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Heath New Hope New Providence



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

## **Letter from the New Manse**

When we meet people we haven't seen for years often our first question is "How are you keeping" and the second is "What are you doing now?" And sometimes we ask children "What do you want to do when you grow up?" I wonder whether we sometimes ask the wrong questions and focus on the wrong aspects of a person's life.

There was a time when I thought that what people "did" was really important and, as an extension of that, when I was most concerned about what I would end up "doing". However, I've now come a stage in life where I think "being" is just as important as "doing", if not more so.

Of course, it does matter what we "do", whether that "doing" is related to our vocation or career, to our daily lives or to our church life. We may feel called by God to do certain things. We may need to earn a living. We may sense the need to help other people and benefit the community. We certainly wouldn't want to do anything illegal, dishonest or harmful to others. What we do, or don't do, is certainly important.

However, it's possible to do many laudable things and yet lack a depth of "being". Being is much deeper than doing. It relates to character: it's about the kind of people we are, and the kind of people we're becoming, deep inside.

It's far less challenging to be asked about our activities than our character. I suspect that some of us would feel uncomfortable if we were asked "What sort of person are you?", rather than the customary "What do you do?" We would also feel equally uncomfortable asking that question of others.

## Letter from the New Manse

We might feel the same discomfort if someone asked us “What sort of church or group of churches are you?” rather than asking what we do. But these are important questions, because our “being”, our character, will inevitably have an impact on the way that we do things, especially when the “doing” involves other people and our relationships with them.

The Bible suggests that God is interested in how we “are”. Paul’s words about the fruit of the Spirit are important. Love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are to be cultivated and nurtured. So, perhaps the questions need asking, even if we ask them of ourselves: “What am I, and what do I want to be?” and “What sort of a church / group of churches are we?” Sometimes the answers will be encouraging, and sometimes painful, but we can be certain that God values us for who we are, loves us as we are, and is always ready to help us to become what he wants us to be – more like Jesus, in all our “being” and all our “doing”.

God bless,  
*Heather*

## **Pulpit list**

Heath URC, Free School Lane. 10.30am

September

- 1 Mrs Susan Ng
- 8 Rev Daphne Hull
- 15 Rev John Jenkinson - Communion
- 22 Rev Heather Pollard – Fair Trade Stall
- 29 Group Service at New Providence

## **Activities in September (and 31 August!)**

31 August – 11.00am – Coffee Morning to show off and celebrate the decoration of the hall! Everyone welcome.

Thursday 12 September – 7.30pm Thursday Club - Stuart Wilkinson talking about WW1 trenches in the Long Wood

Tuesday 17 September - 10.30am - Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 28 September – 7.30pm – Elland Male Voice Choir

Advance notice Sunday 6 October – Harvest Lunch after morning service.

## **Weekly Events**

Regular Activities at Heath

### **Monday**

- |        |                              |
|--------|------------------------------|
| 9.15am | Toddlers (during term time)  |
| 2.00pm | Sing for Fun – Singing Group |
| 5.30pm | Beaver Scouts 6-8yrs         |
| 6.30pm | Cub Scouts 8-10yrs           |

### **Tuesday**

- 10.30am Community Coffee Club (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in month)

**Thursday**

7.30pm Thursday Club- Social Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in month Sept – June)

**Friday**

7.30pm Scouts 10-14yrs

7.30pm Explorer Scouts 14-18 yrs

**HEATH CHURCH  
FREE SCHOOL LANE  
ELLAND MALE VOICE CHOIR  
AUTUMN CONCERT  
SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER  
2019 at 7.30PM  
TICKETS £5 INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS**

Hello Folks

How are you doing?

Not everyone wishes to know medical facts. However, in hind sight many people wish that they had have known so that they could help to prevent medical conditions or recognise and know what to do if they should arise.

Below I have simply given advice from the NHS website about “mini strokes” or transient ischaemic attack (TIA). It is useful to know: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/transient-ischaemic-attack-tia/>

**“A transient ischaemic attack (TIA) or "mini stroke" is caused by a temporary disruption in the blood supply to part of the brain.**

The disruption in blood supply results in a lack of oxygen to the brain. This can cause sudden symptoms similar to a [stroke](#), such as speech and visual disturbance, and numbness or weakness in the face, arms and legs.

However, a TIA doesn't last as long as a stroke. The effects often only last for a few minutes or hours and fully resolve within 24 hours.

### **Symptoms of a TIA**

The main symptoms of a TIA can be remembered with the word FAST: Face-Arms-Speech-Time.

- **Face** – the face may have dropped on one side, the person may not be able to smile, or their mouth or eye may have dropped.
- **Arms** – the person with suspected stroke may not be able to lift both arms and keep them there because of arm weakness or numbness in one arm.

- **Speech** – their speech may be slurred or garbled, or the person may not be able to talk at all, despite appearing to be awake.
- **Time** – it is time to dial 999 immediately if you see any of these signs or symptoms.

### **When to seek medical advice**

In the early stages of a TIA, it's not possible to tell whether you're having a TIA or a full stroke, so it's important to phone 999 immediately and ask for an ambulance.

Even if the symptoms disappear while you're waiting for the ambulance to arrive, an assessment in hospital should still be carried out.

A TIA is a warning that you may be at risk of having a full stroke in the near future, and an assessment can help doctors to determine the best way to reduce the chances of this happening.

If you think you may have had a TIA previously, but the symptoms have passed and you didn't seek medical advice at the time, make an urgent appointment with your GP. They can determine whether to refer you for a hospital assessment.

### **Causes of TIAs**

During a TIA, one of the blood vessels that supply your brain with oxygen-rich blood becomes blocked.

This blockage is usually caused by a [blood clot](#) that has formed elsewhere in your body and travelled to the blood vessels supplying the brain, although it can also be caused by pieces of fatty material or air bubbles.

Certain things can increase your chances of having a TIA, including:

- smoking
- having [high blood pressure \(hypertension\)](#)

- being [obese](#)
- having [high cholesterol levels](#)
- regularly drinking an excessive amount of alcohol
- having [atrial fibrillation \(a type of irregular heartbeat\)](#)
- having [diabetes](#)

People over 60 years of age, and people of Asian, African or Caribbean descent are also at a higher risk of having a TIA.

### **Treating TIAs**

Although the symptoms of a TIA resolve in a few minutes or hours, you'll need treatment to help prevent another TIA or a full stroke happening in the future.

Your treatment will depend on your individual circumstances, such as your age and medical history.

You're likely to be given advice about lifestyle changes you can make to reduce your stroke risk, in addition to being offered medication to treat the underlying cause of your TIA. In some cases, surgery may be needed to unblock the carotid arteries (the main blood vessels that supply the brain with blood).

### **Preventing TIAs**

A TIA is often a sign that another one may follow and you're at a high risk of having a full, life-threatening stroke in the near future.

Regardless of whether you've had a TIA or stroke in the past, there are a number of ways you can lower your risk of having either in the future. These include:

- maintaining a [healthy weight](#)
- [eating healthily](#)
- taking [regular exercise](#)
- limiting your [alcohol](#) consumption
- not [smoking](#)



It is also good to follow the latter advice to help prevent the risk of contracting medical conditions including heart disease, cancer and diabetes. In the news recent research has been high-lighted <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-48963215> which has also shown that even lifestyle can affect Alzheimer's. So following the above advice plus "Eat a balanced diet that includes more than three portions of fruit and vegetables a day, eat fish twice a week and rarely eat processed meat" can help to reduce dementia in genetically high-risk groups.

If you have any specific requests for information/advice my contact telephone number is below or you could ask your church secretary to let me know.

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 please don't hesitate to contact me: 07803295002. Please leave a message and I will get back to you. Thank you.

Dawn Weald, Parish Nurse, Heath Church.



**mini strokes**

**IGNORANCE IS BLISS (or is it?)**

If you have a ‘wobbly moment’, an inexplicable physical experience, or just the feeling that ‘things aren’t right with you, you too could be experiencing a mini stroke.

How on earth can you have a mini stroke and not know it?

The answer is in the title – ‘ignorance is bliss’, we just do not know what is happening to us -- the answer? -- Go and see Your G.P.!

Here are examples of just what might happen:-

1. Limbs may become uncontrollable – (you have NOT been drinking!)

Go and see Your G.P.!

2. One hand suddenly loses all power, with little grip. Are you losing your grip? Well maybe.

Go and see Your G.P.!

3. If you feel a ‘bit odd’ – You probably are!

Go and see Your G.P.!

Don’t hesitate, remember he/she who hesitates *can* be lost!

Go and see Your G.P.!

NOW!

Anon.

**"Charity Deadline Auction"** at Heath URC, Free School Lane, on Saturday 26th October, 19.00 for 19.30 start.

The Theodora Trust is a charity which funds "Giggle Doctors", clowns who visit children's wards in hospitals. This brings fun and happiness into very painful and stressful situations for children and their families, and helps the children's healing.

The auction has been organised by the Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Halifax to support this charity, and in recognition of the brilliant fundraising efforts of a Theodora Trust champion, Ken Robertshaw. His plan to cycle the length of the USA from the Canadian border to Florida this summer ended in disappointment when the carrier failed to deliver his bike with all the rest of his kit, ruining his opportunities of lucrative sponsorship, talks and book sales.

A deadline auction is one where bids are written down and the person placing the last bid when the bell goes gets the goods. There will be a live auction too. Anne and I would like members and friends within the Group to come along for a great evening of fun and excitement, in a very good cause. It would not work without lots of donations of goods and pledges. Please support us by donating something and joining us on the night.

Supper and your first drink is included in the ticket price of £8.

Please spread the word and contact Anne and John Seager on 01422 376091 or 07577 767265 for tickets and to offer items for auction, which we would be happy to collect in advance for the catalogue."

John Seager, member at Heath URC

**Pulpit Supply**

**September 2019**

Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> Rev Heather Pollard  
Sep. 8<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Juliet Foster  
Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> Mr. David Truswell  
Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup> Alison Dobson  
Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> Group Service at New Providence

**Sunday September 1st Church Meeting** after Morning Service

**Weekly Events**

Mondays Art Club for over 50's 1-30 p.m. to 3-30 p.m.  
Boys Brigade 6-30 p.m. Anchors, Juniors and Seniors  
(contact 832607)

Tuesdays Walking Group meet bottom of Court Lane  
9-30 a.m. contact 357739 if you intend to go.

Wednesdays Friendship Hour 2-15 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays) 11<sup>th</sup> September - Mr Burrows "Old  
Yorkshire" - Do you remember?

25<sup>th</sup> September Noel Moroney - Yarns from the textile  
Industry.

9<sup>th</sup> October J Mumford - Problems with Wills

Every Wednesday Ladies' Keep Fit 7-30 p.m.  
Thursdays African Church Worship 5-30p.m. to 7-30 p.m.  
KUMON Educational Classes for Children Wednesdays  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 4 p.m.  
Saturdays Maths Group 9-30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m.  
Coffee Cakes Competitions  
(Items required for Bric-a-Bac Stall)  
Please come along and support this very worthwhile cause an opportunity to meet other people.  
Stay for a light lunch (Soup, Roll and Cake)



### **DISRUPTORS**

This is a new class of Activists: Populists: Promise of pie in the sky, because you have been ignored for so long you deserve your say and your share of whatever pulls your trigger.

So many people feel badly done by just now that they will follow anyone with the promise of being “important” “popular” “winning Love Island”, the Moderator’s piece on RE opens the discussion. The writer would add, re-run, for the last five years, without the various disruptors laughingly called politicians. Life is not a reality TV show where the outcome of the vote only affects a few people, it affects whole nations by committing to untested but popular policies. Why fix something if it isn’t broken?

Where are the sane voices saying “Hey, just stop and think before you do that,” but it’s not popular to be cautious, it doesn’t get “likes” on Facebook and Twitter. Oh for the world to slow down to the speed of sending a letter.

On reflection disruptors have always been with us, is it just one of the many traits that plague humanity?

Thinking about it, we all follow one of the biggest disruptors of all time. So, it’s not all bad!

Mike Riley

### **ACTIONS = CONSEQUENCES**

The writer has recently experienced a rude awakening, at 11.30 on a lovely summer evening, fireworks were heard, so had to be investigated outside. Then again at 11.55 more fireworks. Another inspection, but, this time it was a superheated asbestos cement shed roof exploding, due to a mindless act of arson. Action: some malcontent torching a shed, 'just for fun'. Consequence: a lifetimes collection of tools ruined, risk to the writer being shot by shards of flying asbestos, fire damage to overhead telephone lines, worry by owner trying to sell property, is it insured? Police and Fire Service call out, costly hazardous site clearance, health risk to neighbours from asbestos fibres, re-building fire damaged retaining wall. So the small action of torching a shed led to all these consequences and the reprobates just walk away not a care in the world.

This is just one of millions of actions which take place, each having good or bad consequences. It seems at the moment that bad consequences are winning out because of the predominance of bad actions.

Lets try and even it out a bit by doing something positive every day and study the possible consequences associated with the positive good action.

Mike Riley

## **NEW PROVIDENCE**

### **Pulpit Supply**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

1st.... Mr. Jim Walker  
8th.... Songs of Praise  
15th ...Dawn Walker  
22nd...Mrs. Juliet Foster  
29th ...Group Service at New Providence

### **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 the  
Carlton Centre  
Sunday 1st-12.45pm Church Meeting  
Monday 23rd - 7.30pm – New Provi Circle



## **NEW PROVIDENCE**

**"I'm Fine"** anxiety and depression group meet each Wednesday at New Providence from 1-2pm, for a coffee and chat. All who feel the need are welcome to join us as we give each other support. Led by a trained counsellor.

**I'M FINE**  
anxiety depression bipolar schizophrenia PTSD OCD ADHD eating disorders self-harm suicidal thoughts panic attacks phobias obsessive compulsive disorder personality disorders borderline personality disorder narcissistic personality disorder antisocial personality disorder

**NEW**

**Do you suffer with  
mental health  
Fancy a coffee  
and a chat  
Wednesdays  
1-2pm  
New Providence  
church HX2 8BA**

**IF YOU FEEL LONELY  
IF YOU FEEL DOWN  
IF YOU FEEL SAD  
COME ALONG AND CHAT WITH OTHERS**

Poster Maker

# MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

## Michaelmas

*by Ben Johnson*

Michaelmas, or the Feast of Michael and All Angels, is celebrated on the 29th of September every year. As it falls near the equinox, the day is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days; in England, it is one of the “quarter days”.

There are traditionally four “quarter days” in a year (Lady Day (25th March), Midsummer (24th June), Michaelmas (29th September) and Christmas (25th December)). They are spaced three months apart, on religious festivals, usually close to the solstices or equinoxes. They were the four dates on which servants were hired, rents due or leases begun. It used to be said that harvest had to be completed by Michaelmas, almost like the marking of the end of the productive season and the beginning of the new cycle of farming. It was the time at which new servants were hired or land was exchanged and debts were paid. This is how it came to be for Michaelmas to be the time for electing magistrates and also the beginning of legal and university terms.



St Michael is one of the principal angelic warriors, protector against the dark of the night and the Archangel who fought against Satan and his evil angels. As Michaelmas is the time that the darker nights and colder days begin – the edge into winter – the celebration of Michaelmas is associated with encouraging protection during these dark months. It was believed that negative forces were stronger in darkness and so families would require stronger defences during the later months of the year.

Traditionally, in the British Isles, a well fattened goose, fed on the stubble from the fields after the harvest, is eaten to protect against financial need in the family for the next year; and as the saying goes:

*“Eat a goose on Michaelmas Day,  
Want not for money all the year”.*

Sometimes the day was also known as “Goose Day” and goose fairs were held. Even now, the famous Nottingham Goose Fair is still held on or around the 3rd of October. Part of the reason goose is eaten is that it was said that when Queen Elizabeth I heard of the defeat of the Armada, she was dining on goose and resolved to eat it on Michaelmas Day. Others followed suit. It could also have developed through the role of Michaelmas Day as the debts were due; tenants requiring a delay in payment may have tried to persuade their landlords with gifts of geese!

In Scotland, St Michael’s Bannock, or Struan Micheil (a large scone-like cake) is also created. This used to be made from

cereals grown on the family's land during the year, representing the fruits of the fields, and is cooked on a lamb skin, representing the fruit of the flocks. The cereals are also moistened with sheeps milk, as sheep are deemed the most sacred of animals. As the Struan is created by the eldest daughter of the family, the following is said:

“Progeny and prosperity of family, Mystery of Michael, Protection of the Trinity”

Through the celebration of the day in this way, the prosperity and wealth of the family is supported for the coming year. The custom of celebrating Michaelmas Day as the last day of harvest was broken when Henry VIII split from the Catholic Church; instead, it is Harvest Festival that is celebrated now.

In British folklore, Old Michaelmas Day, 10th October, is the last day that blackberries should be picked. It is said that on this day, when Lucifer was expelled from Heaven, he fell from the skies, straight onto a blackberry bush. He then cursed the fruit, scorched them with his fiery breath, spat and stamped on them and made them unfit for consumption! And so the Irish proverb goes:

“On Michaelmas Day the devil puts his foot on blackberries”.

### **The Michaelmas Daisy**

The Michaelmas Daisy, which flowers late in the growing season between late August and early October, provides colour

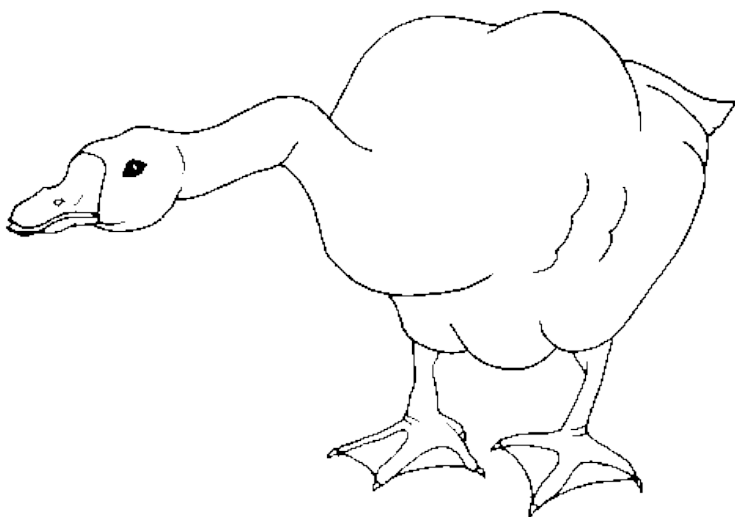


and warmth to gardens at a time when the majority of flowers are coming to an end. As suggested by the saying below, the daisy is probably associated with this celebration because, as mentioned previously, St Michael is celebrated as a protector from darkness and evil, just as the daisy fights against the advancing gloom of Autumn and Winter.

“The Michaelmas Daisies, among dede weeds,  
Bloom for St Michael’s valorous deeds.  
And seems the last of flowers that stood,  
Till the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude.”

*(The Feast of St. Simon and Jude is 28 October)*

The act of giving a Michaelmas Daisy symbolises saying farewell, perhaps in the same way as Michaelmas Day is seen to say farewell to the productive year and welcome in the new cycle.



## Ecclesiastes Choose your time

King Solomon by trade  
A healthy profit made  
By his possessions this fact one could tell  
He built a fleet of ships.  
In his proverbs he gave tips  
And he was a philosopher as well.

He said, though not in rhyme,  
For all things there's time.  
A time for death and also time for birth.  
There's a time for collection  
And a time for rejection,  
A time for sorrow and a time for mirth.

There is time for tearing  
And time for repairing,  
Time for sitting and for dancing too.  
A time when there's no sound  
And time to expound,  
Time for kissing and when it's taboo.

There is a time for war  
And for peace it's no more  
A time for planting and for pulling weeds  
A time for love and hate,  
Making love or celibate.  
Time to kill or save life by brave deeds.

What we do will not last  
Quick to come and quickly past  
For everything we know God sets the time  
His work will last for aye  
And not just for a day  
And what he gives us always is sublime

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### **A Friend**

Where do they come from  
Ones who just appear in life  
Some finer than rum  
Others closer than man an'wife

They may not be old  
without them, what was before  
Their warmth, on days' cold  
Their presence we seek but more

How we want many  
Yet we find so very few  
treasured like a new penny  
Their value great, one will do

When found, never let go  
Too many years may pass, you see  
Before God allows to flow  
The gift of a friend like thee.

**An elderly carpenter** was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business to live a more leisurely life with his wife and enjoy his extended family. He would miss the paycheck each week, but he wanted to retire. They could get by.

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favour. The carpenter said yes, but over time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work, his employer came to inspect the house. Then he handed the front-door key to the carpenter and said, "This is your house... my gift to you." The carpenter was shocked!

What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.

So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently.

But, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter, and every day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Someone once said, "Life is a do-it-yourself project." Your attitude, and the choices you make today, help build the "house" you will live in tomorrow. Build wisely!



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# BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

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JESUS CHRIST

SALVATION

JEW

GENTILE

HOLY SPIRIT

GOD THE FATHER

PERSECUTE

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## **Crossword Clues**

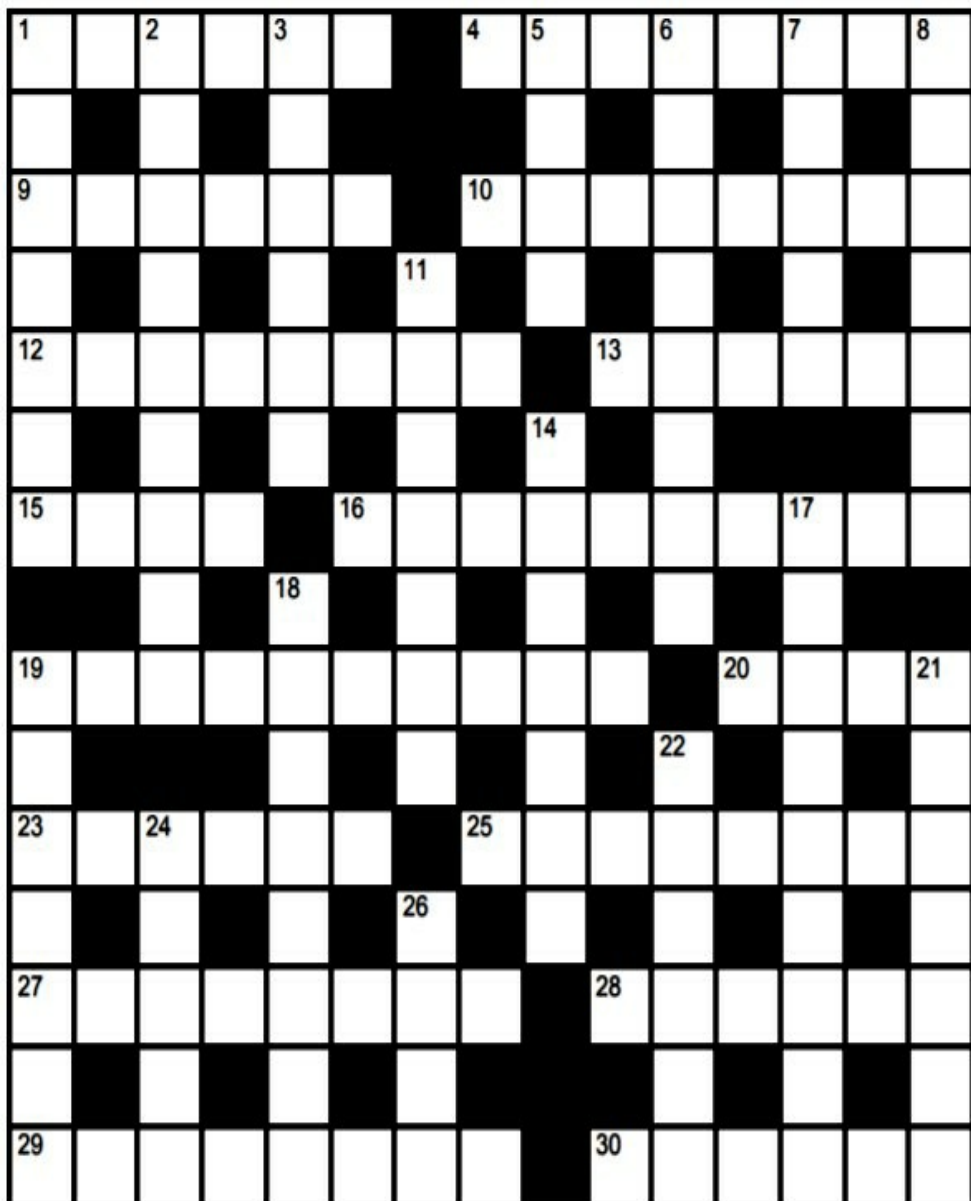
### **Across**

- 1 Express sorrow (6)
- 4 Anticipated (8)
- 9 God with judge people with this (6)
- 10 Sore ants (anag); In the White House? (8)
- 12 Kept confined (8)
- 13 Times Peter denied Christ (6)
- 15 Noah became this by faith (4)
- 16 Last book of the Bible (10)
- 19 God's angels (10)
- 20 Mix up (4)
- 23 Thin length of material (6)
- 25 It never comes (8)
- 27 Soothed (8)
- 28 Money lender (6)
- 29 Counted (8)
- 30 Rigid sheets of metal (6)

### **Down**

- 1 A dimension of God's love (7)
- 2 Himalayas, for example (9)
- 3 Gain, reach or arrive at (6)
- 5 Sesame worked! (4)
- 6 A faithful minister of Christ (8)
- 7 Mother in law of Ruth (5)
- 8 Sun sets in this sky (7)
- 11 Retaliation (7)
- 14 Scripture is profitable for this (7)
- 17 Magicians couldn't do this for Pharaoh's dreams (9)
- 18 Jerusalem - how her house is left (8)
- 19 Disease of cattle (7)
- 21 When Jesus comes these will be with Him (7)
- 22 Fragment of food (6)
- 24 Booms (anag) (5)
- 26 Not there! (4)

# CROSSWORD



## FIND 15 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PICTURES



## **Crossword Answers**

**Across:** 1 Bemoan, 4 Foreknew, 9 Equity, 10 Senators, 12 Detained, 13 Thrice, 15 Heir, 16 Revelation, 19 Messengers, 20 Stir, 23 Ribbon, 25 Tomorrow, 27 Assuaged, 28 Usurer, 29 Numbered, 30 Plates.

**Down:** 1 Breadth, 2 Mountains, 3 Attain, 5 Open, 6 Epaphras, 7 Naomi, 8 Western, 11 Revenge, 14 Reproof, 17 Interpret, 18 Desolate, 19 Murrain, 21 Rewards, 22 Morsel, 24 Bosom, 26 Here

### **Court in stitches**

An atheist created a case in court against the upcoming Easter and Passover holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians, Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant. The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned."

## GROUP CALENDAR

| <u>Date</u>             | <u>Time</u> | <u>Place</u>   | <u>What's on</u>                |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b><u>September</u></b> |             |                |                                 |
| Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>    | 12.00pm     | New Hope       | Church Meeting                  |
| Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>    | 12.45pm     | New Providence | Church Meeting                  |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>    | 2.15pm      | New Hope       | Friendship Hour                 |
| Thu. 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 7.30pm      | Heath          | Thursday Club                   |
| Tue. 17 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.30am     | Heath          | <b>Community coffee morning</b> |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | 7.30pm      | New Providence | New Provi Circle                |
| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>    | 2.15pm      | New Hope       | Friendship Hour                 |
| Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.30am     | New Hope       | <b>Macmillan coffee Morning</b> |
| Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup>   | 7.30pm      | Heath          | Elland Male Voice Choir         |



## **PREACHER PLAN**

### **HEATH URC, MANOR DRIVE, 10.30 AM**

- Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs. Susan Ng  
Sep. 8<sup>th</sup> Rev Daphne Hull  
Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> Rev John Jenkinson  
Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup> Rev Heather Pollard  
Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> Group Service at New Providence

### **NEW HOPE URC, WARLEY ROAD 10.30 AM**

- Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> Rev Heather Pollard  
Sep. 8<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Juliet Foster  
Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> Mr. David Truswell  
Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup> Alison Dobson  
Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> Group Service at New Providence

### **NEW PROVIDENCE URC, KEIGHLEY ROAD 11.00 AM**

- Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Jim Walker  
Sep. 8<sup>th</sup> Songs of Praise  
Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> Dawn Walker  
Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Juliet Foster  
Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> Group Service at New Providence





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