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Magazine Editor	Mrs Linda Hurst	330 0518
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Room Hire	Mr Norman Quest	338 4691
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### Worship

#### Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)
10.45 a.m.	Sung Communion and Sunday School (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

#### Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact one of the clergy or Wardens.

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## From the Registers

### Baptisms

**3 February**

Amber-Elise Reilly, Gordon Terrace, Stalybridge

### Funerals

**14 February**

Kane Samuel Sparham Price (18) Church Street, Stalybridge

**25 February**

Renee Ashworth (90) Stamford Court Nursing Home, Stalybridge

## From Our Book of Remembrance

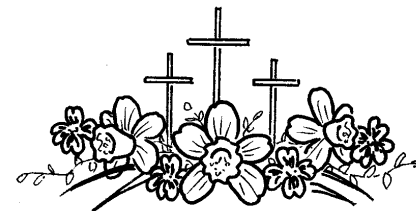
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	George Harry Hobson	1984	14 Mar	Frank Stones	1990
	Mary Bailey	1969	18 Mar	Thomas William Thomson	1983
	Tom Bowden	1972		Alma Nuttall	1991
	Joan Wheatley	1972		Roberto Luigi Pravisani	2005
	Allen Marsden	1995		David Rawsterne	2009
2 Mar	George Jubb	1978	19 Mar	Thomas Green	1966
	Gerard Postings	1996	20 Mar	Ernest Sidebottom	1988
3 Mar	Tom Broadbent	1989	21 Mar	James Shenton	1964
4 Mar	Jean Boyle (nee Smith)			John Duxbury	1985
5 Mar	Dennis Harrison	1985		Regan Joseph Michael	1988
	Rose Ann Quest	1991		Tetlow	
6 Mar	James Wilkinson	1985		Frank Cooke Jackson	1993
	Albert Barber	1987		Emmeline Elizabeth Heap	1997
	James Eric Hinchliffe	1999	23 Mar	Harold Moore	1998
	Barry Mutch	2008		George James Crossland	2002
7 Mar	Henry Saxon	1977		James Wright	2001
	Sadie Shaw	1984	24 Mar	Alice Hardon	1989
	Jessie Mary Daly	1986	26 Mar	Denis Patrick Daly	1984
8 Mar	Jane Norris	1969		Samantha Jane Dunlop	1984
	Margaret Cawley	1985		Edward Noah Clayton	1989
9 Mar	Gordon Wheatley	1998		Hilda Graham	2009
	Joseph Sharpe	2000	27 Mar	Herbert Battersby	1965
	Norman Nield	2005		Theresa Aldred	1999
11 Mar	Sarah Ann Allsop	1986		Mary Bardsley	1994
12 Mar	Herbert Bardsley	1981	29 Mar	William Spencer	2000
	James Turner	1987		Olive Stephenson	1985
	Harold Webster	1987		Bernard Joseph Walsh	2012
	Mabel Sweeney	1991	30 Mar	Norman Stokes	1970
	Basil Kirk	1989		William Forde Clarke	2005
13 Mar	William Bateman	1978		John William Arthur Dale	2008
	Donald Feetham	1997	31 Mar	Tom Grimes	1980
	Beatrice Kelsall	1981		Mark Press	1981

\* Omitted from February Book of Remembrance

11 Feb Mary Skelton 2012

Paul Hardingham observes that Easter is either the supreme fact of history – or a hoax.

## Easter in Three Dimensions



Films like Life of Pi or The Hobbit come alive when watched in 3D. As we celebrate Easter, it's good to ask, 'Do we see it in 3D or is our celebration simply one-dimensional?' It's easy to miss the true significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. As C. S. Lewis said, 'Easter is not primarily a comfort, but a challenge. Its message is either the supreme fact in history or else a gigantic hoax.' So how can we see Jesus' resurrection in three dimensions?

The first dimension is the proof of the resurrection: The resurrection of Jesus was an historical event to which we have eye witness accounts: 'He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also.' (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). Jesus' resurrection also had a dramatic effect, as the church grew. 'It is a perfectly amazing story of peaceful revolution that has no parallel in the history of the world.' (Michael Green).

The second dimension is the promise of the resurrection: George Bernard Shaw famously said, 'Death is the ultimate statistic, one out of one of us dies.' As Jesus promised, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.' (John 11:25-26).

The resurrection of Jesus declares that he didn't die in vain, but has secured eternal life for us. When we believe and trust in Him, we can look forward to an eternity with God, with a body like Jesus! The resurrection of Jesus guarantees us a secure future.

The third dimension is the power of the resurrection: The resurrection is also a present experience, 'This is eternal life, that they may know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.' (John 17:3). Eternal life is not just about life after death, but a quality of life to be experienced now i.e. 'life in all its fullness'.

Wilson Carlile, the founder of the Church Army was speaking at Hyde Park Corner, 'Jesus Christ is alive today.' A heckler in the crowd shouted out, 'How do you know?' Carlile replied, 'Because I was speaking to him for half an hour this morning!'

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**LICENSING OF REV PHILIP BRIERLEY AS  
PRIEST IN CHARGE OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH**

After two long years without a Vicar we are happy to announce that the Rev Philip Brierley has accepted the post of Priest in Charge at St George's Church and his licensing service is to take place at St George's later this month.

Please join us on Friday 22nd March at 7.30 pm for this very special occasion, it promises to be a joyous and musical evening and one that is eagerly anticipated.

Our thanks go to Philip, Keith and Doreen, visiting clergy and the hard working team at St George's for keeping us going through the interregnum.

**8.30a.m. Holy Communion Service from February 2011**

During the time that we are without a Vicar - the 8.30a.m. service of Holy Communion will be celebrated only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

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## Readings and Psalms for March 2013

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3rd Sunday of Lent
10.45	Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Daniel 2.20-23; Psalm 25.3-10; Matthew 18.21-25
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	4th Sunday of Lent <b>Mothering Sunday</b>
8.30	Joshua 5.9-12; Luke 15.1-3,11b-end
10.45	1 Samuel 1.20-end; Psalm 127.1-4; Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; Psalm 46.1-8; John 5.1-3,5-16
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	5th Sunday of Lent
10.45	Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 2 Samuel 7.4-16; Psalm 89.26-36; Romans 4.13-18; Matthew 1.18-end
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Licensing of Revd Philip Brierley as Priest-in-Charge of St George's Church, Stalybridge
19.30	Ecclesiasticus 2; Luke 4.16-30
HOLY WEEK	
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday
8.30	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Luke 23.1-49
10.45	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14-end of 23.
18.30	Ecumenical Service at St Peter's
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	20.00 Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 36.5-11; Hebrews 9.11-15; John 12.1-11
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Isaiah 1.10,16-20; Psalm 50.8,16-end; Matthew 23.1-12
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	20.00 Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12.1-3; John 13.21-32
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday
20.00	Exodus 12.1-4,11-14; Psalm 116.1,10-end; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
10.45	Isaiah 52.13-end of 53; Psalm 22.1-21; Hebrews 10.16-25; John 18.1-end of 19
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Day
8.30	Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18
10.45	Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26; John 20.1-18
18.00	Isaiah 43.1-21; John 20.19-23 <b>BCP Communion</b>



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## The perils of Easter weekend!

Good Friday is traditionally the start of our DIY season – the time of year when hundreds of thousands of optimistic British householders decide that NOW is the time to tackle those jobs around the house. Wickes, the DIY chain, has estimated that we will spend over £1 billion on home improvement this weekend alone. B & Q expects to sell more than one million litres of paint.

Intentions are good, but the reality is alarming: according to the Department of Trade and Industry, there are about 100,000 DIY-related accidents annually. More people die every week in domestic mishaps than in road crashes. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents reckons that, over the average bank holiday, there are 1,400 serious injuries as a result of DIY. Climbing a simple step ladder alone defeats 40,000 of us a year.

We can't climb ladders, and there's a lot more we can't do: according to a recent survey by the Ideal Home Show, 52 per cent of us can't wire a plug; 79% of us can't wallpaper a room; 62% of us can't put up a shelf; one third of us, 35 per cent, are even helpless when faced with a blocked sink.

And yet – still we try... and in the process we wreak havoc. A study by Halifax shows that over the past ten years, more than four million British households have been the victims of DIY debacles. The total bill for repairing these self-inflicted disasters? £6.7 billion – and rising.

So when planning your Easter weekend, remember: 34 per cent of all domestic DIY jobs will be left unfinished... and one in three DIY-ers will end up calling in professionals to repair the damage. So – before you even begin, why not book your joiner, plumber and electrician for the following week!



## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens or one of the clergy.

# FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

26 February - 10 March 2013



The term "Fairtrade" is used to describe products where the producers and farmers get a fair and stable price for their produce.

In 2013 it's time to take a stand for the food we love and the people who grow it. Choosing and asking for Fairtrade products, is the **one way** to ensure they are farm sustainable and earn enough money from their crops to provide for the future of their families and communities.

The Fairtrade fortnight is to draw peoples' attention to the campaign to promote Fairtrade products.

We have become a Fairtrade church, starting by using Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar after our services and meetings, and perhaps in the future we will progress to biscuits etc.

We hold a Fairtrade Afternoon Tea on a Saturday once a month and have always used Fairtrade products on these occasions, except for the cakes. We are asked to promote Fairtrade products which we sell on the Saturday and after the Sunday morning service. If everyone bought just one item each month we would have a reasonable "sale." We get 10% of the turnover and from December 2012 this is being used to finance the tea, coffee and sugar used for all church activities.

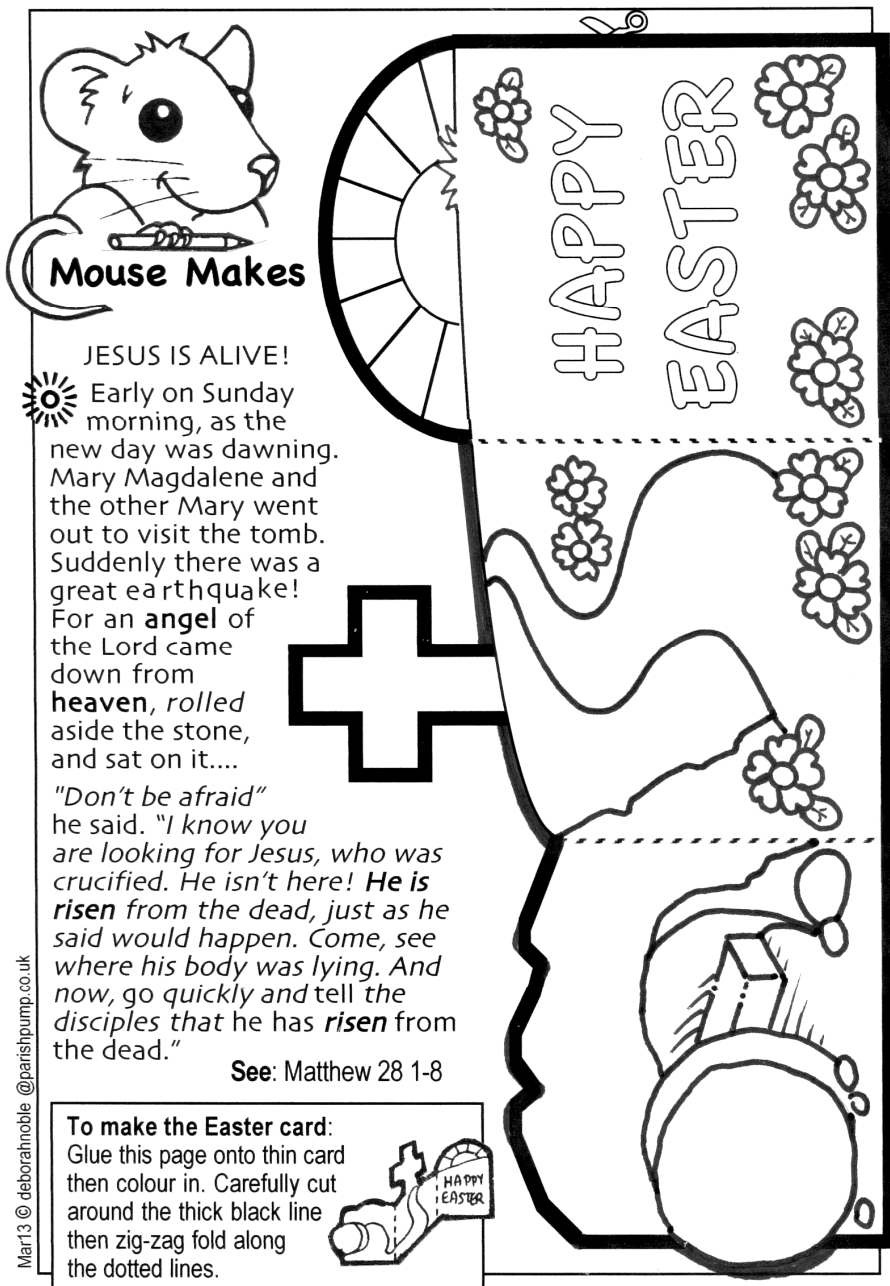
We will also be selling Fairtrade Easter Eggs during Lent for £3.99 each. They are produced by the Meaningful Chocolate Company which is run by people who are passionate about faith and ethical trading.

There are approximately 80 million Easter Eggs sold in the UK each year, but the real Easter Egg is the only one that tells the Easter story and inside each box there is a chocolate egg, a copy of the Easter story and a sticker to make your own poster.

If you wish to buy any of these Eggs please see Ann Winstanley or Rose Hayward (0161 303 1731).

The next Fairtrade Afternoon Tea date is Saturday 9 March from 2.00 - 4.00pm. Please make a date in your diaries.

Rose Hayward



## Mouse Makes

### JESUS IS ALIVE!

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an **angel** of the Lord came down from **heaven**, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it....

"Don't be afraid" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! **He is risen** from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell the disciples that he has **risen** from the dead."

See: Matthew 28 1-8

### To make the Easter card:

Glue this page onto thin card then colour in. Carefully cut around the thick black line then zig-zag fold along the dotted lines.



## 200 CLUB FOR 2013 Commenced 28/4/92

Mildred Bradshaw has worked hard for 10 years running the 200 Club, and has raised a lot of money for church funds, but due to ill health she can no longer continue to do so—Rose, Juliana, Jean, (Mildred when she is better) are going to carry on Mildred's good work.

The New Year starts in April 2013 and we need your continued support. We also need some New Members to try and make it back up to 200. To coincide with the church financial year, we are going to collect for 9 months (not 12) to the end of December 2013. Then the next year 2014 will run from Jan—Dec. So March/April 2013 we will collect £9 for 2013.

Any money raised goes in money prizes and Church Funds.

Cheques may be made to St. George's Church

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### HOPE THROUGH HELP IS AVAILABLE

As a GMP volunteer at the Stalybridge Police Post I am often tasked with getting information out to as many people as I am able. Indeed, I have on many an occasion sent emails to people about various issues ranging from **bogus callers** to **Lead thefts**. Then I hit upon the idea of asking your magazine editor, Linda, if the following information which came from GMP's Crime Reduction Specialist, could be included in your magazine. Thankfully Linda agreed it was a good item. But first a few words:-

**LOAN SHARKS.** Just mentioning those two words will conjure up in people's minds various thoughts and images. How in some instances, heavyweights have gone to a victim and used various methods of intimidation, threats, and indeed, used physical violence. Sadly, far too many people who go to these money lenders do get into extreme difficulty when trying to pay back the vastly inflated interest rates. Some have suffered from depression, some have lived in fear. Sadly there will be those who have turned to some form of criminal activity to help get their loans paid off. A debt that can never be repaid! All that I ask of you is to read through "**Stop Loan Sharks**" and keep the information available. Who knows, one day you may be able to help prevent a whole family from becoming victims of loan sharks.

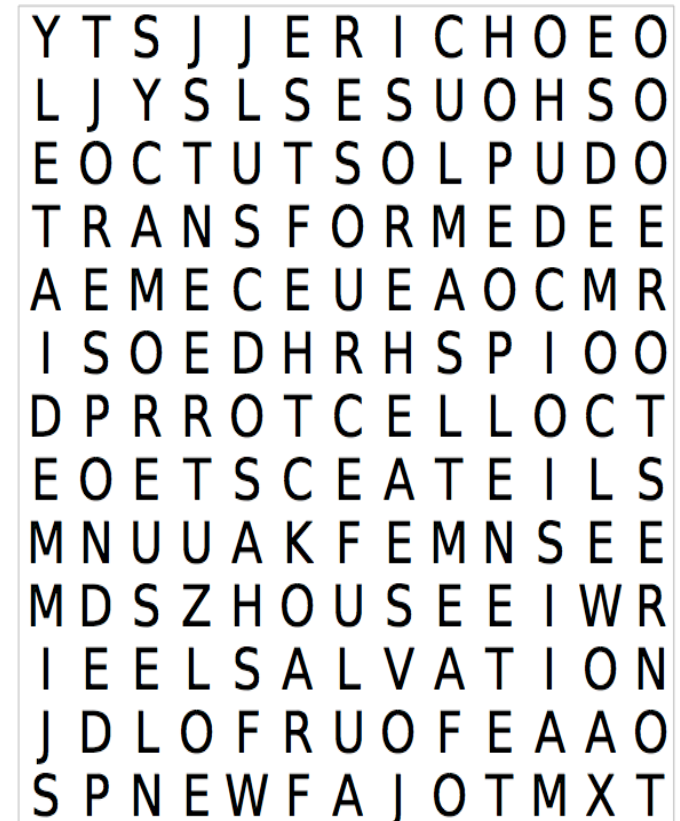
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## March Wordsearch

Our story comes from Luke 19: 1- 10

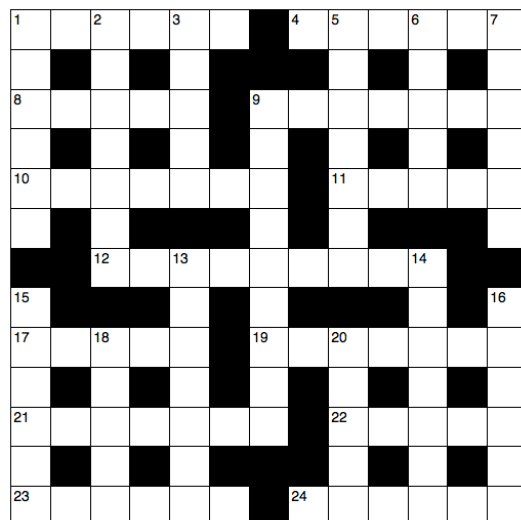
Tax collectors don't often sit in trees. But they are resourceful people (you have to be, to collect tax) and so when Jesus arrived in Jericho, Zacchaeus the chief collector climbed a large sycamore tree to see over the crowd. To his delight, Jesus saw him in the tree, and immediately responded to Zacchaeus' interest in him. Out of all the people in Jericho, Jesus chose his house to go to for dinner. Zacchaeus was so transformed by the visit that he decided to reform his ways, give half his wealth to the poor, and restore anyone whom he had overtaxed fourfold. Jesus said: "Today salvation has come to this house. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

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## March Crossword



### Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)  
 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)  
 8 "They — — , you will say, "but I'm not hurt!" (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)  
 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)  
 10 Jewish (7)  
 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)  
 12 'A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies' (Proverbs 12:17) (9)  
 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)  
 19 'Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature' (Galatians 5:13) (7)  
 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)  
 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)  
 23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)  
 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

### Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)  
 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)  
 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)  
 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)  
 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)  
 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)  
 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)  
 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)  
 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)  
 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)  
 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)  
 18 Donkeys (5)  
 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

### February Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 1, Credit. 4, Tackle. 7, Cain. 8, Kenaniah. 9, Strength. 13, Beg. 16, Salvation Army. 17, ARC. 19, Every day. 24, Admonish. 25, Dire. 26, Sneeze. 27, Bronze.

**DOWN:** 1, Cock. 2, Epistolic. 3, Taken. 4, Tenet. 5, Cane. 6, Leave. 10, Erase. 11, Guide. 12, Honey. 13, Barbarian. 14, Guys. 15, Asia. 18, Rod in. 20, Voice. 21, Rahab. 22, Hope. 23, Mene.



## Help us stop loan sharks now.

With an estimated 310,000 households in the UK borrowing from unlicensed lenders or loan sharks as they are more commonly known, illegal money lending is a problem across the country. Anyone who operates a money lending business without a licence from the Office of Fair Trading is acting illegally. The England Illegal Money Lending Team are cracking down on unlicensed lenders who...

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Resort to extreme methods to reclaim their debts. This could mean threats, intimidation, violence or worse.

**One victim spoke out "I couldn't afford to pay my bills and the rent as I had to pay the loan shark so life was getting pretty desperate. He said 'pay me don't feed the children.' The kids have been subjected to a hostel and attended five schools. It nearly cost me my marriage"**

Loan sharks are not a community service and should never be used under any circumstances. Many loan sharks start out as a friend to their borrower but quickly change.

If you have borrowed from an unlicensed lender you have not broken the law, they have. Speak to us in confidence.

### To report a loan shark:

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## **The egg with added 'Easter' launches 2013 campaign**

Congregations, schools and individuals are being asked to support the Real Easter Egg 2013 campaign - and help change a life. Of the 80 million chocolate eggs expected to be sold in the UK this Spring, the Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade egg to explain the meaning of Easter on and in the box.

Last year stories began to emerge of people whose life had been changed after being given a Real Easter Egg. A grandmother from Oxfordshire gave an egg and explained: "Tracy saw the book that was included with the egg and wanted her mum to read the story to her... The following week Tracy attended Sunday School."

But it is not only at home that lives have been transformed. With each sale of The Real Easter Egg a donation is made to Traidcraft Exchange to support some of the poorest farmers in the world. More than £40,000 has been donated so far.

David Marshall, founder of the Meaningful Chocolate Company, said: "It is encouraging to hear many lives have been changed by people receiving a Real Easter Egg. It is proof that the events of Easter, including the death and resurrection of Jesus, have the power to open minds, change lives and offer real hope. It is also a boost for charitable giving, Fairtrade and the work of trade justice. I hope individuals will hunt out a Real Easter Egg this year."

If you can't sleep, don't count sheep: talk to the Shepherd. - Anon

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST GEORGE'S 2013**

### **HOLY WEEK**

**Sunday 24th March**

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

10.45 am Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem with blessing of palm crosses and Holy Communion



**Tuesday 26th March**

10.30am HOLY COMMUNION

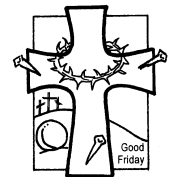
8.00PM AGAPE

**Wednesday 27th March**

8.00pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Thursday 28th March**

8.00pm THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY THE VIGIL



**Friday 29th March**

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

10.45am THE SERVICE OF THE CROSS

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**Sunday 31st March**

#### **EASTER DAY**

6.45am EASTER SUNRISE UNITED SERVICE AT THE TOP OF RIDGE HILL  
(breakfast afterwards at Stalybridge Baptist Church)

8.30am HOLY COMMUNION WITH HYMNS

10.45am SUNG EASTER EUCHARIST

6.00pm CHORAL COMMUNION ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

**HE IS RISEN INDEED—ALLELUIA**