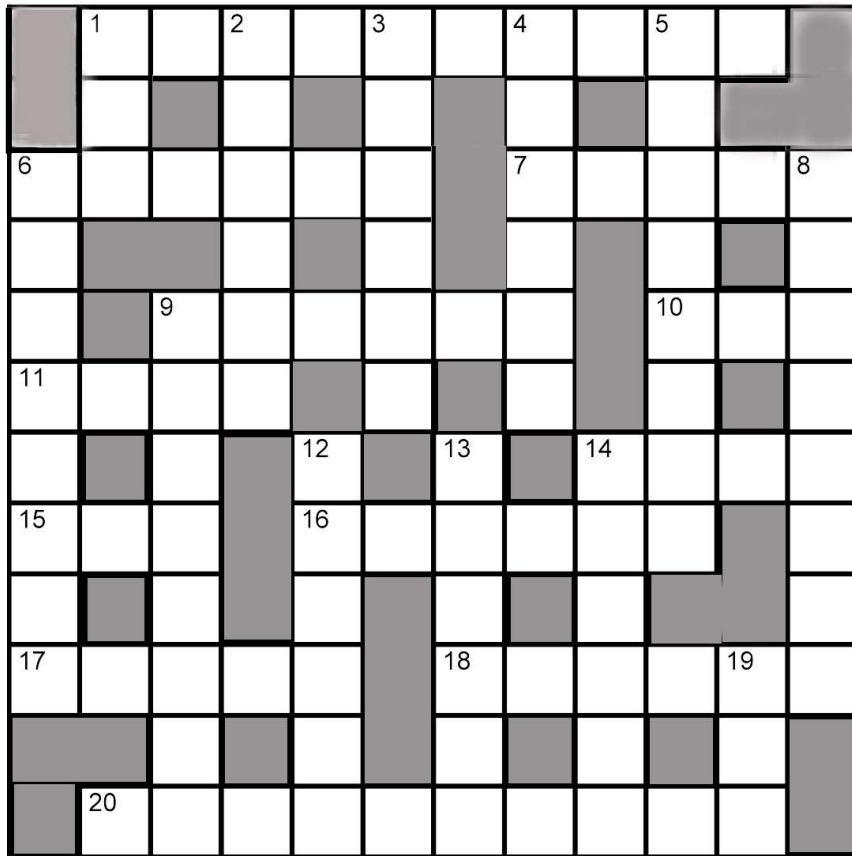


Quick Bible Crossword



Across

- 1 Change of heart (10)
- 6 Prepare for God's service (6)
- 7 Thou shalt not . . . (5)
- 9 Make a hole (6)
- 10 Another word for a pot (3)
- 11 What Ai became [*Joshua 8*] (4)
- 14 This watered the earth at first (4)
- 15 Samuel ran to him (3)
- 16 Small watercourse (6)
- 17 Mount that Moses climbed (5)
- 18 Prophet in David's time (6)
- 20 A garden [*New Testament*] (10)

Down

- 1 Move quickly (3)
- 2 One of the twelve (6)
- 3 Sin that's against — [*Romans 1*] (6)
- 4 Response (6)
- 5 Guardians of Eden [*Genesis 3*] (8)
- 6 The father of James [*the Less*] (8)
- 8 Increase size (8)
- 9 Forbearance (8)
- 12 The second longest Bible book (6)
- 13 A metal used in the tabernacle (6)
- 14 Sister of Lazarus and Mary (6)
- 19 Elisha's God made one to swim (3)

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Wish you were here?



After many delays due to weather and our leader being unwell, we are still hoping to get the rambles going again. A recent exploration revealed a varied route around Rowberrow Warren and we show the photo above to give you an idea of this challenging forest walk. There are some steep climbs but the peace of the woods and the great views make the effort worthwhile. Everyone is welcome as always; get in touch and we'll give you details.



From the Pastor's study



“Give us this day our daily bread . . .”. These well-known words of our Lord Jesus Christ have been repeated millions of times down through the centuries, sometimes without much thought by those not in danger of starvation. Some people might blame God for suffering and shortage, forgetting the greed and waste that is everywhere (look around in a restaurant if you don't agree). There is a faithful Creator who gives generously; sadly some of us have too much while others struggle. Jesus also said, “The poor you have always with you”, and perhaps we feel we can't do much about it. Yet every little helps. (That's not an advert for a store!) It was a privilege recently to send the Church offering to “Caring For Life”, the Leeds charity often mentioned in these pages. It is especially sad to see someone needlessly go without. There's a story about a poor lady found on a transatlantic ship with a packet of dried up sandwiches who had never entered the dining room — she didn't know that meals were included in the fare! The Bible says the word of God is the spiritual food we need and Jesus told the Devil that this gave *real* life. That's why the Scriptures are important to us at Langford Chapel. Come on in and eat — don't starve your soul!

Prayer requests

Give thanks that “**M.**” is home and doing well after a long illness. Praise God that a **visitor** who wanted to know Jesus wrote to tell us that she is now a Christian. Pray for “**G.**”, who expects to have surgery soon.

Remember “**W.** and **E.**”, a couple who both miss coming to worship because of ill-health.

Don't forget those who are being **persecuted** for their faith.

Pray for those in **authority**, as the Bible tells us to do, especially in the next few months.

Back to normal soon

Following last month's story about the heating failure, we are pleased to say that Bird Heating of Weston-Super-Mare will be installing a new boiler early in May. We should be back in the Chapel when that is done — or earlier if the weather gets warmer soon. We've found that no one is put off by being in a smaller space and the usual warm welcome is still found in our temporary worship room — just walk through the Chapel.

170th anniversary plans

As we move nearer to the celebrations for the 170th anniversary of the official opening of Langford Chapel on 16th September 1846, we are pleased to have confirmation this week that **Andrew Bowden** from South Wales will be our guest speaker for a special service on **Saturday the 17th of September**. Andrew joined us for one of the regular meetings of local evangelical churches (P1:5) a few years back and his encouraging words and presentation on that occasion are still remembered by us. We plan to start at **3 p.m.** and refreshments will be served after the service. Put this date in your diary now!



For your diary

If you have got your pens ready, make a note of these plans for May:

Months with five Sundays always involve a bit of juggling with arrangements and this one has extra changes because we are giving **Pastor George** some holiday. Our friends at Horsecastle Chapel in Yatton are sending us help so you will see some new faces on the **8th**, as well as a return visit from **Rev. Peter Cresswell** on the **15th**. Our Pastor should be back for the evening service on

the **22nd** — after a welcome morning visit from **Rev. Jeff Ponsonby**. Our (hopefully) refreshed Pastor will then take that extra Sunday on the **29th**.

No such complications for the popular **Aroma** coffee morning. You can come along again (or maybe for the first time?) as usual on the fourth Saturday, the **28th**, from **10.30**.

We plan a special service to mark the official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen in **June**. See above for news of our own 170th anniversary in September.