

## Activities:

1. GOOD NEWS: Use sections of a newspaper to find all the words in today's Bible verse. Mark the words that you find.
2. GOOD NEWS CROSS: You will need: paper and a section of the news paper. Trace and then cut out a CROSS out of the news print and glue onto the paper. Write GOOD NEWS -- TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME, etc.

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Ending:** May Christ give us grace to grow in holiness, to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him. **Amen**

**Hymn:** O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
be thou ever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

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**APCM 2021** - St George's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is being held on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April by Zoom** after the 10am service. This year we will be seeking:

- ◆ 2 Churchwardens for a one year period (supported by 2 Deputies)

There are also 7 vacancies on the PCC,

- ◆ 3 for the remainder of a 3 year appointment until 2023 and
- ◆ 4 for a 3 year appointment until 2024.

If interested please contact Penny or me to find out what is involved. Many thanks, Sue Colborne PCC Secretary

**The Recovery Course** - a free course based on 12 steps. It provides practical insight and support to help both men and women find freedom from addictions, compulsive behaviours and secret habits. Open to anyone struggling with any sort of addiction or compulsive behaviour, including drugs, alcohol, pornography, sex, gambling and self-harming. **Led by Emma Heath and Nat Moody**, and a team of experienced course leaders who have their own recovery stories. The course will run on-line from 9 March - 15 June 2021. **Includes:** Main talk and testimony and single-sex groups for discussion. To book your free place go

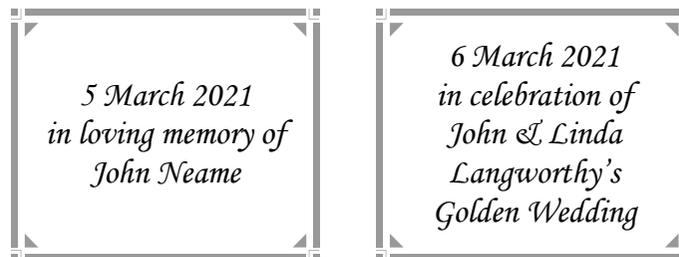
to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-national-online-recovery-course-tickets-131464298255>

**The Recovery Support Group** provides a safe space for families and those affected by another person's addiction. The group normally meets in person however have adapted to provide telephone support. To find out more, email [hello@faithworkswessex.org.uk](mailto:hello@faithworkswessex.org.uk) or phone the office on 01202 429037.

**Traidcraft Real Easter Egg - £4.50** each. A tasty Easter egg and booklet with the story of the first Easter. To order, please contact Jo Satchell on 01202 631617 with number required, name, phone number or email by **7 March**.



*The cross will be lit on*



### **Monday 1st March**

Pray for those beginning week 6 of Alpha  
Cherita Court & Chorley Close

### **Tuesday 2nd March**

Pray for the sights and wonder of Spring  
Christopher Crescent & Cobbs Lane

### **Wednesday 3rd March**

Pray for Sue Pouton and office administration  
Collwood Close & Connell Road  
6pm Choir Chatter via Zoom—contact Penny for details

### **Thursday 4th March**

Pray for our church group members missing their meetings  
Curliu Road & Daisy Close  
6pm Choir Chatter via Zoom—contact Penny for details

### **Friday 5th March**

Pray for 'time' to spend with God  
Dale Close & Dale Valley Road

### **Saturday 6th March**

Prayers for the Parish via Zoom—contact Penny for details  
Pray for our ongoing prayer ministry  
Darbys Lane & Darbys Close

## THIS WEEK AT OAKDALE ST GEORGE

Sunday, 28 February 2021  
The Second Sunday of Lent



Dear friends,

Many of you may have been disappointed on hearing the details of the 'Roadmap' out of lockdown, and its note of caution; but I hope and pray that all of us may rejoice that infection rates are going down and that, although maybe still some way off, the future is looking brighter.

Today we will be thinking about the cross and the load that we may be called upon to carry in Jesus' name; and how we should not be thinking about ourselves but prepared to do God's will.

And so as we continue through this pandemic and the season of Lent, may God give each of us the patience we need to ride out the storm we are currently going through, and the self-control to avoid our selfish desires and instead to think of others.

**Penny** (07842 317204)

### **Services for Sunday 7 March**

8.30am Holy Communion (booking essential)  
10am ZOOM service

**The Prayer Ministry Team** continue to pray for those in need. For prayer please contact Chris on 01202 388265 or text 07849 637499.



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers



**Please do stay in touch...**

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## An order of service for you to follow

**Greeting:** Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him.

**Amen.**

**Hymn:** New every morning is the love  
Our wakening and uprising prove;  
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
Restored to life and power and thought.

**Opening prayer:** O God, help us to trust you, help us to know that you are with us, help us to believe that nothing can separate us from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confession:** Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin: Lord, have mercy.  
Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight: Christ, have mercy.  
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me: Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** God is working his purpose out  
as year succeeds to year:  
God is working his purpose out  
and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

**Collect:**  
Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading: Romans 4.13–25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who

share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### To think about:

Paul reminds his readers of God's covenant promise to Abraham and Sarah. It was their faithfulness that was blessed by God. So too we receive blessing by our faith in Christ raised from the dead.

**Hymn:** Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 8.31–38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

### To think about:

As Jesus began to reveal his destiny, Peter could not bear it. But Jesus teaches that just as his way was one of suffering for others, so for us all selfishness must be renounced as we take up our own cross.

### Creed:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad His wonderful Name;  
The Name all victorious of Jesus extol,  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, increase our faith to trust you wherever you may lead us.

**Worldwide:** Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

**Diocese:** Weymouth & Portland Deanery

**Local:** Pray for our local police  
Bright Road & Bushell Road

**Immediate Prayer:** Chris Barnes, Ray Durman, Linda Gillard, Alber James, John Vivian, Carol, Hilary, Peter, Shereil

**Continuous Prayer:** Brenda Boyd, Hazel Day, John Douce, Paul Fairbrother, Reenie Flay, Sarah Fowler, Margaret Grindrod, Pat Howe, Hugo Hynd, Angela Jacobs, Ann Johnson, Margaret Macfarlane, Beverley Mitchell, Edythe Morgan, Susan Mort, Robert Nauta, Ruth Perham, Carole Philpott, Logan Wicks, Clive, Gerda, Jean, Jim, Lorraine, Melanie, Steve  
Also we remember those who have died recently RIP and those whose anniversaries are recorded in our Book of Remembrance:

**George Gibbs, Henry Botfield, Dorothy Elkins, Vivien Arnold, Sid & Norma Rogers**

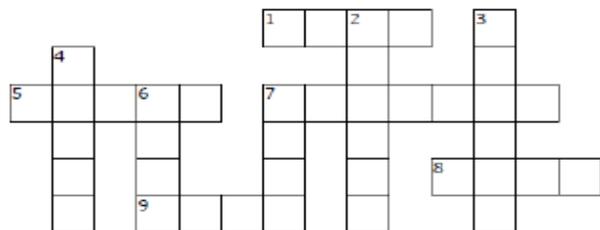
**Concluding with:** Heavenly Father, give us thankful hearts, knowing that you are always there beside us.

**The Lord's Prayer:** Our Father in heaven...

**Hymn:** Jesus, Grant Me This, I Pray,  
Ever In Thy Heart To Stay;  
Let Me Evermore Abide  
Hidden In Thy Wounded Side.

# Crossword Puzzle

Answers next week!



## ACROSS

1. The period between birth and death
5. The object upon which Jesus was crucified
7. To care about what you want without thinking of others
8. To refuse to allow yourself something
9. To no longer have something because it has been taken away

## DOWN

2. To be guided by someone else; to go behind
3. The teachings of Jesus and the Apostles
4. A large number of people gathered together
6. The part of a person that continues to live after a person dies
7. To keep someone or something safe from harm



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## 21 February puzzle answers

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| NEWS | FEW  | CROWD  | HELPLESS |
| HEAL | SICK | WORKER | TWELVE   |

# February 28<sup>th</sup> Worship Bulletin

## Take Up Your Cross

Mark 8:27-38

# Word Search Puzzle

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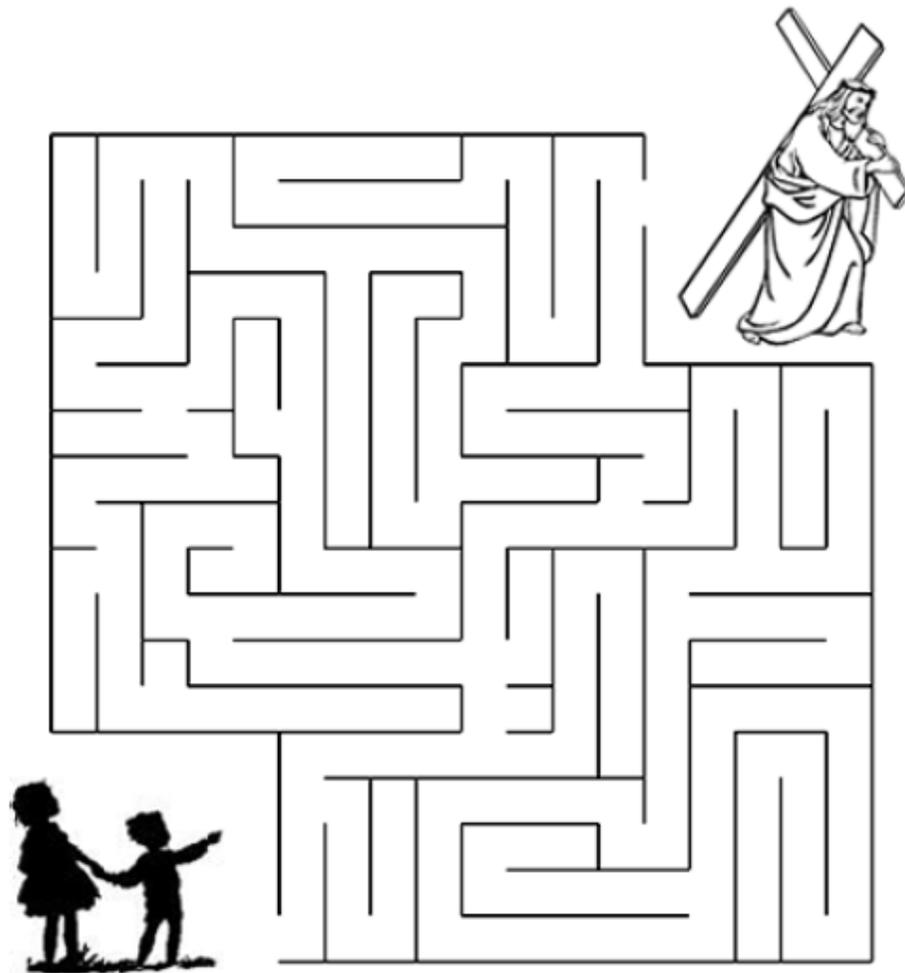


I will follow Jesus, Our Leader

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## Maze Puzzle

Can you find the path to Jesus?



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