

MAY 2009 at Christ Church

Dear friends at Christchurch

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:3)

As Paul reminds us in the beginning of his letter to the Ephesians, we have so many reasons to praise God. But as he goes on to show, our response to God's goodness to us should not just be in the praise of our lips, but should involve the whole of our lives.

Over the next few weeks we will be exploring some of those responses. But one of the great things about Ephesians is that it doesn't just say 'here is what you should do.' First, Paul highlights what God has done for us, (Ephesians chapters 1-3) and only then does it tell us how to live in response to that (chapters 4-6). Christian service should always flow from a heart that is overwhelmed by God's grace.

As we heard last Sunday, we will be seeing more changes at Christ Church this summer, as first Peter & Sarah Bourke join us, and then as Sam, Steve, Becki & Josh Upham move down to Somerset. Sam's work here as our first Ministry Apprentice has been a real example of service to the Lord and to the church, and her departure will leave a lot of gaps. But that is good for us, because it will give more people a chance to be involved in ministry!

Of course, the Christian life isn't always plain sailing, and the Bible isn't always easy to understand. That's why our 6.30 services during June will give you a chance to choose the subject – there are more details in the sermon series flier.

God has blessed us in so many ways. And one of his blessings is to give us the chance to serve him – *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* (Ephesians 2:10) God has some work prepared for you – don't miss out by neglecting it.

Yours in Christ

Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm TLC
Tuesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.15 pm Art Group
	-	4..00 pm Shine
Wednesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm Needlecraft Group
	-	1.30 pm Toddler Group
	-	4.00 pm Rainbows
	-	5.15 pm Rainbows
Thursday	-	1.00 pm Craft Group
	-	9.45 am Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am Keep Fit
	-	5.30 pm Brownies
	-	7.30 pm Guides
Friday	-	9.15 am Mothers 'n' Others
	-	7.00 pm Evening Bowls



Volunteers Required

Can you give of your time to help in the drop-in to cover holiday relief. If you can please see Rhona Colby, your help would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.



ART EXHIBITION

Christ Church
Parish Centre



Friday 5th June

7.30 pm

Everyone welcome

*The exhibition will open with a
cheese and wine reception*



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LIGHTS

REALITY CHEQUES!

Wednesday

20th May 2004

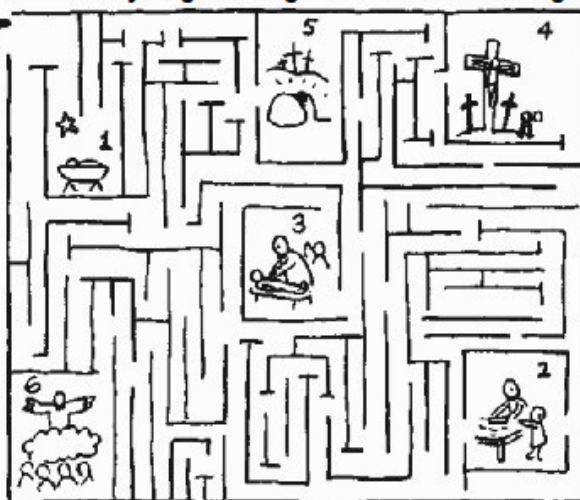
7.30 pm

St Mary's Church,
Upton

CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY?

Make sure you go through the stories in the right order!

START



1. Jesus is born in Bethlehem
2. Joseph teaches Jesus to be a carpenter.
3. Jesus heals a little girl
4. Jesus is crucified
5. Jesus is alive again
6. Jesus ascends to heaven

END

And something a bit more challenging for the grown ups!
In this sentence, every letter has been substituted for another.

Can you work out what it originally said?

(I've put in a grid to help you work out where you are up to)

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PCB KFJ VGWB SJNEN ZFWUNK

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