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Heath New Hope New Providence



June 2018

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

## Letter from the Manse

The ministerial vacancy has put/is putting strains on us all. Some, the Secretaries and Treasurers in particular, have borne/are bearing that strain more than others. All Elders bear some of the strain, but there are those Members and Adherents who seem to just come and go, bearing nothing of that strain at all and relying on the work of others to deal with it and yet, to quote the moderator in a recent interview – ‘We’re in the mire... but we’re in it TOGETHER’ (*my capitals*). Which is true, even though some of us feel ‘up to our necks in it’ more than others, nonetheless we are ALL in it TOGETHER.

Hopefully, if all goes to plan – (What plan? I hear you ask – God’s Plan, comes the resounding reply! Is there any other?) we will have our new minister in a few month’s time and, in due course, doubtless God’s Plan will be revealed, although it may not be the plan that WE had in mind, and that’s not unusual when God steps in, is it?

What the future holds, none of us know, but of one thing we can be certain, God WILL be there, although we may need to turn our hearing aids up to hear Him. In this recent interview of the moderator (See Reform Magazine for May 2018), Kevin says – ‘I do not see the lack of ministers or resources as our problem’ – ‘The challenge is...mission and the provision... the provision is from God.’ And God says, ‘Listen to my Son’.

Let us ALL do just that, no matter what burdens of responsibility we might feel, a lot, or just a little, let us ALL listen to Him.

## Pulpit list

HEATH

Heath URC, Free School Lane. 10.30am

June 2018

- 3 Rev Daphne Hull
- 10 Mrs Dawn Walker
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## **Activities in June**

Thursday 14 June – 8.00pm Thursday Club Summer Outing

Sunday 10 June - 4.00pm – Messy Church

Tuesday 19 June - 10.30am - Community Coffee Morning

## **Weekly Events**

### **Monday**

9.15am to 11.15am Toddlers (during term time)

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

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who turned out to help with the Spring Fair and made it such a success. We once again had record numbers for lunch and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Elizabeth Riley

Our Summer Lunch is on Sunday 1 July this notice will give people more time to book as it is at 12 noon after Morning Worship.

## Pulpit Supply

### JUNE 2018

June. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. David Truswell

June. 10<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Juliet Foster

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### 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 coffee and biscuits and meet new friends. The meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> will be "Comedians of our Good Old Days" with Trevor Moody, on June 27<sup>th</sup> it will be "Street Angels" with Leah Mullein.

Tuesday mornings most weeks three of us go walking around the area (3 – 4 miles max, and weather permitting). We would be pleased if anyone else would like to join us. Please ask either of the Cynthia's or Ann for more details.

### Art Group

On a Monday afternoon, 1.30 to 3.30, we now have an Art Group at New Hope Anyone over 50 is able to join in. The cost is £3 per week. If you enjoy drawing, painting etc why not come and have a relaxing afternoon in good company.

Norma Riley

**Pulpit Supply**

**JUNE 2018**

3rd....Mrs. Juliet Foster

10th....Rev. John Jenkinson (Communion)

17th....Mr. Andrew Mitchell (Parade)

24th....Sue L.W

**New Providence**

**Diary**

***JUNE***

Tuesday's – 5.00pm Garden Gang

Friday's – 6.30pm Brownies at New Providence

Friday's – 6.45pm Boys Brigade & Girls Association at the Carlton Centre

Sunday 10th – 12.15pm Celebration / Gift Day Lunch

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm New Provi Circle

## EXODUS (poem number 2)

### Rule Book

Moses in the desert, led a most unruly crowd.  
One day he climbed a mountain and vanished in the cloud.  
There he met God face to face, hid from the tribes below,  
And poured out all his troubles, a proper tale of woe.

God said, "I know, I've watched them, the stupid lot of fools.  
The answer to your problem is a basic set of rules.  
In fact I've got some ready, I worked them out last night.  
Grab yourself some slabs of stone, then while I talk you write."

When God has finished speaking, His voice was very hoarse,  
And Moses hands were aching, with writer's cramp of course.  
'Twas fortunate for Moses since he knew how to spell  
He covered one stone on both sides and half the next as well.

Tucking one stone 'neath each arm, proud of his writing skill,  
He thought, 'By gosh they're heavy. Thank goodness it's downhill.'  
Stepping gently down the path, stones in a vice like grip.  
He knew that they would shatter if he should chance to slip.

As he neared the people's camp, he thought he heard a laugh  
And peering through the twilight, he saw a golden calf.  
While he was up the mountain, this idol they had made.  
Now as they danced around it, they worshipped and they prayed.

The thought of what might happen, to Moses then occurred.  
He nearly burst with anger and said a naughty word.  
Then, taking a big hammer, with all the strength he'd got,  
Ground the idol into dust and made them eat the lot.

The stones with the commandments were now, alas, has-beens.  
He'd dropped them in his anger and they smashed to smithereens.  
Next day he climbed the mountain, his fingers still quite sore.  
He'd made a back-up copy in case he needed more.

With two more stones he struggled, though for a rest he yearned,  
And when the task was finished, once more to camp returned.  
He called the tribes together, when he had slept and fed,  
Then Moses told his people the things that God had said.

Because this set of rules here, is written formally,  
I'll do an explanation, although they are clear to me.  
God's commandments are the law to which you must stick.  
I will use simple language as some of you are thick.

You must have only one God. All others you must shun.  
Jehovah will be jealous if He's not the only one.  
If you start making idols, be sure that He won't laugh.  
It's punishment for anyone who make a golden calf.

Remember! Watch your language! To swear's a risky game.  
If you must use expletives, omit Jehovah's name.  
Each Sunday you'll keep holy. It will be an offence  
To dig a well, have parties or do repairs to tents.

Show full respect for parents. In fact, you should be glad  
Of all that they do for you; it's good old Mum and Dad.  
Should someone upset you, and with desert rage you fill,  
Don't resort to violence. Above all, do not kill.

Adultery is banned now, for that makes God see red;  
So never let Him catch you in someone else's bed.  
Be content with what you've got, as I have said before.  
Don't nick other people's stuff, so that you have more.

You must not bear false witness. It's here, so take a look.  
Do not tell lies to others, to get you off the hook.  
Don't covet; don't get green eyes about a neighbour's things  
Like servants, wives and cattle, his clothes and gold rings.

Though he had explained the rules, poor Moses was not done.

## Shirley & Marcy

A mother was concerned about her young son, Timmy, walking to school.

He didn't want his mother to walk with him and she wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbour if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her.

The neighbour said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbour and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another young girl that he knew.

She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?'

Timmy nonchalantly replied, 'Yeah, I know who she is.'

The little girl said, 'Well, who is she?' 'That's just Shirley Goodnest,' Timmy replied, 'and her daughter Marcy ...' 'Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?'

'Well,' Timmy explained, 'every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest (surely goodness) and Marcy (mercy) shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!'

*May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always*

### No Parking

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a ticket from a traffic warden along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation

### Sunday School

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the young boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

### Another Sunday School

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mum was perplexed. Later in the day, the vicar stopped by for tea so Mum asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

## Crossword Clues

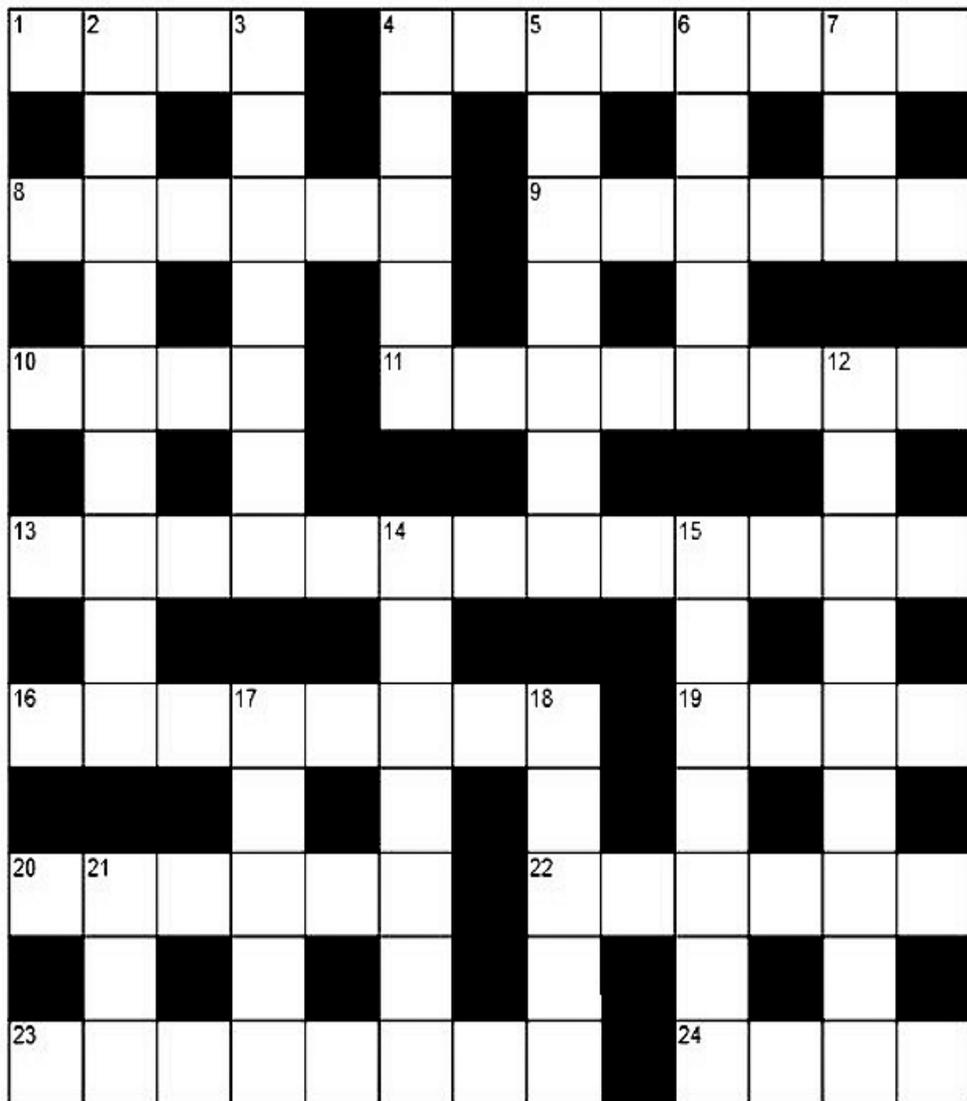
### Across

- 'Ecce ----' Latin phrase used by Pilate as he showed the scourged Jesus Christ, bound and crowned with thorns, to the crowd. (4)
- Cooking eggs by heating in water just below boiling point. (8)
- Master (anagram).(6)
- 'And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will ----- thee out of the hand of the terrible.' from Jeremiah. (6)
- Also known as animus in Latin. (4)
- In a non-clerical manner. (8)
- The festival celebrating the Eucharist as Christ's body.(6,7)
- The Turangalila ----- is a large-scale piece of orchestral music by Olivier Messiaen.(8)
- 'But ---- ye first the kingdom of God,and His righteousness' from Matthew. (4)
- 'Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us; Jesus, ----- of our sins, have mercy on us.' (6)
- Samuel Barber composed a famous one for strings. (6)
- 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of -----!' (8)
- The foolish virgin had no oil for hers. (4)

### Down

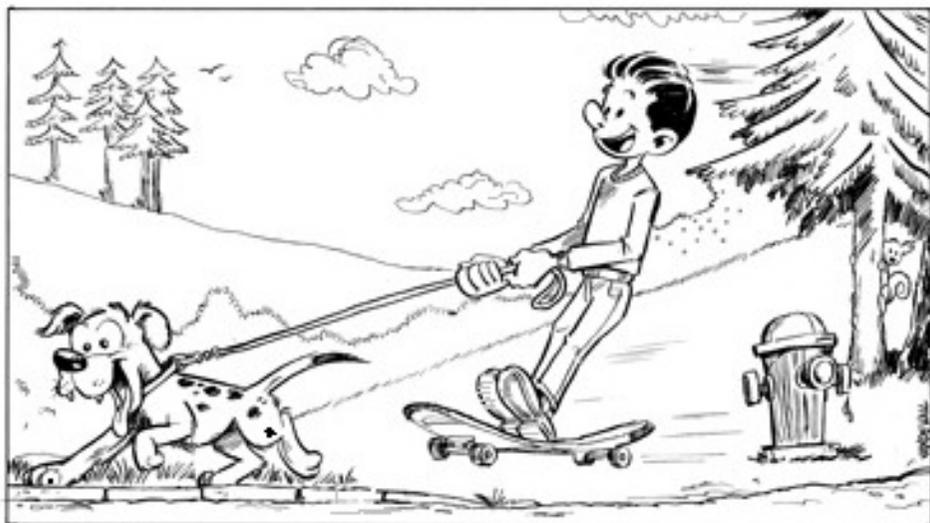
- Teaching adhering to the accepted or traditional and established faith. (9)
- A plover. (anagram) (7)
- 'It is easier for a ----- to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.' (5)
- A member of the Sufi Muslim sect, known for their extreme poverty and austerity, and trance like whirling dance.(7)
- A noble lady from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth who invited Paul into her home.(5)
- Used to indicate the maiden name of a married woman.(3)
- Protestant reformation religion founded in 16C Germany. (9)
- The Romans would use this lash on a condemned criminal before he was put to death. (7)
- To appoint a bishop into a diocese. (7)
- A Zoroastrian sect known for their sky burials in Towers of Silence. (5)
- Poet who wrote 'I have spread my dreams under your feet; Tread softly because you tread upon my dreams.' in 'He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven' . (5)
- In psychoanalysis, the division of the psyche that is the conscious self. (3)

# CROSSWORD



# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Find at least 15 between the 2 pictures



# Answers

## CROSSWORD

Across

1. Homo 4. Coddling 8. Stream 9. Redeem 10. Soul  
11. Laically 13. Corpus Christi 16. Symphony 19. Seek  
20. Bearer 22. Adagio 23. Holiness 24. Lamp

Down

2. Orthodoxy 3. Overlap 4. Camel 5. Dervish 6. Lydia  
7. Nee 12 Lutherism 14. Scourge 15. Install 17. Parsi  
18. Yeats 21. Ego

*word search*



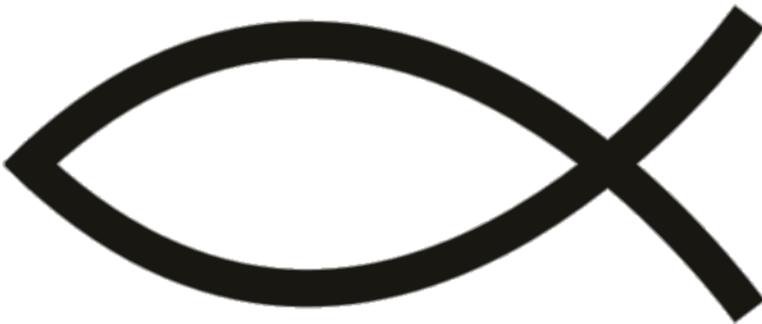
BABY  
BASKET  
BIBLE  
DAUGHTER

EGYPTIAN  
EXODUS  
FLOATING  
KING

MOSES  
NILE  
PHAROAH  
RIVER

# GROUP CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>What's on</u>
Sun. June. 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	New Providence	Celebration Gift Day Lunch
Sun. June. 10 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Heath	Messy Church
Wed. June. 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour
Thu. June. 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Heath	Thursday Club
Tue. June. 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Heath	Community coffee morning
Mon. June. 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	New Providence	New Provi Circle
Wed. June. 27 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour



## PREACHER PLAN

### HEATH URC, MANOR DRIVE, 10.30 AM

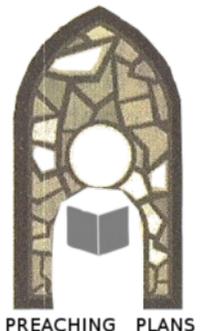
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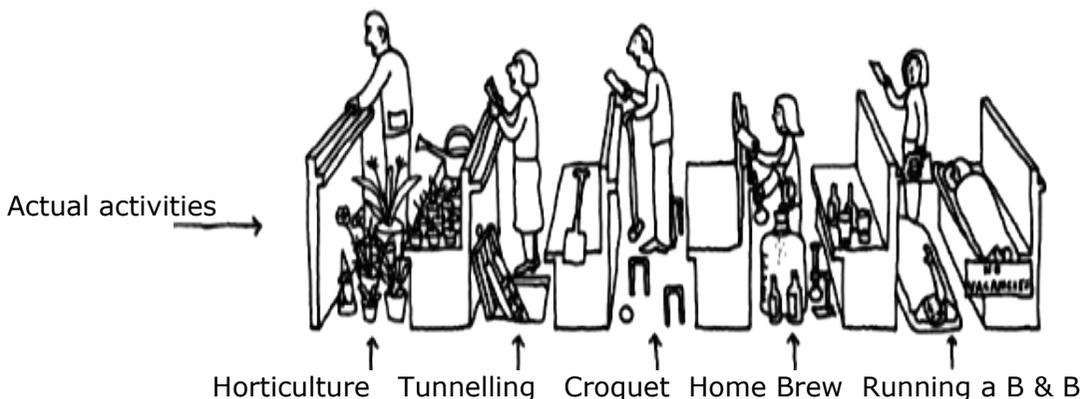
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### NEW PROVIDENCE URC, KEIGHLEY ROAD 11.00 AM

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June.	10 <sup>th</sup>	Rev John Jenkinson
June.	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Andrew Mitchell
June.	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sue L.W.





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## July Deadline



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Late submissions may not be inserted.

Thank you.