpensive restaurants where the food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price of the meal.

Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currency we do not understand. Forgive us for under tipping out of ignorance and over tipping out of fear. Make the natives love us for what we are and not what we can contribute to their wordy wealth. Grant us strength to visit the museums, cathedrals, palaces and castles listed as a "must" in the guide books. If we skip an historic monument to take a nap after lunch, please have mercy on us as our flesh is weak.

FOR HUSBANDS

Dear God, keep our wives from shopping sprees and protect them from "bargains" they do not need and cannot afford. Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do.

FOR WIVES

Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at other women and comparing them to us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cafés and nightclubs. Above all, please do not forgive them their trespasses for they know exactly what they do.

And when our journey is over and we return to our loved ones, grant us the favour of finding someone who will look at our home movies (or photos) and listen to our stories so that our lives as tourists will not have been in vain.

-AMEN-



YOU'VE GOT TO LAUGH

A pastor was leaving his area and was saying farewell to his congregation at the Church doors for the last time. He shook the hand of an elderly lady as she walked out.

She said, "Your successor won't be as good as you" "Nonsense", said the pastor, in a flattered tone.

"No really", said the old lady, "I've been here under five different ministers, and each new one has been worse than the last."

What do you get when you cross an atheist with a Jehovah's Witness?

Someone who knocks at your door for no apparent reason.

You can't fool the kids in Sunday school, they are way too smart.....

'If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the Church, would I get into heaven?' I asked the children in my Sunday school class, 'No' the children answered.

'If I cleaned the Church every day, mowed the lawn. And kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?' Again the answer was 'No!'

'Well,' I continued, 'then how can I get to heaven?'

A five-year-old boy shouted, ... 'You gotta be dead!'

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages. Momma, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together during church services. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. 'You're not supposed to talk out loud in church.' 'Why? Who's going to stop me?' Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, 'See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.'

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale

to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.
The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.
The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah".
The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"
The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus.'

A father was at the beach with his children when his four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore, where a seagull lay dead in the sand. 'Daddy, what happened to him?' the son asked 'He died and went to Heaven,' the dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, 'Did God throw him back down?'

After the church service a little boy told the pastor, 'When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money.' 'Well, thank you,' the pastor replied, 'but why?' 'Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had.'

Australian Animal Word Search

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BAT

DINGO

EMU

FINCH

JELLYFISH

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KOALA

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OCTOPUS

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SHARK

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WALLABY

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BIBLE CROSSWORD CLUES

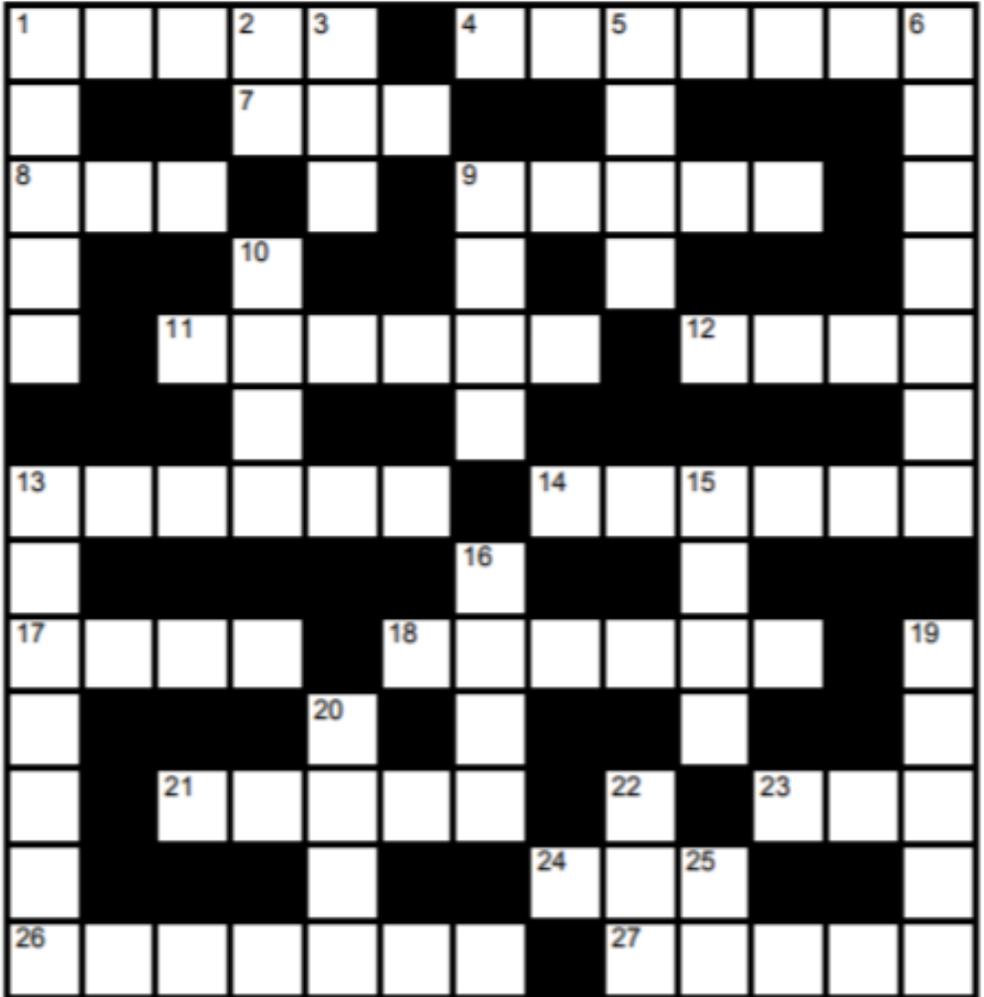
Across

- 1 A book of books (5)
- 4 Shortest book in the Old Testament (7)
- 7 The number of chapters in Philemon (3)
- 8 This testament contains 39 books (3)
- 9 Jesus' brother, who wrote a letter (5)
- 11 In authority before the kings (6)
- 12 His epistle contains one chapter (4)
- 13 Successor to Queen Vashti (6)
- 14 David wrote many of these, set to music (6)
- 17 Wrote about the restoration of the temple (4)
- 18 Originator, writer of a book (6)
- 21 Number of letters written by John (5)
- 23 Number of chapters in 13A (3)
- 24 Galilee, Dead, for example (3)
- 26 Paul wrote many of these (7)
- 27 He prophesied the birthplace of Jesus (5)

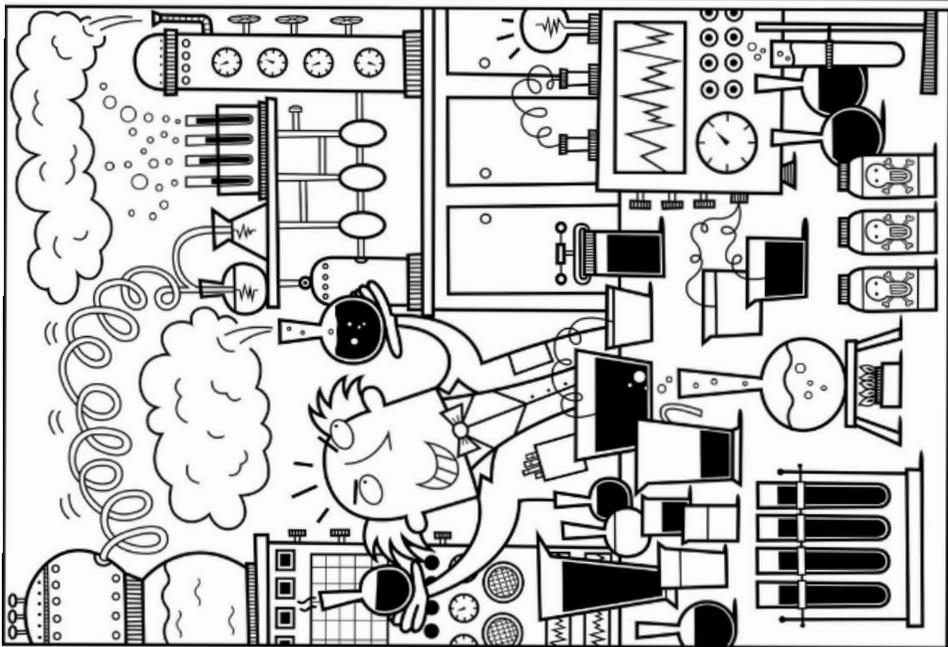
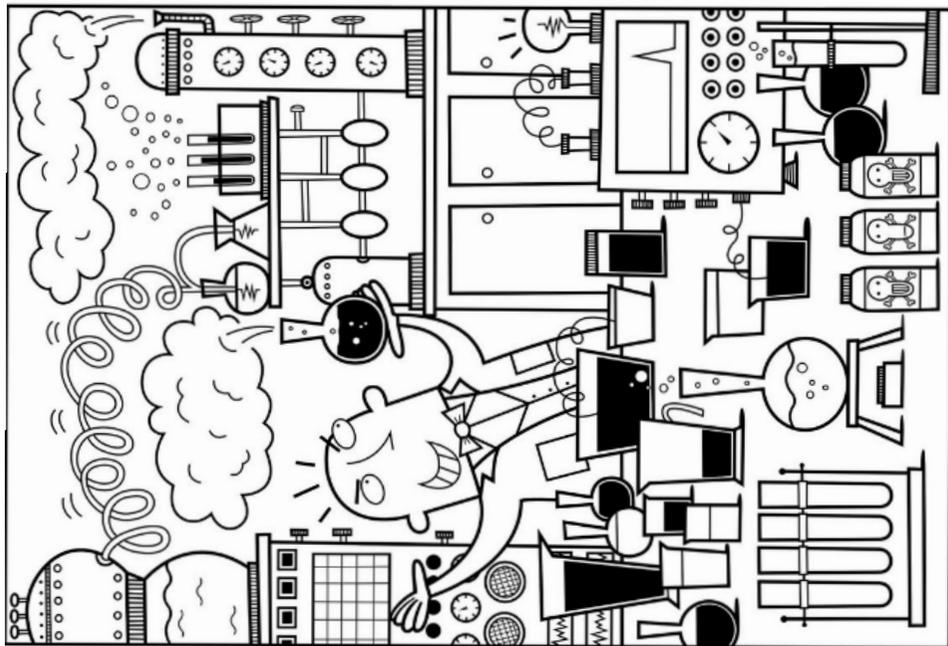
Down

- 1 There are 66 of these (5)
- 2 Behold (2)
- 3 Revelation comes in this part of the New Testament (3)
- 5 Donation of money to the poor (4)
- 6 This letter lists the faithful (7)
- 9 He prophesied of the 'day of the Lord' (4)
- 10 A faithful Moabitess (4)
- 13 He foretold the regathering of Israel in prophecy of dry bones (7)
- 15 A prophet who was a herdsman (4)
- 16 One of the gospel writers (4)
- 19 A prophet, reluctant to go to Nineveh (5)
- 20 Adam and Eve ate from this in the garden (4)
- 22 The border of a garment (3)
- 25 Joshua writes about this city near Bethel (2)

BIBLE CROSSWORD



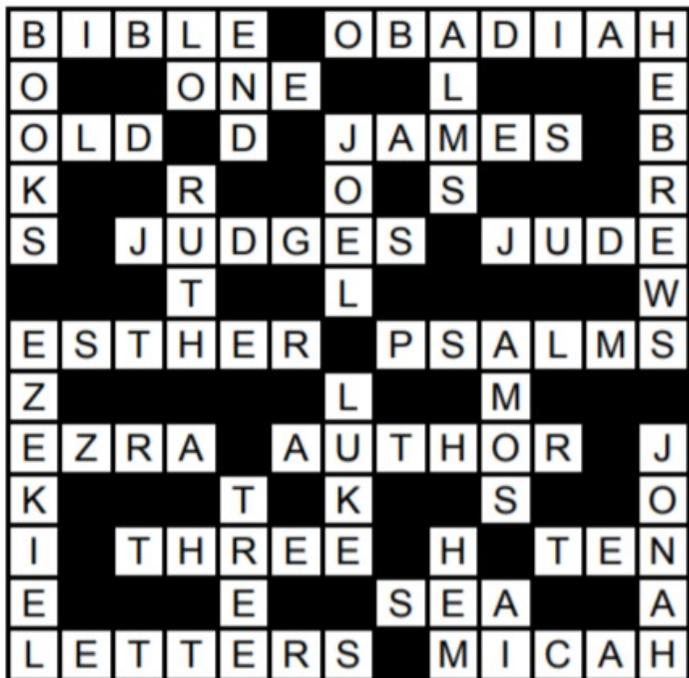
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE
HOW MANY DIFFERENCES CAN YOU FIND?



Answers

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Solution

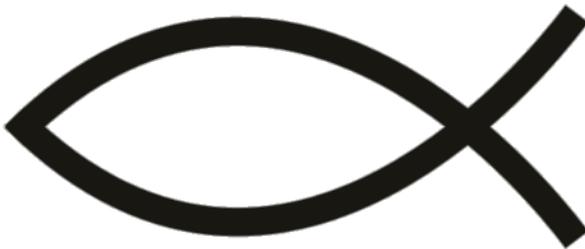


Across: 1 Bible, 4 Obadiah, 7 One, 8 Old, 9 James, 11 Judges, 12 Jude, 13 Esther, 14 Psalms, 17 Ezra, 18 Author, 21 Three, 23 Ten, 24 Sea, 26 Letters, 27 Micah.

Down: 1 Books, 2 Lo, 3 End, 5 Alms, 6 Hebrews, 9 Joel, 10 Ruth, 13 Ezekiel, 15 Amos, 16 Luke, 19 Jonah, 20 Tree, 22 Hem, 25 Ai.

GROUP CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>What's on</u>
Thu. Nov. 2 nd	7.30pm	New Providence	Elders Meeting
Tue. Nov. 7 th	3.00pm	Heath	Elders Meeting Rufford Vls.
Wed. Nov. 8 th	2.30pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour
Thu. Nov. 9 th	7.30pm	Heath	flower demonstration
Sun. Nov. 12 th	noon	Heath	Church Meeting
Sun. Nov. 12 th	12.45pm	New Providence	Church Meeting
Tue. Nov. 14 th	10.00am	Heath	Clean Church
Sat. Nov. 18 th	10.00am	Heath	Gift Day
Tue. Nov. 21 st	10.30am	Heath	Community coffee morning
Wed. Nov. 22 nd	2.30pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour
Mon. Nov. 27 th	7.30pm	New Providence	New Provi Circle



PREACHER PLAN

HEATH URC, MANOR DRIVE, 10.30 AM

Nov. 5 th	Rev. Linda Maslem
Nov. 12 th	Mr. Jim Walker
Nov. 19 th	Rev. Daphne Hull
Nov. 26 th	Rev. John Jenkinson

NEW HOPE URC, WARLEY ROAD 10.30 AM

Nov. 5 th	Rev. John Jenkinson
Nov. 12 th	Mrs. Sue Ng
Nov. 19 th	Mrs. Juliet Foster
Nov. 26 th	Mrs. Kathleen Melling

NEW PROVIDENCE URC, KEIGHLEY ROAD 11.00 AM

Nov. 5 th	Mrs Juliet Foster
Nov. 12 th	Rev. John Jenkinson
Nov. 19 th	Sue Lees-Wolfenden & Thea Farmon
Nov. 26 th	Mr. Andrew Mitchell





"Herb says when he does it on Sunday Afternoons it's called spiritual discipline!"

"Welcome to our church—even though you're sitting in our family pew..."

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Late submissions may not be inserted.

Thank you.