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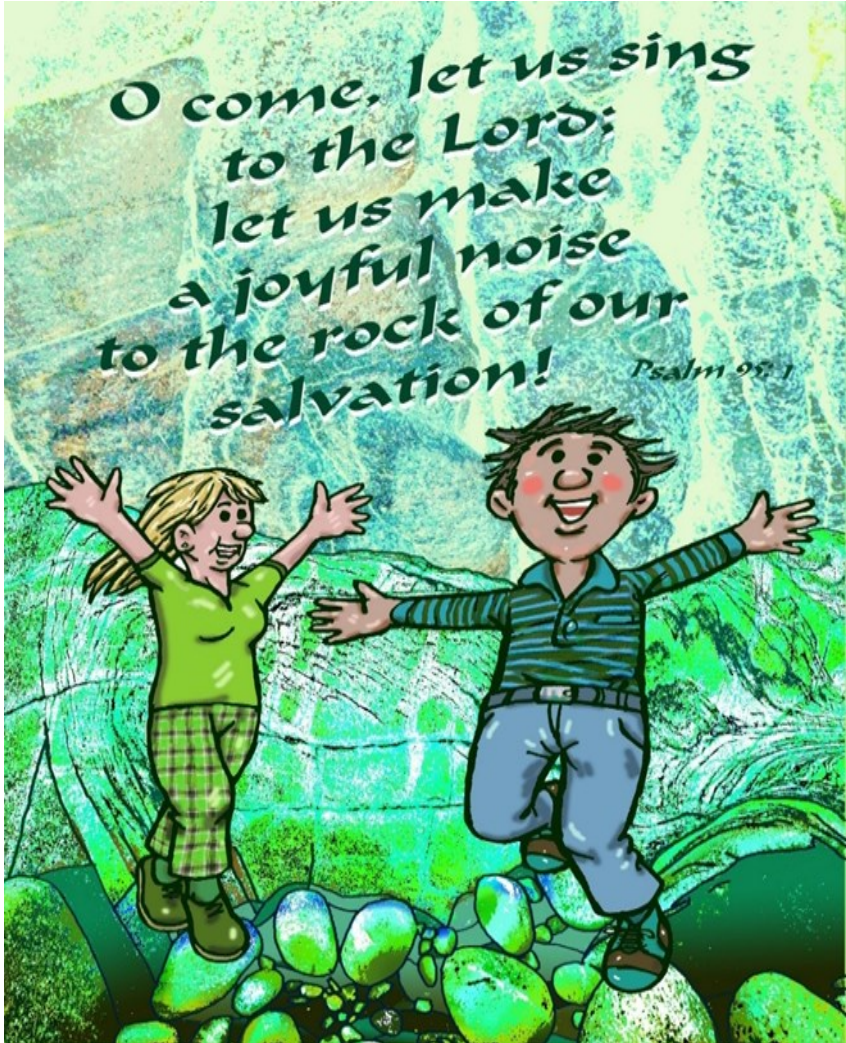
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Before I pen some musings, I want to first say how pleased I am with the news of the appointment of Revd Becky Reeves to be the next Priest in Charge of St Aidan and St Columba, and serving with me across the whole of the Central Hartlepool Group. I'm sure Becky will be a great addition to our Group, and I ask you all to be praying for Becky and her husband, as they prepare to move and settle into Hartlepool in due course.

## 'There will be one flock, one shepherd...' The Musings of a Priest

Following on from our Lent course, I have been reflecting on the Prayers of Love and Faith, and what happens next over the last few weeks, and I was really struck by the Gospel passage for Easter 4, which was taken from John 10:11-18. These words are an extract from the sermon I preached at St Luke's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

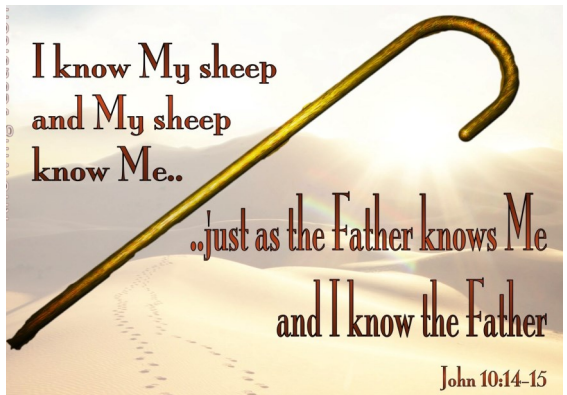
Jesus says **"I am the Good Shepherd, I know my sheep and my sheep know me"** (John 10:14)

In our Gospel message, having explained his role as the Good Shepherd to the Jewish people, Jesus continues to say **"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.**

**So there will be one flock, one shepherd."** (John 10:16)

Jesus says to the Jewish leaders that there are others out there who have just as much right to a place in the body of Christ as they do, and that he will seek them out too. Christ didn't just come for the Jewish people. He came for all people – just as the well known verse from John 3 tells us "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." **Whoever** believes in Him. Not whichever man, or whichever Jew, or whichever white person, or rich person, or celebrity, or king, or intelligent person. **Whoever** believes in Him, shall not perish but have eternal life. There are no caveats. We can be rich or poor, black or white, Jew or Gentile, healthy or sick, tall or short, old or young. We can have a list of convictions as long as my arm, or

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## SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY

5<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter  
12<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter  
19<sup>th</sup> Day of Pentecost / Whit Sunday  
26<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday

*NB : All Services start at 9:15am prompt.*

Holy Communion Service held Every Wednesday at 9:30am.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE  
at St Aidan's Church  
Thursday 9th May; 7.00pm.

Baptism Preparation takes place on the second Tuesdays of each month. Please contact the Administrator to book.



## CONFIRMATIONS

### Congratulations to :

13 April Carole Gillian Dowbekin  
Stephen Dowbekin

## HOLY BAPTISM

### Welcome to:

28 April Emelia Rose Taylor  
Hunter Oliver Lightowler

### Amendment:

Ollie Slater was not one of the baptised in March.



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<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Sewing Party</b>	2.00pm - 4.00pm	
	<i>Maggie Hammond</i>		<i>Tel: 872066</i>
	<b>29th Brownies</b>	6.00pm - 7.30pm	
	<i>Gillian Rogers 15 Grantham Ave</i>		<i>Tel: 234517</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Squirrels</b>	4:30pm – 5:30pm	
	<i>Andrea Thubron</i>		
	<b>Beavers</b>	5.45pm - 7.00pm	
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	<b>Scouts</b>	7.30pm - 9.00pm	
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	<b>Mothers' Union (3rd Wednesday)</b>	2.00pm - 3.30pm	
	<i>Pam Harding</i>		<i>Tel: 268270</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>St Luke's 'Little Angels'</b>	9.00am - 11.00am	
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	<b>Cubs (meeting at West Park School)</b>	6.00pm - 7.30pm	
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*Boys Brigade is suspended. A new Captain needs to be recruited. Please contact Richard Cambridge 01429 280860 if interested.*



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## FROM THE EDITOR

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*Many thanks, Favour*

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### ▲ Windrush Story.

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Book is now available on Amazon in paperback

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The book deals with what happens to me as a person affected by The Windrush Scandal.

The Scandal itself was largely unknown until 2018 when the Media began to discuss it. Followed by the Parliament. Not long after it was made into a Bill and then passed which would

hopefully rectify any wrongdoing. The Windrush Scandal has affected many people and is fairly similar to the recently emerged Post Office Scandal.

I have written the book as a complete novice but was encouraged to do so by a number of close friends. For me it's an accomplishment. I was excluded from this country at a young age. Then spent 40 years trying to come back. I now live here in Hartlepool and attend St Lukes which is where I find good people and a sense of comfort .

I hope that anyone reading the book will find it worthwhile.

Derick Bhupsingh. 07835 529244

(from page 3) we can never have had so much as a speeding ticket. We can be straight, lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, intersex, or even choose not to be bound by any such labels. We can be single, married, divorced, widowed, remarried, celibate, co-habiting and so on.

Jesus says that whoever believes in Him... **whoever** believes in him **can and will be saved**.

Jesus also says **“I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”** To be clear, what Jesus is saying is that there are many groups of people who believe in Him, many denominations of Christians, many traditions within the breadth and depth of the church. People we may or may not agree with on many things. Many different folds or sheep-pens, many different demographics of Christian, but we all belong to the same flock – we are all part of the same Body of Christ, because we all believe in the same Good Shepherd.

The fundamentals of our faith, the things that define what all Christians believe, are summed up in the Creed. It is the basis of our faith, and of our salvation, and we believe that, as Peter reminds us in Acts 4:12.

**“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”**

Our salvation is in Christ, and salvation is there for all who choose to believe in Him. All who choose to believe in Him are part of the body of Christ. There are no caveats.

Grace and Peace, **Revd John**

### MAY / JUNE EVENTS

9<sup>th</sup> May (Thursday) – 7pm **Ascension Day Service @ St Aidan’s Church**

14<sup>th</sup> May                      2pm    Last Flower Arranging Tutorial Session

25<sup>th</sup> May (Saturday) -10.00am - 12.00pm – **Plant Sale**

**29th June                      2.30pm; Emma Cain’s Ordination @ York Minster**

**30th June                      10.00am; Andrew McAllister’s Ordination @ Durham Cathedral**

6th July                      2.00pm                      GARDEN PARTY





## THE MYSTERY OF FLOWER ARRANGING MADE SIMPLE

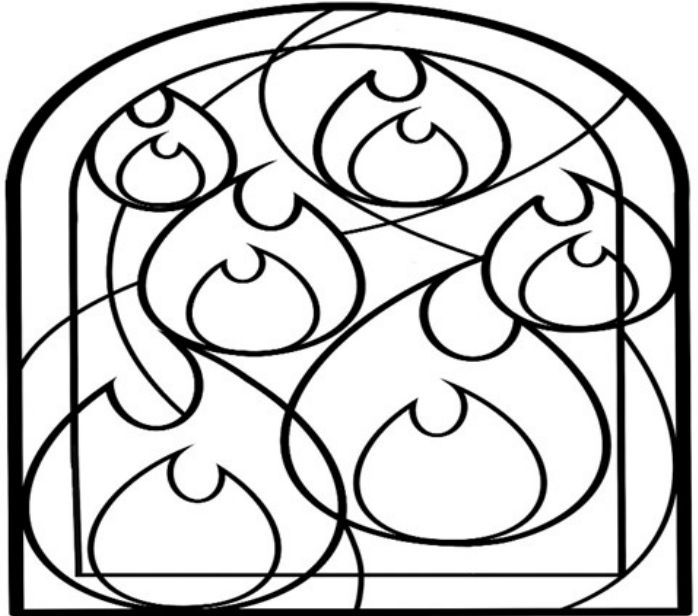
Learn how to design, and construct arrangements and all about flower care, and find out how to make the most of a few flowers.

**Contact Jo: 07719 261354, for details.**

**DATES:** Final session is on Tuesday 14th May.

## COLOUR ME

A flaming Pentecost  
window...

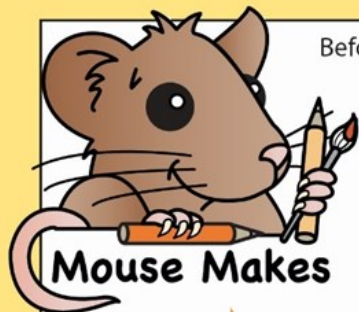


## WEDDING CEREMONY

The new Mr Robert and Mrs Chantelle Goodman who were married on Saturday 20th April.

They said, 'Thank you so much for making our dream come true. You made our day perfect.'

It was a wonderful service and a pleasure and privilege to help out.



Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told his disciples  
 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
 has come upon you, and you will be my  
 witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea  
 and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"..  
 ...When the day of Pentecost arrived,  
 they were all together in one place,  
 and they were all filled  
 with the Holy Spirit."



READ the story  
 of Pentecost  
 in Acts 1-2  
 Look up the Bible  
 verses to find  
 the answers to the  
 crossword clues.

How many  
 words can you  
 make from  
 the letters of:  
 DAY OF  
 PENTECOST



- 1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? *Acts 1:12*  
 2 What appeared? Tongues of ...? *Acts 2:3*  
 3 Who spoke to the crowd? *Acts 2:14*  
 4 What were the disciples filled with? *Acts 2:4*  
 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? *Acts 1:14*  
 5d Which special day was it? *Acts 2:1*  
 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? *Acts 1:26*  
 7 Who had prophesied this? *Acts 2:16*  
 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? *Acts 2:2*  
 9 What did they start speaking in? *Acts 2:4*



**Saturday 25th May**

**– 10.00 till 12.00**

I would be extremely grateful for any offers of help at this sale. There will be a cakes and preserves stall so contributions to that will be most welcome, also for the raffle and tombola.

Most importantly we need your plants! Hopefully you have begun to get ready with having taken cuttings and splitting overgrown clumps, but it's not too late yet to have a go. If you can plant some extra seeds all the better, we need as many plants as we can get at this popular event. Plants of all types and sizes are needed – indoor, outdoor, bedding or perennial, edible or not, please get as many as you can ready for the end of May.

**Many thanks, Julia**



**JOANNE made some nice flowers for Easter Sunday and above are the photos. She also assisted in preparing the Easter Garden (below).**



Hartlepool Community Grocery is now open for the people of Hartlepool helping to keep families fed and give members access to support too. It is here to bridge the gap between foodbanks and supermarkets,

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Across fruit & veg, dry & tinned goods, chilled, frozen and bakery.



### DEANERY CONFIRMATIONS

Carole and Stephen Dowbekin and Daniel Bell were amongst the eight candidates confirmed by Bishop Sarah at Mary Magdalene, Hart on Saturday 13th April.

Here they are having received their Confirmation Candles. Congratulations to all.

## POEM EXPOSITION

*The following poem "Love," was written by George Herbert, 1593 - 1633.*

*George Herbert was a Church of England priest, orator, poet, who also wrote the words to several well-known hymns, such as, Teach me my God and King, Let all the world in every corner sing, and Come my Way, my Truth, my Life.*

*His writings were noted for the purity and effectiveness of his choice of words.*

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin,  
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning if I lacked anything.

" A guest, " I answer'd, " worthy to be here " .  
Love said, " You shall be he " .  
" I, the unkind, ungrateful ? " " Ah, my deare I cannot look on thee " .  
Love took my hand and smiling did reply.  
" Who made the eyes but I ? " .

" Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them,  
Let my shame go where it doth deserve " .  
" And know you not " says Love " who bore the blame ?  
" .  
My deare, then I will serve.  
" You must sit down " says Love, " and taste my meat " .  
So I did sit and eat.



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*This next item is a jaunty song, was a favourite of Lionel Blue 1930 - 2016.*

*Lionel was a British Reform Rabbi, journalist and broadcaster, who made frequent contributions to the BBC Radio Four "Thought for the Day " programme. He was noted for being light-hearted and mischievous .*

*I'm sure that the tune to the following song will be familiar to many readers of The Magazine. To anyone unfamiliar with the tune, it can accessed via Google*

**One more step along the way I go,**  
One more step along the way I go,  
From the old things to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You,  
And it's from the old I travel to the new.  
Keep me travelling along with You.

Round the corner of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn.  
All the new things that I see,  
You'll be looking at along with me.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.

As I travel through the bad and good,  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go,  
You'll be telling me the way I know.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough.  
Leap and sing in all do,  
Keep me travelling along with You.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.

You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me.  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with You.

Best wishes, Wally x

## **JOAN'S EASTER EXPERIENCE AT ST'LUKES.**

I am usually away from home at Easter so this was a good opportunity to experience the range of services offered by St Luke's throughout Easter. My experience can be summed up as Faith, Food and Fellowship. What could be better than that?

Before the Maundy Thursday service we shared a simple meal and enjoyed each other's company. The service was quiet and contemplative which led to the communal stripping of the altar and removal of the pew cushions and anything decorative. We thought about what lay ahead - together.

There was a variety of services on Good Friday from an All Age service with various themed activities to a solemn, quiet Stations of the Cross with images and readings to give us focus. So something for everyone and all conducted impeccably.

Easter day began with a splendid breakfast to literally break our fast in the best possible way. We were welcomed into church by delicious smells and cheerful fellowship. Both physical and spiritual nourishment.

The cross was 'blossomed' as a visual image of what the day meant. This was followed by the Easter Day Service, a time of celebration and smiles. It was made very special by the literally beautiful addition of the stunning, sparkling and bejewelled white party clothes worn by some of the congregation. Such an appropriate visual affirmation of the occasion. This has certainly inspired some of us to come in more festive clothes next year or at least shed a fleece.

Many thanks to the celebrants for putting together such an appropriate set of services and leading us through the Easter story, helped by inspirational music and the varied contributions of so many people.

Again the congregations included friends from our other parishes, a sharing that was a real blessing.

I have never felt more attuned to Easter in so many new ways.

Truly an upholding of faith, food and fellowship.

***JOAN NIXON***

Thank you Joan—an upcoming date for celebration will be Pentecost on 19 May. Let's all wear red for this service celebrating the birthday of the Church.

## ***THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME***

There was a letter to the Editor in The Church Times on 5 April from me, responding to their article 'Inflation hits parish income' published in the 22 March edition. We felt it was important to recognise that a large proportion of church members continue to give regularly, and that approximately half of those who give through PGS choose to increase their gift in line with inflation.

As such, we wanted to highlight that PGS is proving to be a lifeline in providing resilient giving to some 5000 churches, and spread the message that we invite all churches to join PGS so that they can benefit from regular giving, crucially keeping pace with inflation.

Read more here: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2024/5-april/comment/letters-to-the-editor/letters-to-the-editor>

### *Recognising a generous God*

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. Acts 1:3

One of my favourite questions to ponder is, 'where have you seen God, today?' It prompts the recognition of how God has presented Himself throughout your day. Maybe it's a smile from a stranger, a sharing of sustenance when you needed it from an unexpected place, or the exact amount of money from a giver to fill a vital expense. I treasure this question, because it opens my eyes to seeing Jesus as those first disciples did, a generous living God. When we choose to recognise that all that we have comes from God as a gift, then we are choosing to receive from the greatest source of generosity.

Today, I encourage you to ponder this, ask yourself 'where have I seen God, today?' I pray you will find your days are full of God's abundance and generosity.

God bless,

*Grant Forrest* CEO The Parish Giving Scheme

PS If you'd like to know more about how you can join the scheme, please speak to Julia. NB our PGS Officer is Stephen McAllister.

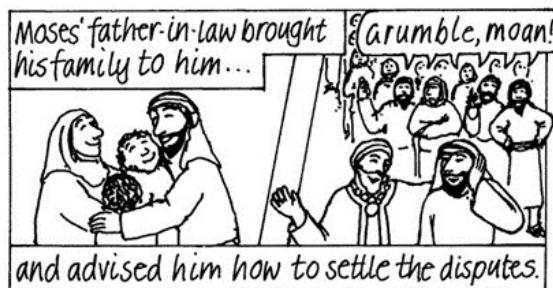
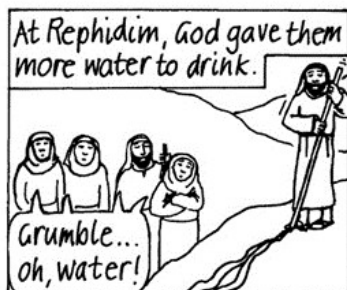
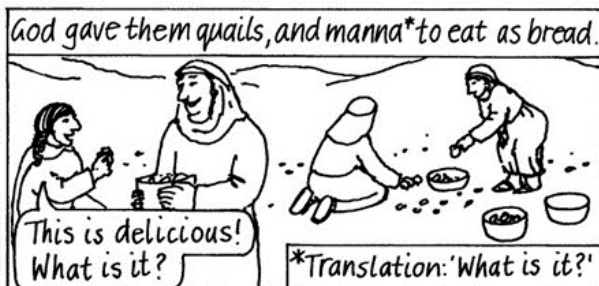
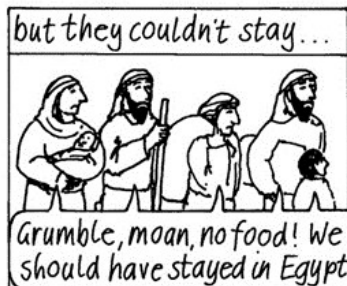


# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Exodus chapters 15:22 to 19:2

God had rescued the Hebrews from Egypt, and was leading them to their new land. But after 3 days...





## For Children & Young People

### **SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLUB**

During the 9:15am Parish Eucharist  
(except 2nd Sundays).

Currently, we're not meeting due to lack  
of children aged 4 – 11.

We'll be back as soon as we are able.



### **LITTLE ANGELS**

For the under 5s with their parents,  
grandparents or carers.

£2 per child (50p for each extra child)

**Thursdays**

**9:00am to 11:00am**

Term time only—everyone welcome.

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The Office



St Luke's Mothers' Union meets at 2pm every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

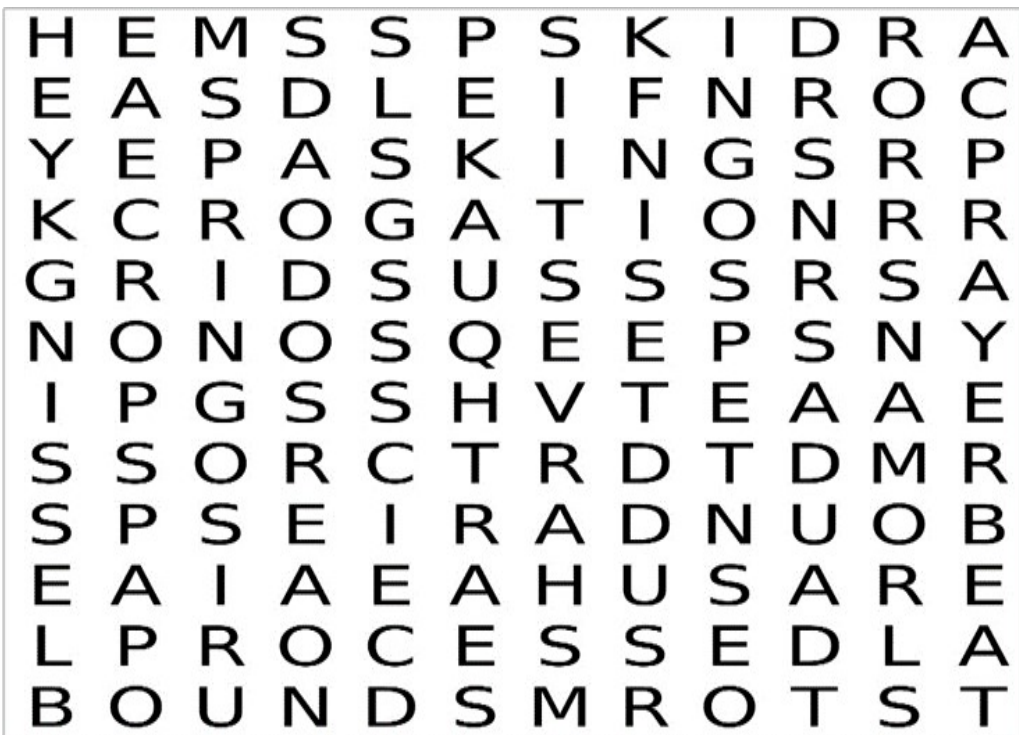
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## **MAKE THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME**

**Making a new will or revising your existing one?  
Have you thought about including St Luke's?**

In the past, church members and those who want to see the mission and ministry of their local church flourish, have designated specific amounts from their estate to St Luke's. It could be £200, £2,000, but doesn't have to be much and you could choose to specify a certain percentage of your estate. In this way, your gift will help to support St Luke's in the future.

*Thank you*



## WORDSEARCH

Clues & Answers - Rogation Sunday – 24 May

The first Sunday in May is Rogation Sunday. This is when many parishes still ‘beat the bounds’. Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land. The practice began with the Romans, who processed around the cornfields each Spring, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, in order to get rid of evil. About 465 AD the Western world was suffering from earthquake and storm. Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields. Thus ‘beating the bounds’ became a Christian ceremonial. It arrived in England early in the eighth century. Each Spring, led by the priest, a little party from the parish would set out with a Cross to trace the boundaries of the parish. They’d implore God to keep their corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to harvest. In the days when maps were scarce, ‘beating the bounds’ helped remind everyone just where the boundaries were. Do you know yours today?

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Rogation</b>	<b>Beat</b>	<b>Bounds</b>	<b>Asking</b>	<b>Bless-</b>
<b>ing</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Land</b>	<b>Romans</b>	<b>Processed</b>	<b>Cornfields</b>	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Earthquake</b>	<b>Storm</b>	<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Cross</b>	<b>Boundaries</b>	
<b>Crops</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>maps</b>				

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Unfortunately, this report from the Brownies was received too late to go into the Annual Meetings booklet, so here it is for you to read. If you would like to see the rest of the Reports, please go to the website or ask the office for a printed copy.

### 29th HARTLEPOOL BROWNIES

What an enjoyable 12 months we have had.

For our badge work we have concentrated on a Theme Award called 'Taking Action' which involved learning about recycling and food zero waste and also completed the First Aid badge.

We have joined with other units in the town on a number of occasions for campfires and a visit to the cinema to see 'Wish' at Christmas. We visited Flamingo Land for a special guiding Flamingo Fling event. The weather was kind to us, and we enjoyed visiting the rides and the zoo. We joined in a town-wide event to celebrate the Coronation and took part in archery classes and listened to a pop band.

In June, the leaders, along with some of the Brownies, helped at the Girl Guiding tent at the Tall Ships event. We had an amazing time talking to people from all over the world about guiding.

In October we joined with another Brownie unit and spent a weekend in the Guide House at Egton in North Yorkshire. Our theme was Disney, and we had a great time making new friends, enjoying the outdoors, playing games and making Disney themed crafts.

We are thankful that for the last few years we have been invited to join the churches pancake party night. The girls loved the pancakes and thoroughly enjoyed the games, particularly the 'how many times can you toss a pancake'.

The girls enjoy making things and are always happy to make a display for the church's Christmas display. They also enjoyed this year making Easter bonnets and three girls won a small chocolate prize for the best decorated hat.

We were delighted to award Emma her Young Leader Award. There are currently only Ellen and I who are able to attend each week, with the support of Emma. Emily attends when her shifts allow.

**If anyone fancy helping, even on an ad hoc basis, please do get in touch.**

*Gillian Rodgers, Ellen Gardner, Emily Rodgers & Emma Gardner*

### RESULTS OF ELECTIONS TO ST LUKE'S PCC:

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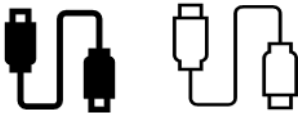
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