



To all the Key Workers

The **TOGETHER** Sheet

Combs and Little Finborough



From the Rectory...

Reverend Chris Childs

We are all no doubt doing our best in these strange times and looking forward to further relaxation of the lockdown as soon as 'the science' tells us it is safe. The Churchwardens at Combs and Great Finborough have just agreed that they can safely re open their buildings under strict conditions for limited times as below. I completely support the others in their decision to remain closed for various reasons. I hope that by the time you read this there may be an indication as to when some form of limited worship can start – though we cannot expect any sort of return to normal and singing for many months. Churches do remain touchstones of our communities, but it has been necessary for them to be closed. Please look out on the various parish websites, AChurchNearYou and Facebook for up to date information in these fast-changing days.



Our **Zoom Sunday Services** have been very well supported by over 70 people with representatives from all our parishes taking part and our many of our musicians proving their worth. Those not using Zoom have received the sermon on YouTube or through the post, again please see below for details.

We have tried to keep life as normal as possible and so have decided to celebrate **Rural Mission Sunday** – an initiative of the Arthur Rank Centre – for Confident Rural Christians – because the church is still here! We are still believers seeking to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and to do his will. I am hoping that each parish will have a small display on the front of their building drawing people's attention to the worship we are offering. Please see separate Poster on page 17.

This year's Rural Mission service has the strapline 'God in the Ordinary' and there is no doubt we are all taking more notice of our surroundings – perhaps the simpler things of life – as I have commented before. Their editorial on this year's Mission Sunday says:

'In Exodus 3 we read of an encounter between Moses and God at the burning bush. Moses is going about his normal, everyday life when he catches sight of a bush that's on fire. This is a fairly ordinary occurrence for him, but he's paying sufficient attention to notice that the bush isn't burning up. What follows is an exchange that transforms not only Moses but the future of the whole people of God.

Many centuries later, the poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning reflected on this simple act of 'noticing':

*Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.*

This Rural Mission Sunday, we want to create space for you to stop and 'notice God' in a new way, to find, in George Herbert's glorious phrase, 'heaven in ordinary'.

So many of us have had more time to contemplate 'the Ordinary' and see God in and through nature of course (*but also as was commented at a recent bible study the Glory of God is in 'a Life Fully lived'*)

So please ask yourself where you have experienced 'heaven in ordinary' or found yourself on holy ground in the last few weeks. Perhaps it's been in the wonderful bird song we can hear, now that the noise of traffic is silenced. Maybe you get the chance to stop and stare as you walk around your community. Perhaps it is as you give or receive help that the ordinary becomes holy.

Whatever your experience, our prayer this Rural Mission Sunday is that you will see and take off your shoes. Leave the blackberry picking to others.'

We are joined by the **Venerable Sally Gaze Archdeacon of Rural Mission as our preacher that day**

Our Services on Zoom are

Wednesday and Saturday at 10am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 4pm Bible Study

Sunday 10am

The Sermon and a Reflection are uploaded onto YouTube each week as well.

Log in details gladly given by me as well as the weekly Pew Sheet and Orders of Service. Please ask

Church Opening for Private Prayer (liable to change)

All folk from any of the parishes are welcome for private prayer as follows:

Saturday 27th June, 10am - 12noon and each Saturday following
St Andrew's, Great Finborough

Wednesday 1st July, 2.30pm - 4.30 pm and each Wednesday following
St Mary's, Combs

Sunday 28th June, 2.30 - 4.30pm and each Sunday following
St Mary's, Combs

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast on Zoom also proved successful with a talk and discussion on the work of Stowmarket Foodbank. Please be in touch if you would like more information and we are awaiting speaker confirmation for dates. Rev James Marston awaits 'lift off' from 'lock down'.

With all good wishes and prayers

Chris

Sudoku

Solution on page 15

Easy

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Intermediate

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Coronavirus: For the first time in history, we can help the human race by lying in front of the telly and doing nothing. Let's not mess this one up!

St Mary Magdalene, the woman with a past

It is easy to understand the popularity of Mary Magdalene over the centuries: she is the patron saint both of repentant sinners and of the contemplative life. Jesus drove seven demons from Mary, who came from near Tiberius in Galilee. Mary has also sometimes been identified with the woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon. She became His follower to the bitter end. She followed Him to Jerusalem and was present during the crucifixion, standing heart-broken at the foot of the cross. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the tomb to anoint His body on the Sunday morning. Such faithful, humble devotion was richly repaid; it gave her a unique privilege among all mankind: she was the first person to whom the Risen Lord appeared on Easter Sunday morning. She thought He was the gardener at first.

Jesus told Mary to go to His disciples and tell them about His return to Heaven. She was obedient and became the first emissary of the resurrection. In those days, the witness of a woman was worthless. Despite ridicule, Mary had the courage to speak about Jesus in a place of great disbelief.

Find the following words in the grid.

Mary	Seven	Feet	Cross	Humble	Appeared	Obedient
Patron	Demons	Follower	Tomb	Devotion	Easter	Witness
Repentant	Tiberius	End	Body	Privilege	Gardener	Courage
Sinners	Galilee	Jerusalem	Morning	Mankind	Disciples	
Life	Anoint	Foot	Faithful	Risen	Return	
Contemplative		Crucifixion		Resurrection		

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Returning Raptor

Kenneth Mudd

With the precautions to limit the spread of Covid-19, we've all been restricted in our movements. It was to be expected that the variety of wildlife that we would see would be limited to the species we usually see locally. We may have been staying locally, but that did not stop the wildlife moving into our area. One notable new arrival was the Red Kite.

The red kite is one of our largest birds of prey. Its body is not much bigger than a buzzard, but it has much longer wings, with a span of about five and a half feet. Its long tail is forked, which distinguishes it from other British birds of prey. It is noticeably rusty red when seen from a distance. Closer up, it can be seen that the tail is reddish and the wings are red-brown with black tips and whitish patches towards the end. Its head is a distinctive greyish colour.

Red kites are superb flyers. They can glide and soar in a seemingly effortless way, but then in an instant they can twist and dive in pursuit of food or to avoid danger. They are very manoeuvrable and can pick up food in quite tight spaces.

Red kites have a characteristic mewing call, which is often heard before the bird is seen.

Buzzards were once very common throughout Britain. East Anglia was the place where buzzards were commonest. Persecution drove them to extinction in the whole of the south of England, and they were a treat to see on holidays in the north or west, or Scotland and Wales.

Red kites too were so common that groups of them patrolled the streets of cities picking carrion from markets and the narrow alleys. In *Coriolanus*, Shakespeare calls London 'the city of kites and crows.' In the wider countryside they fed on dead farm animals and wildlife carcasses.

Red kites have exceptional eyesight. They regularly hunt by soaring and circling high in the sky, scanning the ground below for food. Another common approach is to glide low and quarter the ground. Red kites are quite capable of killing small prey, such as rats and rabbits, if they need to, but for a big raptor they have relatively weak talons and cannot tackle anything larger. They kill



using their bills, rather than their talons, but their beaks are not strong either. They much prefer the easier option of stationary food, which is dead already. Often, they land a little way from the food and walk to it, rather than landing directly upon it, almost as if making sure it is dead. If the food is small enough, they can swoop down, grab it from the ground. They cannot tear the thick skin of many mammals with their talons and bills. Instead they must rely on tears made by foxes or other predators to gain access to the meat. It is easier to get at putrefied meat, so the red kite often eats decaying carrion. Although the adults seem to be able to handle the bacteria, they avoid feeding the nestlings with food which is too putrid, and may cause food poisoning.

In the persecution of birds of prey, red kites became extinct in England and eventually there were only a handful living in the most remote areas of central Wales.

Red kites were re-introduced into England in 1989. Since then they have been very successful and have spread across the Midlands and the south. Until recently they were mostly seen in Suffolk in the winter when they spread out in the hunt for food. This spring many have been seen throughout the whole of Suffolk. In some parts of Britain, they have even started to visit the towns and cities again.

A few weeks ago, there were reports of one in our villages. Since then they have been seen on many occasions. It may be a single bird or there may be more than one.

The first time I saw one locally, a sparrowhawk flew up to have a look at it too. The two circled around for a few seconds, but it did not look as if the sparrowhawk was harassing the kite, which seemed quite untroubled by its smaller relation; perhaps it was just curiosity. Then the sparrowhawk peeled off and flew back the way it came. I have seen it, or possibly a different one, again in both Combs and Little Finborough.

Red kites build untidy nests from branches in the fork of a tree. They will often take over an abandoned nest from a buzzard or raven. They line it with grass and leaves and finally wool or hair, but they will readily incorporate any odd pieces of paper or fabric which they can find, to bulk up the nest. Two eggs are laid which hatch after about a month. The chicks take a further two months to fledge.

They breed after two years. On average a red kite will live for only four years, but some birds have been known to live for more than 25 years.

After the return of the buzzard a few years ago, it is nice to be able to welcome back another lost species to our skies.

Puzzles

By Ruth

Food and Drink

1.	Of what is a Pontefract Cake made?
2.	What is the main industry of Hereford?
3.	From what did Alexander Keiller make his fortune?
4.	Edradour is the smallest what in Scotland?
5.	What used to be traded at Covent Garden?
6.	What is a capercaillie?
7.	Which soup is made from leeks and chicken?
8.	Attleborough is famed for breeding what?
9.	How many single measures of whisky make up a pint?
10.	Which food is associated with Cromer?

Touring Great Britain

1.	Which village in the Lake District is famous for its gingerbread?
2.	In which county is Duxford Aerodrome?
3.	Who designed the Houses of Parliament?
4.	Which cathedral has the tallest spire?
5.	Where is the only Pressurised Water Cooled nuclear reactor in the UK?
6.	Which stately home was the first to install hot and cold running water?
7.	Who founded Britain's first public library?
8.	Outside which city is Britain's longest railway bridge?
9.	How many gallons make a firkin?
10.	Finish this sequence of "old money" coins: threepence, sixpence, shilling, florin, --- ?

Solutions on page 16

What is your village made of?

MAKE, DO & FRIENDS

NEWS ABOUT VILLAGE RESPONSES MEET THE ARTISTS POSTCARDS OTHER CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES GET IN TOUCH

<https://makedoandfriends.blog/>

At last—a blog site that makes telephone calls and posts out letters.

Make, Do & Friends has created a brand new blog site, inviting adults living in rural communities to tell us about their villages.

Each week, we post a new activity, from mobile phone photography to creating a dramatic monologue about a local feature, all intended to build up a picture of what's special to you about the place where you live.



But not everyone uses the internet—and so we are also posting out materials and even having 'creative chats' on the telephone. To find out more, either text or call 07857 002974 and we will call you back.

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Make, Do & Friends is one of many projects devised and managed by Suffolk Artlink, a participatory arts charity. We produce inclusive arts programmes led by experienced arts practitioners and encompassing a rich variety of art forms.

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**DANCE
EAST**

Letter from Uncle Eustace

Reverend Dr. Gary Bowness

Beware the spell-checker on your special service sheets!

The Rectory St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren,

When producing material for your magazine or church services, beware the computer spell-checker. We once let our own system check a Christmas carol sheet and, on the night, found ourselves obliged to sing “away in a manager”, manglers apparently being unknown to our machine.

If you use special sheets regularly, it seems a law of nature – as with metal coat hangers - that they all intermingle while no one is watching. Thus, on Easter Day, half the congregation will have been issued with sheets for Harvest, which will only become obvious once the service begins. The first hymn will be entirely lost while sidesmen scuttle about looking for replacements only to find that there won't be enough of them anyway and then the second hymn will be lost while others helpfully wander about church donating their sheets to those looking helpless and then trying to find someone to share with.

Never, ever, print on them ‘Do not take home’ as this will only ensure everyone does so. I have sometimes wondered if the instruction ‘Take this sheet home for reference’ would ensure that they stayed neatly arranged in the pews after the service. And if it is a service where babies are likely to be present, be assured that many of the copies will be returned half chewed and coated with bits of whatever the infant had for breakfast. There must be a market for paper treated with a child-repellent flavour for such occasions.

Anyone who thinks we are an unimaginative nation should visit a church after a special service to see how many places members of congregations can invent to hide the booklets: under kneelers, neatly folded and hidden inside hymn books, among flower arrangements and behind heating pipes so that no one can quite reach them. They then lurk there reproachfully for the next ten years until mice solve the problem.

No, stick to large, hard bound books. They are resistant to teeth and are too substantial to be hidden in pockets. Their only drawback is that they tend to fall victim to the pull of gravity at the quietest moments.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Crossword

Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

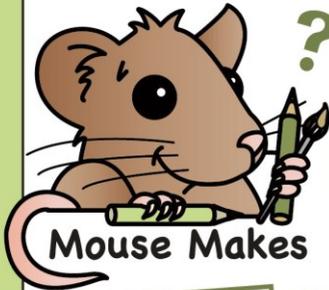
Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus:
'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — '
(Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)

- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

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Solution on page 15



WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

P L

- Wrote 13 New Testament letters
- He wrote the third Gospel

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 • Mother of John (Luke 1:3)

H • Sarah's servant (Genesis 16:21)

 R

- Joseph's mother (Genesis 29:35)

- His wife turned to salt (Genesis 11:31)

 L

- Paul's friend (2 Corinthians 8:27)

- A brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55)

N -

- Ruth's mother-in-law. (Ruth 3:1)

IT'S A PUZZLE!

God sent 9 plagues on Egypt...

What were they?

Change each letter to the one after it in the alphabet to find out.



AKNNC

EQNFR

FMZSR

EKHDR

CHRDZRD

OKZFTD

GZHK

KNBTRSR

CZQJMDRR



FIND THE MISSING HUSBANDS

Match the wife to their husband

MARY

BOAZ

SARAH

JACOB

RUTH

ZECHARIAH

REBEKAH

JOSEPH

RACHEL

ABRAHAM

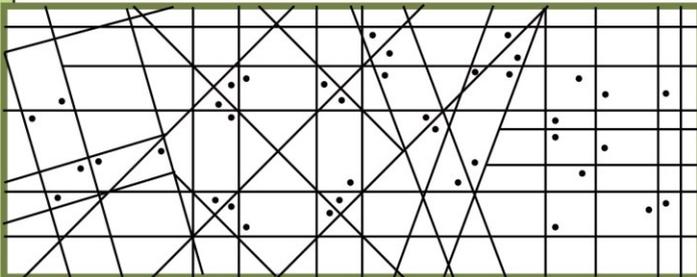
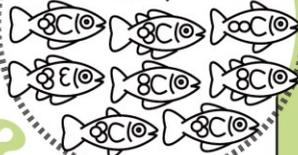
ELIZABETH

ISAAC



FIND THE FISH

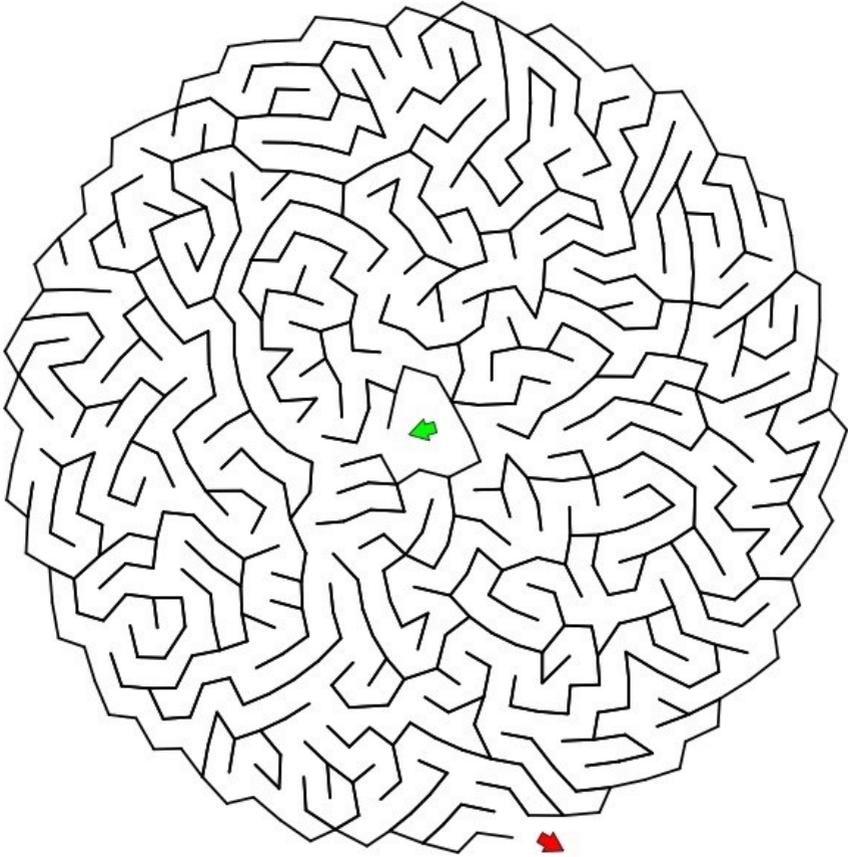
The Disciples have been fishing and have caught TWO fish the same, can you find them?



Colour in all the shapes with a DOT to find out what Jesus wants us to do



Maze



Lost in translation

Last year, some friends took their six-year-old on a car trip to France. To help pass the time on the way down to the Channel, they encouraged their son to practise his new reading skills by calling out road signs.

He fell asleep just before they entered France. When he awoke, he saw the French motorway signs and said in a worried tone, "I think I forgot how to read while I was asleep."

Beware

Children are natural mimics. They act like us in spite of all our attempts to teach them good manners.

Solutions to Sudoku: Easy

2	6	4	3	7	1	8	5	9
5	1	3	9	6	8	2	4	7
8	9	7	5	2	4	1	3	6
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9	3	1	8	5	7	4	6	2
7	2	8	4	9	6	3	1	5
1	5	2	6	8	3	7	9	4
3	8	6	7	4	9	5	2	1
4	7	9	2	1	5	6	8	3

Intermediate

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Solution to Crossword

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Solution to Wordsearch

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Why did God make mothers?

Here are some of the answers seven-year-olds gave to the following questions...

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mum?

God knew she likes me a lot more than other kids' mums like me.

What kind of little girl was your mum?

I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.

What would it take to make your mum perfect?

On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.

Answers to Food and Drink

1.	Liquorice
2.	Cider making
3.	Marmalade
4.	Whisky distillery
5.	Fruit and vegetables
6.	A game bird
7.	Cock-a-leekie soup
8.	Turkeys
9.	24
10.	Crabs

Answers to Touring Great Britain

1.	Grasmere
2.	Cambridgeshire
3.	Sir Charles Barry
4.	Salisbury
5.	Sizewell, Suffolk
6.	Chatsworth House
7.	Dick Whittington
8.	Dundee - 85 arches and 11,653 feet
9.	9
10.	Half-crown

Crazy?

The minister wanted the title of his next sermon to be posted ahead of time on the church website. He rang the administrator and said that the title was to be: 'Are Ministers Crazy?'

Not hearing this as a question, the administrator dutifully posted: 'Our Minister's Crazy.'



Preacher :

Venerable Sally Gaze

Archdeacon of Rural Mission

Diocese of St Edmundsbury and

Ipswich



Peace be with you
(John 20:24-31, 14:5,11:16)

Through absence,
 Through doubt,
 Through questions
 And fears,
 Through locked doors
 And longing
 Jesus comes.

His risen presence
 Bringing blessing,
 Hope and healing,
 Restoration
 And His precious,
 Faith-affirming
 Gift of peace.

By Daphne Kitching

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