

This looks the same as one you've seen before – but this time you've got all the books to find (that's 56!)

Happy searching!

The names of all the books of the Bible are hidden within these five paragraphs. Can you find them? Some books, like Zephaniah or Habakkuk, are straightforward, but for books that usually have a numeric prefix, the book name is not repeated and would be hard for even Ezekiel or the Ephesians to find.

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman, Mr. Levi Ticus-ter, in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends, Ian and Phillipp (Ian's brother) who worked on this while fishing from their john boat. A relative from Corinth, Ian's cousin Isaiah, studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend, Joshua "EZ" Rally has a sister who judges the job of solving this puzzle so intense; she brews a cup of tea to calm her nerves.

There are other who, like Timothy, find this puzzle easy. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or and Ecclesiastes scholar (like Jon A. Harriman) to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Micah Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record.

A local paper, The Nehemiah Chronicle, surveyed over 200 Judean patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen; they felt that it was harder to understand than the greatest song of Solomon. As Daniel Humana humbly put it in a proverb, "Some of the books are right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown; they will have psalms in their hearts, while others may feel like Zechariah. One revelation that may help is that some books are found without their numbers; also, punctuation and spaces in the middle of book names are allowed and normal.

A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Have you heard the quote by Jeremiah Deuter "O no, my brother found more than I did!" or his brother's response "Too bad – I ahead of you!" One gal at Iansville, Arkansas, said that a lady she knew (not an old hag) gained many insights by reading slowly and eventually came up with the Colossi answer. She then went and had her hair done by Sam U. Elegant at the "S" salon. I answer folks with the following advice, "Keep looking." Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; all the books of the Bible are lurking somewhere in these paragraphs, waiting to be found.

JULY 2009 at Christ Church

Dear friends at Christchurch

...ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers (Ephesians 1:15-16)

As we have studied Ephesians over the past few weeks, we have seen that for Paul the church wasn't some optional extra in the Christian life, the church was absolutely central to the Christian life. It is God's new humanity, and it is being built into a place where God lives by his Spirit.

That is the vision that God has for Christ Church – that is his purpose for us. This term we have started thinking about 'Using my gifts and playing my part' as we look to keep growing into a church worthy of that calling. Thank you to those who did fill in one of the 'Resourcing our mission with our service' forms – we will be collating the responses over

the next few weeks. But, of course, we will never bring it about in our own strength. Psalm 127 reminds us that *unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain*, and that is so true. Unless the Lord is at work building his church here, nothing we do will ultimately succeed.

That realisation drove Paul to prayer, and it should do the same for us. We need to be praying that the Lord will build his church here. We need to be praying regularly for one another, which is why our **Prayer Diary** is important. Over the summer we will be producing a new prayer diary – if you would like the rest of the church to be praying for you regularly (and how could any Christian not want that!) do please fill in the card inside this newsletter, and put it in the box on the welcome desk.

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
	-	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

Parish Centre

Please note the tea bar will close for the Summer holidays on Friday 17th July and will reopen on Monday 7th September. Toddler Group will be finishing on Wednesday 15th July and reopens on Monday 7th September.

Thank you to all those who have willingly given of their time to help in the tea bar. Enjoy the summer break.

Sam's commissioning

Sam will be commissioned as Children's and Families Worker at All Saint's Church, Trull on Sunday 6th September. If anyone would like to go down to Trull to join in the celebrations, you would be most welcome. The commissioning will be part of the 11 am service and so if you would like to travel on Saturday and stay overnight, Sam will be able to give you a list of places local to Trull to stay at. All Saint's Church are going to lay on a lunch after the service and so they would like to know how many people are planning to come for the service. If you intend to go to Sam's commissioning, can you please let Sam know (preferably before she leaves!). Thanks.

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Once again we will be holding 'Back to Church Sunday'. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends. It may seem a long way off but **now** is time to start thinking about who you will invite and to start praying for them.

More details at the beginning of September.