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1st Prize: Food and Drink Hamper

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3rd Prize: Gardening Hamper

4th Prize: Pamper Hamper 5th Drinks Hamper



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Anne Roberts on 01939 260633

Prizes will be drawn in church on July 18th 2021



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Front cover: Rosa 'Queen Elizabeth' is a pink Grandiflora rose cultivar, bred by rose grower, Dr. Walter Lammerts in the United States in 1954. It is displayed here as we wish the Queen good health as she reaches her 95th birthday.

THE CURATE'S MESSAGE

Freedom is coming!

Pandemic stats look good, vaccination programme going well and summer is almost here! It looks like freedom might return. Freedom to stay with friends, freedom to hug my mum, freedom to drink a pint in a pub, freedom to sing again in church - I am hoping and believing!

Freedom is something we generally think is very important, but what is freedom really about? Well, it is certainly about being able to choose to do (or not to do) certain things and with covid restrictions lifting there is much I plan to do – not least visiting my mum and dad in East Sussex. However, freedom is not about being able to do anything we want. I am free to play a game of football with my friends, but it won't be much fun if I use my freedom to change the rules about fouls and start to rugby tackle anyone who gets too near my goal.

True freedom always operates within a set of rules. As there is a way to play association football so there is a way to live. If the rules are followed the game can be great fun, life can be filled with joy. My friend Roger Forster puts it this way, *'To find real life you have to live in God's world God's way.'* God invented us and he knows the laws under which we function best. Sure, we have freedom to choose in or out of God's ways, but when we choose to play by our own rules the game is no longer beautiful, often gets very messy and people get hurt. One look at Syria, Chad or our own nation's mental health crisis will tell you that. Playing by our own rules certainly doesn't seem to give freedom, if anything it ties us up, makes us slaves – the Bible calls it sin.

Jesus makes an interesting statement about freedom in John's gospel. He said, *'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'* So, what is this 'truth' that sets us free? The truth does to some extent mean living by the rules Jesus taught, those concerning loving God, loving people (even enemies), repentance and forgiveness. However, for John there is another meaning, for him the 'truth' is a person. It is Jesus. He is the person who frees us from the consequences of playing by our own rules, from our sin.

So how can we meet Jesus? Here are a few suggestions: Make space to pray and ask him to speak with you. Read one of the books that tell his story – the Gospel of Mark is a good one to start with. Soon we plan to start a course called ‘Christianity Explored’ that looks at Jesus and his teachings – why not join in?

Many, many people (including me) have been amazed at the personal presence of Jesus in their lives and the freedom he brings as they open themselves to him. So, when freedom returns as covid restrictions lift, perhaps we should also make room for the ‘Truth’ that ‘sets us free’ as well.

Rev. Steve Alston (Curate – Baschurch, Weston Lullingfields and Hordley) (May 2021)

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS - HOLY TRINITY

Now that we are looking ahead to “getting back to normal” we will need more volunteers to cover various rotas to keep Holy Trinity clean and attractive (Cleaning Rota; Flower Rota). Volunteers are much needed too for Churchyard Working Parties; the Reading Rota; Intercessions; Sunday Service Sidespeople Rota. Please think about this and ring Anita Weeks (261293), Anne Roberts (260633) or Jane Ing (Cleaning and churchyard working parties) 260100).



Sunday Bible Readings for June

6th June – The First Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 3:8-15 or 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20 - end

13th June – The Second Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 17:22-24 or 2 Corinthians 5:6 - 10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

20th June – The Third Sunday after Trinity

Job 38:1 - 11 or 2 Corinthians 6:1 - 13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

27th June – The fourth Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 8:7 - 15 and Gospel: Mark 5:21 - 43

Service for the ordination of Priests in the Shrewsbury Episcopal Area

On Thursday 24th June at 6.30pm, All Saints' Baschurch is hosting the service for the Ordination of Priests for the Shrewsbury Episcopal Area.

We do not yet know if anyone who wants to attend will be able to, that will depend on Covid restrictions at the time. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook pages. We will also announce in services once we know what is or isn't possible. In the meantime please pray for all being ordained priest on that day: Steve Alston, Jess Harper, Sam Johnson and Gareth Ingham. Please also pray for James Weaver being ordained priest on Sunday 20th June at Oswestry.

Services in June

Please note this month sees the re-introduction of our 8am service of Holy Communion at Baschurch. This will be a Book of Common Prayer service.

6th June

8am BCP Holy Communion at All Saints' Baschurch

9.30am Worship for All at Holy Trinity, Weston Lullingfields

11am Holy Communion at All Saints' Baschurch

13th June

9.15am Worship for All at St Mary's Hordley

11am Holy Communion at All Saints' Baschurch

20th June

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9.30am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Weston Lullingfields

11am Worship for All at All Saints' Baschurch

27th June

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Hordley

(This service may be **cancelled** for a united one at All Saints' Baschurch, it will depend on Covid restrictions - see below)

11am Holy Communion at All Saints' Baschurch

This will be our Curate Steve's first service of presiding at Holy Communion; there will also be a visiting preacher chosen by Steve. Do come and support Steve on this milestone occasion.

Christianity Explored

During the last year people have been asking questions about God and faith. Many have been seeking out online services and asking for prayer. Not all of these have been people who are exploring faith for the first time.

If you have questions about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and faith in general now is the time to ask them. We are running a 6 week course that explores sin, the cross and the resurrection. The course also gives anyone the opportunity to ask questions, no question is silly, we can guarantee if you are thinking it then so is someone else.

The course will run on a Monday evening over Zoom and on a Thursday afternoon in Church

Beginning: **Monday 7th June** at 7.30pm & **Thursday 10th June** at 2pm

If you would like to attend please get in touch and let us know which session. The Thursday afternoon session will depend on the Covid restrictions at the time.

No knowledge of the Bible or understanding of faith is required. This is also open to those who have been Christians for a long time but who also want to find out more or ask questions.

This course is also suitable for any adult thinking about baptism or confirmation for themselves.

linda@allsaintsbaschurch.com

London's oldest shop closes.

While we mourn the loss of such high street names as Debenhams, Laura Ashley and others, spare a thought for the London retailer Arthur Beale. This shop moved to its current location a mere 150 years ago when it already had a history of supplying ropes, pulleys and other tackle to the sailing community, theatres and others for some 350 years. Dwindling revenues, the pandemic and a repair bill for £150,000 were just too much to bear.



THE CORBET SCHOOL

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The Corbet School currently has a vacancy for a Community Governor.

We would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to make a contribution by joining the Governing Body. We would particularly be pleased to hear from someone who lives locally with a background in business and interest in educational issues.

The Corbet School has an excellent reputation and is consistently one of the best performing secondary schools in Shropshire. The Governors work closely with the Head teacher and her management team to help improve school performance.

Informal enquiries can be made via the Clerk to the Governors,
Mrs Jane Davies jane.davies@corbetschool.net 01939 260296

The Children's Society Home Collection Boxes

I will be collecting the proceeds from The Children's Society Home Collection Boxes at the Sunday morning services at All Saints Baschurch from Sunday 6 June 2021 to Sunday 27 June 2021.

In these COVID times your health and wellbeing remains important. I therefore ask that you empty the contents of your Home Collection Box into a sturdy envelope clearly marked with your name.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pauline Nelson

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Keeping their faculties sharp

The historic law courts in the Church of England and the work they continue to do today:

The division between 'church' and 'state' is an interesting one for the Church of England, intertwined with the history of the Reformation and rebellion against a Pope who wouldn't allow a certain king a divorce at his whim. As well as registering marriages and deaths, the legal arm of the Church was often called on to judge cases of slander, probate, marriage and tithes. There is still a courtroom in Lichfield Cathedral, the Consistory Court where many cases were heard – it's on the south side by the high altar and beneath the St Chad's Head chapel.

As one of the earliest dioceses in England, Lichfield's influence once covered a huge swathe of the north west of the country, from Warwickshire to Lancashire. As the population grew, new dioceses were formed from within it but by the 16th century the Consistory Court still heard cases from all over Staffordshire, north Shropshire, Derbyshire and north-east Warwickshire (the latter now the dioceses of Derby and Coventry). The archives that remain from earlier centuries are now at the Staffordshire Archives and some of the stories researchers are now cataloguing from there might even make a tabloid newspaper editor blush!

There is still a Consistory Court, but its work is somewhat less salacious these days, dealing mostly with questions about changes to church buildings, churchyards and exhumations, and the judge, the Diocesan Chancellor, mostly sits in front of a laptop rather than a medieval courtroom. He is linked to a team known as the Registry which has two main functions: one is to act as legal adviser to the Bishop and the other is to advise clergy on canon law. It has a role in the licensing of clergy to operate in the diocese; and the system of Patronage which shares the responsibility for appointing vicars between bishop and other historically interested parties; the consecration and modification of buildings for public worship and perhaps most frequently advice on church law for baptism, marriages and burial.

Faculty Jurisdiction – decisions on more contentious plans for buildings

or gravestones – are the topics which most often hit news headlines today, whether about swapping pews for chairs, adding glass and toilets to buildings or what is appropriate in a churchyard. It is the Chancellor who has to balance family wishes for a loved-one’s memorial that reflects their life and the wider need to keep the churchyard as a place of restful calm that is appropriate for Christian worship and a comforting space for mourners and the wider community, where individual memorials do not jar in the landscape and that the church members can safely maintain even when direct family are no longer able to.

Andrew Wynne: the Registrar for Lichfield Diocese

Read more about the current activity support and services provided by the Registry team at www.lichfield.anglican.org/registry and the historic goings-on unearthed in the Bawdy Courts project from the Staffordshire Archives at lichfieldbawdycourts.wordpress.com/.

The Post Card

A post card from you sent to me
Causes me to smile with glee!
I can't have the blues
As I read the news
Of your time with the sun and the sea!

I love how it lands on the mat
So it's there when I hang up my hat;
And no more time passes
Ere I reach for my glasses
And happily read all your chat!

A message by text's not the same.
And Facebook is all just a game.
I know some will say
It's the new modern way,
But the lack of a card? It's a shame!

By Nigel Beeton

WESTON LULLINGFIELDS

After a spell of very dry weather, today, as I write this, it is raining and has been for most of the day, Good news for the gardens! We have been having encouraging reports of the successful vaccination programme – we have both just had our second vaccinations. The figures for new cases of Covid and the number of deaths seem to be going down – Shropshire’s figures have been very encouraging.

We have enjoyed seeing the cows back out in the fields and sheep with lots of new lambs. There are more swallows each day. We had been waiting for Wales to allow visitors again and had a glorious walk at Erddig at the end of April. We tried one of the walks we had not done before which includes a stretch in Lewis Wood, outside of the Erddig estate. We did see a jay but it was mostly flowers on this walk – Marsh Marigold, Dog’s Mercury, a profusion of Bluebells and Wild Garlic, Violets, Mustard Garlic, Red Campion, Cuckoo Flower, Greater Celandine and Wood Anemone – all flowering together. We walked around the gardens too and enjoyed seeing the Fritillaries (Snake’s head and White). The courtyard is usually heaving with visitors – but it was empty!

There are church services once again in all three churches and it is hoped that, as things improve, we may move back to the old patterns. We are looking forward to the possibility of meeting up with the family later in the summer – if we can. The past 15 months make us realise how lucky we have been with holidays, visits to family and friends, outings, even shopping!

SUMMER RAFFLE - REMINDER

We still cannot plan social events but, following the success of the Christmas Hamper Raffle, there will be another Hamper Raffle in the summer. Proceeds will help with a bill for repairs to the church tower. The draw will take place in church on Sunday 18 July. The prizes will be 2 Food Hampers, a Pamper Hamper, a Gardening Hamper, a Drinks Hamper and some smaller prizes. It will be an opportunity to raise some money for church funds. My prizes cupboard is now bare – so we will be

most grateful to welcome contributions for the prizes – any food or gardening contributions (e.g. bulbs, plants, seeds, gardening gloves, small gardening tools) , will have to be “in date” with an expiry date beyond August 2021 or donated nearer the time. Any other contributions will be most welcome – drinks (wine or spirits), toiletries, jewellery or items for the Pamper Hamper. Nearer the time contributions of baking for the food hampers will also be most welcome. Tickets will be distributed in May/June in the same was as we did for the Christmas raffle.

Please ring me if you need any more information.

Anita Weeks

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NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY CENTRE

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk>

Following a feature on Radio4 Today earlier in the week about phishing emails and texts we made a note of the advice given and since then I have forwarded several scam emails to them (one was pretending to be a friend in Baschurch!). You receive an immediate reply and I have copied some of the advice from this email. The underlined points take you directly to the National Cyber Security Centre website where there is a lot of information.

Scam emails should be sent to report@ncsc.gov.uk

Scam texts should be sent to 7726

The section in italics below is part of the information in replies from the NCSC.

We will analyse the content of the email you have sent to us and any websites it links to. If we discover activity that we believe to be malicious, we may: seek to block the address the email came from, so it can no longer send emails; work with website hosting companies to remove links to malicious websites; raise awareness of commonly reported suspicious emails and methods used with the help of our partners

There are a number of ways you can protect yourself from attacks like this

Continued overleaf

and the NCSC has published plenty of advice that will help you to stay secure online; for example:

[The NCSC's top tip for staying secure online](#)

[Phishing attacks: how to deal with suspicious messages and emails](#)

[Securing your devices](#)

I am not an expert but here are some of the things I do when I am not sure about an email.

If you think someone has or may have hacked into your emails to get your address list CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD.

I always double check SENDERS' email addresses. If the message is vague or asking you to reply to it – DON'T. Telephone the person they are claiming to be and double check with them directly.

I get a lot of scam emails apparently from BT – with these it is ESSENTIAL to look at the email address. BT NEVER sends you an email about your telephone bill or account on an email with someone's personal name on. Some are apparently a BT email address. Many are from a hotmail address.

Delete immediately any emails from your inbox, which you recognise as scams. Also remember to delete them from your deleted items box as well.

Don't be misled by emails which seem to be from someone you do know asking you to send money because they have an emergency. A family member or a friend would be more likely to telephone you.

Look at grammar and spelling. Many of these scams come from people for whom English is not their mother tongue.

Finally – if in doubt – just be suspicious - especially if you are being asked to send money or to pay more for something you have ordered or to pay a delivery charge for something which you know is being delivered.

Anita Weeks

Hordley News

Last month I reported on the drought and in fact we had no rain from the 28th March until the 28th April. Since then and up to 12th May we have had 77 mm (or 3 inches) of rainfall, with hail, thunder and lightning.

By the time you read this, life should have returned to something approaching normality with a further easing of restrictions hoped for in June.

Consequently, thoughts are turning to possible future church social events. Before you fill your diaries with all the things we have been unable to do for so long, you may care to enter the date of Saturday 17th July for a Strawberry Tea in aid of St Mary's, to be held at Sycamore House by the kind invitation of Edward and Anne Jones. This is, of course, only provisional at this stage and it is hoped that confirmation and more details can be provided in the next issue. It will certainly be wonderful to meet again in the way we used to.

Team Thomson thank all their supporters for the encouragement and donations they are receiving for their walk in the Cotswolds in aid of St Mary's church and Marie Curie Nurses. It is hoped that the weather will be kind to them and they are much looking forward to the adventure. Supporters will receive daily email bulletins with photographs and next month's issue will include the final results.

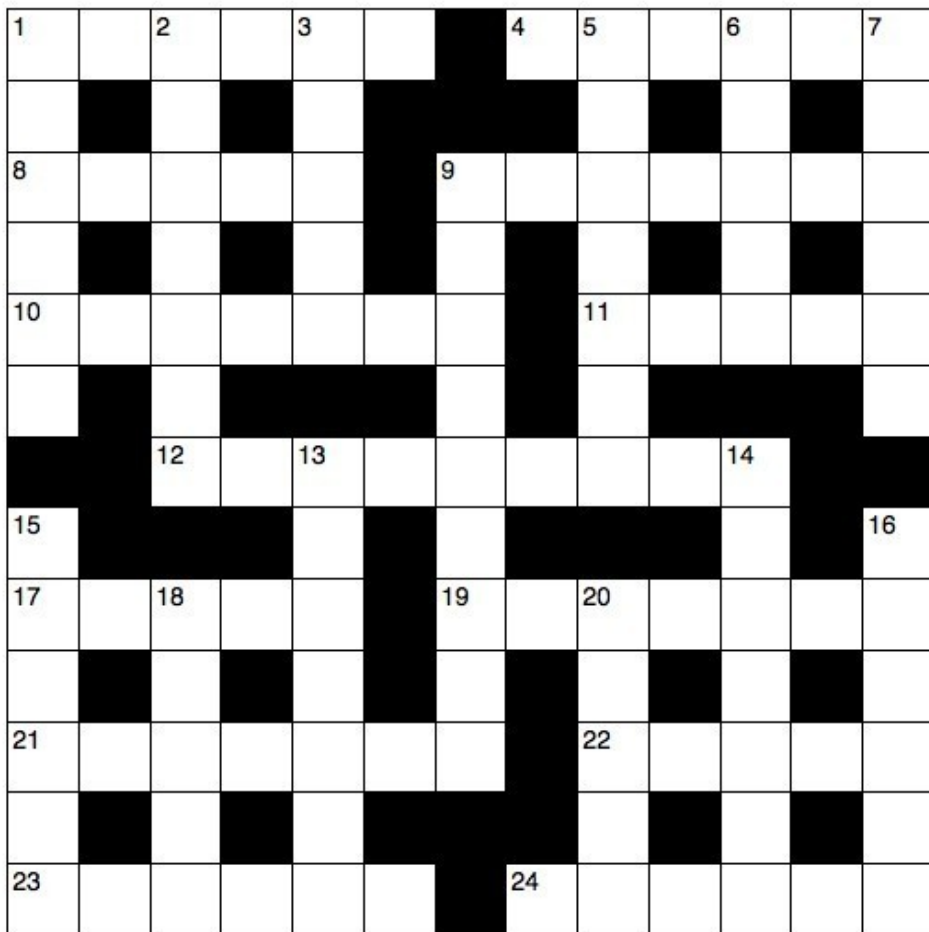
In July we have two weddings to look forward to, as well as The Strawberry Tea.

The winner of the lottery draw in May was Rachel Bodman with number 14.

Pastoral CareTeam

Due to the pandemic the pastoral care team has not met, either in person or on Zoom, since February 2020. Nevertheless, work has continued and all the known bereaved in the benefice, and those known to have been in need of support, have been contacted by email or telephone. With the easing of lockdown measures the team hopes to meet again in July when a great deal of catching-up can take place.

Mary Thomson, (pastoral care co-ordinator)



Across

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)

- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:

Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)



It is quite possible that the oldest built structure in your local churchyard will be the boundary wall. These walls may have been mended over the years but usually with the original stone, gently replacing and resetting damaged sections. Whether lime mortar or drystone, churchyard walls have built up a rich array of species over the years.

South facing walls are particularly good for invertebrates with many different creatures using the gaps and holes to nest and shelter. Look for wrens and dunnocks hopping over the stones of the wall searching for spiders to eat. There are a great many species of solitary bees and wasps to be found nesting within walls too.

Walls can be excellent for lichens, unless they become covered in ivy and other shading plants in which case the lichens are lost. Walls have their own specific plants, not found elsewhere in the churchyard, and this is particularly true for lime mortared walls in an area where the soil is not particularly lime rich. Can you spot ivy-leaved toadflax, wall rue, maidenhair spleenwort, rusty back or adder's tongue fern? Some annual plants grow early in the spring, whilst the wall is still quite damp and cool; they flower, seed and then dry out as summer progresses. Others, like saxifrages, are suited to dry conditions.

As well as the wall surface, there is life within it too. Walls are cool, safe places to shelter and hibernate. Frogs, toads and newts use them and reptiles including lizards and slow-worm shelter within the wall then emerge to warm up and hunt. Look for lizards basking in full sun whilst the slow-worm stays hidden, finding a warm place beneath vegetation or a stone or piece of wood.

So, look after your walls and try to keep them in good repair, they are very special,

All the best, Harriet Carty

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor

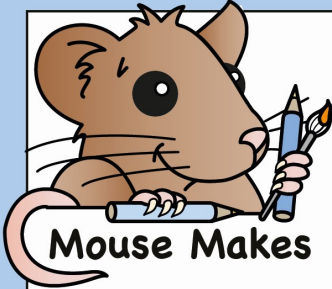
The Feast of Corpus Christi

On the Thursday following Trinity Sunday, Christian Churches including Anglican, Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and others celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ) in thanksgiving for the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The feast this year falls on 3rd June. It dates back to the 12th Century when a Belgian Nun, St Juliana, was inspired by a religious experience in a dream that there was no festival in the Christian calendar to celebrate the institution of the Eucharist. She shared this with her local bishop who issued an order that such a celebration be made annually in his diocese. Although Christ's last supper was celebrated with solemnity on Maundy Thursday, it was thought appropriate to hold a feast of thanksgiving on a special day each year. The feast became widespread and has since been celebrated throughout the world. In many countries, processions are held in the streets and I recall my mother saying when, as young girl in Cardiff, street processions were held there but the practice was generally discontinued in this country back in the 1970s. The original liturgy for the feast was devised by St. Thomas Aquinas which included hymns such as Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels) and Pange lingua (Sing my tongue the glorious battle) which are still sung in many churches to-day.

Aquinas also wrote the special prayer for the festival which is still used in Common Worship as the collect for the feast of Corpus Christi:

Lord Jesus Christ,
We thank thee that in this wonderful Sacrament
thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of thy Body and Blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruits of thy redemption.

David Morgan



JESUS HEALS

Who was the first person Jesus healed?
John 4:46-54

Who did Jesus heal from fever?
Mark 1:29-31

How was the the paralysed man brought to Jesus?
Mark 2:1-12

Jesus healed and made the...

SICK	ABLE
DEAD	WALK
BLIND	FORGIVEN
DEAF	ALIVE
CRIPPLED	SPEAK
SINNER	MOVE
MUTE	SEE
PARALYSED	WELL
DISABLED	HEAR



Where did the demons ask Jesus to send them when he drove them out?
Mark 5:1-20

How long had the man by the pool been disabled?
John 5:1-15

What did Jesus say made the woman well?
Matthew 9: 20-22



"There are **many** things that Jesus did. If every one of them were written down, I suppose the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."
John 21:25

How many men were healed from leprosy?
Luke 17:11-19



What did Jesus heal Bartemaus from?
Mark 10:46-52

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, how many days had he been buried?
John 11:1-45

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ACROSS: 1, Ambush. 4, School. 8, Tired. 9, Famines. 10, Citadel. 11, Endor.
12, Atonement. 17, Avert. 19, Oracles. 21, Married. 22, Lance. 23, Rhythm.
24, Hyssop.

DOWN: 1, Attach. 2, Biretta. 3, Sided. 5, Compete. 6, Owned. 7, Lustre.
9, Falsehood. 13, Ostrich. 14, Talents. 15, Farmer. 16, Asleep. 18, Early. 20, Alley.

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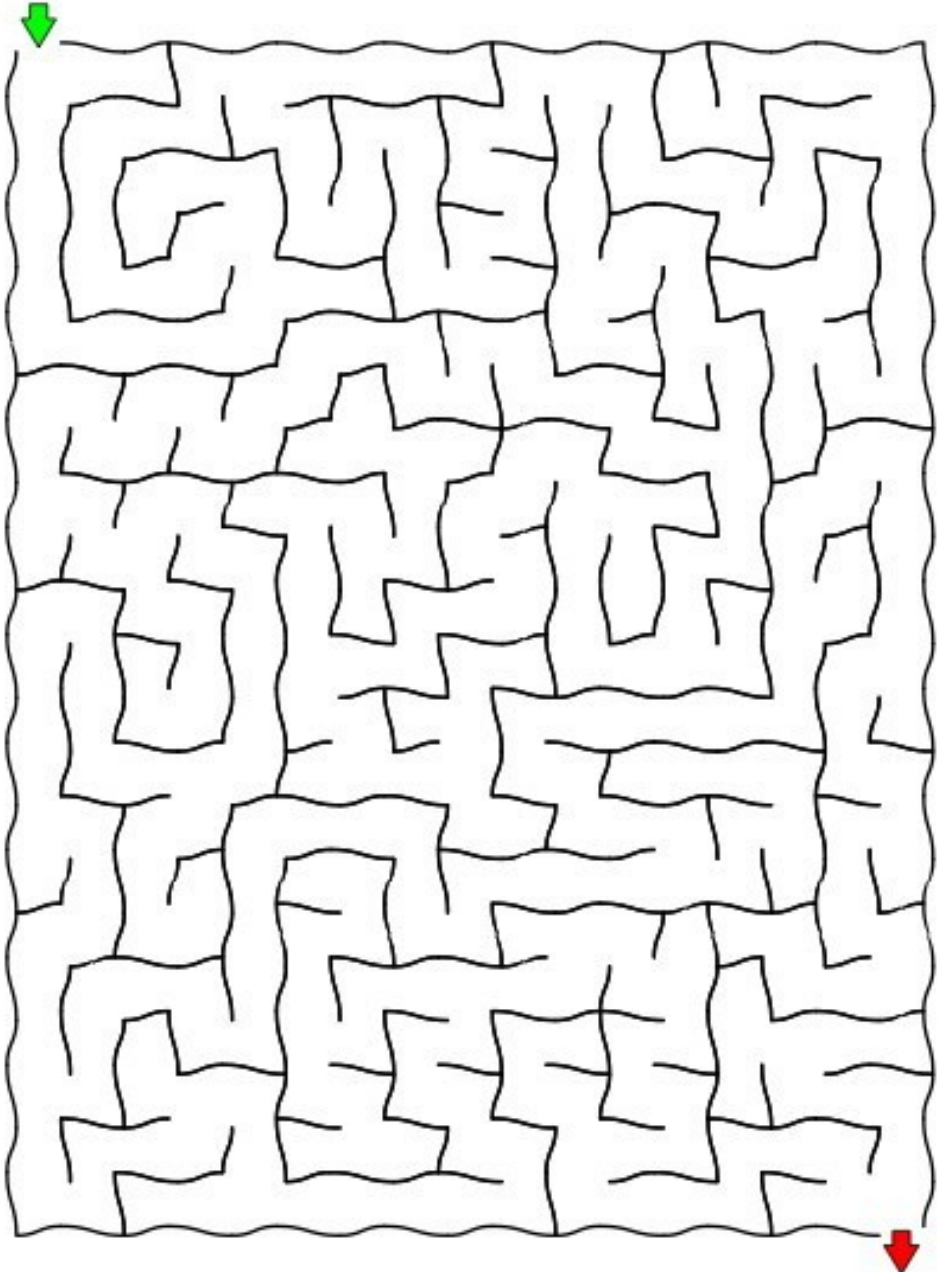
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