

February 2026

# SJP Magazine

Our aim as a church is...

**To know Jesus...**  
*...and make Him known*

## Sundays at SJPChurch

<b>1 Feb</b>	10:00am All Age Worship — St James Hill Top 6:30pm Holy Communion — St Paul's Golds Hill
<b>8 Feb</b>	10:00am Holy Communion — St James Hill Top 6:30pm Evening Prayer — St Paul's Golds Hill
<b>15 Feb</b>	10:00am Morning Worship — St James Hill Top 6:00pm Youth Church — St James Hill Top 6:30pm Holy Communion — St Paul's Golds Hill
<b>22 Feb</b>	10:00am Holy Communion — St James Hill Top 6:30pm Evening Prayer — St Paul's Golds Hill
<b>1 Mar</b>	10:00am All Age Worship — St James Hill Top 6:30pm Holy Communion — St Paul's Golds Hill

# This month at St James and St Paul's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# One more step..



to Grow in Christ



to Pray for a friend



to Invite a friend

# One More Step to grow in Christ



Over the past few years we have been talking about taking **One More Step...** as we grow in Christ.

I wonder how we do that though? Will it just happen? How do we wake up one day and we have taken the step that we want to take?

I believe in sport you have to train, to be a good footballer, you need to be able to run, so you have to train to be fit! You need to dribble a ball and pass and receive passes, so what do you need to do? Practice, Train!

Nothing in life comes easy really. We need to work hard at whatever it is that we need to do. That is the same in our spiritual life, not just our physical life.

Paul says in his letter to Timothy, “*train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come*”.

(1 Timothy 4:7-8)

If this is a command to Timothy, a minister chosen by Paul himself, how much more is it true for us. We need to train ourselves in Godliness.

To do that, we need to work hard, like Andy has said to us in his recent sermon, that as we take away our sin in our lives we need to fill it with Godly behaviour and habits.

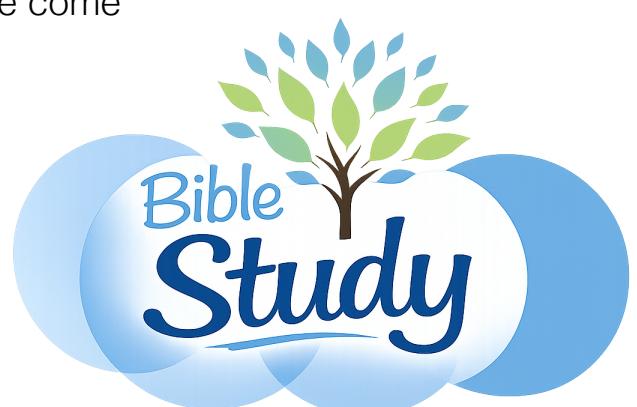
So then, I would like to encourage you to study your Bible, to work hard in looking at what God says to us through his word.

If you want to just pick up your Bible and read it, that's fantastic, but you might want help, why not pick up the free Daily Bread Bible reading at the back of church, or later in our magazine there is another devotion book that you might find helpful.

The other thing that you might find helpful is to join our Bible Study that we are relaunching after Half Term.

If this is something you are interested in please come and join us, Tuesdays at 10:00am or Thursdays at 19:00 both in the church hall.

Mark



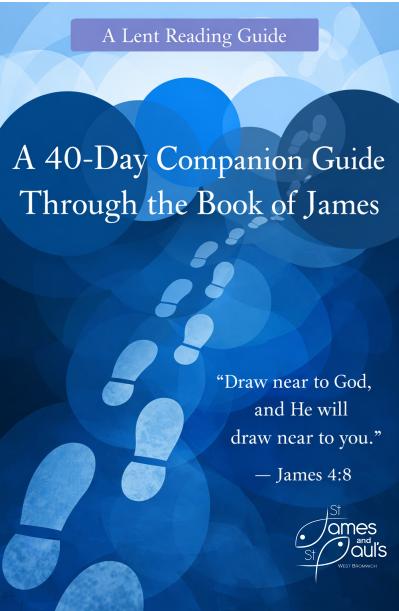
## Lent readings

In a short while we will be in lent, and in preparation for our sermon series later in the year, I would like to invite you with me to read through James over the 40 days of lent.

As we do this we will see the themes of James and we will read it I want to encourage us to use our **One More Step..** moto as we try to reflect on the themes that comes up though out James, but also to spend time praying for a friend and inviting them to church, perhaps for Easter Sunday.

Lent is that time of Repentance and renews, of intentional growth, and our readings will invite us to take one more step each day, not to perfection, but to faithful obedience to the Lord almighty.

So please do join me as we Journey through lent with the apostle James.



## Ash Wednesday

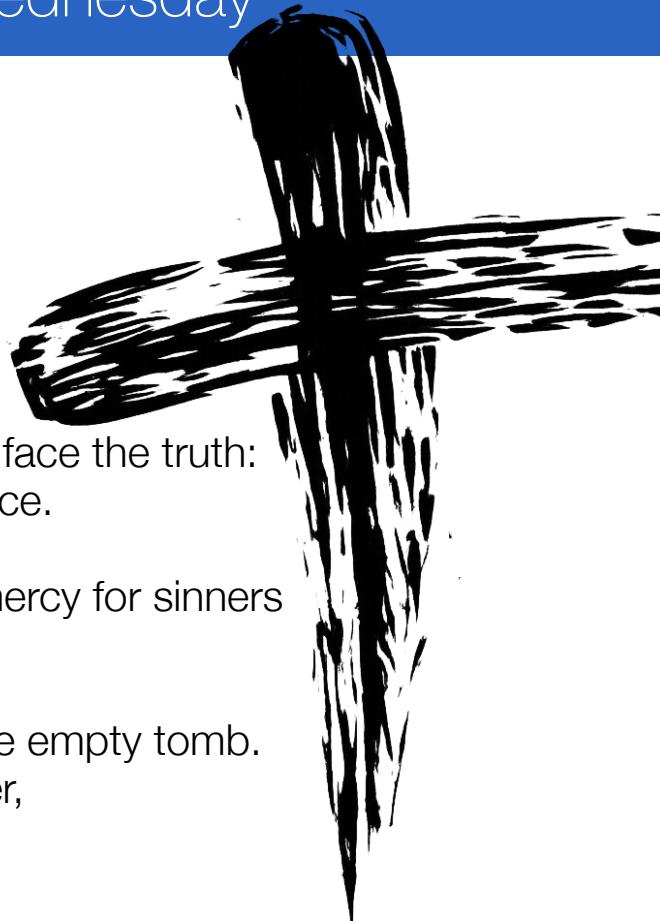
### START LENT WITH JESUS

The facts are, we are not trying to be “better people”. We can only respond to a better Saviour.

On Ash Wednesday we take a moment to face the truth: we're finite, we fall short, and we need grace.

But here is the good news — Jesus has mercy for sinners and hope for the broken.

Lent is a journey towards the cross and the empty tomb. Come for a short service of worship, prayer, and a chance to receive ashes as a sign of repentance and faith.



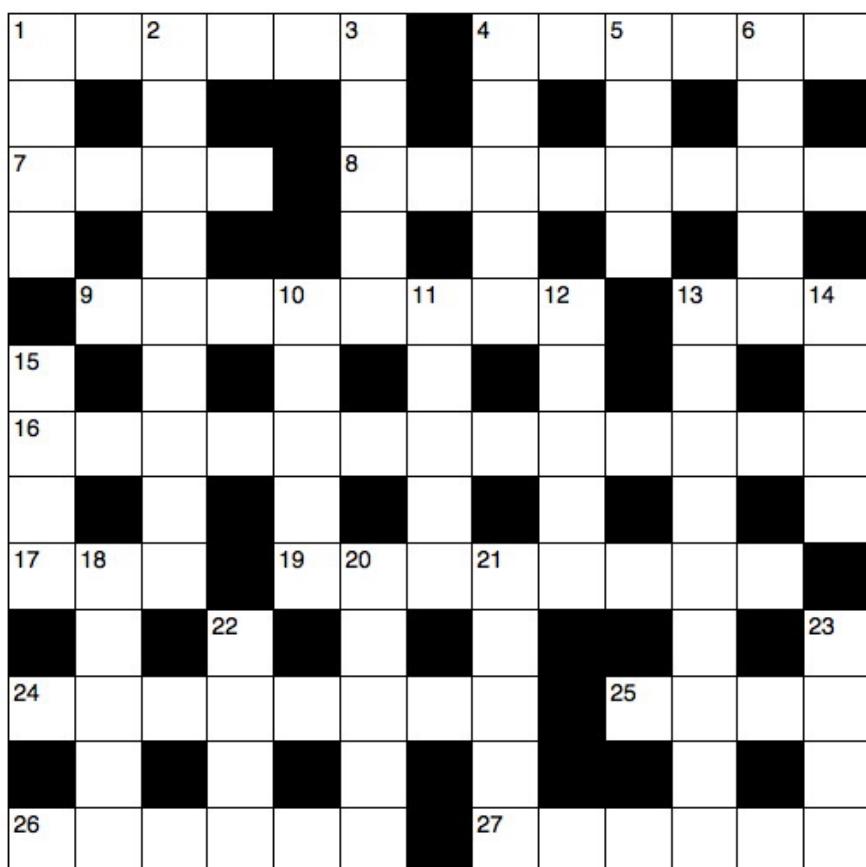
**Wednesday 18th February at 6:30pm**

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### Across

1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)

4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)

7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)

8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem  
(1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)

9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)

13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)

16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)

17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)

19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1–2) (5,3)

24 Simon had (anag.) (8)

25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)

26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)

27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

### Down

1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)

2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)

3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)

4 Belief (5)

5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)

6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)

10 A seer (anag.) (5)

11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)

12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)

13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)

14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of

16 Across, — and Dolls (4)

15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)

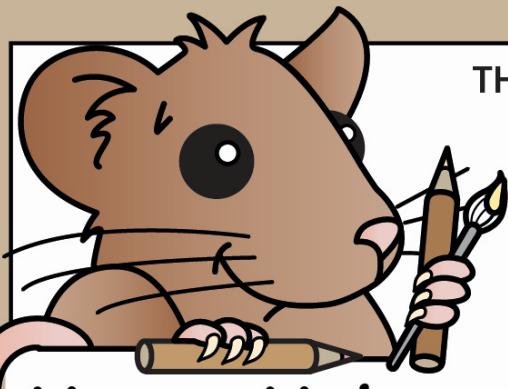
18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)

20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)

21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)

22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)

23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)



## Mouse Makes

Read the story in

Luke 4:1-13



### SECOND TEMPTATION

#### THE DEVIL SAID:

"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

**JESUS REPLIED:**  
"Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him."

Read Deuteronomy 6:13

**WE LEARN:**

Put God first  
Worship only Him.



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JESUS • BAPTISED • RIVER • JORDAN • HOLY SPIRIT • LED  
WILDERNESS • DESERT • FORTY DAYS • HUNGRY • DEVIL  
TEMPTATION • STONE • BREAD • WRITTEN • SON • WORLD  
KINGDOMS • GLORY • WORSHIP • SERVE • GOD • HIGH  
JERUSALEM • TEMPLE • SON • JUMP • DOWN • LIFT • FOOT • LORD • TEST • LENT

### THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan where did the Holy Spirit lead him to? v1

How many days was Jesus being tempted by the devil? v2

What did Jesus eat? v2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?  
What did Jesus say? v3-4

What did the devil offer Jesus if He worshipped him?  
What did Jesus say? v7-8

What did the devil ask Jesus to do?  
What did Jesus say? v9

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### FIRST TEMPTATION

#### THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son order this stone to turn into bread."

#### JESUS REPLIED:

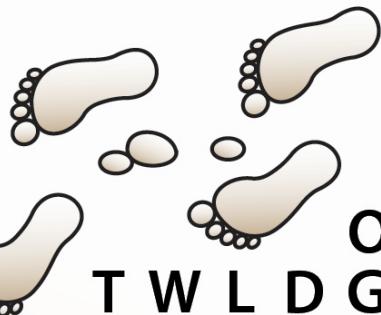
"Man shall not live on bread alone."

Read Deuteronomy 8:3

#### WE LEARN:

Read the Bible

Learn God's word.



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### THIRD TEMPTATION

#### THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take care of you."

#### JESUS REPLIED:

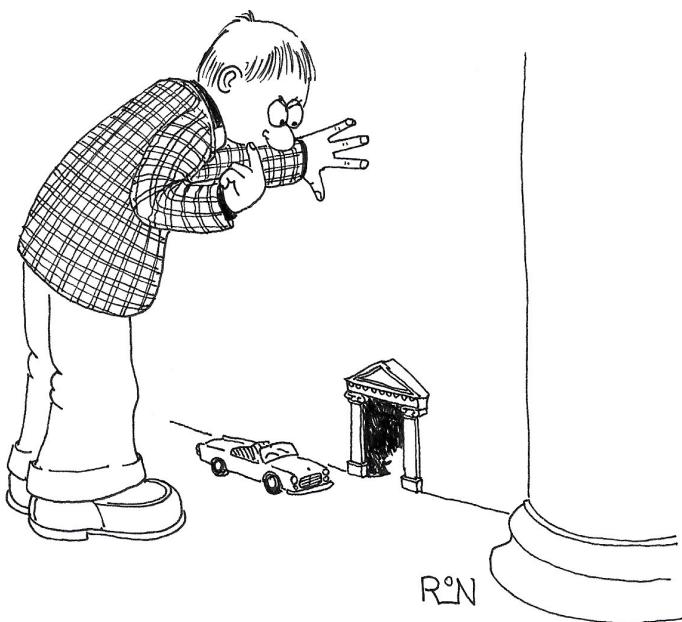
"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Read Deuteronomy 6:16

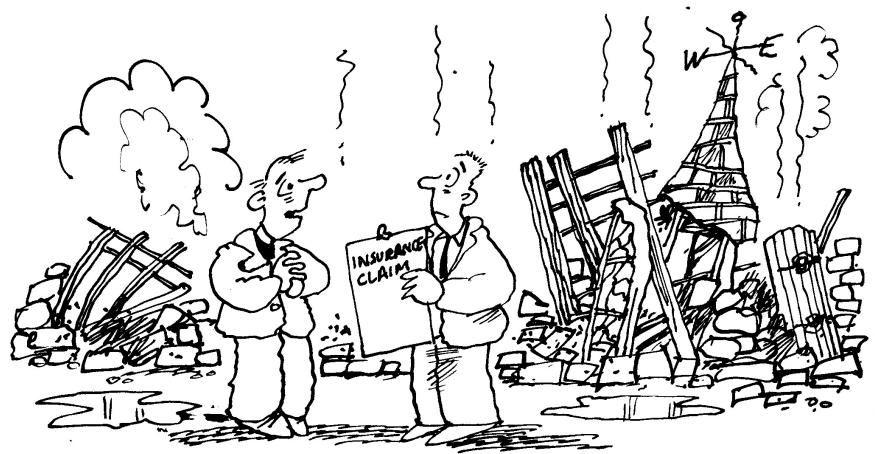
#### WE LEARN:

God cares, trust  
Him do not test Him.





...and yet the Church Mice still put it about  
that they were poor



...er... apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...

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## Prayers for Sick and Bereaved

Please Pray for those in need.

Especially.....

Bill Nock  
Bridget Williams  
Denis Smith  
Sybil Dilworth  
Cara Dilworth  
Daniel Jenkins  
Kim McCulloch  
Kayliegh Winstanley

The Family and Friends of ...

Denzel Smith  
Anne Rodgers  
Philip David Kemp known as David



The next Men's Breakfast will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 at the Queen Inn in West Bromwich.

We will meet at 9:00am for about an hour to an hour and half.  
Why not come along.  
Price last time was £10.99  
For more Details, speak to Mark or Andy



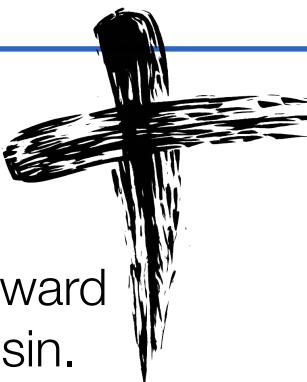
Don't forget that our Create and Cake group meets on the first Friday of every month, 7pm at St James.

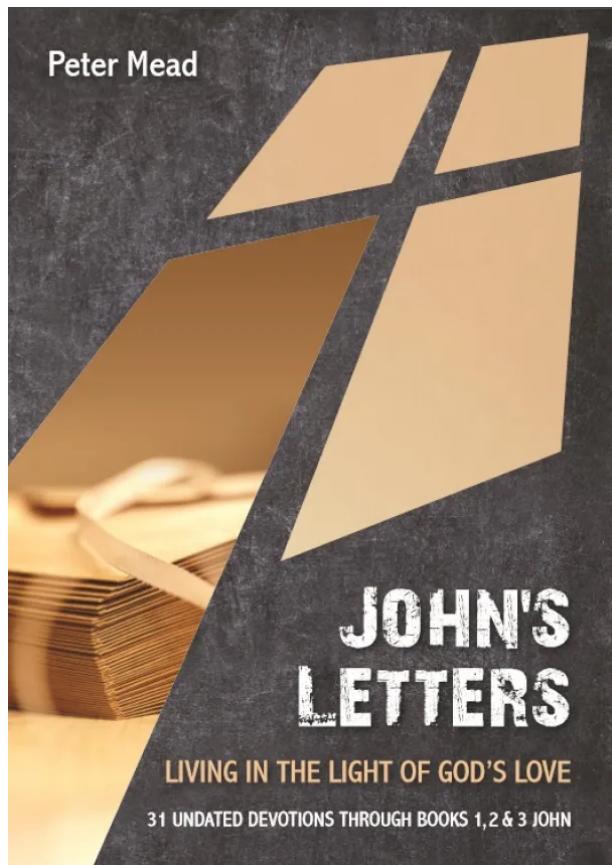
Costs £2 which includes crafts, cake, tea, coffee and great conversations!  
For more details, speak to Rebecca Wilson

## Ash Wednesday Service

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:30pm.

Please come as we begin our journey in faith looking forward to the hope of Easter as we seek the forgiveness of our sin.





## John's Letters: Living in the Light of God's Love

By Peter Mead [10ofthose.com](http://10ofthose.com)  
£4.99

Peter Mead's *John's Letters* is a slim but rich devotional guide through 1–3 John. Across 31 undated readings, Mead highlights John's warm, pastoral tone and keeps bringing you back to the heart of the gospel: God's love, not our performance.

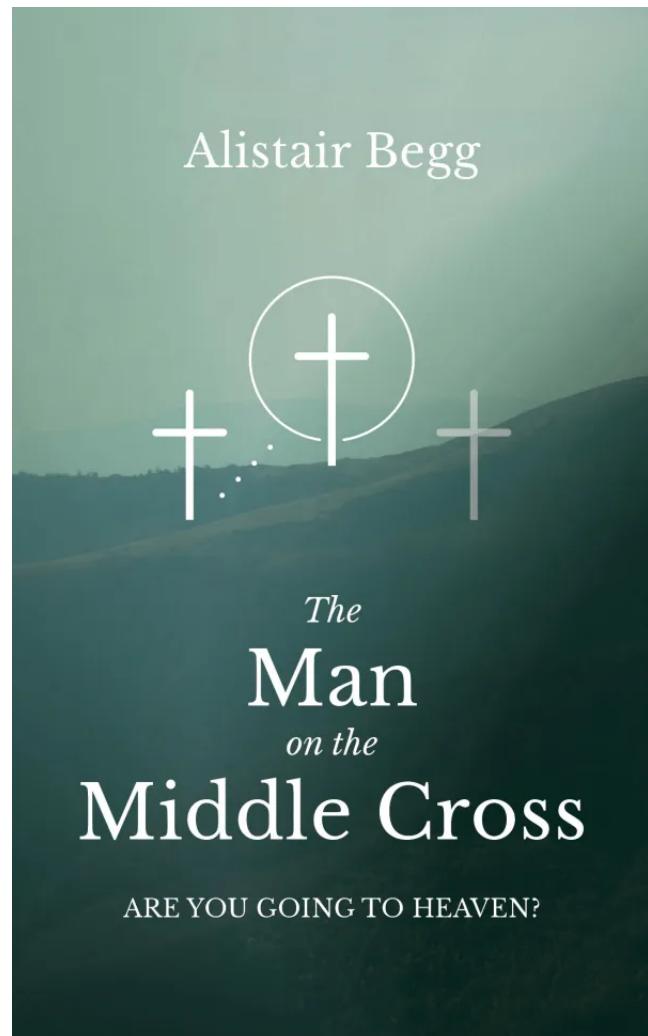
Each entry is clear, Scripture-soaked, and ends with a practical question that helps the truth land. Ideal for personal quiet times or small-group discussion. A gentle reset for weary believers.

## The Man on the Middle Cross – Are You Going to Heaven?

By Alistair Begg, [10ofthose.com](http://10ofthose.com)  
£3.99

This book focuses on three people who had their lives changed when they met Jesus. Each was given hope, restoration and a way back to God: the woman at the well, the paralysed man, and the thief on the cross.

With characteristic clarity, Alistair Begg explains how this offer is open to all who come to Jesus, the man on the middle cross.



## Cross Word Answers

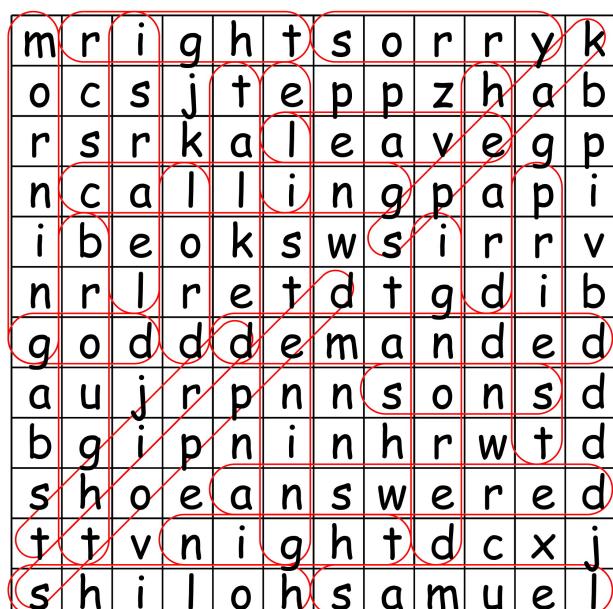
### ACROSS:

1, Credit. 4, Tackle. 7, Cain. 8, Kenaniah. 9, Strength. 13, Beg. 16, Salvation Army. 17, ARC. 19, Every day. 24, Admonish. 25, Dire. 26, Sneeze. 27, Bronze.

### DOWN:

1, Cock. 2, Epistolic. 3, Taken. 4, Tenet. 5, Cane. 6, Leave. 10, Erase. 11, Guide. 12, Honey. 13, Barbarian. 14, Guys. 15, Asia. 18, Rod in. 20, Voice. 21, Rahab. 22, Hope. 23, Mene.

## Word search Answers



## Sudoku Answers

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Kerry Gorton

### Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Parish Safeguarding officer via our website.  
[www.sjpchurch.co.uk/safeguarding](http://www.sjpchurch.co.uk/safeguarding)

### Accessibility

There is an accessible toilet at the back of Church.  
We have large print hymn books if you need them.  
For the hearing loop please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

