

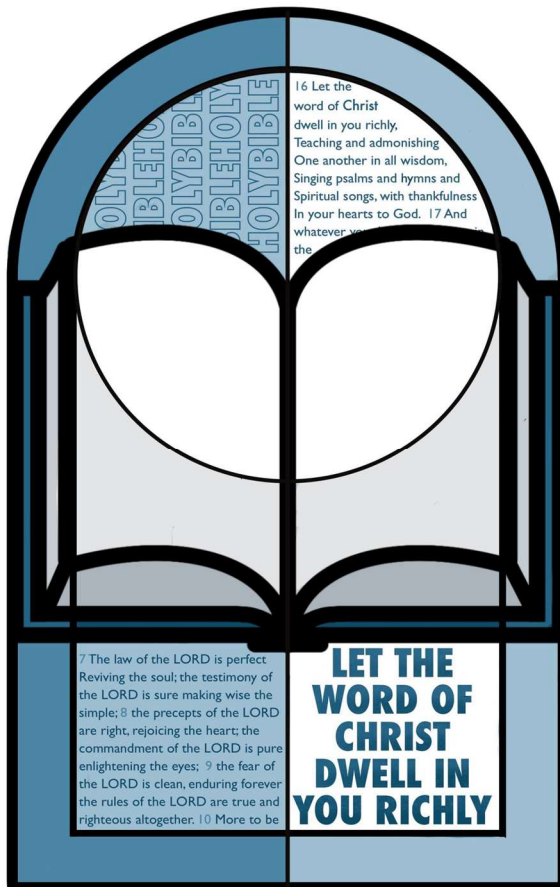
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on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.*

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



I know I've asked you in the past if you have a favourite Bible story and told you what one of mine is. I have another similar question about Collects. Do you have a favourite Collect? This might be a little more tricky as the Collect for each week only comes around once each year, so we may not be quite as familiar with them as Bible stories. So, having said that I'm going to mention one of my favourites, or at least, one that stands out as memorable for me. It's the Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, which this year fell on Sunday 27th September and the week following. It has the phrase, 'our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you.' This is a very famous phrase taken from St Augustine of Hippo's book called 'Confessions'.

For me this simple phrase sums up much of what the Christian life is all about and much of what I see that needs healing in the world. St Augustine is saying we can only find true and lasting peace, a peace that lives deep within us, when we allow God into our lives. At the same time, he is saying those who don't know God and don't follow Jesus are 'restless', not at peace, and have not found their real spiritual home.

I think this is profoundly true. There is a 'restlessness' about the world and the people around us, a dissatisfaction which people are aware of but can't name. They look for many other things to fill this need, things which are not fulfilling and don't lead to peace and hope. I'm sure we can all name some of the things people try to find meaning and purpose in, but ultimately because they are not God, they are not satisfying.

I hope you all feel that your heart is not restless, and that your heart does find rest in God.

Here is the whole Collect for those who would like to use it in your own times of prayer:

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Yours in Christ,

Revd Denise

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St George's Service Details

Sundays

9.30am Parish Eucharist with hymns - every 1st, 2nd, 3rd
and 5th Sunday in the month.

9.30am Worship for All - a simple Sunday service for
everyone of all ages, including Holy Communion,
every 4th Sunday in the month

Tuesdays

10.30am Holy Communion

**For baptisms, weddings, funerals and all other enquiries please contact
the Vicar on 07741 269102 or Therevd.down@yahoo.co.uk**

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Special Services in November



All Souls

A service to give thanks for and commemorate the Faithful Departed

Sunday 1st November at 6.30pm

There will be a list in church for you to write the names of those you have lost and wish to be named during this service.

Remembrance Sunday

Our annual service to remember those who have died serving this country and to pray for peace and justice to prevail in the world.

Sunday 8th November at 10.30am

Please note the change of start time.

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Memory Walk at Heaton Park

On 3rd October Chris Crabtree will be taking part in the Memory Walk at Heaton Park in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. This is a cause very close to Chris' heart and your support would be very welcome, however small. It's not too late to sponsor her, the sponsor form is on the Dementia Café noticeboard in the church lounge.

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Readings and Psalms for October 2026

Sun 4th	18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30	Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.8-16; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-end
Tues 6 th	10.30		Galatians 4.13-end; Psalm 138.1-9; Luke 10.38-endd
Sun 11th	19th Sunday after Trinity	9.30	Isaiah 25.1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14
Tues 13 th	10.30		Galatians 5.1-6; Psalm 119.41-48; Luke 11.37-41
Sun 18th	20th Sunday after Trinity	9.30	Isaiah 35.3-6; Psalm 147.1-7; 2 Timothy 4.5-17; Luke 10.1-9
Tues 20 th	10.30		Ephesians 2.12-end; Psalm 85.7-end; Luke 12.35-38
Sun 25th	Bible Sunday	9.30	Nehemiah 8.1-4a,8-12; Psalm <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 27 th	10.30		Ephesians 5.21-end; Psalm 128; Luke 13.18-21

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200 Club

September Winners

1st prize £25 no 59 Alex Pickup ; 2nd prize £15 no 26 Jean McManus ;
3rd Prize £10 no 11 David Brayshaw

Thank you for your continued support of the 200 Club. The cost is £12 for each number you hold for the full year, there are still some numbers available and new members are always welcome. If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.



Welcome to Saint George's

It's wonderful seeing the number of children attending church increasing.

It doesn't matter if your children wriggle about or move around or make a noise.

It's ok for your child to have a snack in Church, we really don't mind.

If we can help in any way, please let us know.

You can speak to Revd Denise after the service,
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or 0145732193

Or speak to the warden, Val

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Some dates for your diary - October 2026

Thurs	1st	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	2nd	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	4th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	5th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.30 p.m.	Sewing Group
Tues	6th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	7th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	8th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	11th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	12th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.30 p.m.	Sewing Group
Tues	13th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	14th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
		7.30 p.m.	Informal Meditation and Prayers, St John's, Roughtown
Thurs	15th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	16th	11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	18th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	19th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.30 p.m.	Sewing Group
Tues	20th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wed	21st	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	22nd	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	25th	9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	26th	1.30 p.m.	Sewing Group
Tues	27th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	29th	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities

For more information please go to our website www.stg.org.uk



How Tyndale affects what you say - today

It is 500 years since William Tyndale printed the very first English translation of the New Testament.

And hundreds of millions of people today are still quoting him, though they don't know it. For in 1526 Tyndale invented what would become some of the most famous idioms in the English-speaking world.

For instance –

"The salt of the earth"; "Go the extra mile"; "The powers that be"; "Eat, drink and be merry"; "A city on a hill"; "The apple of his eye"; "In the twinkling of an eye"; "Signs of the times"; "My brother's keeper"; "Fight the good fight"; "Broken-hearted"; "Fallen flat on his face."

These phrases were all invented by Tyndale, during his translation from the original Greek of the New Testament.

As a young Catholic priest in England, Tyndale had been inspired by Martin Luther's groundbreaking translation of the Bible into German, and he went to work doing the same for English speakers. No wonder that the Bible Society describes Tyndale as a 'background radical' during Henry VIII's reign (he's mentioned in *Wolf Hall* but doesn't get involved in the action).

Tyndale invented words, too, when he couldn't find a direct English equivalent for a Greek or Hebrew concept. Here are just some:

Scapegoat: To describe the goat burdened with the sins of the people and sent into the wilderness.

Atonement: Literally "at-one-ment", created to describe being at one with God.

Passover: Coined to describe the Jewish holiday where the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites.

Busybody: Invented to describe someone who meddles in other people's business.

Tyndale's work has survived multiple revisions of the Bible down the centuries. It is found in the Authorised Version of the Bible, the RSV, the ASV or the ESV, among others.

More at Bible Society's website: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk> Just type 'Tyndale' into its 'search' box.

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All in the month of OCTOBER

It was:

800 years ago, on 3rd October 1226 that St Francis of Assisi, Italian friar, deacon and mystic, died. One of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity, and founder of the Franciscan Order.

300 years ago, on 28th October 1726 that Jonathan Swift's novel *Gulliver's Travels* was published.

175 years ago, on 18th October 1851 that Herman Melville's novel *Moby-Dick* was published.

125 years ago, on 12th October 1901 that US President Theodore Roosevelt renamed the Executive Mansion the White House. It is the official residence and workplace of the US President.

Also 125 years ago, on 19th October 1901 that Edward Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* and *March No. 2* were performed for the first time, in Liverpool.

100 years ago, on 14th October 1926 that the children's book *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A A Milne, was published.

90 years ago, from 5th to 31st October that The Jarrow March took place. 200 men set off from Jarrow in north-east England to Westminster, to draw attention to the severe unemployment and poverty in their area following the closure of a shipyard.

80 years ago, on 15th October 1946 that Hermann Goering, German Nazi leader, died. He was sentenced to death at the Nuremberg Trials but poisoned himself with cyanide on the eve of his execution.

Also 80 years ago, on 20th October 1946 that the puppet character Muffin the Mule made his first TV appearance on the BBC series *For the Children*.

75 years ago, on 18th October 1951 that Snowdonia National Park was established in Wales. It was Britain's third National Park.

Also 75 years ago, on 31st October 1951 that zebra crossings were introduced in Britain.

70 years ago, on 17th October 1956 that Britain's first nuclear power station, Calder Hall in Cumbria, was officially opened. It closed in March 2003, nearly 47 years later.

60 years ago, on 21st October 1966 that the Aberfan disaster took place in South Wales. A colliery spoil tip (slag heap) collapsed and fell onto the village. Worst hit was Pantglas Junior School. In all, 116 children and 28 adults were killed.

40 years ago, on 9th October 1986 that Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *The Phantom of the Opera* premiered in London.

Also 40 years ago, on 29th October 1986 that the M25 orbital motorway around Greater London was opened.

15 years ago, on 31st October 2011 that the world's population reached seven billion.

News from Robert T Tuxxie



Dear Everpurr,

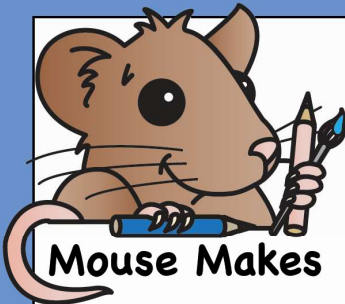
It has happened again! Could someone have a word with my mummy? Look at this photo. I have just settled down for a lovely morning nap, my pre-dindins nap actually, and along comes mummy and takes a photo and wakes me up! Why does she do this? Can anyone explain it? I am constantly being woken up during my very strict daily napping and sleeping routine for a photo! I know I'm handsome. I know I'm wonderful. I don't need photographic evidence! Why does she? It's

really annoying and it's getting beyond a joke! I need my sixteen hours a day. Mummy says I'm being a bit overdramatic and silly. I don't know what 'overdramatic' means but whatever it means this whole photo situation is COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE! I'd complain to the management, if mummy wasn't the management and in control of the food cupboard door. Is there anything that annoys you? Mummy says Jesus wants us to be patient and put everything into perspective, and that being woken up by photo taking isn't really that bad. That's OK for her to say, it's not her being woken up, but if Jesus says it, I want to try to do it, so I will try to be more patient and understanding. It's very hard, as you know, because mummy and other hufurrs and other kitties are so annoying. If it weren't for them, my life would be absolutely perfect, except for the giving me food thing, maybe. Mummy says I have to ask Jesus to help me not get so irritated and he will help me stay nice and calm and relaxed. I am going to give it a try. How about you?

Yours purfully,

Robert T. Tuxxie, esq.

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The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

The **Bible** encourages us, corrects us and teaches us about God and how we can be friends with Him.



2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?

1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

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3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12



B I B L E S U N D A Y

4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

5. The first book of the Bible.



6. God's word is like?

A _____
and a _____
Psalm 119:105



8. The last book in the Bible.

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9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

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11. The last book in the Old Testament.

10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

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7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



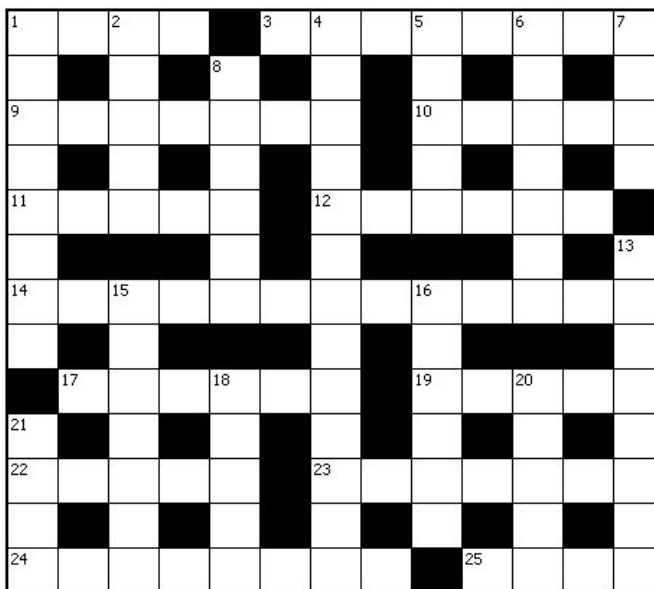
13. The Bible is also known as the

_____ of God.
Hebrews 4:12

14. A book of the Bible named after a woman



October Crossword



Across

1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4); 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8); 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4); 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5); 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5); 12 Listen (anag.) (6); 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5); 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6); 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5); 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5); 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3); 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30)(8); 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2); 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4); 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5); 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7); 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1); 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6); 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8); 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2); 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6); 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5); 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5); 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)



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Wordsearch for St Luke

To St Luke, whose feast-day is 18th October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician and faithful travelling companion to St Paul. Under house arrest near the end of his life Paul noted, ‘only Luke is with me’. Luke’s gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ, and offers us moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. Women figure more prominently in Luke’s gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more poor people, more lepers, more ‘sinners’, who are all shown to be ‘inside’ the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

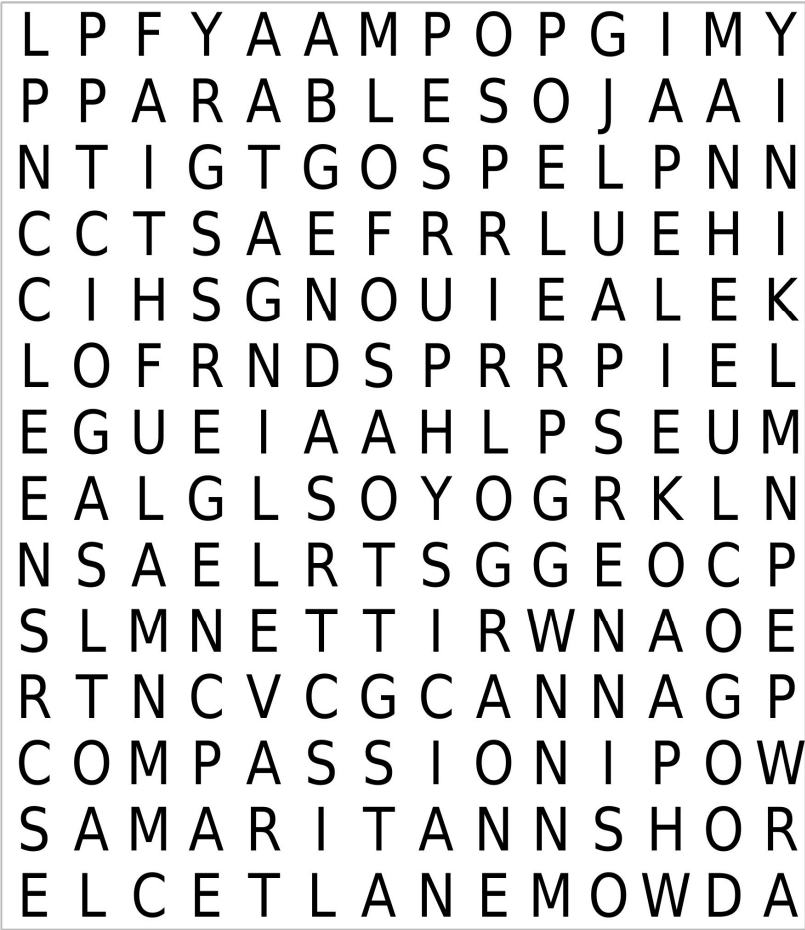
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Women
Poor
Lepers

Sinners
Jerusalem
Pagan
Rome
Early
Christians



Genesis for Cats



On the first day of Creation, God created the cat.

On the second day, God created man to serve the cat.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as food for the cat.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labour for the good of the cat.

On the fifth day, God created expensive furniture so that the cat would have objects whereon to sharpen its claws.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the cat healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but the litterbox needed changing.

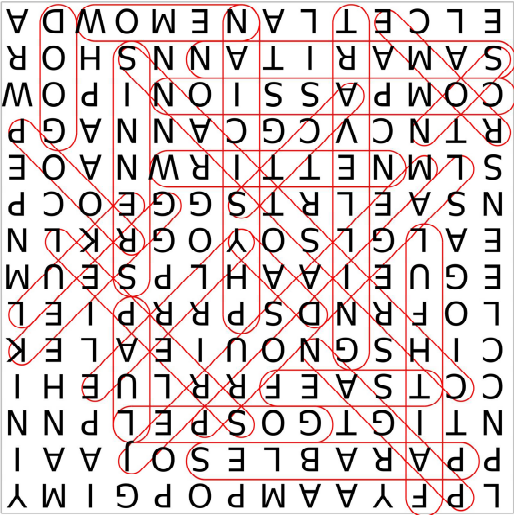
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September 26 Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Labour. 4, Autumn. 7, Stay. 8, Darkness. 9, Reasoned. 13, Act. 16, Presbyterians. 17, Sat. 19, Ridicule. 24, Reproach. 25, Abib. 26, Celtic. 27, Intend.

DOWN:1,Lose.2,Blamerest.3,Radio.4,Agree.5,Tend.6,Music. 10, Sober. 11, Noted. 12, Doric. 13, Available. 14, Test. 15, Apes. 18, As Eve.

Word Search Solution



BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

6th September

Oscar HERMAN

Broly HERMAN

Janine CHIDGEY



27th September

Hudson Jacob HARRISON-SMITHIES

Funerals

18th September

Elizabeth Mary KIERAN

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Rose Queen Gracie's news



Thank you to everyone who bought a quiz. We raised £57 altogether. Reverend Denise drew the winner at the All ages service on 6th September and the winner was Julie from St George's, Mossley. She won a bottle of wine and a large box of chocolates.

Congratulations to Anastasia's mum and dad on the birth of their little boy in September.

We are still selling numbers to win a jellycat. Numbers are £2 each. Please see me or my mum if you'd like to buy one.

In October we are having a chocolate tombola at St George's, Mossley Autumn fair and we look forward to your continued support.

Gracie

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Oct	William Reynolds	1951	16 Oct	William Parkinson	1899
	Walter Meadowcroft	1980		Gillian Checkley	2007
2 Oct	Joseph Parkinson	1966		Mary Podmore	2020
	Minnie Duffin	2004	17 Oct	Albert Wood	1972
3 Oct	Harry Shaw	1986		Eveline Travis	2013
	Paul Thomas Sykes	1992	19 Oct	Harry Hamilton	1982
	Gladys Spencer	2018		Dorothy Turner	2006
4 Oct	Harry Lees	1984	20 Oct	Joan Brooker	1990
	Barbara Robinson	2007	21 Oct	Joan Vickers	2016
	Vera Redfern	2008		Katie Marie Mellor	2017
5 Oct	Gladys Worsnip	2002	22 Oct	Stuart Priestley	1968
6 Oct	Esther Wheal	1983	23 Oct	Sidney Moorcroft	1989
	James William Bailey	2014	25 Oct	Myfanwy Spencer	1985
8 Oct	Olivia Haigh	1988		Wendy Jane Brooker	1990
	Rev Eddie Fallows	2021		Muriel Grace Castle	2010
9 Oct	Ethel Stokes	1981	26 Oct	Dennis Selby	1981
	Alfred Benjamin Street	2007		Alice Kershaw Wood	1983
10 Oct	George Harry Garnett	1993	27 Oct	Paul Quarmby	2004
	Paulette Davenport	2009		Norrie Stewart	2007
11 Oct	Margaret Bates	1980	28 Oct	Ethel May Nuttall	2007
12 Oct	Alice Brierley	1985		Lily Burgess	2010
	Ellen Ridgway	2001	29 Oct	John McKee	1986
	Joan Pilling	2012		Kyle Richard Turner	1987
13 Oct	Doreen Kay	2004		Eric Lister Jones	1995
14 Oct	George Alan Wilson	2010		Edna Smyth	2004
15 Oct	Kenneth Stevenson	1994			
	Herbert Battersby	2009			

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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