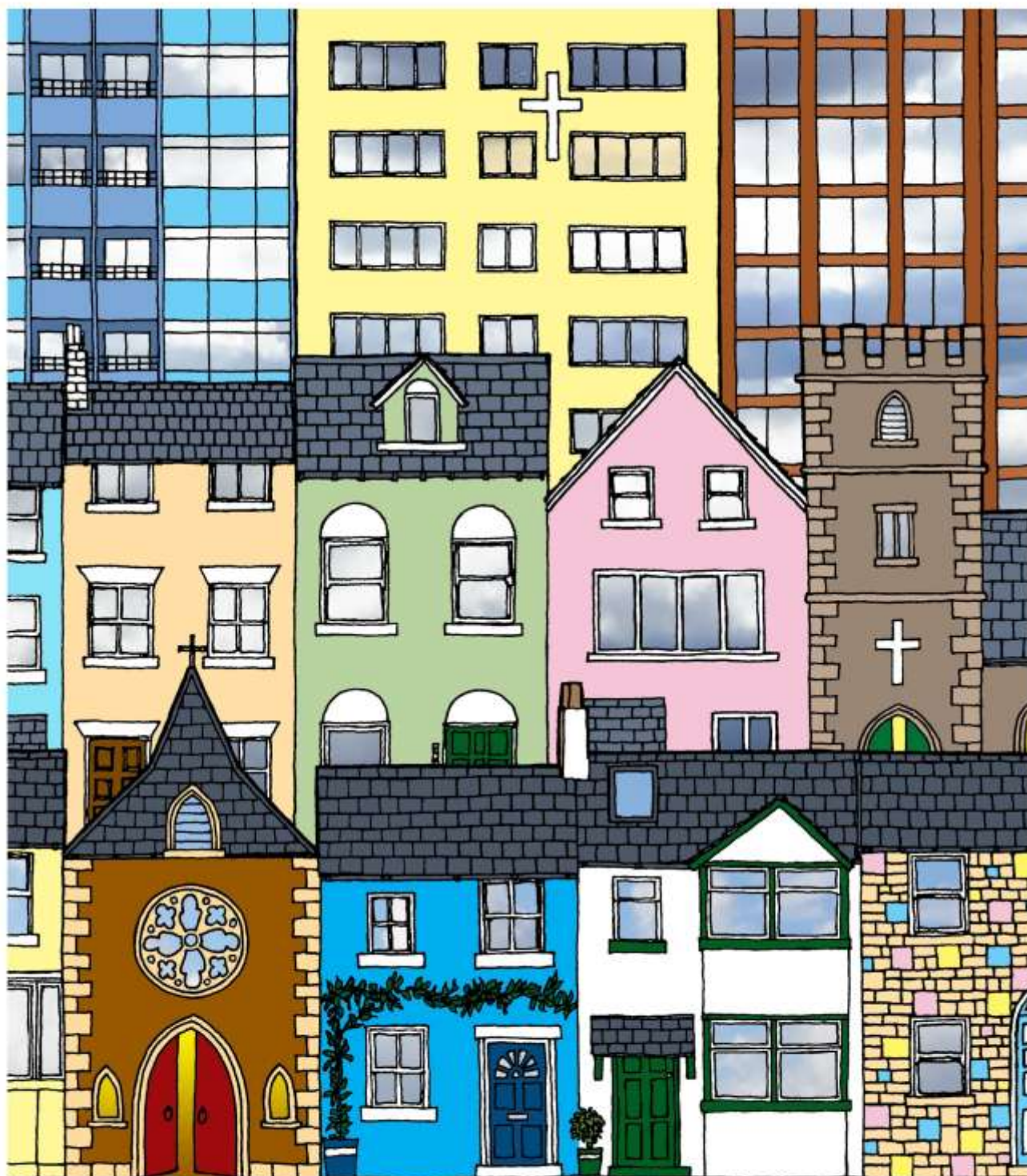


# All Saints' Croxley Green

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*Church in the community* Matt 5:14-16, Acts 2:44-47, Phil 2:3-5



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**May 2025**

**Revd. Canon Miriam writes:**

Dear Friends,

Thankyou so much to everyone who was involved in any way in our services during Holy Week and Easter. A lot of hard work was undertaken by a number of people to ensure that the services went well, and the Church was inviting and beautifully decorated which enabled those who attended, both regulars and visitors, to have such a meaningful experience of the love and presence of God.

Easter Sunday was the last Sunday that Reverend Robert celebrated at St Oswald's before moving to pastures new. He has been a good colleague, and it has been lovely to develop positive interactions between our churches; we wish him well in his new role. St Oswald's is now in a period of vacancy, also called an Interregnum, which will be for at least 6 months and possibly longer as the Diocesan processes are followed to enable them to appoint a new Incumbent. As we are particularly rich with ordained ministers, Revd. Paul, Revd. Tolu and I will be assisting with leading some (but not all) of their Sunday morning services.

There are a number of events coming up in May which may be of interest to you. On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May** we will be hosting a stall at the Croxley Green VE Day Celebration on The Green which is being organised by Croxley Green Parish Council. All offers of help will be gratefully received. Please speak to Ann Palmer if you are able to help. In the **evening of 10<sup>th</sup> May**, Churches Together are holding a Quiz Night to raise funds for our Parish Nurse Service. Tickets cost £15 each. Please speak to Nik Bennett for more information.

The **11<sup>th</sup> May** sees the start of Christian Aid week. As always, volunteers to deliver (but not collect) envelopes would be very welcome. If you can help, please speak to Anne Oke or Fran Bennett. A very important date for your diary is the **Mission Action Planning Event on 17<sup>th</sup> May during the afternoon**. More details to follow but please make sure that you put this date in your diary. We really do need you to attend.



The following day, **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, I am delighted to welcome back Jane Bates's sister, Lizzie, and her recorder group for a concert. They will be playing a selection of pieces on a wide range of recorders (yes there are more types of recorders than the descant that you or your children might have learnt at school). Their first concert here last year was amazing so do come along for what will be an enjoyable and relaxing afternoon.

**Ascension Day falls on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May.** We will have our usual said service at 9.30am and in the evening, at 7.30pm, we are invited to the Deanery Ascension Day Service at St Paul's Chipperfield. It would be good if All Saints' is well represented so do please come along if you can. If you need a lift just let me know.

Some of you may have already heard that Bishop Alan, our Diocesan Bishop, is retiring and there will be a leaving service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, where he will ceremoniously lay down his crozier (the item that he carries at services that looks like a shepherd's crook) as he relinquishes his role as bishop for our Diocese. The process to identify a new bishop is under way, but it will be some time before this is announced. In the interim, the Bishop of Bedford, Bishop Richard, will be acting Bishop of St Albans. Please keep both Bishop Alan and Bishop Richard in your prayers

With my love and prayers

*Miriam*



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# Parish Register and Records

## FUNERALS

7<sup>th</sup> April 2025

(Suzanne) Jane COLBOURNE  
aged 78 years



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## Gospel Readings for May

Sunday 4th May

Easter 3

John 21 v 1-19

Sunday 11th May

Easter 4

John 10 v 22-30

Sunday 18th May

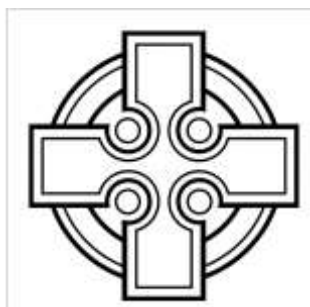
Easter 5

John 13 v 31-35

Sunday 25th May

Easter 6

John 14 v 23-29



## New gates for old(ish)

I and, no doubt, many others were delightfully surprised to see that during the last week of March a small miracle had taken place at the entrance to the Church from The Green. The somewhat dilapidated and recently damaged (yet again) gates had been transformed. And while still a little less than “The Pearly” are now a pleasure to behold and a fitting invitation to enter the local branch so to speak. And all because good friend of the Church, Mark Saxon, had recently qualified in the West Herts College “Introduction to Welding” course and was looking around for something to weld. ....it was of course a no brainer. There were the gates, crying out for care and attention. And needing a ...wait for it... welder.

Others saw an opportunity to join in and Mark was joined by his friend, Jeremy Hollands, who painted the gates a very smart black... and by Hiren Patel of consulting engineers, Evans, Harding & co from just across the road...and by Nik Bennett, always good for a little light structural engineering.



Mark in attack mode



A truly multicultural enterprise with a class 1 result.

Thankyou.

*John Galloway*

# **Social & Fundraising Committee Diary**

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Saturday 10th May**

On Saturday 10th May we have been invited to participate in the Parish Council 80th Anniversary VE Day Community Picnic which will be held on The Green from 12 noon until 5pm.

We will be selling cakes and soft drinks and would really appreciate some help in setting up, manning the stall and dismantling after the event.

If you are able to help, even for just half an hour, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

### **Sunday 18th May**

We will once again be hosting a concert by the Galliard Band of recorder music at 2.30pm.

Last year's concert was very enjoyable so do please put this date into your diary.

### **Monday 19th May**

We have another social evening planned in the Red House from 7pm. There is no need to book, just simply come along and enjoy a drink and a chat!

### **Sunday 15th June**

Hymns & Pimm's will return on Sunday 15th June at 4pm and there will be a sign-up sheet coming out nearer the date for you to request your favourite hymn to sing along to!

### **Sunday 22nd June**

We are planning a Family Ramble for the afternoon of Sunday 22nd June at Black Park in Buckinghamshire. The time will be confirmed nearer the date.

### **Sunday 20th July**

There will be a Family Rounders afternoon on Sunday 20th July. The venue and time will be confirmed nearer the date.

*Ann Palmer*

## **All in the month of May** *from Parish Pump*

It was:

1300 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> May 725, that the Venerable Bede died. This English Benedictine monk, historian, linguist, translator and teacher is known as ‘the father of English history’. He helped to popularise the idea of dating years from the birth of Christ (*Anno Domini* – AD)

150 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1875, that Alexandra Palace in London was officially opened. It became the home of BBC television in 1935.

90 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1935, that T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) died in a motorcycle accident, aged 46. A British Army officer, military strategist, archaeologist and writer, he is best known for his activities in the Middle East during WW1.

Also 90 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1935, that Sir Frank Watson Dyson, British Astronomer Royal (1910-33) died. He introduced the Greenwich time signal (the ‘pips’) and also, helped to prove Einstein’s theory of general relativity.

75 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1950, that the first Formula One World Championship race was held, at Silverstone. (Also known as the 1950 British Grand Prix.)

40 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1985, that the pop album *Brothers in Arms* by Dire Straits was released. It became the world’s most successful album released on compact disc, and the first CD album to sell over a million copies.

30 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1995, that the World Health Organisation (WHO) published its first annual survey of global health.

Also 30 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1995, that British mountaineer Alison Hargreaves became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest unaided (without bottled oxygen or Sherpas.) She died later that year, in August, in a storm, while attempting to climb K2.

25 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2000, that Ken Livingstone became the first Mayor of London.

Also 25 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2000, that Vladimir Putin was inaugurated as President of Russia.





## Easter Celebrations at All Saints'

On Tuesday 15th April, we gathered for our Holy Week Meal.

One very long table, the length of the Church, was set up and laid to share this special meal which picks up lots of the elements of a Passover meal.



As you can see, as well as there being some serious elements to this celebration, it was also a lot of fun.

Thank you to everyone who helped to organise, set up, cook and clear away this special meal.



## Thursday 17th April Maunday Thursday Chrism Service at St Albans Cathedral

It was really lovely to go to this service with Marjorie, my mum, Miriam, Jude and Paul. I also had a lovely surprise as we saw Tayo there. He told me to say 'hello' to everybody at All Saints'.

Tolu had got there earlier than us as she was part of the procession. It took a long time for all the Bishops and Arch Deacons to process in. The choir was singing and everybody



was joining in. It sounded amazing with so many people there. It was one of Bishop Alan's last services and he gave a sermon which was so good it taught me lots. One thing he said that I thought was important was that we should put all of our best energy into prayer.

Once he had finished, Tolu took up the oil for baptism so that the bishop could bless it and then we could collect some after the end of the service. There were also two other oils. We all got to have communion and everyone was smiling as they had received some of God's love.

It was really good afterwards as we all got to have a St Albans hot cross bun and Miriam collected our oils. This was a really good service. You should try going next year.

*Love Carys*





## Easter Friday

Sixty-two of us took part on the Ecumenical Walk of Witness today in the lovely sunshine, thankfully. We started near the Watford Road Co-op where Paul read



a moving account from Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. From there we walked on to the Tube Station led by the Baptist Church. Next stop was the Library led by the Catholic Church and then finally to the Methodist Church where we finished up with hot cross buns outside.



## Easter Saturday

On Easter Eve we held another vigil but this had a sense of expectation as we listened to readings and lit candles to reflect Jesus rising from the dead.



## Easter Sunday

The day started with a Sunrise Service at the top of The Green, at dawn, to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.



Church was full for the joyful

9.45am service as we continued the celebrations. An Easter Egg hunt in the Church Garden was enjoyed by the children after the service.



## May Prayer Diary

<b>Date</b>	<b>In our Church Family</b>
1st	Richard and Patricia Hall
2nd	Anne Harris
3rd	Clare Hearnshaw
4th	Gretel and Ron Hibbert
5th	Francis Hilsden
6th	Matthew, Sarah, Emily and William Hilton-Dennis
7th	Phil and Linda Hobbs
8th	Val Hunt
9th	Karen, Paul, Amelie and Olivia Jarvis
10th	Sam, Simon, Carys and Nerys Jones
11th	Adam and Asia Keene
12th	Valerie Kendle
13th	Margaret and Roger Kircher
14th	Anni and Tom Lowery
15th	Lorraine, Nigel and Isobel McCobb

16th	Jean McLaughlin
17th	Sue and Roger McKeague
18th	James McShane
19th	Gill and Brian Main
20th	Jude, Yin and Alex Man
21st	Jane, Ed, Joseph and Ben Manning
22nd	Janet, Graham, Zoe and Samantha Martin
23rd	Sue Middleton
24th	Jan Mills
25th	Miriam and Rao Mugan
26th	Juditha and David Muir
27th	Faith Nazir
28th	Sheila Newman
29th	Andrew Nobbs
30th	Anne and Chris Oke
31st	Margaret and Dick Paddick





## **Smile Lines** *from Parish Pump*

### **Don't look back**

The Sunday School teacher was telling the story of how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom and Gomorrah, she turned into a pillar of salt. One youngster nodded in a knowing fashion. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he confided, "and she turned into a lamp post."

### **Decisions, decisions**

Local politician to aide: "About their charge that I'm indecisive – do you think I should answer it, or let it go, or answer it in part, or what?"

### **Children's parties**

The main benefit of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children out there who are more awful than your own.

### **Why you should be careful**

The owner of a new sports car was reluctant to allow his wife drive it, even to the local shops. After she insisted, he finally relented, cautioning her as she departed, "Remember, if you have an accident, the newspaper will print your age!"

### **Garden produce**

A toddler was found in the garden, chewing on a slug. After the initial surge of disgust his mother asked, "Well . . . what does it taste like?" "The worms over there," was the reply.

### **Aspirin**

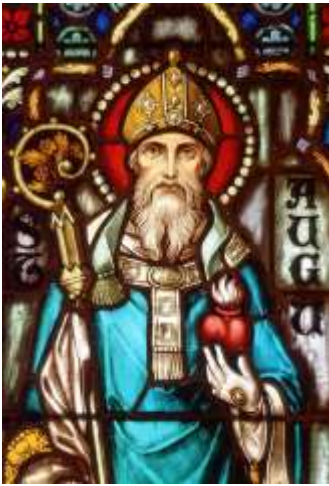
Had a slight headache this morning but felt much better after following the instructions on the aspirin bottle: 'Take two and keep away from children.'

### **Open your mouth...**

My dentist is also our choir leader at church. He likes the hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns."



The Galliard Band is a group of enthusiastic recorder players who have been making music together for more than 20 years in a myriad of styles. The concert includes dances from far and wide, & across the centuries, interspersed with songs and readings. If you have never thought of Bach as a composer for the dance floor, this programme will be a real eye-opener.



## **26<sup>th</sup> May Saint Augustine of Canterbury apostle to the English**

Augustine, a 6th century Italian prior, holds a unique place in British history. He became the ‘apostle to the English,’ although it was with great reluctance.

In 596 Augustine was chosen by Pope Gregory to head a mission of monks whom he wanted to send to evangelise the Anglo-Saxons. Augustine was not a bold man, and by the time he and his band of priests reached Gaul, they wished to turn back. But Gregory would not hear of it, and he bolstered their confidence by sending some more priests out to them, and by consecrating Augustine bishop. Finally, the little party, now 40 in number, landed at Ebbsfleet, Kent in 597.

It would be fascinating to have a detailed description of that first meeting between Bishop Augustine and Ethelbert, powerful King of Kent. Whatever Augustine said, it must have been effective, for Ethelbert granted the 40 priests permission to stay in a house in Canterbury. He even allowed them to preach to his people, while he himself considered their message of Christianity. His wife, Bertha, was a Christian princess from Paris, but she does not seem to have played any role in the conversion of Kent.

By 601 Ethelbert and many of his people had been baptised Christians. The mission to the English was well underway. More clergy, some books, a few relics and several altar vessels arrived from Rome. At Gregory’s wise urging, Augustine decided to consolidate the mission in one small area, rather than try and reach all of Kent. So, Augustine stayed in Canterbury, where he built the cathedral and founded a school. He left only temporarily to establish a see in London.

Also, at Gregory’s wise urging, Augustine did not destroy the pagan temples of the people of Kent, but only the idols in them. In this way, familiar rites were taken over and used for the celebration of the Christian feasts. Meanwhile, before his death in 604, Augustine helped Ethelbert to draft the earliest Anglo-Saxon written laws to survive – and so influenced British law for centuries to come.

## Artificial Opponents?

Wordles and Quordles and Octordles too,  
Who can be bored with so much to do?  
Puzzles online, and less now in print  
Is it surprising that I'm starting to squint?

Crosswords and lost words in a grid you must find  
Sudoku, Kakuro for the numerate mind,  
Backgammon or chess, if that is your sport  
And card games of every conceivable sort!

Deep in my cupboard is a box full of games  
And a beautiful chess set, abandoned – a shame!  
But do you remember (long ago as it seems),  
When we played games with people, and not these machines?

*By Nigel Beeton*



## Smile Lines *from Parish Pump*

My mind is like an internet browser these days. At least 19 tabs are open, three of them are frozen and I have no clue where the music is coming from. – *Anon*

You know how in some sports, they throw the ball into the crowd after winning? They don't allow that in bowling. I know that now.

Middle age: that difficult period between juvenile delinquency and old age, when you have to take care of yourself. – *Anon*

Carpark: the place where you take your car to have little dents put into the sides. – *Anon*



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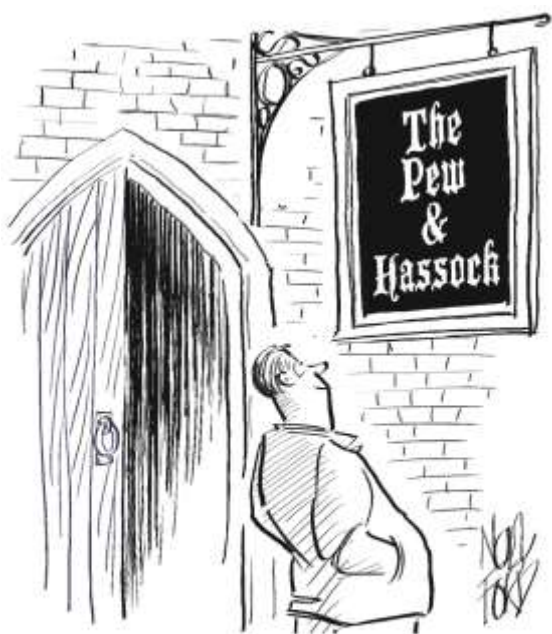
## 1st May Saint Philip the apostle with common sense

Is there someone in church whom you respect for their spirituality and common sense combined? Someone you feel easy about approaching to ask questions? That person's patron saint should be Philip.



Philip came from Bethsaida and was a disciple of Jesus from early on. He knew how to lead others to Jesus; he brought Nathanael (or Bartholomew) to Him in a calm, kindly way. He knew how to do some financial forecasting: at the feeding of the 5,000 it was he who pointed out that without divine help, even 200 penny-worths of bread wasn't going to feed that crowd.

He was the one whom the Greeks approached when they wanted to ask Jesus to show them the Father but didn't quite have the nerve to approach Jesus directly. People had confidence in Philip's spirituality, common sense, and kindness. Such a person is a gift to any church! In art, the Apostle Philip has been represented either with a cross, or with loaves of bread.



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services



*...and the theme of this morning's service is... 'Preaching a Gospel of Simplicity'...*

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## Wordsearch

*The Nicene Creed is one of the most important documents in the world. It has shaped Christian belief for the past 1700 years, affecting hundreds of millions of lives. So here is a bigger Wordsearch than normal, in honour of the brave man who gave it to the Church!*

This year is the 1700 anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Athanasius is the theologian behind that creed, and his feast day falls on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

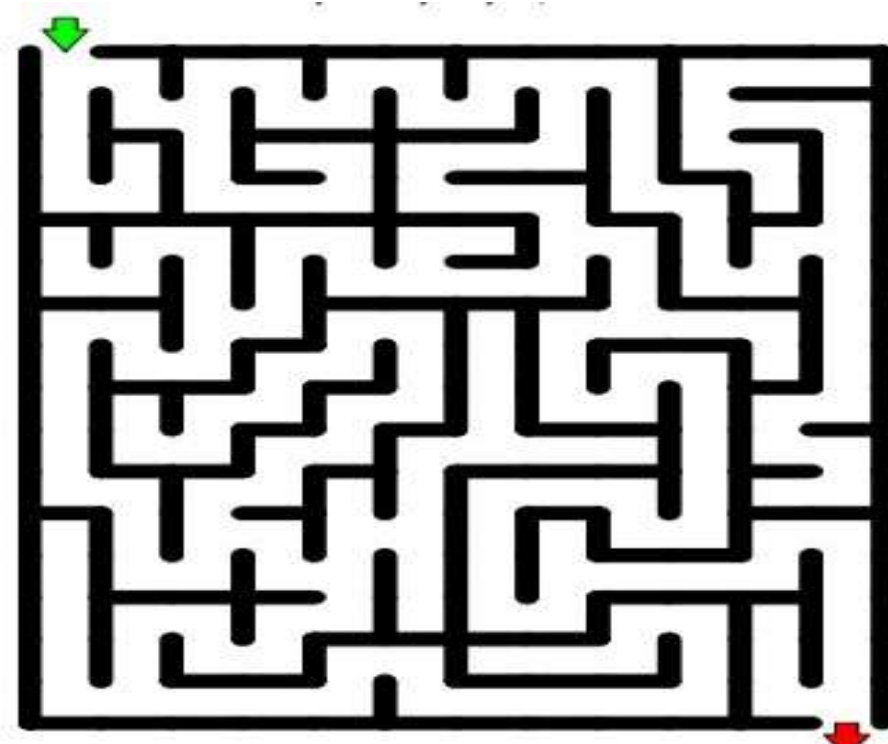
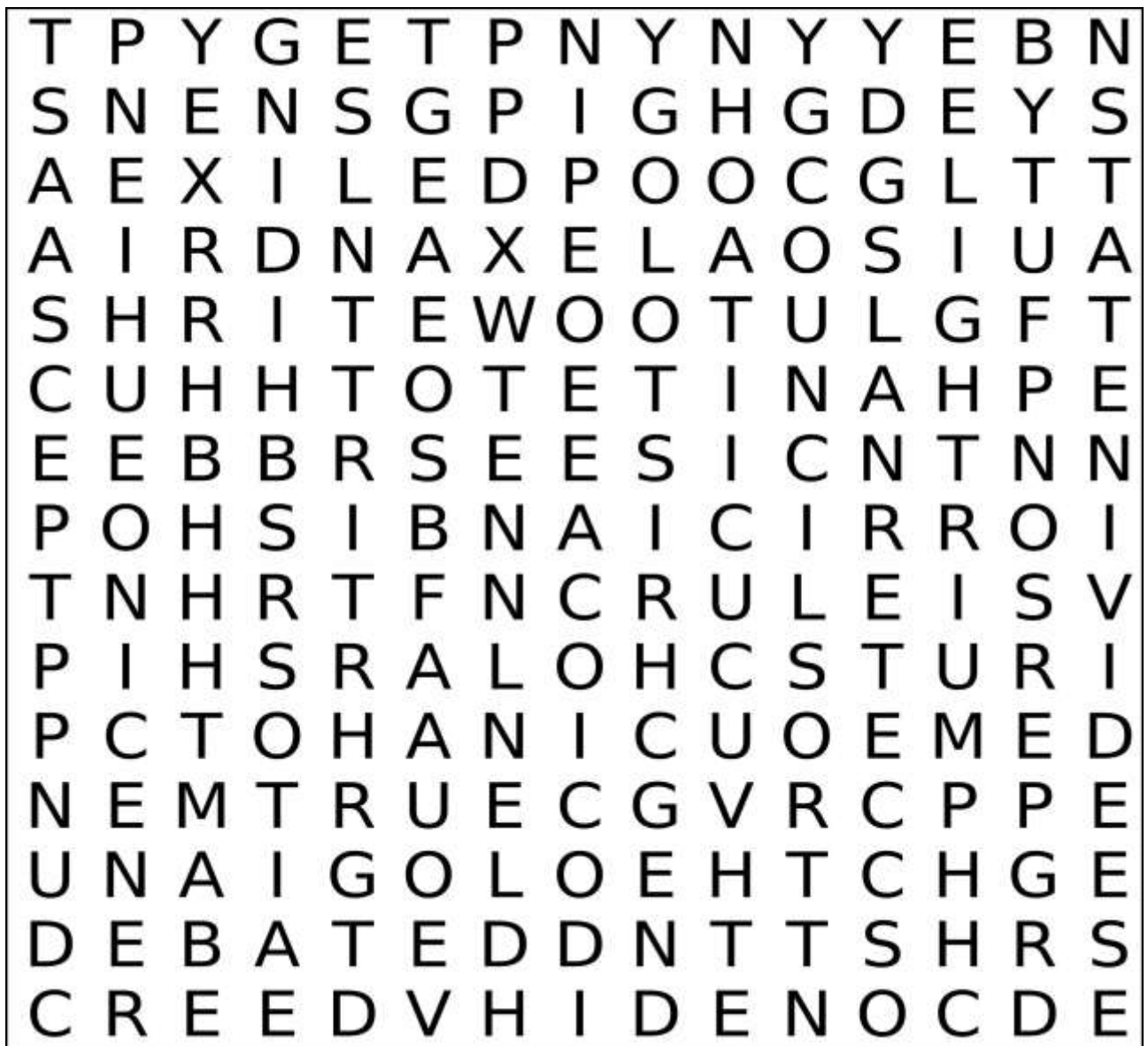
Athanasius (296-373) was born into a prosperous family in Alexandria in Egypt, and entered the ministry. He was 29 years old when he accompanied Alexander, the Bishop of Alexandria, to the Church's first great ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325. There he saw the Council debate the Person of Christ. How was He the Son of God and also Man? Did He really exist before He was born? If we worship Him, does that mean that we are worshipping two Gods?

When the heresy of Arius, which taught that Christ was not divine, and not eternal, later threatened the church, Athanasius worked with his bishop, Alexander, in framing what became known as the Nicene Creed. Our Lord's full divinity was safeguarded in the words, 'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.'

For the next 45 years Athanasius' devotion, scholarship, and forceful leadership established the Nicene Creed in the Christian Church. His enemies, both in Church and state, conspired against him, and he was exiled five times from the See of Alexandria and spent a total of 17 years in flight and hiding.

Athanasius' name will always be linked with the triumph of New Testament Christology over every form of reductionism (lessening of the Person of Christ.)

Athanasius	Christ	Light	Exiled
Nicene	Person	True	Flight
Creed	Worship	One	Hiding
Theologian	Divine	Substance	Triumph
Egypt	Eternal	Devotion	Christology
Council	Begotten	Scholarship	Alexandria
Bishop	God	Church	
Debate	From	State	



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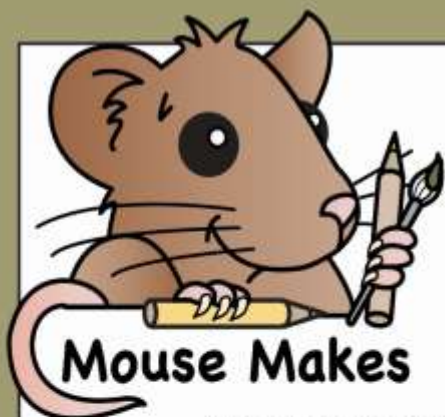
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## MIRACLES OF PETER

At which temple gate  
did the crippled man lay?

Acts 3:1-10



Who were the man and wife  
who lied to God?

and

Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into  
the streets so that when Peter  
came by at least his

might fall on them.

Acts 5:12-16



How long had Aeneas  
been paralysed for?

years

Acts 9:32-35

Where had Tabitha's body been laid?  
in the

Acts 9:36-42

"And the word  
of God  
continued to  
increase,  
and the number  
of the disciples  
multiplied  
greatly."  
Acts 6:7

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After Jesus  
ascended into  
heaven, the  
Holy Spirit  
came upon  
the Apostles  
and Peter was  
able to perform  
many miracles  
in Jesus' name.  
*See the book  
of ACTS*



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CRIPPLE • LAME • WALK • LEAPING • PRAISING • LIED • DIED • SICK  
AENEAS • PARALISED • TABITHA • ILL • PRAYED • ALIVE

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at All Saints' Church

Saturday May 10th

6.45 for 7.00pm

*proceeds in aid of the*

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cold meats and cheese**

*Tickets available from  
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