

**DAGNALL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
AND
CROSS STREET CENTRE ST ALBANS**



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April 2022

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APRIL SERVICES

	10.30am/Podcast	8.00pm
April 3rd	<i>Pouring out love</i> John 12.1-8 Communion	
April 10th	Palm Sunday	
April 14th		Maundy Thursday
April 15th	Good Friday (NB 10.15am)	
April 17th	Easter Sunday	
April 24th	<i>Surprise, Surprise!</i> Luke 24:13-35 All-Age Messy Church	

Dear Friends,

At the time of writing Linda and I have just been talking about the theme for our next All-Age Messy Church at the end of April. This will fall on the Sunday after Easter. It is sometimes called 'Low Sunday' in that it can have an 'after the Lord mayor's Show' feel, but some of the best stories involving the resurrected Jesus are often told on the 1st Sunday after Easter.



John's account tells us about Jesus pronouncing peace on the disciples and Thomas's needing to see the wounds on Jesus' side before his faith can be restored. It is also John who tells us about the time some of the disciples had gone back to their fishing boats up in Galilee and encountered Jesus who was building a fire for a breakfast on the beach. Not long after that there was that beautifully awkward conversation between Jesus and Peter, when it must have become clear to Peter that Jesus knew that Peter had three times denied knowing Jesus.

Luke's version of events includes the journey that two disciples made back to their home outside Jerusalem when Jesus joined them as they walked. It was only when Jesus broke and blessed bread at their table in the house in Emmaus that they recognised him.

All these stories involve the element of surprise. No one was expecting resurrection. Some Jews expected that there would be a resurrection at the end of history – the 'last day' – but no one believed that anyone would rise from the dead in their day.

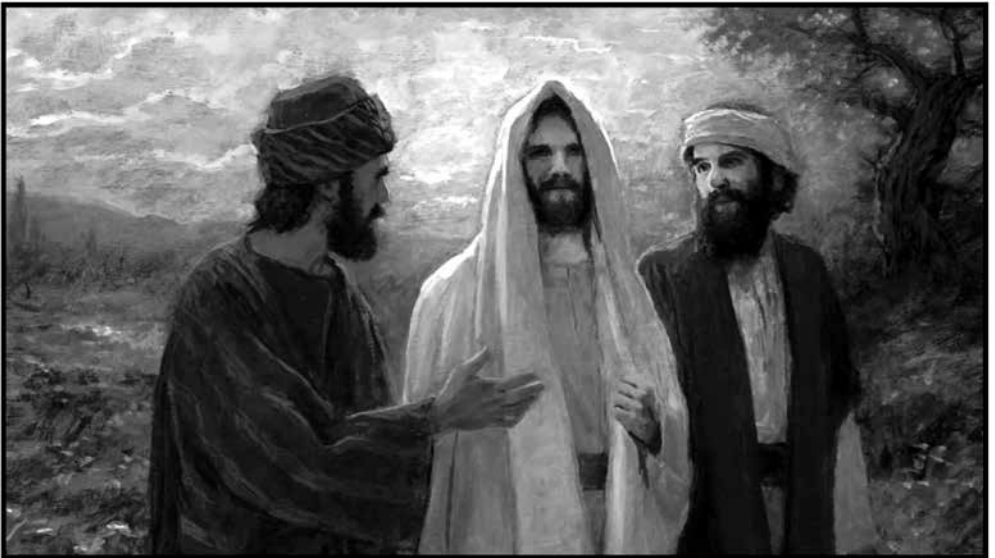
It is hard for us to recapture that surprise, because we know how the story ends. However, this Easter, let us try to put ourselves in the shoes of those who really *were* surprised – those disciples who were sequestered away for fear of what happened to Jesus

happening to them; those disciples who were going home full of gloom that the man they hoped would be God's Messiah had been killed on a cross; those disciples who had gone back to their old jobs, perhaps believing that the years they spent with Jesus were interesting, but all good things must come to an end.

Marcus Borg wrote an excellent book called "Meeting Jesus again for the first time". This Easter let us be *surprised* again by Jesus for the first time.

Best wishes

Simon



George Frideric Handel



Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Communion	8.00pm
Good Friday	10.15am
Easter Communion (followed by breakfast)	9.00am
Easter Sunday service	10.30am

Lent 2022



This year's Lent Groups will be looking at Jimmy McGovern's TV series about a Roman Catholic priest working in the north west of England. Dr Paula Gooder, one of Britain's best known contemporary theologians, has written study notes on each episode and we will use these to guide our thoughts.

This will be a six week series running in person at 2.00pm on Tuesday afternoons from 1st March and on Zoom at 7.30pm on different evenings each week as below.

All are welcome and we especially welcome people from other local churches.

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Room 4: Tuesdays 2.00pm 1st March – 5th April

Zoom: Thursday 3rd, 10th
Tuesday 15th, 22nd, 29th
Wednesday 6th

Please contact me for Zoom details which will also will be included in our weekly emails.

Simon





Sunday Ministry for Young People

This is the planned Sunday ministry that our children will follow after Easter.

All-Age Messy Church 27th April

Music, Crafts and Games 15th May

All-Age Messy Church 22nd May

Music, Crafts and Games 5th June

All-Age Messy Church 26th June

Music, Crafts and Games 17th July

Please make a note of these dates and if you have children or grandchildren, bring them along. They'll have fun and be very welcome!

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The Cross Street Café at Dagnall Street Baptist Church

is looking to appoint a

Manager/Assistant Manager for its busy community café

The Café is open from
10.00am-2.00pm, Wednesday-Saturday

The daily shift is 9.00am-3.00pm and the number of shifts
worked per week is negotiable.

Duties include:

- Welcoming customers
- Preparing food and hot drinks
- Waiting at tables
- Cleaning and washing up

**This position would suit someone who enjoys engaging
with customers within the community.**

**For further information please email
simon@dsbc.org.uk**



You might remember that in last month's magazine I promised that the deacons would produce a list of 'vacancies' to be filled. One of these is a paid post – a manager/assistant manager for the café and you will see a notice about this in this magazine. The following are some other areas in the life of the church where you might be able to help. If any of these vacancies strike a chord with you, please speak to me.

Scrabble Club

John Mills passed away last autumn having ran the club for a number of years until the pandemic put paid to this

activity as so many others. It ran once a month in the afternoon and attracted a number of people from outside the church community. Now that we are able to play games like this, we have no one to run it. We have all the equipment. We just need someone to take charge.

Flower Ministry

Every Sunday flowers appear at the front of the church. I'm sure you realise that they don't grow there and that they have to be bought and arranged. There is a fairly small team of people who carry out the arranging and it would be good to have more volunteers. If you are a creative person, but haven't arranged flowers before, help will be offered. Have a go! If you would like to donate flowers, that would also be helpful. If you feel a call to donating or arranging flowers, please contact Paula Iddiols.

Music

Our pool of musicians has shrunk over the last few years. Can you play the piano or another instrument? It would be wonderful to have some different instruments leading our Sunday worship.

More next month ...

We will return to the topic of vacancies again soon, but please do consider how you might be able to serve God in the life of our church community. If there are skills or talents you have that could be used in the church, even if they're not mentioned here, do let me know. Likewise, if there is some activity that you would like to lead that we are not doing at present, please speak up!

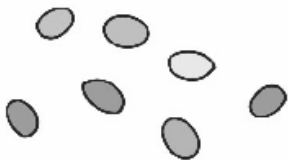
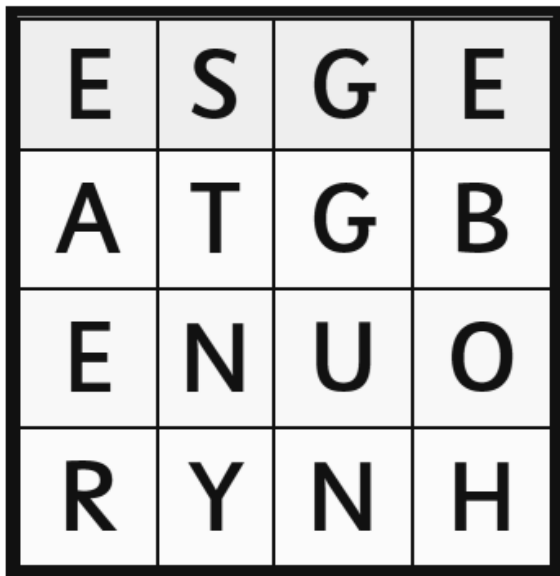


SATURDAY
9th April
10am –12pm
In
The Lower Hall
for
Dad's. granddad's and uncles
with under 5's



Easter Boggler Puzzle

How many words of 3 letters or more can you find using the letters below? Words are formed from adjoining letters. Letters must join in the proper sequence to spell a word and may join horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, to the left, right, or up-and-down. No letter square, however, may be used more than once within a single word. You may use plurals if available. Score 1 point for each 3 letter word, 2 points for 4 letter words, 3 points for 5 letter words and so on. Score an extra 2 points for every Easter themed word that you make!



My points _____



PASTORAL TEAM

The Minister, Simon, and members of the Pastoral Team are always happy to make appointments to visit, talk or pray with you. This can take place in your home, at Cross Street or at our homes at your convenience and at mutually convenient times.

Marjorie Jones (01727 422930), Jill Potter (07779 797928), Emma Johnson (07974 161535, Liz Blight (07884 431051), and Alison Ashmore (01727 867335), are also active members of the Pastoral Team.

Simon and the team hope you will notify them of anybody who you think may be ill, lonely or who needs help.

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PASTORAL NEWS

Spring often seems like it suddenly arrives! This winter has been relatively mild tho' it has been quite wet & very windy with the recent storm Eunice.

We are now on summer time which gives us lighter evenings. The beautiful Spring daffodils & bulbs have suddenly appeared as have the early blossom & magnolia.

However, the beauty & joys of spring are in stark contrast to the shocking pictures we are seeing in the media of the devastating war in Ukraine. We are mindful & prayerful of the horrendous loss & unbearable sufferings there, also in Afghanistan & in so many other parts of the world.

In our own Church community, the following people may benefit from our prayers.

We think of those who are mourning loved ones.

-Val Urban

-Vera Mill's family & friends

-Tom & Gemma Winpenny following the death of Tom's mother.

-We pray for Julia Plant who is in Watford hospital & for Mike.

-Eddie & Naomi Distill James

-John Peters

-Krisztina Schreiner (who at present is visiting her son in Hungary.)

-Jenny Johnson

-Brian & Olly Branch

-Bill & Elizabeth Allen

-The Owen family

-For those preparing for Baptism

We rejoice with the Owen family in the safe arrival of another grandchild. Congratulations to their daughter, Gemma Lovell, who gave birth to Georgina Susan on 19th March, & to her husband Andy & 'big sister' Ava.

The April magazine has become available in the week of Lent which leads into Holy Week on Palm Sunday.

The crowds honoured Jesus with their cloaks & palms as He rode a donkey into Jerusalem which became known as 'The Triumphal Entry'.

***"Ride on, Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
Oh Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death & conquered sin.***

***Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark all the tribes 'hosanna' cry;
Thine humble beast pursues the road
With palms & scattered garments strewed."***

Songs of Praise no. 485

During Holy Week we experience The Last Supper, the pain of Christ's crucifixion on Good Friday & amazing resurrection on Easter Sunday.

***Lo, Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets us,***

***Scatters fear & gloom.
Let the Church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.***

***"Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!"***

Songs of Praise no. 551

Holy Week services in our Church are detailed in this magazine.

Jill Potter



In Loving Memory of Vera Mills (08.03.35-27.02.22)

We first got to know Vera & John when we moved to Park Street in 1983. John & I knew each other when both worked at Hemel hospital. When our church was raising funds for the Cross Street Centre project, John tiled a bathroom for us. He, like other folk, offered his skills & the money earned was donated to the project.

Vera was 'born & bred' in Frogmore. She had no siblings & was very close to her parents who moved to Park Street. Vera moved into her bungalow in The Mall in 1960. When her Mum was widowed, Vera continued to support her Mum wh& spent the last 5 years of her life in Vesta Lodge Care Home.

Vera & John met in the late 70ies & got married at DSBC in 1981. Both John & Vera were regular worshippers at our church. When Vera retired from work, she gave up much of her time to work as a volunteer in a Care Home on the Hatfield Road for residents with learning disabilities or mental health problems. Vera always had a very positive attitude to life. She cared deeply about John's family, particularly John's daughter Julia & her husband Brian. They, in turn, supported John & Vera when they became more frail. Vera loved being with her church friends & became like a self-appointed coordinator for many DS friends who had retired to various parts of the country. She wrote & received many letters & often sent a copy of the church magazine.

John's health began to decline in the Autumn of 2020 & he had at least 3 admissions to Watford hospital before his death in September 2021, aged 91.

After Vera was widowed, although she missed John immensely, she rarely complained but stoically carried on living alone with her beloved black labrador, Duke. She enjoyed her outings

to the local hair salon & was popular with her neighbours. Vera's last visit to church was for the Christmas Carol Concert which she felt was one of the highlights of 2021.

Over the last 2 years, Vera had 4 admissions to hospital. She was relatively safe in her bungalow & promised to stay indoors. However, her "independent spirit" resulted in her last 2 hospital admissions when she ventured out to do some gardening. In the New Year she fell & broke her arm & was unable to mobilise because of the severe pain. In the last 8 weeks of Vera's life, because of covid rules in hospitals & Care Homes, she was unable to have visitors for much of that time. During the last few visits, Vera was praying for God to release her from her pain & to be reunited with John. Vera died on 27th February with Julia & Brian with her & Simon too.

Vera was a beautiful Christian soul who loved her family & friends. By her genuine interest in other people, she was a great Christian witness to all who knew her & she will be sadly missed.

Jill Potter

ps Duke is now living with a dog-loving family with 2 children at secondary school near Amersham.



WELCOME TO UNLOCK WALK 39 HOUSING, HISTORY AND HEROES

We have had a wonderful opportunity to visit all of the places on the route and to see the buildings and the people who live there. We have been able to see the buildings and the people who live there. We have been able to see the buildings and the people who live there. We have been able to see the buildings and the people who live there.

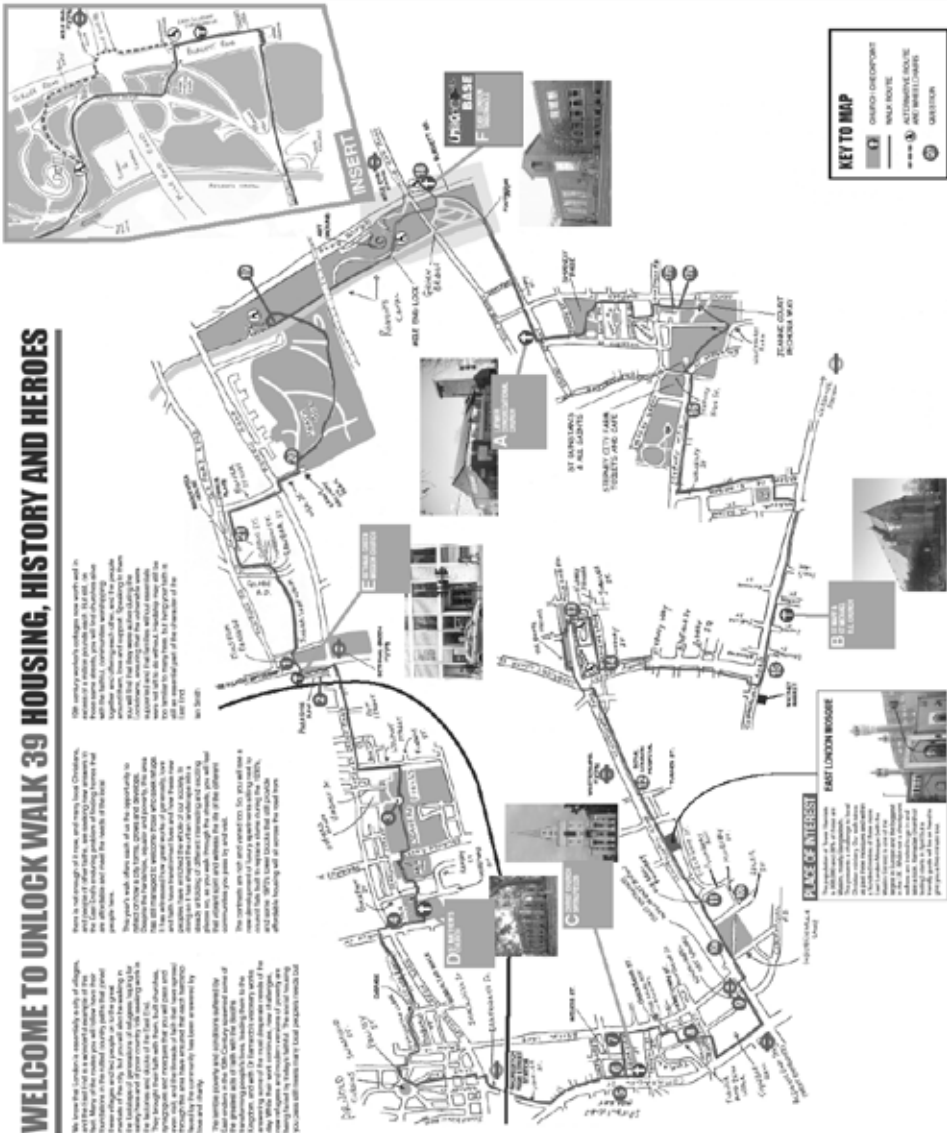
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UNLOCK WALK ***Saturday 23rd April***

The February magazine outlined plans for this year's Unlock London Walk so, for some of us, the date will be in our diaries and we can begin to look forward to a delightful walk around the London borough of Tower Hamlets.

This year's 7.5 mile walk is titled, "In the Shadows of the Tower", and will offer us the opportunity to reflect on how a city forms, grows and develops. Despite hardships, squalor and poverty, the area has still managed to welcome those who seek refuge. It has witnessed how great works of generosity, love and faith have transformed lives and how its inhabitants have enriched the whole of our society. In doing so it has shaped the urban landscape into a steady unfolding of different interesting and exciting places, and as we walk through the streets, open spaces and along part of the Regent's Canal, we will feel the vibrant spirit and witness the life of the different communities as we go.

The contrasts are rich and varied, we will see new developments of luxury apartments sitting next to council flats built to replace slums during the 1930's, and 1970's tower blocks sit across the road from 19th century worker's cottages now worth well in excess of a million pounds each.

There are 6 churches to visit enroute, Christ Church Spitalfields, St Matthew's in Bethnal Green and St Mary & St Michael RC on the Commercial Road are all imposing structures, whilst East London Tabernacle, Latimer Congregational Church and

Bethnal Green Mission Church are more modern buildings. It will be fascinating to see and learn more about these fellowships and how they are serving our Lord in their communities.

38% of the population of Tower Hamlets is Muslim, mostly

Bangladeshi, and the walk passes 3 mosques with another 3 very close by. One of these is the East London Mosque, the UK's biggest and one of Europe's largest, where a friendly guide will be on hand for a short guided tour.

The Unlock London Walk is remarkable; a unique way of seeing London and engaging with some of its churches. If you are interested in joining us, I have copies of the route map and sponsor forms available. We will meet at St Albans City Railway Station at 8.30am, on **Saturday 23rd April**, for the journey to Mile End Station and an inspiring day out.

If you are interested in supporting UNLOCK but without the walking, you may like to sponsor the church group. You can do this either by sponsoring someone you know who will be walking, or by using the church sponsor form which will be on the table in the link.

Thankyou.

Chris Penn

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Dagnall Street Marriage Register

A huge thank you to all who gave towards the cost of our new marriage register. We were able to meet the cost completely, and the printing company, Barnard and Westwood (www.barnardandwestwood.com) were very helpful and complimentary. I was even able to see the final stages of the book being made, which was very exciting.



They were delighted to produce a book that will last us well for so many years and be part of many marriages to come, and form an important part of the archives of our church.



Thank you all again, we are enormously grateful to the members and friends of the church for their support.

Gemma Winpenny

Refugees

Check the CTSA web page ctstalbans.org.uk/refugees for details on how you can help refugees. This page marshals information from the key agencies. In particular, check out about Noke Bikes: there are 120 refugees living at the Noke Hotel, Chiswell Green. They can't afford bus fares, but would love to ride bikes. We are sourcing 10 second hand bikes, hi-vis jackets, helmets and locks with keys. Can you support us by maintaining the bikes or teaching safe cycling? Or do you have spare bikes or equipment that we could use? Please contact Teresa Clarke, 01727 855026 or clarkefamily2004@yahoo.co.uk

Peter Berners-Lee
Convener, Churches Together in St Albans

Spare Rooms There are currently over a million refugees from Ukraine and this number is likely to multiply. If the UK takes in, say 200,000 refugees then St Albans should be taking in hundreds. As many may come in to Luton Airport, we are in a key position. Do you have a spare room that is available for at least 6 months? The government has launched it's [Homes for Ukraine website](#).

Everyone applying to the UK Government to sponsor a person or family will need to name the people they would like to welcome. If you do not know someone looking for safety, [Reset](#), who are the UK's Community Sponsorship learning hub, will be providing a **matching system** that will be in place to carefully introduce you to someone who you may be able to welcome

Teaching English Speaking English can key to refugees prospects. Your church could help with conversational English, or you may be able to help at another church. ***Watch this space.***

Other Organizations [StAR St Albans for Refugees](#) a registered charity aimed at helping refugees in St Albans

[Herts Welcomes Refugees](#) welcoming and supporting refugees in Hertfordshire

[Refugees at Home](#) is a UK charity which connects those with a spare room in their home to refugees and asylum seekers in need of somewhere to stay. So far it has been responsible for placing **2,597** guests with a total of **199,513** placement nights.

[St Albans City of Sanctuary](#) is a new and emerging group with a vision that St Albans district will be a welcoming place of safety for all and proud to offer sanctuary to people fleeing violence and persecution. The three founding members of the group are Irene Austin, Judy Jacques and Jagat Chatrath – all long-term residents of St Albans. They are members of the [City of Sanctuary UK network](#).

Donations The Ukrainian Catholic Church in the UK is making an [emergency appeal](#)

By donating to via the government's [Disaster Emergency Committee](#) (DEC) charities provide food, water, shelter and healthcare to refugees and displaced families.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in the UK is making an [emergency appeal](#)





Easter Sudoku



Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters E a s t e r. Don't guess - use logic

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd - Denise Tromans

8th - Diane Saunders

26th - Julia Plant

***"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.***

***Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all".
Isaac Watts (1674-1748)***

This was chosen by Cliff Richard in the Treasury of Prayers, compiled by Deborah Cassidi.

***A Happy Birthday to all born in this
Spring month!***

Linda Williams

BMS STAMPS

Thank you to everyone who has given me stamps so far this year. I think it's more than I have ever had before. A lot of the stamps need trimming and I would be grateful anyone could help me do this.

Thank you, Linda.



TODDLERS

***Every Wednesday morning
during term time
9.45—11.30am***

***Parents and carers with under 5's
welcome***

***Maximum 25 adults on first come first
served basis***

***(Wearing of face masks encouraged)
£2 per family***

March Church Meeting Update

BU President Nomination 2023/24:

There is only one nomination this time round, Revd Tim Presswood, who introduces himself as a poet, climber, not particularly proficient guitarist, and as someone who has spent the past 30 years re-inventing the church in one of the most deprived inner-city communities in the country, Openshaw, east Manchester.

He is now team leader of the North Western Baptist Association, acting college manager for Northern Baptist College whilst continuing ministry in Openshaw.

The meeting supported the deacons' recommendation in favour of Tim's nomination.

Property:

Ray reported that following the severe winds in February and the recent roof repairs, the spire remains watertight. However, investigative work remains to be undertaken to ascertain the extent and cost of the permanent works necessary to repair the spire defects.

The meeting was also informed of the persistent and ongoing leakage in the baptistery, and of the decision to investigate the provision of a temporary baptistery, possibly in the Car Park, for a baptismal service in May.

Appointments:

The meeting was informed that the Cross Street Ltd. Directors had appointed Heidi Treadwell as a director, and that Gemma Winpenny has been appointed as an Authorised Person for Weddings at Dagnall Street.

Special Church Meeting:

The church members meeting included a 'Special' church meeting to incorporate amendments to our constitution, which is

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based upon the Baptist Union of Great Britain, (BUGB), Approved Governing Document for unincorporated association church charities.

The amendments were advised by BUGB Legal and Operations team advisers in order to enable 'virtual' church and trustee meetings to take place and be compliant.

Although we have not had to hold virtual church member meetings as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, we have held virtual deacons' meetings.

The deacons, (trustees), accepted the amendments at their February 2022 meeting and the March Special church members meeting accepted the decision of the trustees. The various amendments were briefly explained and shown on the overhead screens.

If you are a church member and would like either a hard copy or an electronic copy of the amended 13 page document, please get in touch with me and I will gladly oblige. Also, if any church member would like a copy, either hard copy or electronic, of church meeting minutes, please let me know.

Chris Penn





Baptismal Class

We will be starting a Baptismal Class in the near future. Baptism is the way that almost all Christian communities mark becoming part of the church. A Baptismal Class is an opportunity to explore in a safe environment what Baptism means. It may lead to the individual asking to be baptised, but there are no strings attached in joining the class.

If you are interest and would like to talk further about this, please get in contact with me.

Simon



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THE VINEYARD



The Vineyard Bridge Project is helping people get back on their feet with their 'members shop' and is also offering emergency food parcels. They have links with the Trussell Trust who run national Foodbanks of which St Albans and District Foodbank is one.

Their shopping lists are different and can be accessed online. Also both websites have facilities to donate on line.

This is what we propose—we can still collect donated items from you or you can bring them to church or there are collection baskets at most supermarkets.

We will then sort and deliver them in the week - or just label the bag as to where you want it to go.

This is the link to the latest shopping list:

<https://stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food>

Once again many thanks for your continued support.

MISSION NEWS

Visit by our BMS Church Partner Judy Cook on Sunday 6th March:

It was a great privilege to welcome Judy to share in our worship here at Dagnall Street along with her father, and some family members and friends. Judy is currently on home assignment from Chiang Mai, North West Thailand, where she is a BMS missionary, running Hope Home which cares for children with special needs, as well as working in several contexts with different marginalised groups of people.

We have partnered with her since 2018, and she has been with BMS since 1998, when she went to Thailand as a children's nurse and subsequently founded Hope Home. She presented an illustrated overview of the work of BMS and her work in Thailand.

Hope Home was established by Judy in 2007. It all began with a young girl with cerebral palsy called Sasikan. Judy opened her home to Sasi and over time the doors to Hope Home opened to serve children with special needs in the Social Welfare System. Hope Home has seven residential children in foster care from the local government orphanage and works closely with many other families and communities in Chiang Mai. Hope Home is in the process of registering as a Social Welfare Home which will allow the provision of a warm and loving family home environment to the children currently in residence to continue, and to expand the impact to many more children and families in need.

The aim of hope Home is to demonstrate the love of God through Christian witness and care of children with special needs in order to promote the maximum development for each child with the aim that each child is accepted into a permanent family setting.

Judy, who trained as a children's nurse in Birmingham, was able to give us an update on Sasi who is now 28 and living very happily in America. She explained that Hope Home has 11 staff including 5 from Myanmar, and that so far, all adoptions from the home have gone to Christian families, despite her being unable to influence who the adopting parents will be. She was also able to illustrate how the children, who are all unable to speak, are able to communicate using a variety of innovative devices.

After the service Judy shared with us in a fellowship lunch in the Hall and, through a Q&A session, gave us all the opportunity to learn more about the invaluable work she does and in particular, how we can continue to support her in partnership. Thanks to Ray and Diane and their amazing team, the proceeds of the lunch amounted to £190 which has been donated to Hope Home.

Other ways in which we can help and support Hope Home:

- **PRAY** - Pray for both the children and the staff at Hope Home.
- **DONATE** - Contribute financially toward the daily needs such as food, housing, and medical care. The work can't progress without generous supporters.
- **ADOPT** - Most of the children are eligible for inter-country and domestic Thai adoption
- **AWARENESS** - Share with others about their work and the ways God is working in the lives of the children.
- **CONSULT & VOLUNTEER** - Share your gifts and knowledge with Judy, especially physical therapy, spiritual education, nursing, occupational therapy, and more, through email, skype, or in person.

After her visit, Judy messaged to say it was a pleasure to be able to come to DSBC and thanked us for the wonderful support and friendship. She looks forward to visiting another time and hopefully making time to see a bit more of St Albans.

Church in the Café Plans:

We're planning to get Church in the Café up and running again soon. We already have a booking for June 5th when our other BMS church partner, the Vokuhl family, will be joining us to share what they've been doing in Nepal, where Toby works for INF, (International Nepal Fellowship). Pippa and Toby and their children are no strangers to us, and we are looking forward to welcoming them back to DSBC during their home assignment this summer.

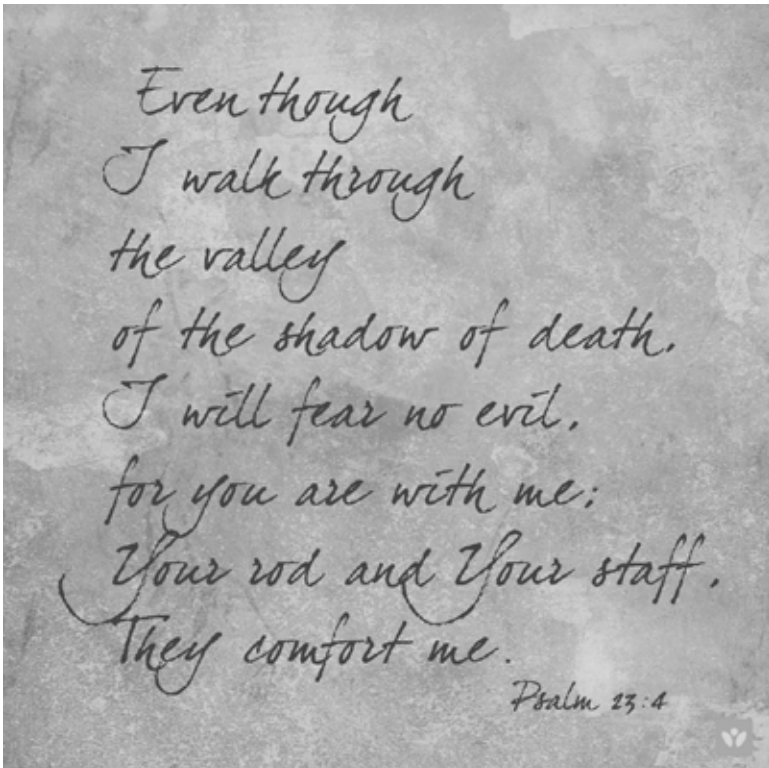
Later in the summer we hope to have a speaker from Unlock. Established in 1972, Unlock equips Christians in inner city and outer housing estates to be more effective as they share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their own areas. The date for this has yet to be confirmed, but Unlock's 39th London sponsored walk takes place this month on Saturday 23rd and I believe representatives from Dagnall Street have been on most, if not all of them. This year's 7.5 mile walk is around Tower Hamlets and if you want to join us, we'll be meeting at St Albans train station at 8.30am.

St Albans & Harpenden Christian Education Project:

More familiar to us as 'Step', we have supported the work they do in the district's secondary schools through our regular planned mission giving. In acknowledging our most recent grant, director Chris Birch-Evans tells us of a recent initiative, 'iMatter', which embodies the core values of 'I am loved', 'I am created', 'I am connected', 'I am eternal' and 'I am responsible'. These values, which are shared in each lesson/activity, have now been embodied in a brand-new resource for young people called, "My iMatter Journal".

The journal begins by introducing 'iMatter' in more detail, as well as giving a starter activity to help the young people begin to think about themselves. Within the journal are activities such as: thankfulness journaling, nature spotting, reflecting on trusted allies, creative space and self-talk. For reflection, each page has a Bible verse with some wise words linked to an activity. The journal is completely accessible for any young person, whether they are from a faith background or not. The vision of Step is to put one of these journals in the hands of all the young people in St Albans and Harpenden, to hopefully give them the opportunity to explore and increase their own self-esteem.

Chris Penn





Good Friday Walk

The Good Friday walk this year will be around Leavesden Country Park and Bedmond. The walk will be 4.5 miles or there are shorter walks around the park.

This will be preceded by a picnic lunch next to the café in the park, where there are several benches and toilets. We will meet outside the café at 12:15. The walk will start at 13:00.

The post code for the park is WD5 0NX (this postcode

is the nearest postcode for the main car park entrance) and there is plenty of free parking.

Alternatively, just join us for the picnic lunch and fellowship.

For further information, speak to Colin Owen.

P.S. If you want to know about the Mosquito and the history of the park, come and join us on Good Friday!

Colin and Sue Owen





TRIP TO SHEFFIELD

Bright and early on a Monday morning (despite being battered by storm Eunice) four of us loaded up a very large transit van with over 140 bags, over 60 boxes and a bag full of lunchtime treats. We arrived at the Genesis charity shop on the Manor estate in Sheffield just before 1:00pm.

Lisa and her team of four helpers were pleased to see us and very welcoming and we all soon set about unloading and carrying things up to the stock room. Lisa

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and her team were so appreciative of our help. Task completed, we gave them their lunch and set off back to St Albans.

Many thanks to Linda Roberts, Alison Ashmore and David Hobbs for all their help.

Thanks for all your donations, we have already started collecting good clothes, linens, toys and household items for the next delivery.

Please try to ensure that items are clean, not broken and - on a personal note - that the bags are not excessively heavy.

Once again thank you for your donations.

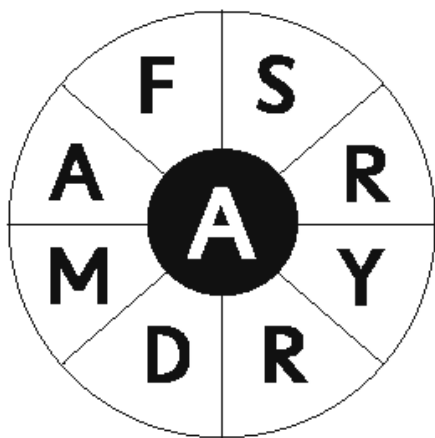
Diane Saunders



Word Wheel Challenge

Your aim is to create as many words of 2 letters or more using the letters in the word wheel only once in each word, and always including the letter in the centre of the wheel. No proper names are allowed.

Can you find a 9 letter word? -----



Good 10+
Excellent 15+
Outstanding 20+

My Total: -----

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MY DOCTORS RECEPTIONIST AND ME

I rang the surgery the other day from home
It took 40 minutes to get through on the phone
The receptionist was a lady I knew
She remembered me when I got through

She asked "What doctor would you like to see?"
I replied "the usual one is OK with me"
"I'm sorry" she said "she's gone away
She has found a better job with better pay"

A new doctor would contact me
They would ring me Tuesday week at ten to three
I told her "I have pain in my arm and head
I also had a nasty swelling on my leg"

I said "I've got many things wrong with me
To you I have only mentioned three
My other complaints may well be connected
They could all get worse if neglected"

"If making an appointment for each complaint is fact
Then you can class me as a hypochondriac
For each appointment would it be the same Doctor I
see?
If not there's no continuity"

“There’s 500 new apartments coming in our town
Ours is the only surgery around
There could be 100’s of new patients through the door
How will you cope with so many more”

I finally said “I’m frustrated
Making appointments is very complicated
Can you forget everything I’ve said
I’m going back upstairs to die in bed”

***David Bareham—Heart to Herts Poet in residence
2020***





Easter Jokes

How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?

EGG-xercise and HARE-robics!

How does the Easter Bunny keep his fur neat?

With a hare brush!

Why can't a rabbit's nose be 12 inches long?

Because then it would be a foot!

What did the rabbits do after their wedding?

Went on their bunnymoon!

What happened when the Easter Bunny met the rabbit of his dreams?

They lived hoppily ever after!



How do you catch the Easter Bunny?

Hide in a bush and make a noise like a carrot!

How many Easter eggs can you put in an empty basket?

Only one - after that it's not empty anymore!

How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?

Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?

How does Easter end?

With the letter R!

How does the Easter Bunny travel?

By hare plane!

What do you call a dumb bunny?

A hare brain!

How does a rabbit keep his fur looking good? *With hare spray!*

Why did the Easter egg hide? *He was a little chicken!*

What did the rabbit say to the carrot? *It's been nice gnawing you!*

Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road? *Because the chicken had his Easter eggs!*

What kinds of books do bunnies like? *Ones with hoppy endings!*



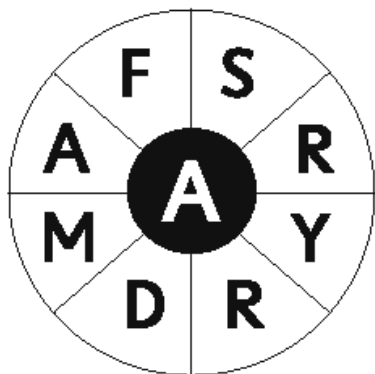
Word Wheel Challenge Solution

Here are just some of the possible words that can be made from this word wheel challenge. We provide these words only as a guide as these puzzles are enjoyed by a wide range of ages and abilities; we base our targets on achievable levels for children. We have used UK English spellings but more words may be available with US English spellings.

9 Letter Word: FARMYARDS

More Words

farmyard	arms	dam
yardarms	army	fad
	dams	far
yardarm	days	may
	dram	mad
arrays	dray	
dramas	fads	am
radars	farm	ma
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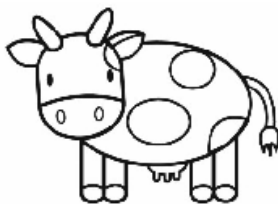
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Targets:

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MAY ISSUE CONTRIBUTIONS BY THURSDAY, 14th APRIL

As I write this April is just a week away! Aren't the months this year passing quickly. At least in the past few days the weather has been lovely and sunny, let's hope it continues although the nights are still frosty so thoughts of planting out are still in the background.

I have heard from Noreen and Ewen in the past few weeks, all is well with them, and, if I can stay awake long enough, I plan to reply this week. But I don't know about you, I don't seem to have anything to talk about, my small talk seems to have disappeared. Is that because I am not doing enough and my life is so uninteresting. I even found myself talking about putting my bins away—it's getting serious!

My Australian family are coming to visit in June. They are coming for a month, but in that time they have a friends wedding to attend and visits to all the relatives. I am looking forward to the visit but also dreading the cleaning and preparation!! I also need to get some energy pills as my two grandsons are very lively!

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What, When and Where April 2022

The church is now open for in-person services at 10.30am each Sunday and these will be conducted within the current guidelines. The Government no longer requires us to wear face coverings indoors. However, we encourage you to wear one in church unless you are eating or drinking. Please be mindful of those around you as their sense of what is a safe space between you may not be the same as yours. The duty deacons and stewards will all be wearing face coverings and will help if you have any questions.

The on-line podcasts will also continue for the foreseeable future. If you have missed any they can be accessed through

<https://www.stalbanspodcast.com/category/dsbc-virtual-services/>

After service coffee is being served in the Cross Street Centre.

Wednesday Midday prayers on Facebook including a communion service.

Toddlers is now open every Wednesday, from 9.45—11.30am, in the Lower Hall during term time.

Who Let the Dad's out will be held on the second Saturday of each month (9th April)

Monday table tennis/games club is now being held in the Lower Hall from 10.30am

Newsletter by email.

The Cross Street Café is open weekly from Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 2pm.

Stay safe and keep in touch.