

The TOGETHER Sheet

Combs and Little Finborough



Church Activity

The services at the churches in our benefice are still limited, but in September we hope to be able to worship at three Harvest Festivals. One will be inside at Combs and two will be out in the churchyards at Little Finborough and Shelland. There will be other services at Combs and Little Finborough churches this month. Please see the lit on the next page.

In addition, we will be continuing our Zoom services and Bible Studies. These are also detailed on the next pages.

Our Rector, the Reverend Chris Childs, writes about these services in his letter too. We apologise if some of the information is repeated.

The schedule may be revised as conditions and regulations change. Outdoor services may be cancelled at short notice if the weather is bad, although we have worshipped happily in the rain already in August.

Services in the Benefice

6 September: Trinity 13, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149; Ezekiel 33.7-11; Psalm 119.33-40; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20

11.00 am Holy Communion

Buxhall

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Little Finborough, in the churchyard

13 September: Trinity 14, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114; Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.[1-7]8-13; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35*

11.00 am	HARVEST FESTIVAL with Holy Communion	Combs
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4.00 pm	HARVEST FESTIVAL Preacher: Canon Sandie Barton, Diocesan Environment Officer	Shelland, on the green
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20 September: Trinity 15, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 16.2-15; Psalm 105.1-6,37-45; Jonah 3.10 - 4.11; Psalm 145.1-8; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16*

11.00 am Holy Communion

Great Finborough

3.00 pm	HARVEST FESTIVAL bring your own picnic to enjoy after the service	Little Finborough, in the churchyard
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6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Onehouse, in the churchyard

27 September: Trinity 16, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4,12-16; Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32; Psalm 25.1-8; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32*

11.00 am Holy Communion

Combs

6.00 pm Evening Worship

Harleston, in the churchyard

Precautions against coronavirus transmission will be in place. These may change as the regulations and best practice are modified. Please wear face coverings if possible.

Please bring your own chair to the services in the churchyards. These services may be cancelled if the weather is inclement.

Services on-line

The following services will be held by Zoom meeting

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION for the benefice every Sunday at 9.30 am

Special Zoom service: HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 13 September at 9.30 am

The Archdeacon, The Venerable Dr. David Jenkins, will preach at the service the on 27 September

Morning Prayer on Wednesday and Saturday at 10 am.

Bible Study on Wednesday at 4 pm.

Log in details will gladly be given by Rev. Chris as well as the weekly Pew Sheet and Orders of Service. Please ask.

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

Churches opening for Private Prayer (liable to change)

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

10am - 12noon each Saturday at St Andrew's, Great Finborough

2.30pm - 4.30 pm each Wednesday at St Mary's, Combs

Harvest Services – for the Group of Churches All Welcome

Please book in with Churchwardens (preferably) or clergy.

13th September	9.30am	On Zoom
	11.00am	Combs
	4.00pm	Shelland*, on the Green
	<i>Preacher: Canon Sandie Barton Diocesan Environment Officer</i>	
20th September	3.00pm	Little Finborough* in the Churchyard



Please bring donations for the Stowmarket Foodbank

These four will be the only Harvest Services this year

*Please bring your own seats to the outdoor services

From the Rectory...

Reverend Chris Childs

We thank God that the slow and careful return to Public Worship has gone well and are very grateful to the Churchwardens for the different work that is now necessary. It doesn't seem sensible to use our 4 smaller buildings for the time being especially since all parishioners are in easy access of the larger churches, and the risk is greater. Please join in worship elsewhere. Many are particularly appreciative of hearing the pipe organs again – even though we cannot sing.



The Zoom services are accessible to all (contact me for log on details) and the social engagement they bring in the 'Break out Rooms' is welcome. They remain well supported and will continue permanently as they provide a link for those who are housebound through 'shielding' or otherwise. We have been pleased to welcome friends from Derbyshire, Wiltshire, Northumberland, Dubai and other towns and villages in Suffolk. Average attendances were almost 80 plus children but declined now services are happening in the churches. This technology has been wonderful and so has the support Pauline and I have received in using it. Some have not liked it but our common lives would have been much poorer without.

For many people not much has changed – particularly as far as income is concerned - but for others life is harsh. Those in the hospitality and travel industries are especially hard hit. Our Young people with exams and those in Education are obviously severely affected. We can hope and pray that they will come to see this as one of the bumps on life's journey and to be able to keep it in proportion. I appreciate that is far easier said than done when amidst the problem and it can be difficult to see a way out

Our Gospel Reading for Sunday 16th August – from Matthew 15.10-28 has one of those unusual stories where Jesus is recorded as showing humour. He tells the Pharisees that they are blind so how can they presume to lead others – the blind leading the blind. It's a phrase in our language.

To some extent we are all blind if we do not step back from our preoccupations with getting back to 'Normal' and moaning about what we miss. Let's stop, think, read scripture pray and then we might 'see' so that we can guide others and embrace the new technology, forms and places for worship, ideas for our community common life and perhaps even our personal aims and ambitions. You never know!

Diocesan Environment Officer

We welcome Canon Sandie Barton, Rector of the Barton Mills Group of Parishes to one of our Group Harvest Festivals – at Shelland – see page 3. Please come and hear her and about the present initiatives.



Ride and Stride

sponsored for your church

Saturday 12th September

Each of our churches is taking part. Please look out for posters or ask your local organiser or churchwardens if you can help

in any way. Following encouragement from Bishop Mike – we would like to have ‘Welcomers’ at the church all day. Please offer to Sue Budd for Little Finborough or Ann Cole for Combs.

Meetings for the election of churchwardens (Vestry meeting) and Annual Parochial Church Meetings

These meetings, which were postponed earlier in the year will take place in September in the parish churches.

Little Finborough Monday 21 September at 7.30 pm

Combs Tuesday 22 September at 7.30 pm

All attendees must wear face coverings throughout the meetings, and maintain social distancing guidance.

Please come and support as well as receiving the reports of Ministry Synod and Finances

Our support for the **Church Mission Society** continues with our special and personal link to Michael Green working in Ipswich amongst the immigrant community in the Westgate Area. Michael is regularly in touch and many of you have the letters he sends, which I will be happy to forward. Michael is preparing to speak to us at one of our Zoom services fairly soon. Please continue to hold him and his work and health in your prayers. Unfortunately, health issues mean ‘screen’ contact has to be limited.

Thank you to those who have been generous towards his on-going work – following a recent appeal. I regard his work has an obvious extension of the

work of our churches amongst people those much less fortunate than ourselves.

Please do be in touch with me, clergy Pauline and Alison or other members of the Ministry Team if we might be able to help in any way.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

For many years our Churches at Great Finborough, Onehouse and Combs have led on Community fund raising events and Buxhall Community has had its own 'special' in the Village Hall. This year is clearly a challenge – **but what about running an event at home for those in your Bubble – or being creative, to raise Funds?** Socially distanced Coffee Mornings seem possible and there are suggestions on their

website. Mcmillan's vital work goes on, the Pandemic has not put Cancer 'on hold' - as we all know. If we can help in any way please let me know. I am very happy for the Church Zoom account to host a virtual Coffee Morning (or three) Just be in touch....

With every good wish Rev Chris



History being written now

History books will inevitably tell the story of a virus that swept the world in 2020. But it is up to us what that story will look like. Either... the story of a virus that ... showed up the weakness, selfishness and frailty of people... or how people responded with their best, how the virus was a medical but not a social tragedy.

Canon Will Hughes, Vicar of Petersfield, Portsmouth Diocese.

Wordsearch

The Church gives thanks for angels in September: the 29th is the feast day of Michael and All Angels. Since the days of Genesis, these messengers of God have been sent many times to intervene for the good in human affairs. Angels guarded the Garden of Eden, they led Lot away from Gomorrah, they helped Gideon, they stopped Balaam, they closed the mouths of lions for Daniel, and, most important, the archangel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she would mother the Messiah. Angels sat in the empty tomb of Jesus, and told of His Resurrection. Revelation is teaming with angels, sent on all sorts of missions by God in the last times. Today, many Christians in the world’s hot spots report having had angels help them when in mortal danger.

Thanks	All	Intervene	Balaam	Gabriel
Angels	Genesis	Garden	Mouths	Mary
Church	Messengers	Eden	Lions	Mother
Feast	God	Lot	Daniel	Teaming
Michael	Sent	Gideon	Archangel	Revelation
		Danger		



Get it away from me!

Kenneth Mudd

Crane flies, or Daddy Long-Legs as they are often known, arrive in force in September. Then they get into the house and fly around in their ungainly way, tapping on light fittings, windows and walls. Perhaps most annoyingly they land on us, with that faintly creepy tickle. Most people do not like them at all; many people are really frightened of them. There is no reason to fear them, they cannot sting or bite; they are completely harmless to humans.



There are several species of crane fly in England. The species are different sizes, but the commonest ones are about an inch (25 mm) long. All the species have the distinctive long legs. These legs are very

fragile, and are easily broken off, probably to allow the insect a chance of escape if it is caught. As a result, it is not uncommon to see crane flies with five or even fewer legs.

Like all true flies, they have two wings, which are usually held outstretched when the insect is at rest. Behind the wings a pair of halteres can easily be seen. These are short stalks with a ball on the end. They are organs which feed information to the crane fly about its rotational movement, much as we use gyroscopes in our navigation systems. Despite the prominence of these organs, the crane fly is not a strong flyer. By contrast, hoverflies are consummate flyers; their complicated aerobatic manoeuvres even in gusty wind conditions are made possible by the effectiveness of their halteres, but they are much less evident and in some species they can hardly be seen.

It is easy to tell the males from the females. The male has a slim abdomen with a swollen end, but the female's is broader with a pointed end. This pointed end is her ovipositor, which she uses to deposit her eggs in the ground.

The eggs hatch into the infamous leatherjackets. These eat the roots of plants. There may be many thousand under a typical lawn, and their feeding leaves brown patches of dead grass. However, many kinds of birds find leatherjackets a great source of food. When the starlings are strutting about on the grass and probing with their sharp bills, it is very likely that they are catching the leatherjackets. Rooks also eat leatherjackets in enormous numbers, and at some periods of the year they seem to be the major item of the rooks' diet.

Adult crane flies rarely eat or drink at all. Once they emerge, their only objective is to mate, and produce another generation. Like their larval form, the adults provide a food source; birds and fish devour thousands of them. Their rather slow, clumsy, flight makes them an easy target, so even the most inept birds can catch them.

The crane fly does not really fall into any of the categories that would make it popular. It is not pretty, warm and cuddly, it irritates us and leatherjackets are anything but a gardener’s friend.

I cannot expect to make everyone, or perhaps even anyone, enjoy the crane fly, but it provides a much-needed food source for some of our beleaguered birds, its adult life is very brief, and its effect on us is short-lived. So please appreciate, or at least tolerate, it as part of the wonderful diversity of living things that fill every part of the world.

Sudoku

Solution on page 15

Easy

2		1		8		7		
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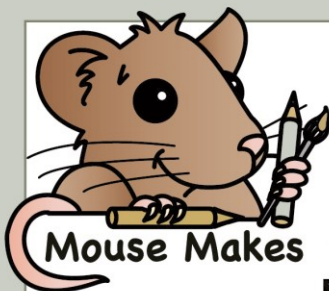
Intermediate

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I am a keen young gardener, being tutored by a retired head gardener with 50 years’ experience. I am self-employed and happy to undertake any gardening jobs, large or small.

Contact me, Owen Gillespie, on 07811078100.



The **Bible** is a collection of **books** that took over 2,000 years to write! The books were written by many different people, all helped and inspired by God. The Bible has books about:

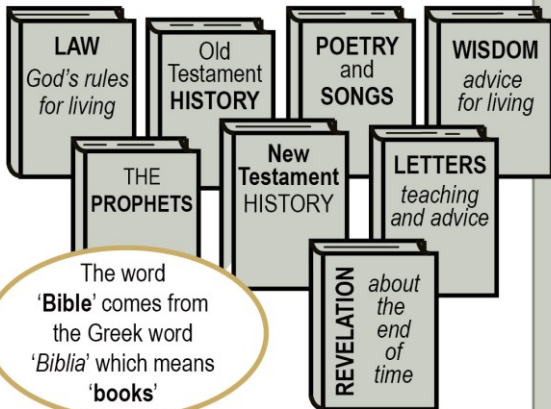
There are **66** books in the Bible. How many can you name?



BIBLE WORDS

The Bible words in **BOLD** type on this page are also hidden in the word search, can you find them?

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R I O S I L G
O G O N S W O
P H K E D O L
H T S W O R D
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The word '**Bible**' comes from the Greek word '*Biblia*' which means '**books**'

God speaks to us today as we read the Bible. The Bible encourages us, corrects us and shows us how to live, it also describes itself as:



Mirror
James 1:23



Food
Hebrews 5:12-6:1



Honey and Gold
Psalm 19:10



Light
Psalm 119:105



Rain
Isaiah 55:10-12



Seed
Mark 4:14



Hammer
Jeremiah 23:29



Fire
Jeremiah 20:9



Living Word
Hebrews 4:12



Sword
Ephesians 6:17

...but most of all The Bible teaches us about **God** and how we can be friends with Him.

What is your village made of?

MAKE, DO & FRIENDS

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<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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**DANCE
EAST**

Letter from Uncle Eustace

Reverend Dr. Gary Bowness

On how to survive a weekend away with the young people

The Rectory, St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren,

I think your idea for both our Confirmation groups getting together for a weekend away – socially distanced, of course - was excellent and our meeting last week drew most of the plans together. We didn't take any minutes, so let me record the decisions I believe we made.

Since all of us have to sleep far apart at the centre, I am prepared to spend the nights at a local hotel. By chance, I have found that there is a four star one only a few miles away, so I have booked myself in.

As the dining area in the youth centre may be cramped, I am also willing to have dinner each evening at the hotel, thereby creating more space for the rest of you. An additional sadness is that, since breakfast at the hotel is not served until 8am, I will not be able to join you either for your pre-breakfast dip in the nearby stream. It would be grossly unfair to expect you to pack lunch for me, so I will arrange for the hotel to provide me with a picnic hamper for one which I can have while you all enjoy your cheese and pickle sandwiches.

I think it will be an excellent learning experience if you prepare all the teaching sessions yourself, but be assured that I will always be on hand to give the advice of experience. That large armchair near the fire in the common room seems to be the best place for me to sit, so I can keep an eye on proceedings, while I take on the responsibilities for stoking the fire. This reminds me; do make sure that the young people are encouraged to saw enough logs each morning for me to fulfil my obligations.

Naturally, my arthritis will prevent me being able to accompany you on your afternoon hikes, but I will cheerfully park my car wherever you leave the minibus, to provide a second vehicle in case of emergencies. I do not mind in the least waiting all those long hours until you get back; I have already found an attractive tea shop in the village.

I am fully aware that not sleeping or dining at the centre, not being responsible for preparing the teaching, nor being involved on the walks will mean that my contributions will be ever so slightly limited, but these are sacrifices I gladly make in order to give you further experience in your ministerial career.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

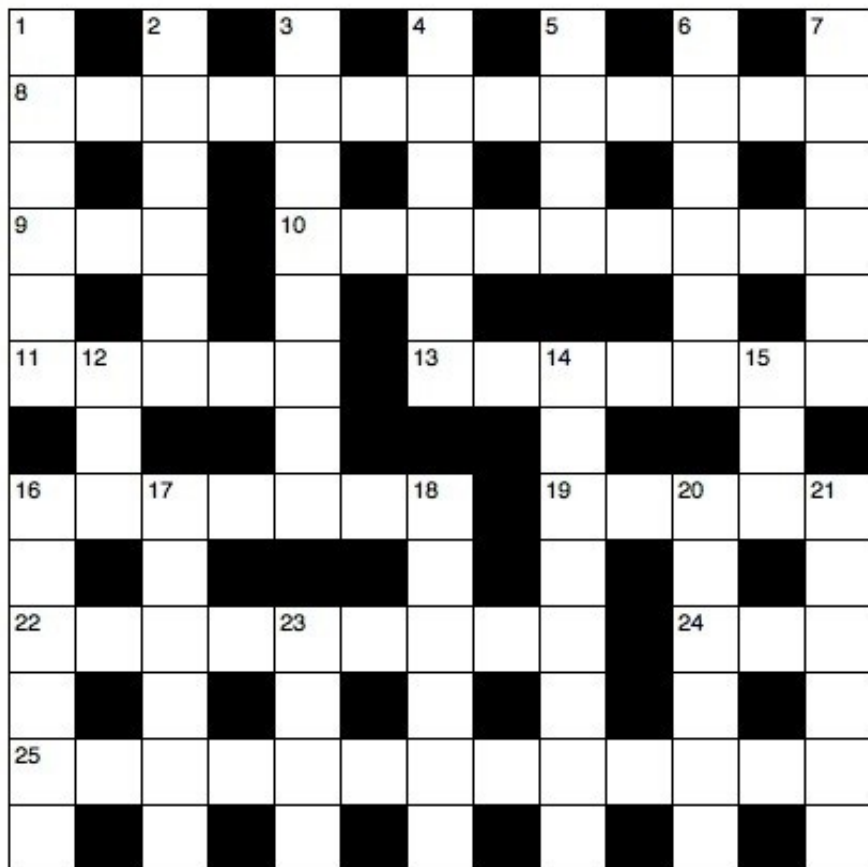
Crossword

Across

- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
 2 See 24 Across
 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)



Solution on page 15

St Matthew

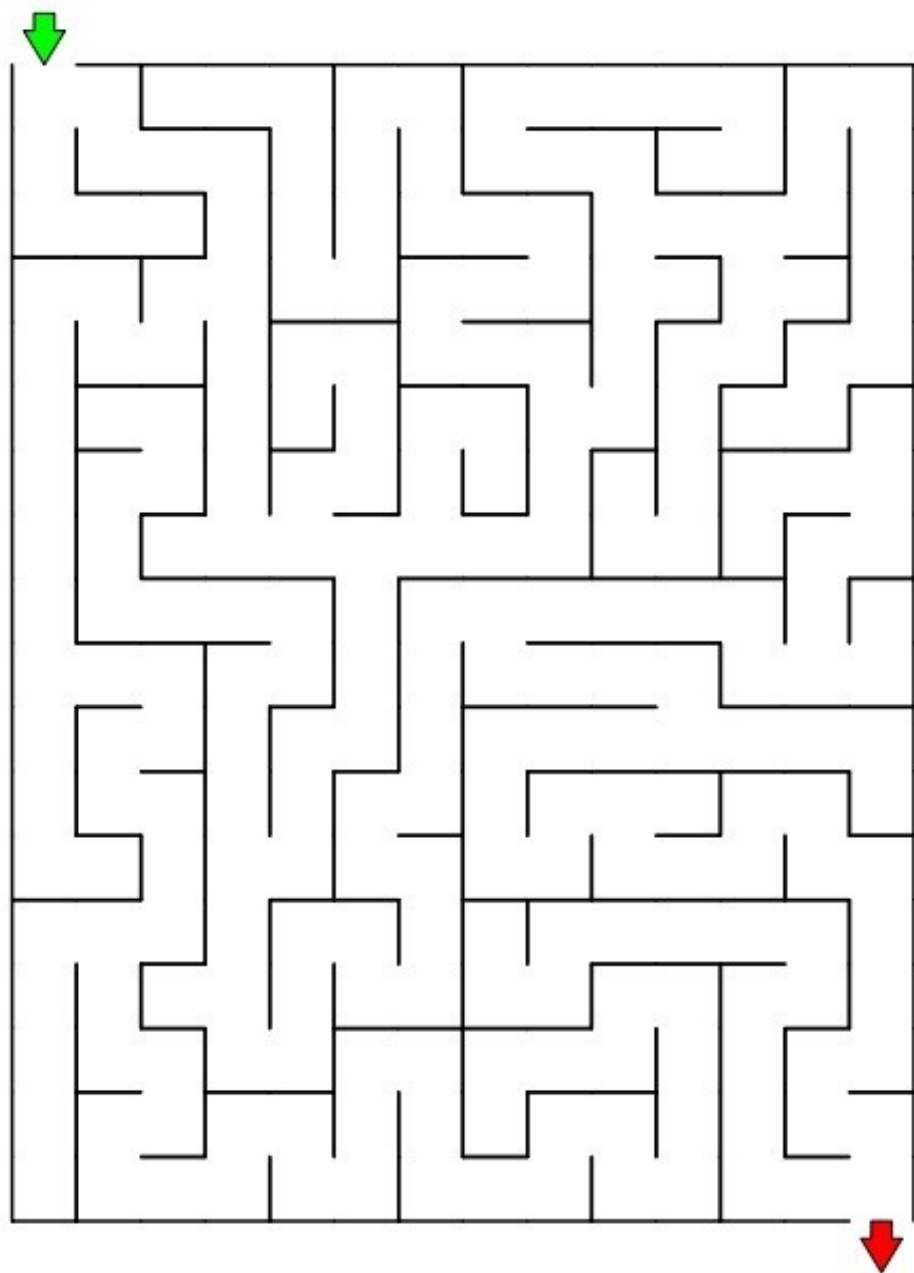
21st September

Matthew was one of twelve apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

Maze



Solutions to Sudoku: Easy

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Intermediate

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Solution to Crossword

S	P	S	S	W	B	E
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M	A	R	Y	A	N	D
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Solution to Wordsearch

A	E	E	A	E	G	N	M	M	E	D	R	D
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Raise a smile: Are politicians the oldest profession?

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest. Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," admitted the architect, "but prior to that, order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But," the politician pointed out in triumph, "somebody had to have created the chaos in the first place!"



A cup of joy!

A tea shop is a wondrous place
Where I for one just love to be!
A place to rest from life's harsh pace
And sit and drink a cup of tea!

Indeed, it's time to take a rest!
From all life's pressures, take a
break!

And just today it might be best
To have a slice of home-made cake!

Nigel Beeton

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