

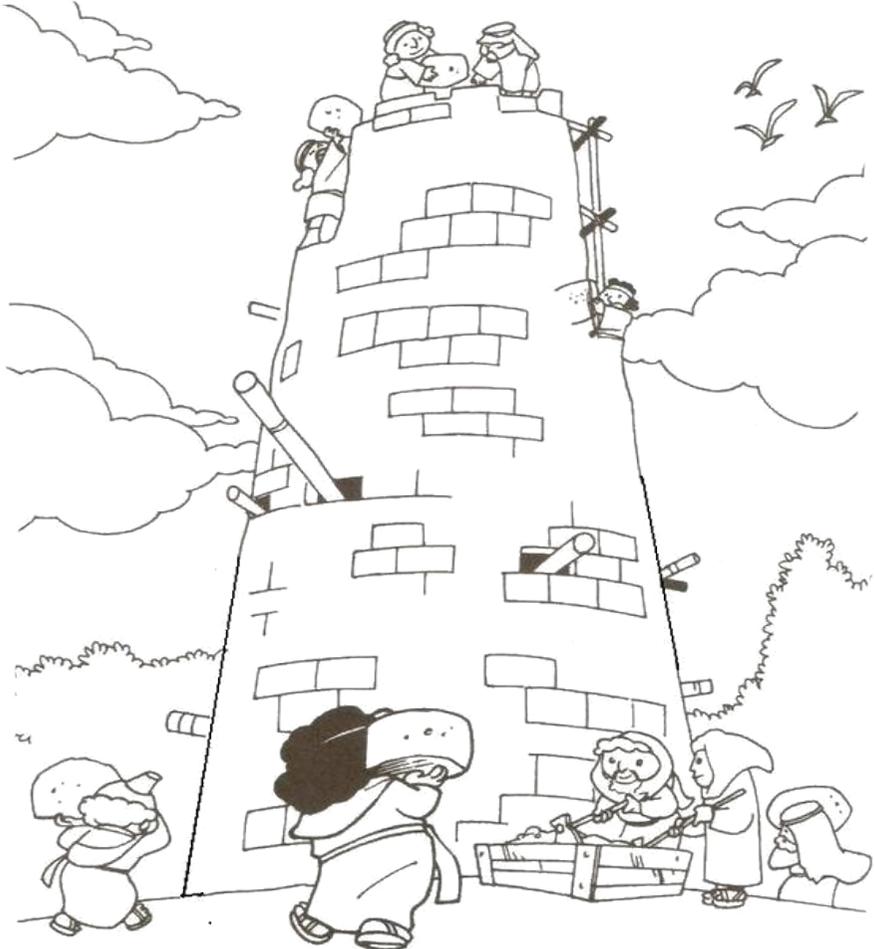


The
United
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Church



Halifax Group Magazine

Heath New Hope New Providence



THE TOWER OF BABEL GENESIS 11-1

September 2018

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

Letter from the Manse

By the time that you read this article, our new minister, Heather and her husband, Martin, will be living in Halifax, in our new manse in Illingworth, - 'Treetops', - preparing to start their new life among us. What a joy! We all look forward to Heather's induction. Plans are afoot already and all will be informed of the details in good time.

A vacancy is always a time of concern. We have missed the calm, quiet and gentle leadership of Clare and planning for the future has lost some of its impetus. Yes, activities within our churches have continued 'as normal' and meetings have abounded, as they do, but we all need to have that leadership for our churches, from the 'centre' and now we will have it again!

I am sure that we will all support both Heather and Martin as they join and get to know our fellowships and whilst, yes, we will look to Heather for leadership, let us not just look, relax and expect that she has the answer to all of our ills. This was referred to in a recent article in Reform magazine as – 'the carelessness of expectation' – we do still, each and every one of us, have the individual responsibility to contribute to finding the solutions to our problems ourselves. Let us never forget that and let us welcome Heather and Martin with open arms and work side by side with our new minister. Alleluiah!

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The collection from the Group Service at Heath in July was £240 which is going towards the Parish Nursing Project. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Pulpit list

Heath URC, Free School Lane. 10.30am

September 2018

- 2 Mrs Val Jenkins
- 9 Mrs Dawn walker
- 16 Rev John Jenkinson - Communion
- 23 Rev Daphne Hull
- 30 Group Service

Activities in September

Sunday 9 September 4.30pm – Messy Church

Thursday 13 September 7.30pm – Thursday Club –
Police Tales by Jim Walker

Tuesday 18 Sept - 10.30am - Community Coffee
Morning

Weekly Events

Monday

- 9.15am Toddlers (term time only)
- 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

Halifax Bible Society Action Group invite you to their

Autumn Event with Lunch

Quiz, video, Bible Society input and lots more
Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Guest speaker Vell Kennedy from Bible Society

Saturday 15 September 2018

at 10.00am – 1.00pm

St John's Church, Warley, Halifax

Come along to hear about support Bible Society

Admission £3.00

A message from Heath Parish Nurse

Hello Folks

Just a small note from your resident Parish Nurse as a starter. I imagine you will be pleased to see that my photo does not accompany this page, it's rather a relief for me too! I've had a wonderful welcome from you all at the church and I would like to take this opportunity to give you all my hearty thanks. Thank you!

The commissioning service was most beautiful, Praise the Lord, and I am extremely grateful to you all for receiving me into the church and the folk that have worked so hard to achieve this. Thank you.

Halifax is new to me and so it has been particularly important to receive this warm welcome from the body of Christ, the people of the church and all those who made it happen for me to be here. Yet not only from you but also from the people of Halifax who have been so friendly too. Thank you. Interestingly, this friendliness has extended on to the roads. I've found this remarkable considering I have no sense of direction and have therefore been an extremely slow addition to the highways and byways when trying to find my way around Halifax. The younger fellow driving generation, quickly realising my situation would wind down their windows, gurning, giving me lots of Halagonian hand signs and shouting at me loudly offering suggestions of direction. The pipping of horns, when pointing too, have all been really most helpful!

Proverbs 17:22 A cheerful heart is good medicine...

This is also recommended in NHS choices Moodzone "Try to see the funny side of situations and you'll often be able

to cope better. Jokes have a way of making worries seem less important.”

We know this is not always the case or even appropriate but there are times when a good laugh can help. Besides which it is enjoyable to laugh and laughter is a gift from God. When it is right to do so - let's laugh!

Having said that, on a more serious note, it goes without saying, really, so long as you have no medical restrictions, to please make sure you take plenty of fluids in the hot weather. Talking of fluids, and a matter that most people don't find funny at all is that of having a blood test. An interesting fact particularly in hot weather is, if you need your blood taking, and have no medical reason why not, drink a pint of water before you go to have your blood taken. It makes the blood test much easier for the person taking it and so much more pleasant for you also.

And finally for now: 3 John 1:2 So dear friends, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.

With many blessings and thanks to you all again, and please don't hesitate to call me if you need to 07803295002. Please leave a message and I will get back to you.

Dawn Weald Parish Nurse, Heath Church. (Scriptures taken from NIV).

Pulpit Supply

SEPTEMBER 2018

- Sept. 2nd Mr. David Truswell
Sept. 9th Mrs. Juliet Foster (Church 10th anniversary)
Sept. 16th Mr. Andrew Mitchell
Sept. 23rd Mr. David Truswell
Sept. 30th Rev Heather Pollard

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 September 12th will be “More Music That I Love” with Averil Jowett, on September 26th it will be “Yorkshire Slavery” with John Hargreaves.

On Sunday September 9th after Morning Worship we celebrate the 10th anniversary of New Hope with lunch.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning to be held in New Hope Community Room on Friday 21st September 2018 from 11.00 a.m.— 1.30 pm Entrance fee of £2 includes Coffee, tea or juice and a cake. Lunch will be available from 12 noon. There will be stalls selling cakes and bric-a-brac. Please come to support this worthy cause.

Pulpit Supply

September

2nd....Mrs. Juliet Foster

9th.....TBA

16th.....TBA

23rd.....Mrs. Juliet Foster

30th.....Group Service (New Hope)

New Providence

Diary

September

Tuesday's – 5.00pm Garden Gang

Friday's – 6.30pm Brownies at New Providence

Friday's – 6.45pm Boy's Brigade / Girl's Association at
Carlton Centre

Wednesday 5th – 7.30pm Elders Meeting

Sunday 9th - 12.45pm Church Meeting

Thursday 13th - 7.30pm Mission and Care Meeting

Monday 24th - 7.30pm New Provi Circle

Calderdale Churchwomen's Luncheon Club

This club, as the name suggests, is open to all local women with Christian interest. Currently we meet on the third Thursday of the month from October to May. at The Imperial Crown Hotel at the bottom of Horton Street at 12.00 for 12.15pm.

We enjoy a two course meal with coffee and mints, followed by a speaker. Our speaker's subjects are varied and recently have included Calderdale Talking Newspaper, Halifax Saturday night in the 60's and Running the London Marathon.

The meeting finishes about 2.00pm.

If you would like more information please contact Elizabeth Brook Tel. 01422 342470 or Marilyn Cockroft Tel 01422 342187 who will be happy to help or accompany you to the first meeting if you wish.



The United Reformed Church

A short history



The United Reformed Church was first formed in 1972 by a union of the Presbyterian Church of England and the majority of churches in the Congregational Church in England and Wales. It was joined later by the Re-formed Association of the Churches of Christ in 1981 and the Congregational Union of Scotland in 2000.

The oldest churches have a history going back to the 17th century and the Reformation. Other congregations were formed during the Evangelical Revival in the eighteenth century or by denominational expansion in the nineteenth and early twentieth century.

Respect for individual belief and a conviction that majorities are not always right mean that the Church is not dogmatic and embraces a wide variety of opinions.

The Church sets a high value on individual conscience and the ability of its members to reach common understanding. Local congregations hold meetings to govern their affairs, with a group of elected elders having day-to-day responsibility.

A General Assembly meets bi-annually (annually until 2008) and makes policy decisions after consultation and debate. All these meetings are held in the belief that the Holy Spirit guides members of the Church in their decision-making.

The formal leadership of the General Assembly is provided by two moderators who serve together for two years, in an honorary capacity. They are elected by members of the Assembly. One moderator is a lay person and the other a minister.

A permanent staff, led by the General Secretary, services the Assembly and its committees. There are thirteen synods, each having their own synod moderators and staff to support the work of local churches. These are usually grouped together under the pastoral care of a paid minister, a man or woman, although the Church also ordains unpaid ministers.

The United Reformed Church shares the Trinitarian tradition and creeds of all the major Christian denominations. The Bible is taken to be the supreme authority for the Church, together with certain historic statements of the United Reformed Church.

Un-sponsored March Joshua (poem number 6)

It was not a convent lady
As a result of carnal fun,
Or because he was an orphan,
That made Joshua, son of Nun

Joshua, Moses' successor,
Had a father, Nun was his name.
His son had captured a city,
Which brought him instant fame.

God had spoken to Joshua
Saying, "Into Canaan you go
And there as your first objective,
The destruction of Jericho."

When God had outlined strategy
He said, "Action now! No more talk!"
His way of taking the city
Seemed like plans for a sponsored walk.

Some priests blowing ram's horn trumpets
Walked in front of the covenant ark;
Did one circuit of city walls
And got back to camp before dark.

They were in some sort of danger
So Joshua, with this in mind,
Sent a detachment of soldiers
To guard them in front and behind.

For six days this was repeated
And then Joshua called a halt.
Soldiers like trooping the colour
In silence had marched without fault.

Seven times round on seventh day,
They marched rather slowly perhaps.
Then all the soldiers shouted out
And made noise made the walls collapse

The soldiers they stormed the city
And their swords had a bloody feast.
No living thing was spared that day,
Not man, woman, child or beast.

One family was excepted
Of Rahab, whose trade folk despise.
She was a city prostitute
Who had sheltered Joshua's spies.

After this, by employing fire,
The city was raised to the ground
And news of Joshua's triumph
Spread to all the cities round.

JOHN PHILIPS the lovely man who wrote these poems has
sadly passed away.

It was a packed Church for his funeral with folk from
several denominations taking part.

They are trying to get his final book reprinted, Halifax
is not the only place asking for more copies.

YORKSHIRE'S MOST IMPORTANT SECULAR BUILDING

The Grade I listed Piece Hall, Halifax is a rare and precious thing, an architectural and cultural phenomenon which is absolutely unique. It is the sole survivor of the great eighteenth century northern cloth halls, a class of buildings which embodied the vital and dominant importance of the trade in hand woven textiles to the pre-industrial economy of the West Riding of Yorkshire, from the Middle Ages through to the early nineteenth century.

Dating from 1779, when it was built as a Cloth Hall ' for the trading of 'pieces' of cloth (a 30 yard length of woven woollen fabric produced on a handloom), The Piece Hall was the most ambitious and prestigious of its type and now stands in splendid isolation as the only remaining example. It is one of Britain's most outstanding Georgian buildings.

It is impossible to overstate the scale and importance of this trade, not just to the history of Halifax and the West Riding, but to the nation as a whole over some 800 years between the twelfth and eighteenth centuries.

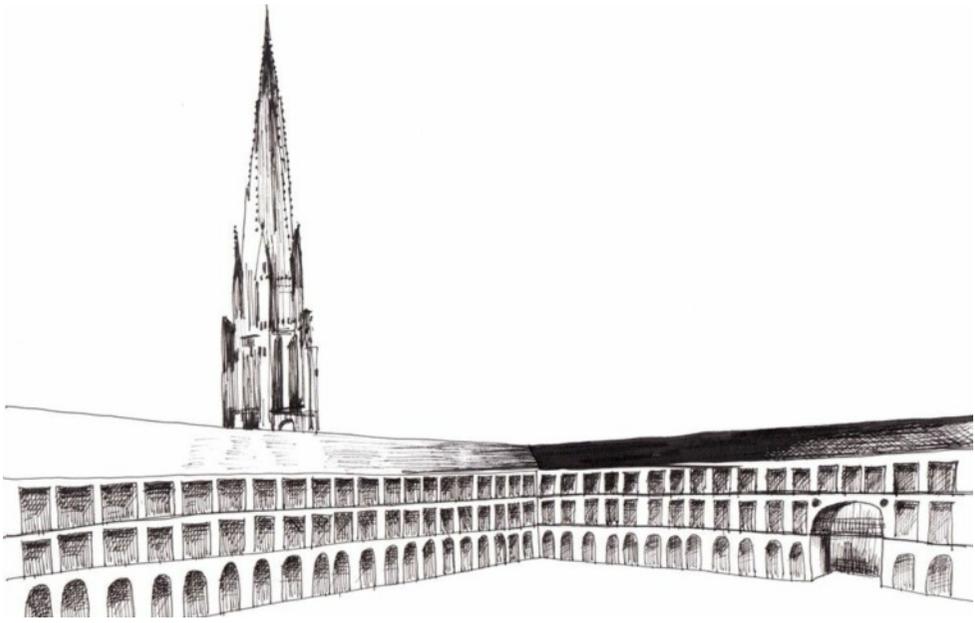
When it was built, The Piece Hall was a highly visible statement of the great wealth, pride and ambition of the cloth manufacturers.

Although built for trade, it also embodied the most cultured sensitivities of the Enlightenment; these bluff northern manufacturers deliberately chose a design for their building which adapted the neo-classical orders of architecture derived originally from the Romans.

From its inception, The Piece Hall was a stunning combination of commerce and culture, an icon of hard business but also a broader statement about the history, the lives and the values of its surrounding community. This fascinating mix of purpose and idealism business, arts and people, continues to influence and drive The Piece Hall's role today. A direct link back over almost a quarter of a millennium of history.

The Piece Hall opens its doors for the first time on New Year's Day, Friday 1 January 1779. The opening, by The Piece Hall committee, involved "much fanfare and public ceremony".

A large crowd from all over Halifax and beyond congregated to proudly participate in the opening celebrations. After the North Gate was ceremoniously opened with a silver key, a grand procession of local tradesmen with bands of music marched from The Piece Hall through the streets of Halifax. In the evening there was a thrilling firework display by the "celebrated Signor Pietro, consisting of a beautiful Egyptian Pyramid illuminated with spiral wheels, globes and vertical wheels to be set on fire by a pigeon!" Cloth trading began the next day on Saturday 2 January. Trade would take place every Saturday between the hours of 10am and 12noon only. The Piece Hall would trade for just two hours each week.



A SONG SUNG AT THE OPENING OF THE MANUFACTURER'S HALL

IN HALIFAX JANUARY 1ST 1779

When Adam and his Consort Eve,
Lived in a Garden fair.
They dressed themselves in Green-Fig-Leaves
For want Of better Wear:
But we, their Sons, are Wiser grown,
Than Leaves Of Figs to pull;
We clothe ourselves from Head to Foot.
With ever honour'd Wool.

Chorus:

God save King George, and bless our Trade,
Let not our prayers be vain,
May all our Foes to Friends be turn'd.
And Peace and Plenty reign.

O let us not forget the good
The worthy Bishop Blaize,
Who came from Jersey here to us,
As ancient Histr'y says
He taught us how to Comb our Wool,
The Source of all our Wealth.
Then let us still remember him.
While we have Life and Health.

Chorus:

Now our Desires are crowned by 'Hope'
We'll be no longer seen
Dispers'd around in every Street,
As heretofore we've been;
But to a Hall whose beauty vies
With Palaces of Old,
Our Handy-work shall now be brought
And straight be turned to Gold.

Chorus:

To him now let our Thanks be paid,
(At once be's good and great)
Who gave the ground whereon to build
Fair Manufacture's Seat;
O! may the Building stand as long
As shall his Fame be known,
And may our Industry be blest,
And Riches be the Crown.

Chorus:

Come ye, who oft' in Council met
To raise your future Fame,
And ye, from whom our noble Hall
Is honoured with a Name.
And ye, whose lab' ring Hands have rais'd
The Colonnade so gay,
All, All, with joy of heart, come share
The Glory of this day.

Chorus:

Then let us all, with one Accord,
With open heart agree,
The young, the Old, the high, the low,
To spend this Day with Glee.
Join in the Chorus. lift your Voice,
Join with me. one and all,
Then shall ye drink in Sparkling Ale,
Success t' our noble Hall.

Chorus



Inspiration In Your Inbox!

Each morning the United Reformed Church sends out a reading, short reflection and prayer to around 2,500 people. The reflections are written by a variety of people from different places and perspectives across the Church.

You can sign up to receive them by going to

devotions.urc.org.uk

(and you can read previous Devotions there too)

If you'd like to receive the devotions as a booklet in PDF format – so you can print them off for yourself or for members of your church who'd like them but don't have access to the Internet please email Andy Braunston via dailydevotions@urc.org.uk and request this.

KEEP SMILING

An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter checks his dossier and not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell. It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell. He soon begins to design and build improvements. Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy. One day, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things in Hell?" Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next." "What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me." "Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!" God insists: "Send him back or I'll sue." Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs. With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so Sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!" At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks. "No, not at all" the woman replied. They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, he realises that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few" "Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

A priest and a rabbi are in a car crash and it's a bad one. Both of their cars are demolished but amazingly neither one of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi says, "So you're a priest. That's interesting; I'm a rabbi. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace." The priest replies, "On, yes, I agree. It's a miracle that we survived and are here together," "And here's another miracle," says the rabbi, "My car is destroyed but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink the wine and celebrate our good fortune," he says, handing the bottle to the priest. The priest nods in agreement, opens the wine, drinks half of it, and hands it back to the rabbi. The rabbi takes it and puts the cap back on. "Aren't you going to have any?" asks the priest. "Not right now," says the rabbi. "I think I'll wait until after the police make their report."



Archbishops of Canterbury 1

Find the first 18 Archbishops of Canterbury who range from 597 to 870.
Please note that Wighard died of the plague before his consecration.

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CAN YOU FIND AT LEAST 15 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE 2 PICTURES



Crossword Clues

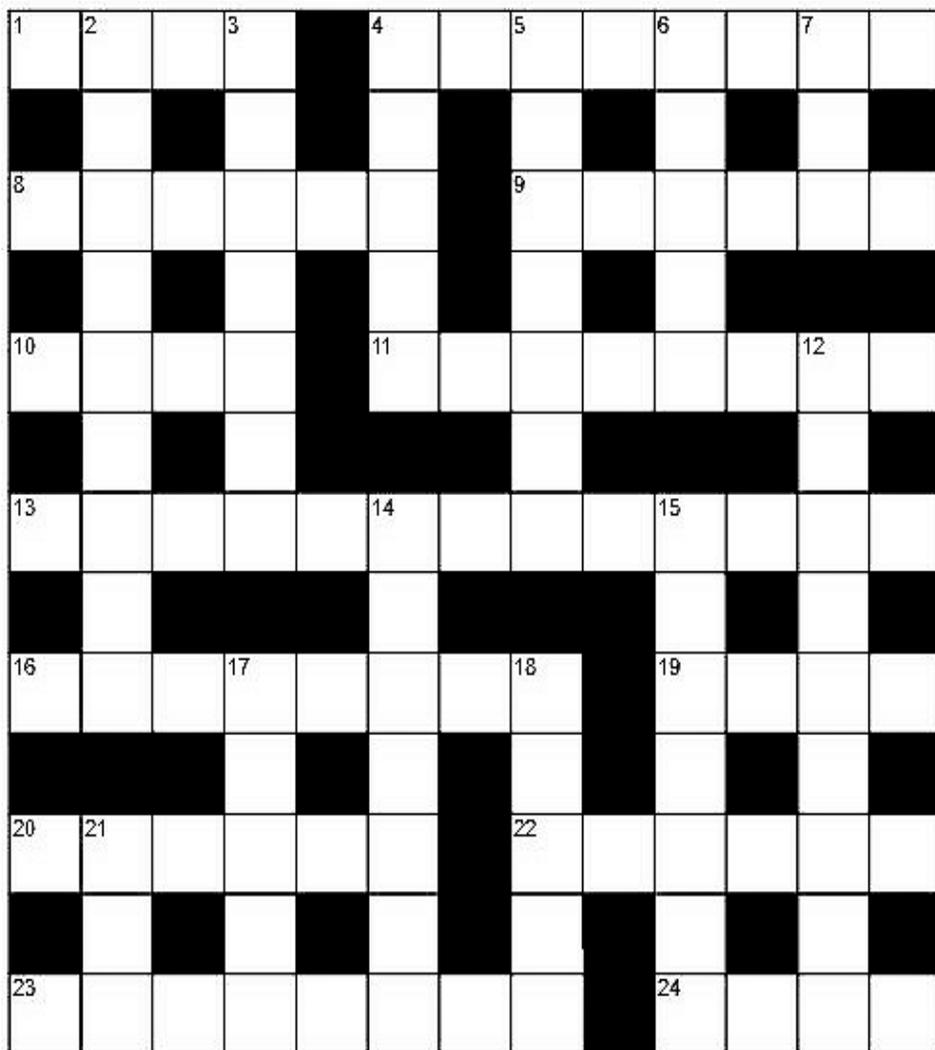
Across

1. "True friends ---- you in the front." Oscar Wilde (4)
4. Instrument of St. Lawrence's martyrdom. (8)
8. Meaning of the American expression antebellum. (3,3)
9. Venus, Mars, Mercury. (6)
10. One of the Seven Deadly Sins. (4)
11. The practice of evicting demons from a person or place. (8)
13. The dedication of Guildford Cathedral. (3,4,6)
16. "Five ----- Songs" , choral composition by Vaughan Williams. (8)
19. "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a ---- thing?"
Psalms. (4)
20. "Brethren I count not ----- to have apprehended but this one
thing" Philipians. (6)
22. The "other disciple" did this to Peter at the sepulchre. (6)
23. "Libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas -----" from the
Requiem mass.(8)
24. "And I next acknowledge ----, Manhood taken by the Son."
Dream of Gerontius. (4)

Down

2. "Wash me ----- from my wickedness, and forgive me all my
sin." anthem by S S Wesley (9)
3. Cast a spell on by the sorceress of Endor perhaps ? (7)
4. Cheddar or Ironbridge. (5)
5. "Why, ----- Herod, shouldst thou fear, because the Christ is
come so near?" Hymn(7)
6. God tested Abraham by commanding him to sacrifice this son. (5)
7. Be in debt to. (3)
12. A religious song sung by the American slaves. (9)
14. "How art thou fallen from heaven, O -----, son of the morning!"
Isaiah (7)
15. Requested to attend.(7)
17. Council called in 1545 by Pope Paul III to discuss catholic
doctrine. (5)
18. "The ---- do lack and suffer hunger." Psalms (5)
21. "---, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"
Psalms (3)

CROSSWORD



HELPING HANDS

A mother, wishing to encourage her son's progress at the piano, bought tickets to a performance by the great Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski. When the evening arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and eyed the majestic Steinway waiting on the stage. Soon the mother found a friend to talk to, and the boy slipped away.

At eight o'clock, the lights in the auditorium began to dim, the spotlights came on, and only then did they notice the boy - up on the piano bench, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." His mother gasped in shock and embarrassment but, before she could retrieve her son, the master himself appeared on the stage and quickly moved to the keyboard.

He whispered gently to the boy, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in the bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side and improvised a delightful obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice held the crowd mesmerized with their blended and beautiful music.

In all our lives, we receive helping hands - some we notice, some we don't. Equally we ourselves have countless opportunities to provide helping hands - sometimes we would like our assistance to be noticed, sometimes we don't. Little of what we all achieve is without learning from others and without support from others and what we receive we should hand out.

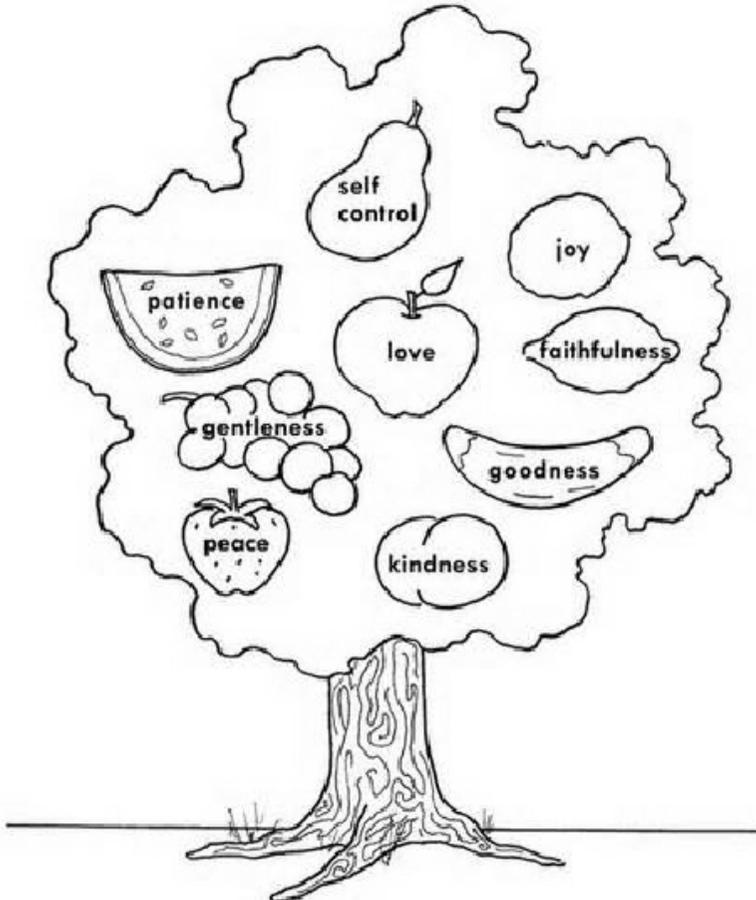
Answers

Crossword

Across 1. Stab 4. Gridiron 8. Pre war 9. Planet 10. Lust
11. Exorcism 13. The Holy Spirit 16. Mystical 19. Vain 20. Myself
22. Outrun 23. Tartarus 24. Duly

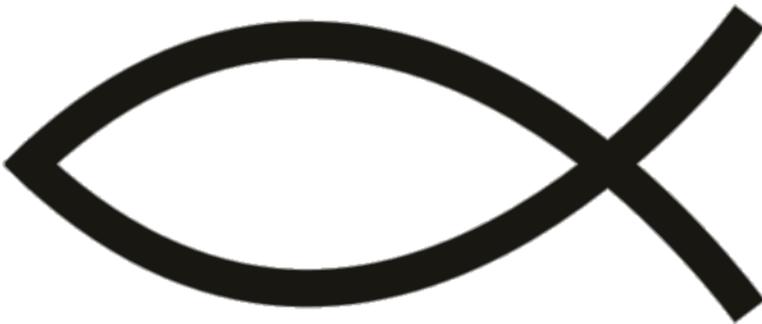
Down 2. Throughly 3. Bewitch 4. Gorge 5. Impious 6. Isaac 7. Owe
12. Spiritual 14. Lucifer 15. Invited 17. Trent 18. Lions 21. Yea

*The fruits of the Spirit are peace, kindness, love,
joy, self-control and gentleness.
Is there enough fruit in your diet?*



GROUP CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>What's on</u>
Wed. Sep. 5 th	7.30pm	New Providence	Elders Meeting
Sun. Sep. 9 th	10.30am	New Hope	lunch after morning service
Sun. Sep. 9 th	12.45pm	New Providence	Church Meeting
Sun. Sep. 9 th	4.30pm	Heath	Messy Church
Wed. Sep. 12 th	2.30pm	New Hope	Friendship Hour
Thu. Sep. 13 th	7.30pm	Heath	Thursday Club
Thu. Sep. 13 th	7.30pm	New Providence	Mission & Care Mtg.
Tue. Sep. 18 th	10.30am	Heath	Community Coffee Morning
Fri. Sep. 21 st	11.00am	New Hope	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Mon. Sep. 24 th	7.30pm	New Providence	New Provi Circle
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PREACHER PLAN

HEATH URC, MANOR DRIVE, 10.30 AM

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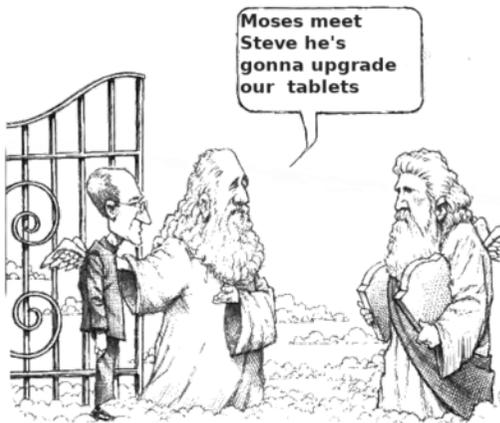
NEW HOPE URC, WARLEY ROAD 10.30 AM

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NEW PROVIDENCE URC, KEIGHLEY ROAD 11.00 AM

- Sep. 2nd Mrs. Juliet Foster
Sep. 9th TBA
Sep. 16th TBA
Sep. 23rd Mrs. Juliet Foster
Sep. 30th Group Service (New Hope)





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All contribution need to be in by **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH** please. These can be either handed in to your church reps or stop press direct to the editor at:

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Late submissions may not be inserted.

Thank you.