

The Lighthouse



“My way”

Greetings everyone! There is the story about the Sunday School teacher who was teaching her small group a verse from the Bible. She read to them from John 14 v 6. “Jesus said, I am the way the truth and the life.” She then suggested that everyone say the verse. So together the group said, “Jesus said, I am the way the truth and the life.” Wanting to emphasise that these were words that Jesus gave us, the leader asked the group “Who said this?”, and a little boy replied “You did, then we all joined in.”

Only Jesus can say, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” It is by seeing Jesus as the way, knowing God’s truth in the Bible, and living the new life he offers through his Spirit, we can fully be his followers. The first Christians were called ‘People of the Way.’

It is a brilliant idea that we share a short testimony in ‘The Lighthouse’, and I hope you will. I, for one, would love to hear your faith story. Thanks to Ruth for setting the way in last week’s Lighthouse.

I heard the testimony of a church warden on the Wirral. [N.B. The Wirral is near Liverpool!] I found this faith story to be most moving. John owned a haulage company, and one wet dark night in South Wales he was completely lost driving one of his huge wagons to a factory. Seeing a policeman on his bike [this is an old story!] he stopped and asked the way. The policeman, soaking wet, climbed into the cab of the wagon, and taking a New Testament from his pocket he shared with John, the wagon driver, that we all are lost and in the dark, and that the best route in life is Jesus. The wagon driver came to faith in Christ, John describes his experience as a complete change of gear, a new route, and Jesus as a sat nav that works reliably!

For an earlier Biblical encounter with a similar twist, read Acts ch 8 verses 26-40. This weeks crossword is based on this Bible passage which is about an earlier conversation leading to a very important person coming to faith in Christ, and finding the way.

Now, not to knock the Authorised Version of the Bible [would I do such a thing?], but the literal translation of John 14 v 6 is “Jesus said, “I am the truthful, living way.”

May we follow God’s way, know his truth, and live his life. Keep safe, keep strong, keep in touch with each other, keep prayerful.

Every Blessing in Christ, Derek.



If anyone has something they would like to share in the Lighthouse - maybe a well loved recipe, a prayer, a favourite Bible verse, a good book you’ve read - then please do send to our church secretary Pauline, at secretary@stnicholasdersingham.org.uk

It would also be lovely if anyone would like to share their testimony about how they became a Christian. It doesn’t have to be a long piece, it would be a good way to get to know each other a bit better during these times of being physically apart and to encourage one another in keeping going in our journey of faith.

Recipe

Honey cake

Ingredients

- 7oz self-raising flour
- 5oz soft margarine
- 4oz soft brown sugar
- 10z crunchy nut topping (optional)
- 6 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons hot water
- 2 beaten eggs



1. Grease and line a tin approx 6" x 8" and pre-heat the oven to 150C.
2. Place all the ingredients in a bowl.
3. Beat together for 5 minutes.
4. Put mixture into the tin and sprinkle the nut topping over.
5. Bake for around 1 hour (may take a little longer in some ovens) until golden brown and well risen.

DERSINGHAM SCOUT & GUIDE UNITS -VIRTUAL CAMP

The Dersingham Scout & Guide Leaders challenged their members to take part in a Virtual Camp on Friday 1st May.

They were asked to sleep somewhere other than their normal beds, suggestions were, in someone else's bed, in a den or tent inside or outside or some other place.

The leaders have already received some photos showing ingenious places and look forward to some more photos once meetings begin again.

All those who have taken up the challenge and can prove they completed it will receive a badge.

During the last weeks when regular weekly meetings have not been possible the members have received a selection of optional badge and activities to try at home.

Lynne Wheeler

A Prayer for VE Day (from the Act of Commitment for Peace)

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all
humankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.

Ideas for prayer

- all those affected in some way by the coronavirus
- for those recently bereaved
- for hospital workers who are currently not living at home with their loved ones due to the risk of infection
- for the Government as we move into the next phase after the initial lockdown
- for those suffering with their mental health
- we give thanks for...
- those helping others in our community
- technology which allows us to connect with loved ones
- the hope we can find in Jesus, showing us the Way
- all those who are connecting us in worship online at the moment

Bible verse

Romans chapter 8 - verses 38 and 39

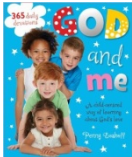
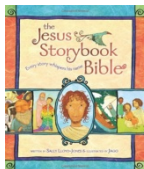

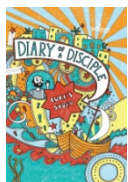
“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

When going through difficult times in my life I have sometimes lost sight of God. These verses from Romans are a great comfort - nothing can separate me from the love of God - God is always there even when I am not aware of his presence. (These words were part of the the passage Alan read at the funeral of a friend of ours and they were and are a great blessing.) Whatever is happening and however much I don't understand, - God with his great love for me is there.

June Crawshaw

Rector's Reviews – Children's Bibles and Books

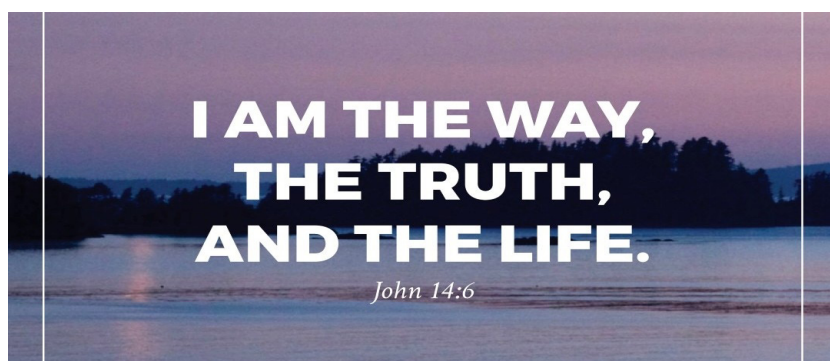
I offer a number of reviews on children's Bibles and books; you may find some of them helpful if you have children in your life as Parent, Grandparent or Godparent (more to follow next week...)

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|  | <p>God and Me: This is a wonderful children's daily devotional to read and pray with little children up to those of older primary aged. Well set out and designed, with a theme for the child to engage in, followed by a small reference to the Bible and then a prayer for the child to make their own. One my top 10 children's books.</p> |
|  | <p>The Jesus Storybook Bible – One of the best children's Bibles with good language and great modern pictures. There are a breadth of stories both Old and New Testament which are good to read with children or them to read for themselves.</p> |
|  | <p>Action Bible – Comic strip style Bible with countless professional cartoon style pictures with caption bible text. An incredible amount of time and skill has gone into creating this. There is also a New or Old Testament version alongside the larger combined version (700 pages). This is another example of a wording of the Bible along with pictures which children want continue to read.</p> |
|  | <p>Diary of a Disciple: Released by Scripture Union this is a completely new way for children to read the Bible in a style that many children are used too in the style of Tom Gates books. The book is a re-writing of Luke's Gospel with animated text, children can't put this bible book down, that speaks volume in itself! There is a second based on Peter and Paul's story – again very engaging.</p> |

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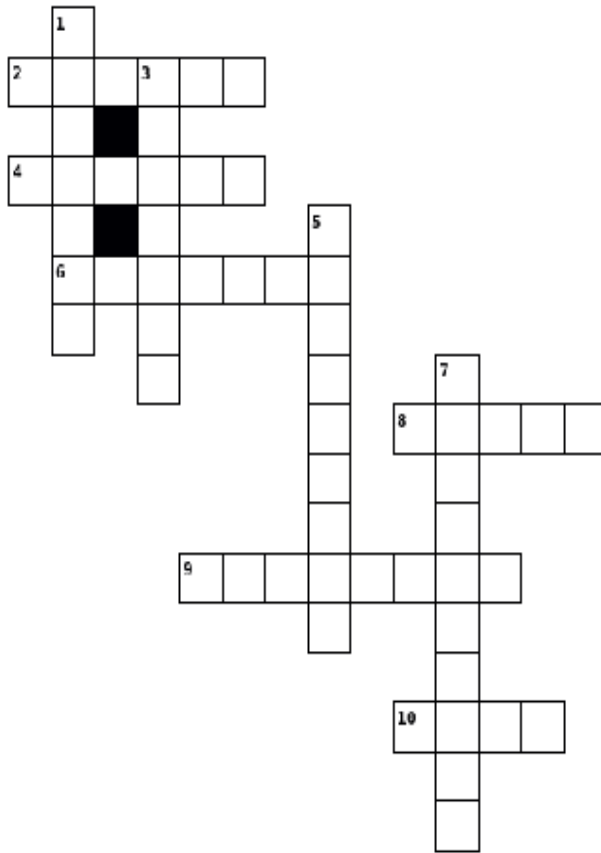
Enjoy! Rev Mark



A very big thank you to our wonderful church choir for their contribution to our online worship service last Sunday! It was lovely to hear their voices - all blended together from recordings made in their own homes. Thank you to Sue & Roger for organising it and putting it all together. It brought joy to many :)

Philip and the Ethiopian all the words in this puzzle can be found in Acts chapter 8 vs 26-40.

Philip and the Ethiopian

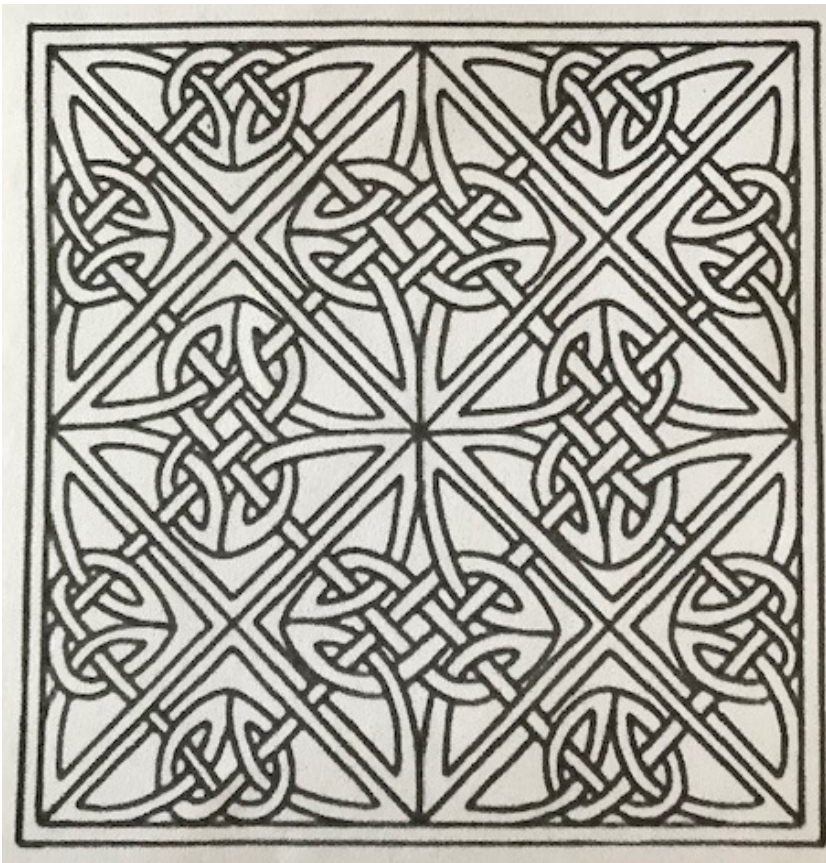


Across

- 2. dry barren place
- 4. good news of Jesus Christ
- 6. two-wheeled vehicle drawn by horses
- 8. messenger
- 9. place where treasure is stored
- 10. young sheep

Down

- 1. feel great joy
- 3. make clear
- 5. resident of Addis Ababa
- 7. perceive the meaning or significance of something



Jesus said "I am the Way" (John 14:6). You could use this Celtic knotwork as a piece of art to colour in, or simply use it to trace your finger over the pattern slowly as you pray. It helps us to remember that Jesus is the Way, through all the twists and turns of life, he shows us the way and walks beside us. Thank you to Alan Crawshaw for providing the picture.



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