

GREASBROUGH UNITED CHURCH

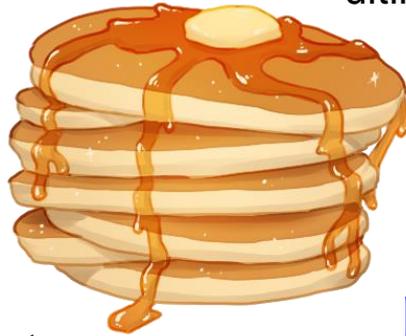
March 2019

Flipping 'eck

I hope you're ready. Whether you like them with orange juice and sugar, syrup or ice cream, it's Pancake Day on Tuesday 5th March.

The tradition of eating pancakes comes from a 16th century custom of using up all the fattening ingredients in the house, so that people were ready to fast during Lent. The fattening ingredients that most people had in their houses in those days were eggs and milk. A very simple recipe to use up these ingredients was to combine them with some flour and make pancakes!

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, does mean that Lent is upon us. Lent signifying the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness prior to his ministry, and also the time at the end of his ministry when Jesus withdrew from the people and spent time in Ephraim, near the wilderness, in preparation for what was to come.



For us, it's a time when we focus on the build-up of events leading to the crucifixion on Good Friday and, ultimately, Easter Sunday. We

celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas-time, and now we prepare to celebrate the reason that happened – Jesus' death and resurrection, at Easter-time.

Phil

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT TO SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH HIM.

JOHN 3: 16-17



News

Well may I start by giving many Congratulations to Margaret White on the birth of a new great grandson Harry. Both mum and baby are doing well.

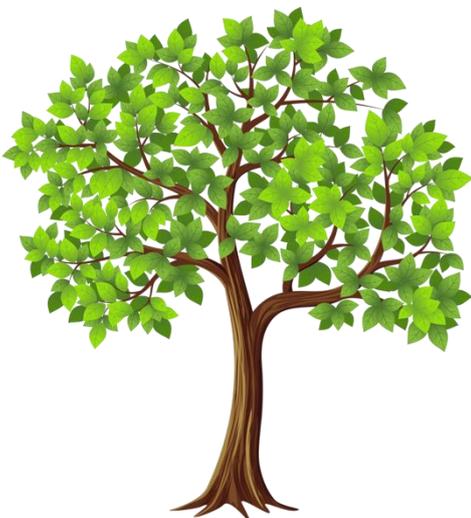
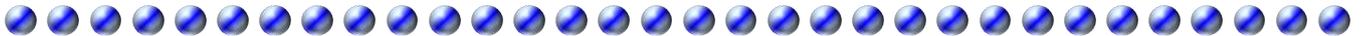
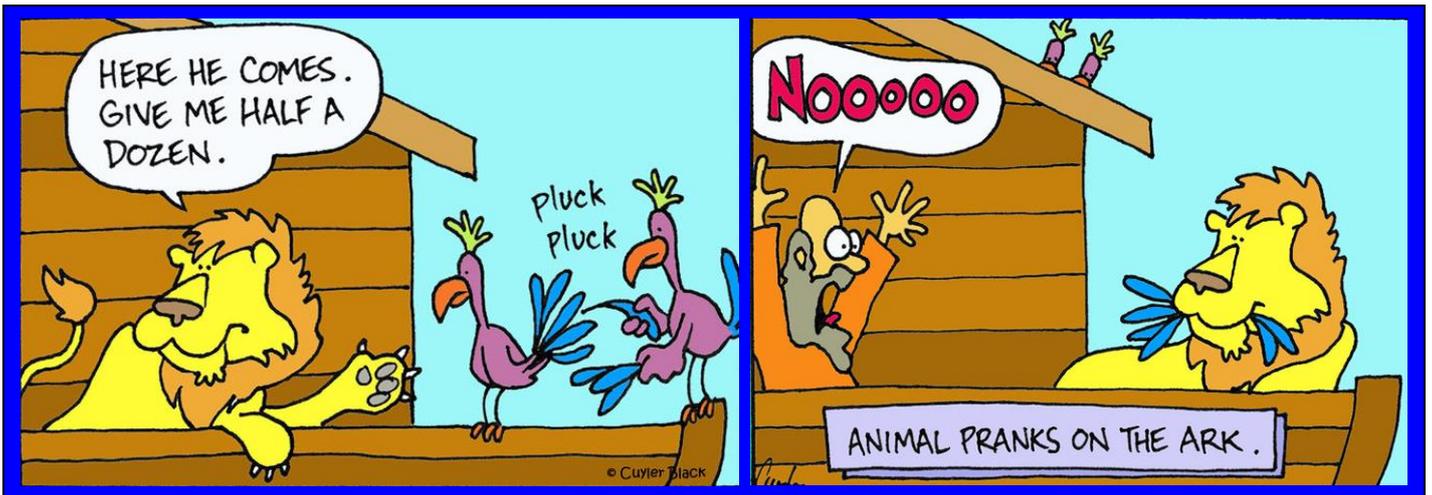
Our last social afternoon was a happy occasion and we shared food and laughter in each other's company. As an aside even though Darren "bragged"!! quite a bit, in fun of course, he only managed to come fourth in the Beate game. What a shame, Ha! Ha!

During this afternoon of pleasure, we managed to raise £87.50 for much needed church funds.

Please keep Sheena's and Karen's dad and Simon's mum in your prayers.

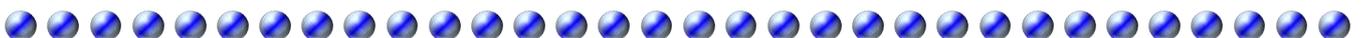
As Phil announced, we have a Special church meeting on Tuesday 5th March @ 7.00pm where we will receive feedback from the local ecumenical review group on our way forward, anticipating that it will be under the ministry of Rev Simon.

Jean

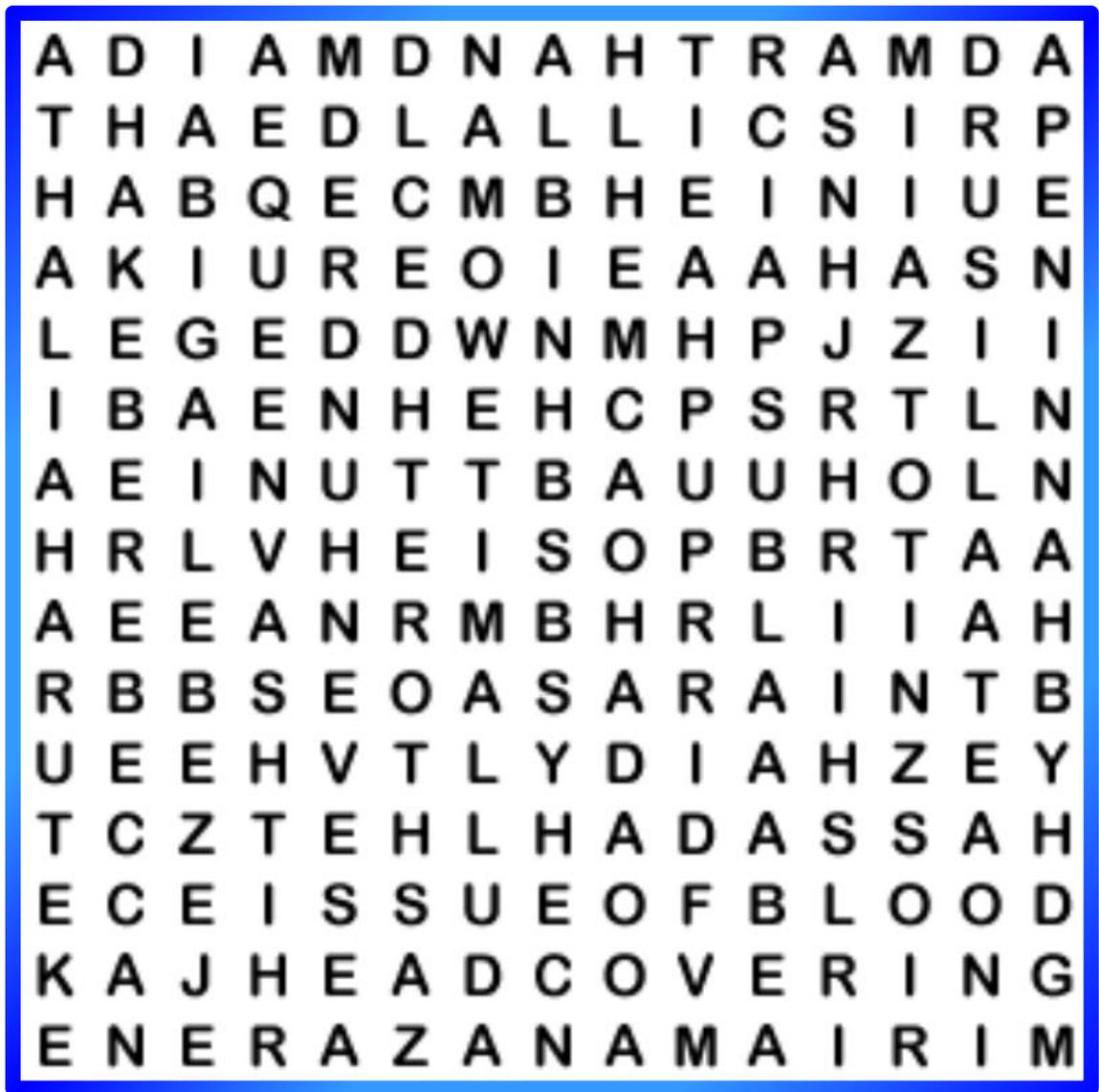


I am the vine; you are the branches. John 15:5

If the root is holy, so are the branches. Romans 11:16



WORDSEARCH



Women of the Bible

Find these words in the grid above. The words may be in any direction – forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards or diagonal. After you have found all the words, use the leftover letters to form a mystery answer.

Answer: _ _ _ _ _

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| Abigail | Dinah | Jezebel | Queen Vashti |
| Adullamite | Drusilla | Keturah | Rebecca |
| Woman | Hadassah | Lydia | Rebekah |
| Ashtoreth | Handmaid | Martha | Sapphira |
| Athaliah | Head covering | Miriam a Nazarene | Sarai |
| Bathsheba | Impurity | Orpah | Seven hundred |
| Concubine | Issue of Blood | Peninnah | Zilpah |
| Deborah | Jael | Priscilla | |

Pancakes

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!"**

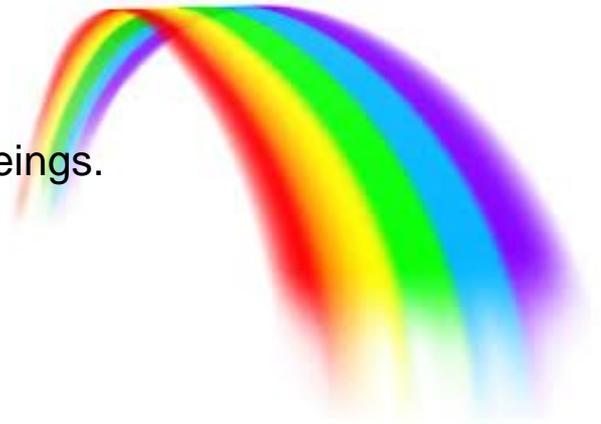


Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet

Remember the rainbow,
just like God does:
the promise He gives us,
His contract with us and all living beings.

Rainbow creator:
help us to be as colourful,
help us to be as careful.

Hannah Warwicker



The Lord is my Shepherd

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task. But, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, **"The Lord is my shepherd ... and that's all I need to know."**





"DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS?"

Prayer this month

Please pray for:

- Peace and calm on the border of India and Pakistan;
- Relief be allowed in to Venezuela.

Sunday Services

Held at 10.30am every Sunday.

Preachers

3 rd Mar	Val & Mike Ede
10 th Mar	Chris Houghton
17 th Mar	Rod Morrison
24 th Mar	Rev Simon Copley
31 st Mar	Alan Taylor
7 th Apr	Patricia Critchlow

Friendship Group

Held at 2.00pm every Wednesday.

Speakers

6 th Mar	Rev Simon Copley
13 th Mar	Rev Simon Copley
20 th Mar	Joyce & Alan Taylor
27 th Mar	Wayne Ashton
3 rd Apr	Rev Jenny Park

What's on

Special Church Meeting –
5th March @ 7.30pm

Nursing Home Service –
21st March @ 2.00pm

Bible study and prayer group

These are held at 34 Green Street on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am and are a valuable time of learning and sharing God's Word. It is a very relaxed gathering and all are welcome.

Contact us

If you would like to know anything about the church please contact:

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Who's who: Martha

Martha, sister of Mary and Lazarus, is a well-known Biblical figure even though she is only mentioned in three stories in the Bible.

She lived in Bethany, about 2 miles from Jerusalem, with her sister and brother.

The first time Martha appears is in Luke 10, when she invited Jesus and the disciples into her home. Martha was busy being a good host, whereas her sister Mary sat by Jesus' feet, listening to him. Maybe a little irate that Mary wasn't helping her with the work, Martha asked Jesus to tell Mary to help. Instead, Jesus told Martha that she was worrying about the wrong things, and that Mary had chosen the right thing by listening to Jesus. How that went down, we don't quite know.

Martha's second appearance is in John 11 when Lazarus dies. When Lazarus was ill, Martha and her sister sent a message to Jesus say **'the one you love is ill.'** We get the impression from this, therefore, that Jesus must have known the family very well.

By the time Jesus arrived in Bethany Lazarus had been dead for 4 days. When she heard that Jesus had arrived, Martha went out to meet him, while Mary stayed in the house. Martha said **'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.'** When Jesus said that he was going to raise Lazarus from death her response was **'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'** So, even in the midst of grieving for her brother, Martha was showing her faith in Jesus.

The third and final story briefly mentions Martha. It was just six days before the Passover when Jesus went to Bethany again to visit Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Again Martha was busy serving dinner, while Lazarus was at the table with his guests. We're not sure whether Mary was helping Martha or not this time, but this is when she took an expensive bottle of perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet and then wiped it with her hair.

Nothing more is said of Martha in the Bible. However, tradition relates that during the persecution of the early church following the martyrdom of Stephen, Lazarus fled Judea and Martha went with him to assist in preaching the Gospel. Mary stayed behind, but they all later met up in Cyprus when Lazarus became the first Bishop of Kittim (modern-day Larnaca). All three died in Cyprus.

**BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW
THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS
LIKE EAGLES... ISAIAH 40:31**