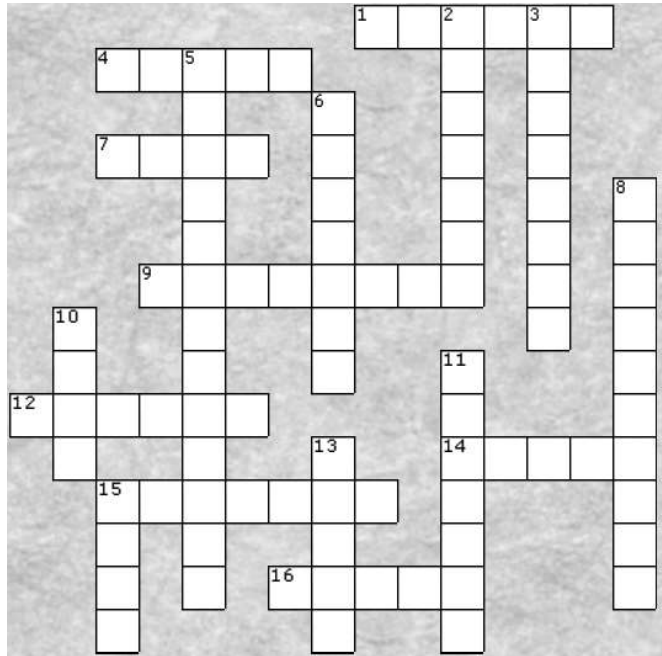


Bible People Crossword

Clues - Across:

1. This is the Roman governor who condemned Jesus.
4. Peter the Apostle's other name.
7. Jesus' mother.
9. This man climbed a tree to see Jesus.
12. This apostle is sometimes known as "Doubting ____" ?
14. He walked on water with Jesus.
15. This man was the first Christian martyr.
16. This man was the betrayer of Jesus.



Clues - Down:

2. Jesus brought him back to life.
3. He tempted Jesus (2 words)
5. She found Jesus' tomb empty.
6. This disciple collected taxes.
8. Jesus visited the home of these two sisters (two first names).
10. This man wrote down visions in the book of Revelation.
11. Another man with the same first name as him, often called the ____.
13. _____, who is also called Christ.
15. Original name of the Apostle Paul; same as an Old Testament king.

Prayer requests

Please continue to pray for **M.**, who had to return to hospital again. She is slowly recovering, is very patient, and appreciates our prayers. Ask the Lord to help those who accepted **books** and **Bible notes** after visits, that they may know God's blessing and find His peace. The ten-years-old boy, **C.**, who we have been praying for has now been home for a few weeks but he needs regular visits to hospital for further treatment.

Remember those who **mourn** the loss of loved ones. Continue to ask God to **revive** His work in our nation.

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Keeping you in touch with the life and news of Langford Evangelical Church, which meets in Langford Chapel, Blackmoor, Lower Langford.

More on our website: www.langfordevangelicalchurch.org

Then and now

Langford Chapel was opened for worship on the 16th September 1846, so in a year's time it will be the 170th anniversary. The artist's impression on the right gives an idea of how the architect envisioned it while the more recent photo indicates that the



original building has not changed, though there were extensions in 1936 and 2006 at the back. Much has altered around it of course and the world is now a very different place. This issue is being composed by computer and will appear on the internet! Yet we still declare the same timeless Bible truths that brought the first congregation together. Some things never change: God's love; human need; sin and death; Heaven and hell; the good news of forgiveness and peace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

From the Pastor's Study

There has been much speculation over the past few months that Christianity is declining. Certainly as we look at many village churches, including ours, the numbers attending are smaller and those committed to maintaining the work are even less. "Social mobility" has drawn many to the towns and cities and widespread car ownership has led to a consumerism among churchgoers. "A crowd draws a crowd" is usually true and the range of activities and facilities that a larger church can offer will tick all the boxes for some people. Yet contrary to the perceived wisdom the true Church is not dead and in some places bigger premises are being urgently sought. Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" and despite persecution and repressive legislation His words are still being fulfilled in many parts of the world. He also said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them." The presence of the Lord is ultimately more important than the numbers and "In My name" means with My authority — that is, we must truly believe and submit ourselves to Him. That will involve following Jesus always, not just on Sundays, and also obeying His word, the Bible. Perhaps realising that *He is there* when true believers meet might change our approach to "going to church".

Would you like one?

These little booklets have a daily Bible text and some helpful thoughts — we have been giving them to a few local people for some time. Each one lasts for a quarter and we have recently received the September to November issue. Owing to some people moving away we now have one or two spare copies. These are very popular, with many people all over the world finding them useful, and are completely free. If you would like to see one, ask our Secretary, **Christine**.



Busy morning



We were pleasantly surprised when more people than usual came to the July *Aroma* coffee morning on an unseasonably cold day.

For your diary

Here's a few things for you to note down for September:

On Sunday **6th** our Pastor George will commence a new series during the morning and evening services about events in the first book of **Samuel**. Come along to find out how it can help us today, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Saturday **26th** at **6.45** p.m. sees the annual Festival of **Male Voice Praise** at the Colston Hall, Bristol, when the local choir is joined by singers from other areas of the U.K. As well as the men's strong voices,

a special highlight this year is the return of **Helen Shapiro**, as part of the Hebron singing trio with Simon Elman and Chrissy Rogers.

The monthly *Aroma* coffee morning is also on Saturday **26th, 10.30 a.m.** onwards.

Looking ahead to **October**, there will be the **Harvest Services** on the **11th** and then the **Holiday Bible Club** will run during half-term week, just three days this year, **Tuesday 27th** till **Thursday 29th**. More details next month.