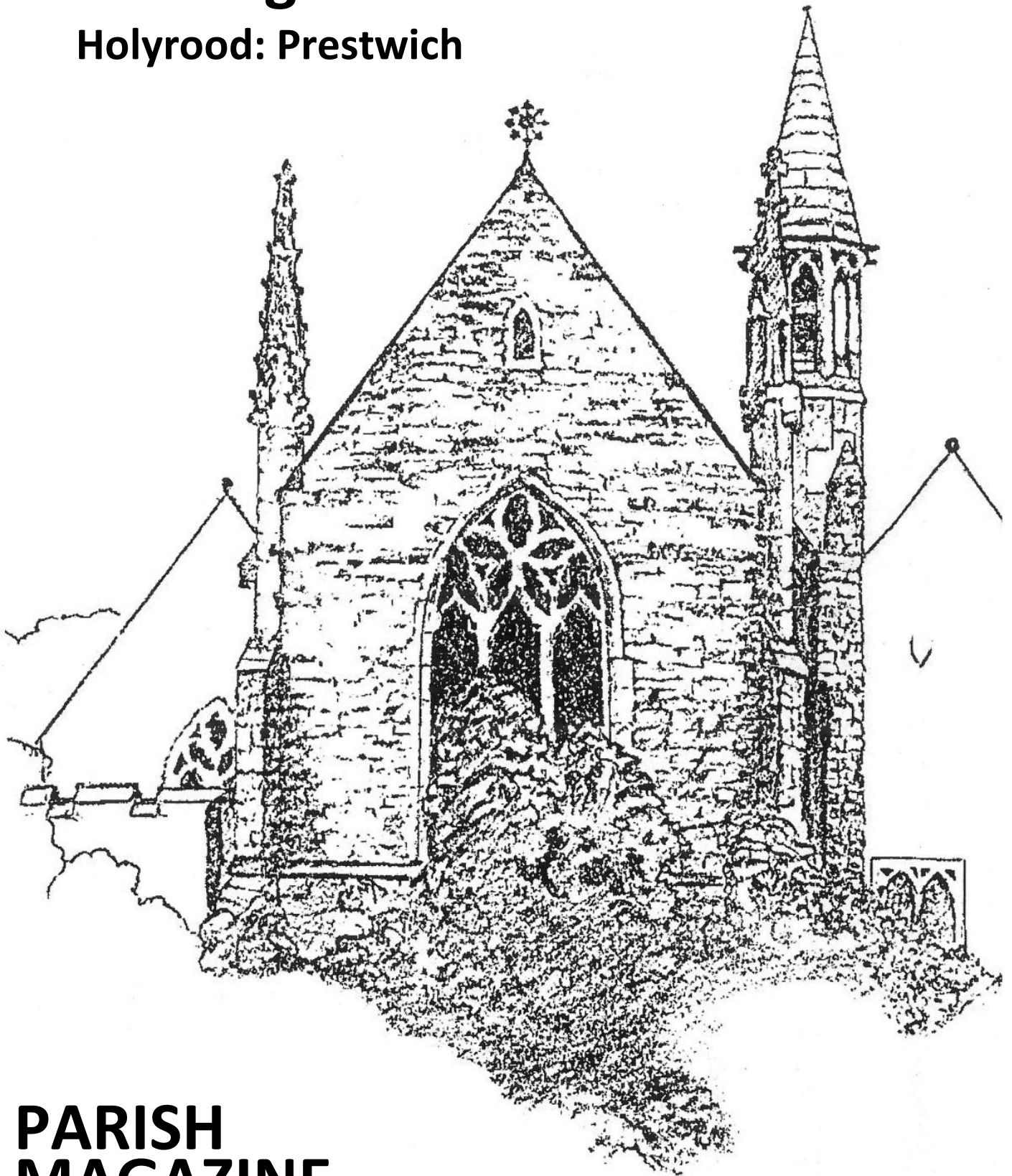


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SERVICES AT ST MARGARET'S

SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion 9.45am Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments Evening Service - As announced
WEDNESDAY	10.00am Holy Communion followed by refreshments
HOLY DAYS	Holy Communion - As Announced

See the magazine calendar for the full list of services for the month
(Home communions by arrangement with clergy)

SUNDAY CLUB

Our children's Sunday Club meets in term-time in church for a service of all-age worship at 9:45am on the first Sunday of the month, and in the church house from 9:45am to 11.00am on the third Sunday of the month. All children aged 3 and over are welcome. Co-ordinator Mrs. G.M. McConville <https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/sunday-school/> or SundayClub@stmargaretsprestwich.com

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PARISH MAGAZINE

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Dear friends,

“Discipline” is an unpopular word. It makes many think of punishment or a grim routine, pursued for its own sake, and without a smile. Yet actually it comes from the Latin word that means both to teach and to learn... the word that gives us “disciple”, “discernment” and even “discussion”. Without the discipline of my driving lessons (and the patience of my driving instructor), I would never have passed my driving test! Without the time set aside for practice or exercise, the musician, athlete or author would find it harder to achieve the goal they aim for.

So, as we prepare for the season of Lent that begins on Wednesday 18th February, now is the time to ask, in a positive way, what discipline am I hoping to adopt in the forty days that will lead me towards that great celebration of God’s grace that is focused on Easter?

One Lent, I was invited to a series of fitness sessions by the local GP’s surgery for people with chronic lung conditions like the sarcoidosis that I live with. This involved a journey across Bury twice a week for a morning routine, and some gentle explanation of my symptoms. The fact that it took place in Lent was just a coincidence. But the symbolism was not lost on me!

I adapted some of the exercises we learnt into a small morning routine with which I now begin each day. I do a sequence of exercises and stretches to some music that I like. Nobody said this had to be grim – I choose Taizé choruses, even though they are not the most naturally aerobic musical items you may think of! And the little, frequent, sustainable physical discipline each day for my body has an impact on my overall and spiritual well-being. It means that my body panics less when it has to deal with the everyday stresses later in the day.

The NHS had done a better job for me than my own Lenten discipline. And I learnt an important lesson. Better to aim for a small, frequent, and sustainable practice that I can do each day; better to link it with something pleasant that I enjoy; better to listen to my body, since I am a whole human being, of body, mind and spirit – for it is with my body, motivated by my spirit, that I care for my neighbour – just as Holy Week and Easter is about God’s decisive work in and through Jesus’ body – his life, death and resurrection – made tangible for us every time we celebrate the Eucharist.

When the going gets tough around me, it’s the disciplines like this that keep me going – and that keep me open to the grace that I can never earn or deserve, but is always there in the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ, holding us, praying for us, and keeping us safe.

Revd Steve

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

There were no baptisms, weddings or funerals in January

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday 1st February

Candlemas

8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's

9.45 am All Age Holy Communion at St. Margaret's

11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's

Tuesday 3rd February

2.00 pm Rhyme Time

Wednesday 4th February

10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee

4.00 pm Hymn Planning

5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers

Sunday 8th February

Second Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's

9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's with Laying on of Hands in the Baptistry area during communion

11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's

Tuesday 10th February

2.00 pm Rhyme Time

Wednesday 11th February

10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee

4.00 pm Messy Church

5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers

Sunday 15th February

Sunday next before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's

9.15 am Silent prayer at St Margaret's

9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's with Sunday Club

11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's

7.00 pm Copy deadline for Magazine

Tuesday 17th February

2.00 pm Rhyme Time

Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by

coffee
5.30 pm Maggie's Music Maker

Sunday 22nd February First Sunday in Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's
11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's

Tuesday 24th February 2.00 pm Rhyme Time

Wednesday 25th February 10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by
coffee
5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers

Livestreamed services (9.45am Sundays and 10.00am Wednesdays) are only available via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StMaggieP>
Please do check our Facebook page, Instagram, Bluesky feed and website for up-to-date information.

NB GOODS FOR PORCH BOXES CAN BE DROPPED OFF ON THURSDAY MORNINGS, 9.30-11.00AM

St George's Church, Simister

The boiler has been repaired once again so fingers crossed it lasts us through the winter, until the new boiler is installed.

No change - Rev. Steve and Carol are running up and down turning it on.



Teapot Time Monday 1pm to 3pm

There will be teapot time Monday 9th and 23rd February.

Everybody is welcome, chat and enjoy a couple of hours relaxing. There is always some 'homemade' cake, biscuits and good company. All the money taken goes to the Lady Wilton Hall.

Thank you to Pauline and Shirley for their continued support at 'Teapot' and for their help in all our fund-raising activities. Also, a big thank you to Pauline for all the work done on the curtains for Lady Wilton Hall.

Lady Wilton Hall

Thank you to everybody who helped with the cleaning and painting of the hall, it is looking good.

Thank you to everybody for their help at the Christmas fair and especially to Margaret and the group, for the organising the help, decorating and for the Christmas tree donation. Thank you M.C. We banked £1,200.

PRAYER LIST: Will you please remember in your prayers those who are sick:-Tom Porter, Joyce Roebuck, Rita Evans, Bob Hardy, John Porter, Harriet Knott, Joan Knott, Barbara Taylor, Geoff Knaggs, Barbara Peeling, Achmed, Mike Crompton, Addie Herzog, all our church Families, our own relations and friends.

If you know of anybody who should be in our prayer list, please notify Rev. Christine.

Anniversaries of our loved ones

WE REMEMBER in our prayers in January and February

In January William Bradley, Annie Hardy, John Woodcock, Ronald Smith, Kenneth Partington. Nancy Hall. Sydney Rosenfield. William Gorman. Revd. Irene Smith.

In February: Lois Kirby, Roy King, Sydney Barnett, Frank Gorman, John Peter Woodcock, Alice A. Charnley, William E. Bradley, Charles Morden, Grace Jones and Barbara Lashwood.

<u>Altar Flower</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>In memory</u>
1st February	Mrs. M. Woodcock	John C. Woodcock
8th “	Mr. and Mrs Duckworth	Family
15th		
22nd	No Flowers in LENT	

Happy New Year to everybody.

Magazine payment £7.20 is due, please.

Greeting Mice

These mice make cards to be sent to those celebrating special birthdays or anniversaries, or to wish people a Happy Christmas. They also send cards to those who are sick or need to know we are thinking about them.



The
Children's
Society

No child
should feel
alone

Children's Society. St Margaret's raised £128.08 for The Children's Society at their Christingle Service, and St George's £42.28. Thank you to everyone, especially the Beavers and Cubs of the 8th Scout Group - they made 40 Christingles for our Service. It is now time to review the Boxes. If you have one, please leave it at the back of Church, or do contact me if you would like it collected. Thank you. Peter North 0161 766 2677

Lenten Lunches

This year Lenten Lunches will be quite early. The first lunch will be on Saturday 28th February. Then the following two Saturdays 7th March and 14th March. We will be open from 12pm, with the last serving of soups at 1.15pm, but we will be open until 1.45 for tea and coffee, and a chat. We are again keeping the price at £6.00. We do think this is good value for what you receive. You are also helping the Christian Aid appeal and our own repair fund, here at St Margaret's.



If you can help on any of these dates, or you can make a pan of soup, then please contact Laurel Avery, Steph Caldwell or Judith Murphy and let them know when you are available.

Here is an example of one of the soups, which is always sold out before 1pm.

MUSHROOM SOUP (these quantities serve 4 people)

- 2oz butter
- 8oz mushrooms
- 2oz flour
- 1pint of veg. stock
- 1/2 pint of semi skimmed milk
- salt & pepper.

Method:

1. chop the mushrooms finely
2. melt the butter in a large pan
3. add the mushrooms frying for 5 mins.
4. Add half the flour mixing well
5. add half the stock then slowly add the rest of the flour.

6. Add the milk and bring to the boil stirring continuously
7. Simmer until thickened, add salt and pepper to taste.

Enjoy.

Social event to Stockport Plaza

I have now received the new prices for the coach to Stockport on 21st March. The price has had to go up just slightly to £11.00. This includes the tip for the driver. I will need the money paid in by 15th March.

Thank you – Joan E



Give a Little

QR codes, like the one you see here, are clever bits of technology – a bit like bar codes – that link the real world with the online world. Those of us comfortable with using smartphones can simply point the camera at the QR code, and it will open a website (which is specific to a particular QR code). In this case, the QR code opens the parish “Give a Little” page, in which we can donate £10, £20, £30, £50, or an amount of your own choosing, to help with the running of our parish.

For those of you reading this issue of our magazine online (and therefore for free!) here’s the link – please help us to help you, by contributing to our running costs:

<https://givealittle.co/c/7BenBwKBCZ82XbR8wJRir8>

Musicians and Movement

It has occurred to me that Tom and I both move about quite a lot during services. We know what we’re doing – and why – but to anyone else it could simply look as if we don’t know how to sit still.

We are blessed with a fine organ at St Margaret’s, and Tom sits on the organ bench to play it. However, that’s not the best place to sit and join in with worship when he’s not playing. Seated at the organ bench, the organist has his back to the congregation and is side-on to the chancel. He cannot see who is speaking at the lectern, nor who is presiding at the altar. That’s why he sits on a chair to the side of the organ console. He feels more included in our collective worship.



Although Tom is a skilled organist, he is first and foremost a pianist, and whilst most hymns sound superb played on the organ, there are many that were composed with the piano in mind. Tom knows which instrument is best for which music and chooses which to play accordingly.

The best place for me to sit would be with the choir. However, as I usually take responsibility for livestreaming services, I sit at the front of the nave, on my own with only a tripod for company. I bob up and down to zoom in and out, focusing on the lectern or altar. I also pan and track key movements, for example, when the gospel is carried into the nave for that reading. This is for the interest of our online congregations. Next time you watch anything on television, note how often the camera angle changes, and imagine how dull the programme would be if it was all fixed at middle-distance wide-angle.

Once I have pressed “start” on the livestream, I am next to a live microphone. Anything I say – or sing – is picked up and broadcast (people who sit near me may wish to bear that in mind!) iPad microphones are not particularly high quality, which is why I step away from the iPad to sing. I have a fairly strong voice which would overwhelm the microphone. That’s why I sing from the middle of the aisle, or indeed from near the piano during processional and recessional hymns, so I’m not in the way.

Members of our choir sit together in a block near the piano. Within that block they are grouped into sopranos and altos. This is so they can support each other during hymns and sung communion responses. Anthem are sung from around the piano, again grouped in voice parts, so that the sound is directed across the nave to the congregation. This makes our music easier to hear and helps the choir to actively lead congregational singing.

As a side note, members of the congregation may find singing hymns easier if they clustered together more. Individuals scattered around a large space feel auditorily isolated, and so hold back and sing more quietly. Sitting in groups would prevent any feelings of isolation and the congregation would feel more confident about singing more enthusiastically.

On the third Sunday each month, when our Sunday Club meets in Church House during the service, I leave church after the Gospel reading and go across there to lead them in singing some cheery hymns and worship songs. I generally return sometime during the Eucharistic prayer, and always try to do so quietly.

Finally, a word on phones. Sometimes Tom and I need to check in with each other during a service about which tune to use for a given hymn, or to confirm the number of verses. Occasionally we have been known to plan a spontaneous anthem by text during a service. Quite often, I’m on my phone engaging with the online congregation watching our service at home.

Carol P



MESSY CHURCH

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 February 2026 in the Lady Wilton Hall, 4:00-5:30pm. Please come and join us then for lots of messy fun!

Our next meeting will be on Monday 2 February 2026, 2:00pm at Zandra's house. Please let her know if you plan to attend. We will be discussing:



- The Bee Keeper of Aleppo (Christy Lefteri)
- Call the Midwife – a true story of the east end in the 1950s (Jennifer Worth)
- The Trial (Rob Rinder)*
- Sensible Shoes (Sharon Garlough Brown)*

*These books are circulating the Club in hard copy. If you wish to borrow either of them to read, please let any member of the Book Club know.

The date and reading list for the next meeting will be distributed via the parish socials.

Silent Prayer:



This is on the 3rd Sunday in each month at 9.15am. in St. Margaret's Church.

If you require further information on either of these please see Carol Olive – ALM (Prayer and Spirituality)

Vegan Coffee and Walnut Cake

This decadent vegan Coffee and Walnut Cake is easy to make, and a real showstopper. Light and nutty sponge layers filled with fluffy coffee.

Prep time: 40 minutes

Cooking time: 20 minutes

Servings: 12 slices

Ingredients

For the cake:

3 tbsp instant coffee powder or granules mixed with 2 tablespoon boiling water
450 g self-raising flour
270 g caster sugar
2.5 tsp baking powder
450 ml soya milk
150 ml rapeseed oil (or other flavourless oil)
100g walnuts

For the Buttercream:

2 tbsp instant coffee powder or granules mixed with 1 tablespoon boiling water
200 g dairy-free block margarine at room temperature
400g icing sugar
pinch salt
2 tbsp dairy-free single cream optional
50g walnuts

Instructions

For the Cake

1. Mix the instant coffee and boiling water to a paste and leave to cool.
2. Preheat the oven to 180°C (fan) / 350°F / Gas Mark 4. Grease and line two 23cm /9 inch cake tins with a circle of baking parchment or greaseproof paper.
3. Roughly chop the walnuts and set aside.
4. In a large bowl, combine the dry ingredients (flour, caster sugar and baking powder).
5. In a jug, mix the wet ingredients (milk, oil and cooled coffee mixture), then add these to the dry ingredients. Mix until smooth.
6. Stir through the chopped walnuts, then divide the mixture evenly between the two tins. Tap each tin firmly on the work surface to remove small bubbles, then bake for 18-22 minutes until an inserted skewer or knife comes out clean.
7. Leave to cool in the tin for a few minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack, remove the baking parchment and leave to cool completely. Ideally, it is best to leave the fully cooled cakes in an airtight tin or container overnight, to layer with buttercream the following day, (this helps the cakes to soften and stops a crust forming), but if you don't have time, just make sure they are completely cool throughout before starting to layer and decorate them.

For the Buttercream

1. Mix the instant coffee and boiling water to a paste and leave to cool.
2. In a food mixer or large bowl with electric whisk/mixer, mix the dairy-free margarine and icing sugar until fully combined, then add the coffee mixture, salt and cream, and whisk until light and fluffy.
3. Spread about a third of the buttercream over the bottom layer of the cake. Put the top layer in place and spread half the remaining buttercream over the top. Pipe the remaining buttercream in small rosettes around the edge of the cake.
4. Finely chop the walnuts and scatter over the cake.

NOTES

Work quickly once you have combined the wet and dry ingredients. The raising agent will get to work straight away creating tiny bubbles, and you want these to form in the oven, hot on your worktop!

If you can, store the cooled cakes overnight in an airtight tin before icing. This process draws moisture through the cakes and makes them deliciously soft and moist.

NUTRITION

A single slice serving contains:

Calories: 686kcal	Carbohydrates: 88g	Protein: 8g
Fat: 35g	Saturated Fat: 5g	Polyunsaturated Fat: 13g
Monounsaturated	Fat: 15g	Trans Fat: 0.05g
Sodium: 270mg	Potassium: 233mg	Fibre: 2g

Submitted by Gillian M

From the flower arrangers:

This year's monthly rotas for the Columbarium and Reredos are still being compiled and checked. They will be printed in next month's magazine, along with the annual flower arrangements. Fees for this year's monthly arrangements will also be confirmed in the March magazine.

Meanwhile, if you have any queries, please speak with any of the flower arrangers.

Thank you for your patience.

OUR DAILY BREAD FEBRUARY 2026



*May the boldness of the Spirit transform us,
May the gentleness of the Spirit lead us,
May the gifts of the Spirit equip us, to serve and worship God;
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always. Amen*

Sunday 1st:

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, and all your people will give you thanks. They will speak of the glory of your royal power, and tell of your might. **Psalms 145: 10-11**

2nd: " February, and the air's so balmy snowdrops and crocuses might be fooled into early blooming. Then, the inevitable blizzard will come, blighting our harbingers of spring, and the numbed yards will go back undercover. In Florida, it's strawberry season— shortcake, waffles, berries and cream will be pencilled on the coffeeshop menus."- **Gail Mazur**

3rd: Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will surely help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. **Isaiah 41:10**

4th: We should count our blessings not our burdens. – Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. **Philippians 4: 8**

5th: Let us therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish. **Hebrews 4:11** Thank you God for being my enduring resting place Amen

6th: A light in the darkness stops everything falling apart. **Let Jesus be that light.**

7th: God is with us even in our dreams

(Jacob) had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. **Genesis 28: 12**

Sunday 8th:

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts, the touch of your hand in mine, which means far more to the fainting heart, than shelter and bread and wine. For shelter is gone when the night is o'er, and bread lasts only a day, but the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice sing on in the soul always. **Spencer Michael Free.**

9th: We thank you Lord Jesus, for this day; for friends and family, work and play; and for walking with us along the way. Amen

10th: Grant us a vision Lord, to see what we can achieve; to reach out beyond ourselves; to share our lives with others; to stretch our capabilities; to increase our sense of purpose; to be aware of where we can help; to be sensitive to your Presence; to give heed to your constant call. Amen. **David Adam**

11th: God of time, God of space, fill this moment with your grace. God of motion, God of peace, from each sin, give release. God of quiet, God of might, keep us ever in your sight.

12th: Those who do not turn on the Light called Jesus Christ are walking in a dark world and they do not know they are spiritually dead. But they do not have to be like that. All they have to do is turn on the light called Jesus. All they have to do is listen to Him and follow Him. They will never stumble again, and they will see clearly. **Tony Evans**

13th: Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. **Psalms 23: 6**

14th: **Valentine's Day** first began as a Christian feast day. The day itself is associated with Christian martyrs, among the most famous of whom was a third century priest, Saint Valentine. However, like most traditional celebrations, there are numerous versions of the story. Some say Valentine was thrown into prison in Rome for agreeing to marry soldiers to their loved ones even though it was forbidden. At the time, the emperor believed that men who had no romantic attachments or families made for better soldiers for his armed forces. Others say Valentine said mass for Christians who were being persecuted by the Romans, which made him extremely unpopular with authorities. Happy Valentine's Day

Sunday 15th:

Focus on your strengths, not your weaknesses. Focus on your character, not your reputation. Focus on your blessings, not your misfortunes. **Roy T Bennett**

16th:

"I stood beside a hill
Smooth with new-laid snow,
A single star looked out
From the cold evening glow.
There was no other creature
That saw what I could see--
I stood and watched the evening star
As long as it watched me."

- **Sara Teasdale, February Twilight**

17th: Shrove Tuesday

On this Shrove Tuesday, Lord help us to enjoy and give thanks to you for the bounty you provide for us and remind us to share your gifts with others. And as Lent begins tomorrow, prepare our hearts and minds to reflect upon the temptation of Jesus for 40 days and nights and what that means for us. Amen

18th: Ash Wednesday

Jesus said, "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. **Matthew 6: 19-21**

19th: A big part of loving is listening – Jesus teach us to be a friend of people as you are with us. Give us eyes to see others and their needs and to take the time to listen. Help us to take them to You, the source of life. Amen

20th: No matter what you are going through, there's a light at the end of the tunnel and it may seem hard to get to it but you can do it and just keep working towards it and you'll find the positive side of things. **Demi Lovato**

21st: The Lord came and stood there, and called as he had before, "Samuel, Samuel." Samuel answered, "Speak your servant is listening". **1 Samuel 3:10**

Sunday 22nd: Lent 1

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

23rd: He did not say, "You shall not be tempest-tossed, you shall not be weary, you shall not be discomforted". But He said, "You shall not be overcome". **Julian of Norwich**

24th: The word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. **John 1:4-5**

25th: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! **1 John 3: 1**

26th: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. **Psalms 25: 4-5**

27th: George Herbert Priest

King of glory, King of peace, who called your servant George Herbert from the pursuit of worldly honours to be a priest in the temple of his God and King: grant us also the grace to offer ourselves with singleness of heart in humble obedience to your service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

28th: We all go through troubling times, but we must never doubt God's presence with us. *Jesus said, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"* **Matthew 28: 20**

Lord, as we enter Lent help us to draw near to you in praise, stripping away all that distracts us from worship. As Jesus resisted temptation by the devil in the wilderness, help us reflect on his faithfulness to God, his rejection of worldly values and hold these thoughts in our hearts throughout Lent and beyond. May Lent be a time of inward searching that makes us more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world. Amen

The Future of the Magazine

After November's appeal, thank you to all who submitted articles, poems, prayers, recipes and 'fillers' for the December magazine. Please keep them coming, otherwise we're back to very thin editions!

Whatever you submit need not be Pulitzer Prize-worthy journalism! A paragraph or two about something that interests you (written by you, or someone else – but in that case please include the name of the original author) will do nicely.

Is there something you've thought ought to be included in our magazine? Are you the person to provide that? Do you know of someone unable to continue with their contributions? (*HINT – we all do!*) Could you do that for them?

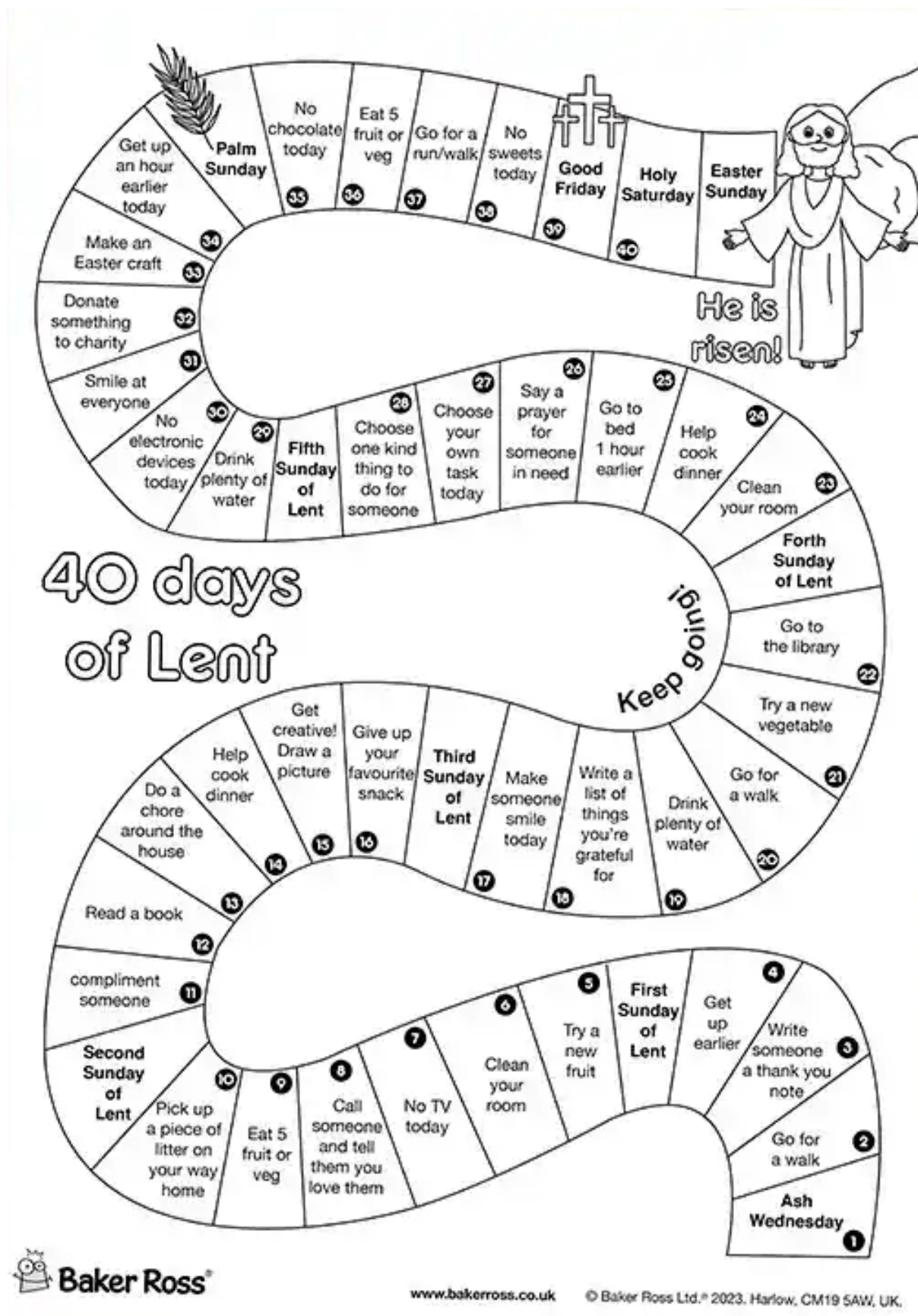
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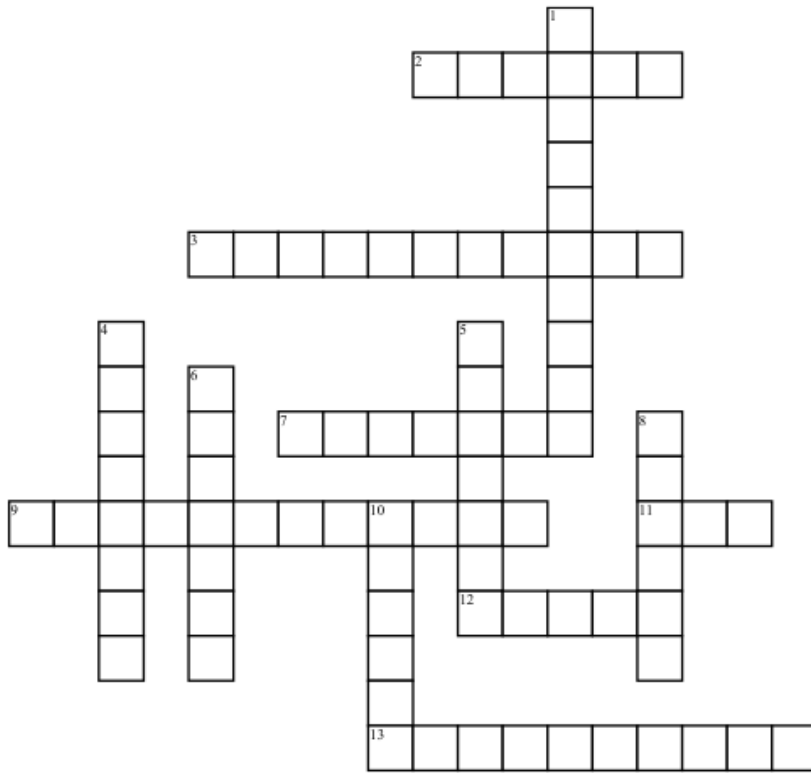
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Lent



Across

2. The liturgical colour for lent is _____.

3. We should view the journey of Lent as an _____.

7. One of our Lenten focuses.

9. When does Lent end?

11. The church gives us _____ weeks of Lent to prepare for Easter.

12. What are we transforming our hearts from?

13. The day that Jesus died.

Down

1. Giving to the poor.

4. What word is never sung or said during Lent?

5. On what days should you abstain from eating meat?

6. To go without.

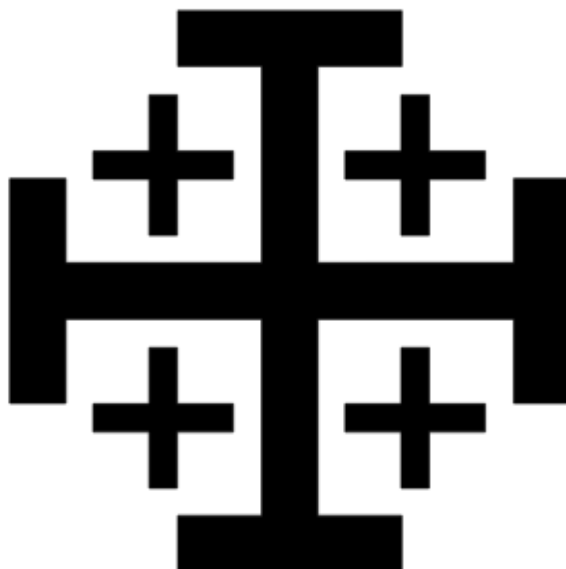
8. The day of Jesus' resurrection.

10. What does the word Lent mean?

Lent

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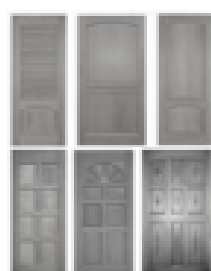
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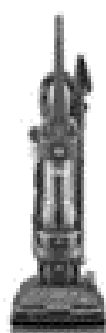
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