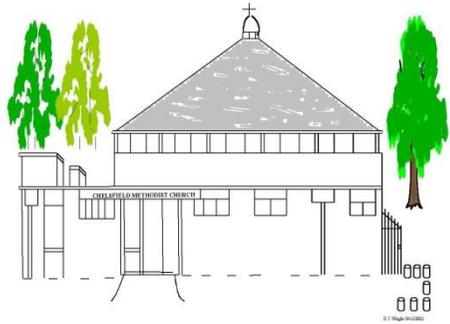


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SEPTEMBER 2019

A Letter from The Manse

Dear Friends,

I write to you this morning from deep among the Norfolk countryside. The view is beautiful of rolling fields of corn, the song birds fill the air with cheerful song and the sun is out; am I on holiday you ask? Most definitely not. I am actually on a military training facility Near Thetford on The Stanford Training Area. It's a little camp made up of about 50 WWII Nissan huts which have been here since 1942. Now many of you will have seen exactly where I am if you have ever watched 'Dad's Army' because Thetford is famous for being the filming location for that very popular comedy series.

So why am I here? Well it's annual camp for The London Army Cadet Battalion to which I am the Padre (Chaplain) and I have for 2 weeks the pastoral care of some 187 cadets aged between 13-18 and 67 adult instructors. I am helped by another Padre, a Catholic Priest named Francis and together, we are sent by The Royal Army Chaplains department as part of the welfare team.

One thing that I have learnt as a Padre is that you have to be involved to be effective and accepted by the cadets. Now for a man knocking on the door of 50 with two dodgy knees that's a challenge. Whatever the cadets are doing I will always try to do as well. That means going over assault courses, sleeping out on overnight exercises with just a camouflage sheet between

you and the elements. There are early starts, drill parades and trying to help any-one out who is struggling to keep up or learn.

Padres teach lessons on values and standards, we are independent listening ears for anyone who needs to talk, we ensure everyone is treated fairly and generally try to maintain moral especially among the homesick.

I find working with the cadets very rewarding, many of the young people come from challenging and underprivileged backgrounds and The ACF functions as a mentor as well as teaching these young people important life skills such as self-reliance, discipline and commitment. The ACF is one of the few youth organisations that still promotes The Christian ethic (Though we minister to all faiths and none).

I personally thank you as Methodist members that you support me to do this work and I hope you are rightly proud of the Methodist Chaplains who work in Army, Navy and Airforce. We continue to do our bit to continue the work of started by John Wesley who believed that 'All' need to know God's love.

And if there is one lesson I can advocate it is 'Get Involved' it not only works in The Army but at home to in our churches we all have different gifts and abilities but were all needed to help our church fulfil its mission in Chelsfield and the surrounding areas.

And as a closing note, in the last two weeks I have been minded of some of the punchlines of Dad's army: when things have gone wrong I have taken Captain Mannerings advice to heart and in the midst of the storm I hear him bellow: 'Don't panic!' and luckily so far no one has said to me 'Stupid boy!'

Every blessing Terry

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday 1st	10.30am	Maureen Spinks Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & John Crowther
Sunday 8th	10.30am	Revd David Graham Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder
Sunday 15th	10.30am	Mr Ralph Brandhorst Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & John Crowther
Sunday 22nd	10.30am	Revd. Terry Wright HC Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder
Sunday 29th	10.30am	Pat Woodison Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & John Crowther

CHURCH CARE

A reminder of our rota for Church and vestry cleaning prior to:

September

1st	Paul
8th	Rodney and Shirley
15th	Brenda
22nd	Paul
29th	Rodney and Shirley

PRAYER DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 taken from the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook 2018/19

(Copies of this Handbook can be obtained from Audrey Lancaster)

1ST SEPTEMBER The Methodist New Year begins
Praying with Christians in WEST AFRICA - The Gambia

Dear Father God we give thanks for the wonderful diversity of THE GAMBIA, which gives its people the opportunities to learn and share together.

We pray for the President and all who govern – may they always seek to govern fairly;

We pray for Bishop Hannah Faal-Heim as she leads the Methodist Church of The Gambia.

We pray for the teachers that they may have wisdom and patience and for those who work in the hospitals and clinics that they are able to bring healing to all who come for treatment.

Margaret Gardner, who is a Local Preacher in the Sutton Park Circuit

8TH SEPTEMBER Praying with Christians in EAST AFRICA – Uganda

We give thanks for the continuing support that Methodist Church in UGANDA receives from all its partners, including the World Church Relationships Office and All We Can.

We pray for the Church and its five year strategic development plan, that with God's Grace, it may be realized; for Circuit Ministers who struggle with distances between the Churches that they serve; for members of Synod, the majority of whom live in acute poverty in rural communities. Father, we ask that solutions may be found to these many difficulties faced daily by these faithful souls.

Lastly, we pray for Bishop Joseph Mwaine, his team of support staff and Mission Partners working in these challenging conditions.

Freddy Takavarasha, Mission Partner working in Uganda

15TH SEPTEMBER Praying with Christians in the MIDDLE EAST – Israel/Palestine

Lord Jesus Christ we give thanks for the work in ISRAEL/PALESTINE for the Bethlehem Bible College which is a beacon of light offering theological training for Christian Ministry.

We pray for those at the College who give practical care and support through its Good Shepherd Programme; and for those who give hope to the unemployed through its vocational training courses.

We pray for the College Principal and his vision for the College's future.

Susan Hatton, Local Preacher in the Bristol Circuit

22ND SEPTEMBER Praying with Christians in Aotearoa/New Zealand

We give thanks for the work done by the Church in AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND to raise awareness about, and to help, those who live in poverty. In this we remember the question of the righteous at the judgement of the nations, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food?" God of Love, we can see the hungry children, we hear the cry of their parents unable to sustain their families in war torn or natural disaster areas, yet we feel powerless to respond.

Enable us Lord to work together by empowering the agencies working in these areas to bring relief to those suffering and make the gift of our love like "... the loaves and fishes, where there is enough and yet more to spare."

Condensed version of David Bush's prayer, Gen. Sec. of the Methodist Church in New Zealand

29TH SEPTEMBER Praying with Christians in NORTH AFRICA, Algeria and Tunisia

We give thanks for the radio and television programmes that proclaim the gospel even in the remote desert areas of ALGERIA. We pray for those who have lost their jobs, face harassment or are separated from their loved ones because of their faith in You.

We pray for who have come forward to train as Church leaders.

We give thanks for the Church in TUNISIA, for its Pastors, its pastoral leaders and for the missionaries working alongside the Church.

For the work that is done with migrants making their way to the North.

Daniel Nussbaumer, Superintendent, United Methodist Church in Algeria & Tunisia

What's on during the week?

(Regular Clubs and Classes – term times)

Mondays:

9.30 – 11.00am Yoga
2.00 – 2.30 &
4.15 – 8.00pm Ballet & Dance (Zena)

Tuesdays:

10.00am – noon AcaFellas (every other Tuesday)
1.30 – 4.30pm Art Club (every other Tuesday)
5.00 – 7.00pm Kumon Class

Wednesdays:

10:30 – 11:30am CJP Academy
2.00 – 2.45pm Ballet (Coleen)
7.00 – 8.00pm Pilates In the church and hall
8.00 – 9.00pm Pilates In the church and hall

Thursdays:

9.30 – 11.00am Yoga
2.00 – 2.45pm Ballet (Coleen)
4.00 – 6.00pm Ballet (Coleen)
8.20 – 9.20pm Pilates

Fridays:

9.35 – 10.35am Pilates
10.45 – 11.45am Pilates
Noon – 1pm Pilates (Post Natal)
1:30 – 3:00pm Rainbow Toddlers
5.00 – 5.45pm Dance (Zena)

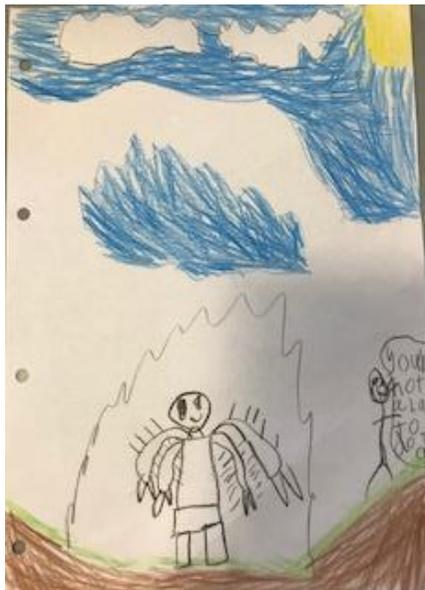
Saturdays:

4.00 – 6.00pm Kumon Class

Sunday School

Some amazing artwork by Jessica and George from Sunday School.

The theme was King David Dancing.





RAINBOW TOTS

Starts 20th September

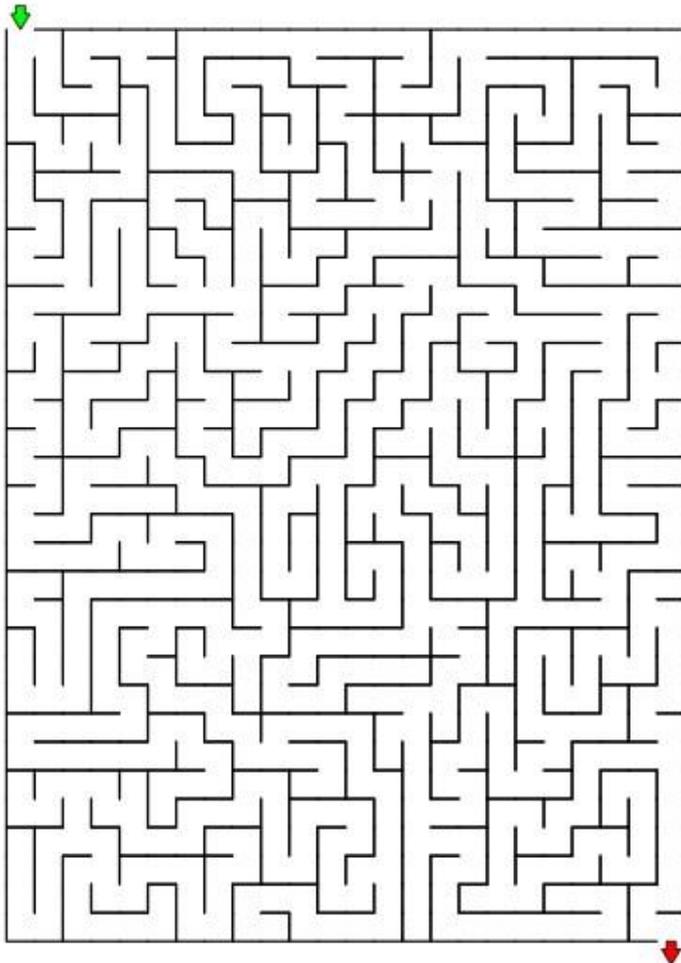
Please come along and join us

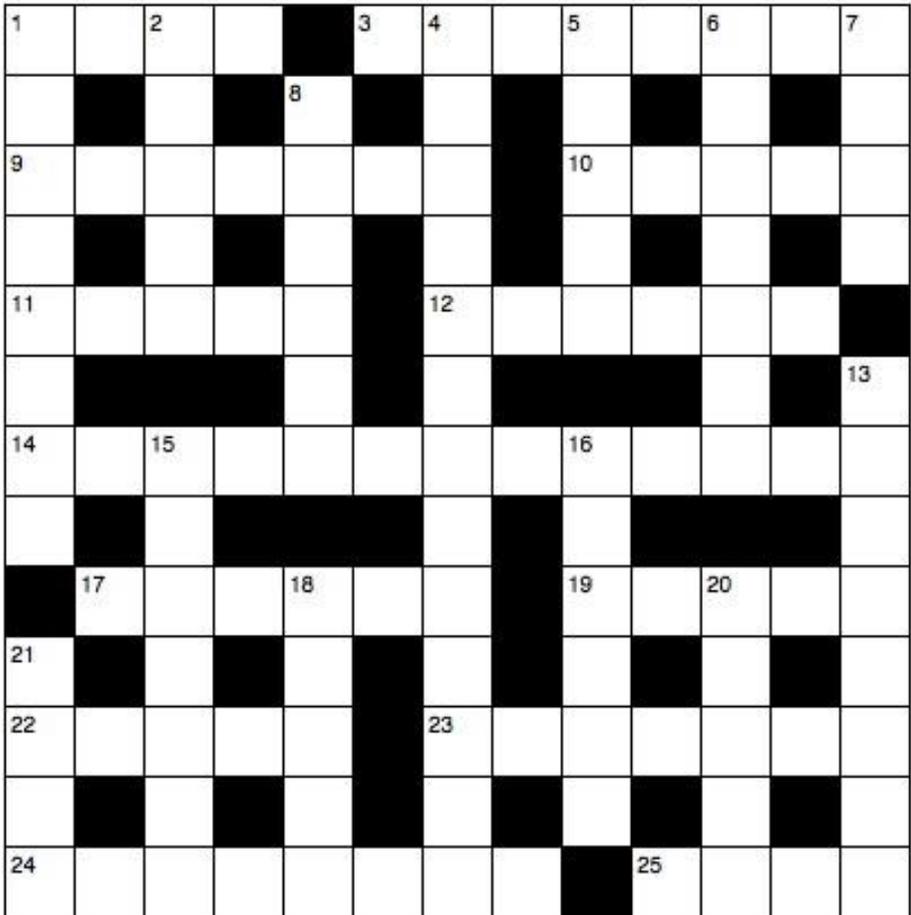
Puzzle Pages

Last month's crossword answers

ACROSS: 1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thief.

DOWN: 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.





Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th-century Methodist, Donald — (5)

- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Tuesdays 10th & 24th 1.30 – 4pm Art Club

Friday 20th 1.30pm – 3.00pm Rainbow Toddler starts

Thought for the Month

With God there are mysteries, but no mistakes.

Michael Griffiths

If you wish to contribute to the October Newsletter, may I have your items by Sunday 22nd September.

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