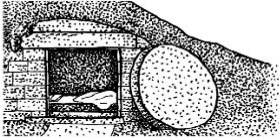


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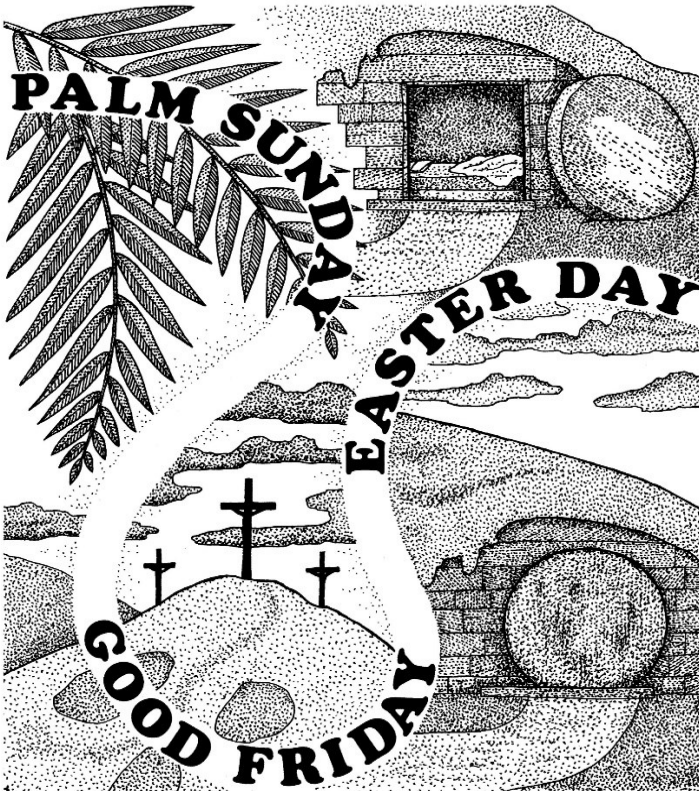
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SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLUB

During the 9:15am Parish Eucharist
(except 2nd Sundays).

Currently, we're not meeting due to lack
of children aged 4 – 11.

We'll be back as soon as we are able.



LITTLE ANGELS

For the under 5s with their parents,
grandparents or carers.

Thursdays

9:00am to 11:00am

Term time only—everyone welcome.

Contact :

The Office



St Luke's Mothers' Union meets at 2pm every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Contact : Pam Harding 268270

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH

3rd March - Third Sunday of Lent
10th March - Mothering Sunday
17th March - St Patrick's Day –
24th March - Palm Sunday
Holy Week Services—page 12
31st March - Easter Sunday

NB : All Services start at 9:15am prompt.

Holy Communion Service held Every
Wednesday at 9:30am.

Baptism Preparation takes place on the
second Tuesdays of each month. Please
contact the Administrator to book.



SAVING IN 2024

It is time to start saving for next Christmas. The savings club will begin on 4th February after the 9:15 service. For those who don't know about the club we save for 40 weeks in amounts of £1.10, so you could save £3.30, £5.50 or £11 and many savers save monthly if this is more convenient. We look forward to welcoming previous and new savers on the first Sunday in February.

Pam and Brenda

GROUPS, ACTIVITIES & ORGANISATIONS IN THE PARISH CENTRE

TUESDAY	Sewing Party	2.00pm - 4.00pm	
	<i>Maggie Hammond</i>		<i>Tel: 872066</i>
	29th Brownies	6.00pm - 7.30pm	
	<i>Gillian Rogers 15 Grantham Ave</i>		<i>Tel: 234517</i>
WEDNESDAY	Squirrels	4:30pm – 5:30pm	
	<i>Andrea Thubron</i>		
	Beavers	5.45pm - 7.00pm	
	<i>Louise Moriarty</i>		<i>Tel: 223640</i> <i>Mob: 07807142755</i>
	Scouts	7.30pm - 9.00pm	
	<i>John Kelly</i>		<i>Tel: 07846 631805</i>
	Mothers' Union (3rd Wednesday)	2.00pm - 3.30pm	
	<i>Pam Harding</i>		<i>Tel: 268270</i>
THURSDAY	St Luke's 'Little Angels'	9.00am - 11.00am	
	<i>Office</i>	<i>01429 756826</i>	<i>admin@stlukeshartlepool.org.uk</i>
	Cubs (meeting at West Park School)	6.00pm - 7.30pm	
	<i>Mark Anderson</i>		<i>Mob: 07889 177547</i>

Boys Brigade is suspended. A new Captain needs to be recruited. Please contact Richard Cambridge 01429 280860 if interested.



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FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to all those who have supported the production of The Magazine over the past year, both financially and in its distribution.

It's time to ask you for the annual subscription. This year we have kept the price per issue once again at 80pence, making £8.00 for the 10 issues we produce. We encourage everyone to make a contribution to The Magazine's content. Personal stories are always the most interesting.

Many thanks, Favour

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▲ Windrush Story.

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Book is now available on Amazon in paperback

Or digital version on kindle.

The book deals with what happens to me as a person affected by The Windrush Scandal.

The Scandal itself was largely unknown until 2018 when the Media began to discuss it. Followed by the Parliament. Not long after it was made into a Bill and then passed which would

hopefully rectify any wrongdoing. The Windrush Scandal has affected many people and is fairly similar to the recently emerged Post Office Scandal.

I have written the book as a complete novice but was encouraged to do so by a number of close friends. For me it's an accomplishment. I was excluded from this country at a young age. Then spent 40 years trying to come back. I now live here in Hartlepool and attend St Lukes which is where I find good people and a sense of comfort .

I hope that anyone reading the book will find it worthwhile.

Derick Bhupsingh. 07835 529244

WEDDINGS AT ST LUKE'S

There is nothing as special as a church wedding. The cost includes all Banns and Fees to Church and Organist.

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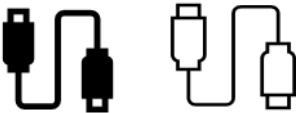
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OPEN THE BOOK

We've performed the second of our stories for this half term at Jesmond Gardens School this week. Our story was "The Two Houses". It tells the story of the wise man and the foolish man, which is probably familiar to all of us from our Sunday school days. We included the song "The Wise Man Built His House Upon The Rock" (music courtesy of Joanne) and it was wonderful to see both the children and staff joining in with the singing and the actions. Last week at Throston Primary School it was received with equal enthusiasm and was really rewarding for the whole team.

Our third story in March will cover The Last Supper and will lead nicely into their own Easter celebrations.

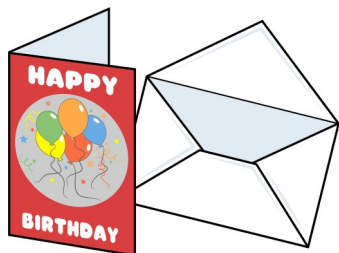
We continue to be warmly welcomed in both schools and it gives all the team members huge satisfaction to be able to bring God's word to the children in such a joyous and entertaining way.

Sheila



HOME MADE CARDS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS:

Mary Summerson has been fundraising for us by making cards for some time, and her creations can be bought at Coffee Mornings, or from the box in the Choir Vestry.



If you have a special occasion that you need a card for, Mary can make one for you. Please speak to her or contact her on 07876 048263.

The tale of the Tower Builder



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS EXPLAINED HOW IT WOULDN'T ALWAYS BE EASY TO FOLLOW HIM.



JESUS BEGAN, IF ONE OF YOU PLANS TO BUILD A TOWER....

...YOU'LL FIRST NEED TO WORK HOW MUCH IT WILL COST.



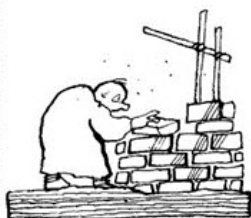
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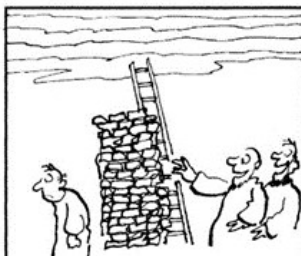


...WORK VERY HARD ON THE FOUNDATIONS.

...THEN START TO LAY THE BRICKS,...



...BUT SUDDENLY RUN OUT OF MONEY!!



THEN PEOPLE WILL LAUGH AT YOU!

TOWER TO BE CANCELLED BUILT HERE

WE NEED TO REALISE THAT ALTHOUGH FOLLOWING JESUS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT'S ALSO A GREAT CHALLENGE.

MARCH EVENTS

7 Mar	7:00pm - Lent Course @ St Columba's
10 Mar	9.15am - Mothering Sunday Service
11 Mar	7.00pm - PCC
14 Mar	7:00pm - Lent Course @ St Columba's
21 Mar	7:00pm - Lent Course @ St Columba's
24 Mar	9.15am - Palm Sunday Procession and Service
28 Mar	7.00pm - Maundy Thursday Service
29 Mar	10.00am All Age Good Friday Service 2.00pm - Stations of the Cross Service
31 Mar	EASTER DAY Clocks go forward 8.00am - Easter Breakfast 8.50am - Blossoming of the Cross 9.15am - Easter Day Service 11.00am - Baptisms

LENT

Lent Course is on for 4 weeks. Started Thursday 29th Feb and is ending on Thursday 21st March, 2024. 7pm for a 7:15 start, venue, St Columba's, 48 Marlowe Road, TS25 4JN. We will be thinking about Same Sex Marriage: What it means for the Church of England and what it means for us as we explore some of the issues around Living in Love and Faith and Prayers of Love and Faith.

Deanery Evensong: Sunday 3rd March, 3:30pm at Stranton, followed by refreshments. We welcome the Cathedral Choir and members from churches across the deanery to this service.

Palm Sunday: Palm Sunday Parade service 9.15am at St Luke's starting in the Hall with the blessing of the Palms.

EASTER PRAYER 2024

Almighty God,

You hold all things in Your hands. You make sense of everything!

So often we only see where we are now, what we feel now, in this moment – but You know the end from the beginning.

In all our troubles, our assurance is in Your sovereignty, in Your mighty act of salvation.

Thank you that, just as after winter comes spring and after night comes morning, so, most gloriously, after death on Good Friday, comes resurrection on Easter Day!

Christ is Risen – and we can know, by the indwelling of his Holy Spirit, that He is risen indeed!

We can know, in our real and every-day lives, where our help comes from.

Hallelujah! Thank you, living Lord,

In Jesus name. Amen.

HOLY WEEK across Central Hartlepool Group of Churches

Monday - Wednesday: Compline/Easter Reflections online at 7.00pm

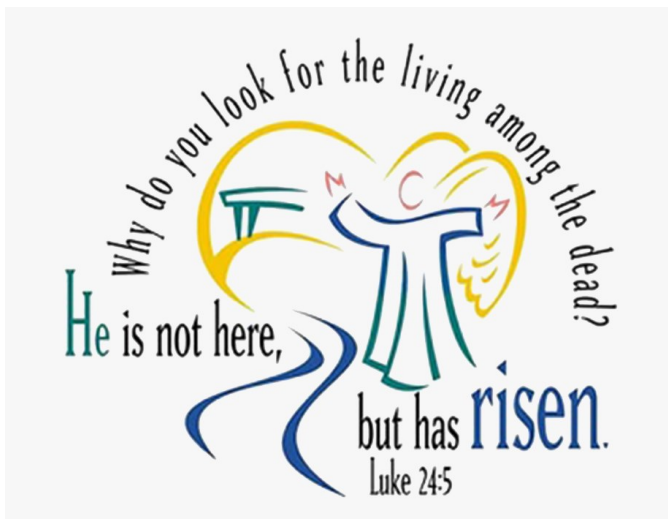
Maundy Thursday: Chrism Service at the Cathedral (11am TBC)
Maundy Thursday Supper with Communion and Stripping of the Altars, 7.00pm at St Luke's
Mass of the Last Supper, 7.00pm, St Aidan's

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross (a family service), 10.00am at St Luke's
Messy Easter, 10.00am at St Matthew's
Private Prayer, 12.00pm at Stranton followed by,
An hour at the Cross, 2.00pm at Stranton
An hour at the Cross, 2.00pm at St Luke's
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3.00pm at St Aidan's

Easter Saturday: The Easter Vigil, 7.00pm at St Aidan's

Easter Sunday: Holy Communion, 9.00am at Stranton
Holy Communion, 9:15am at St Luke's,
followed by baptisms at 11.00am
Easter Mass, 10:45am at St Aidan's
Holy Communion, 11.00am at Stranton

*There will be no midweek services in the week following Easter Sunday
(i.e. 3rd and 4th April)*

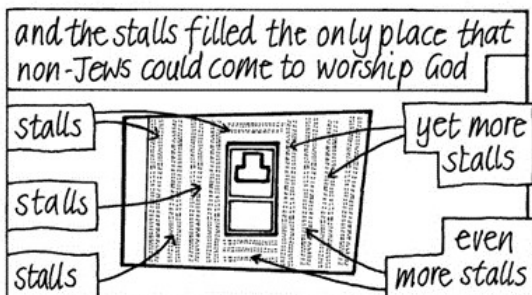
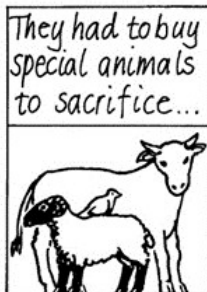
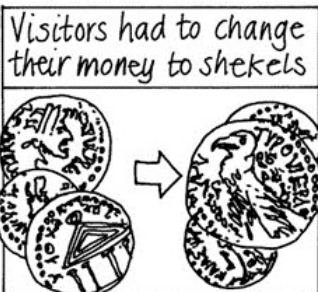
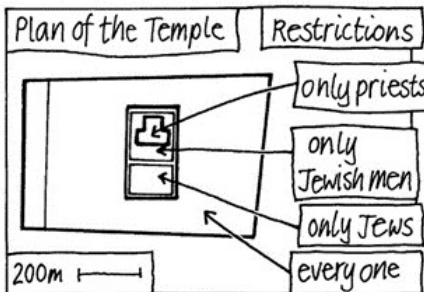


Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt 21:12-16, Mk 11:15-18, Lk 19:45-48

When Jesus reached Jerusalem he went to the Temple, built as a place where everyone could worship God, but with restrictions...





THE MYSTERY OF FLOWER ARRANGING MADE SIMPLE

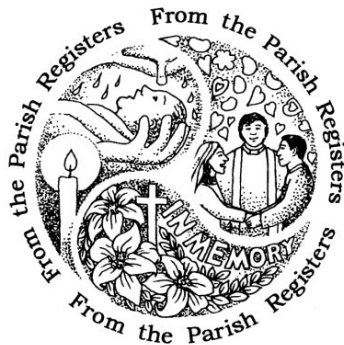
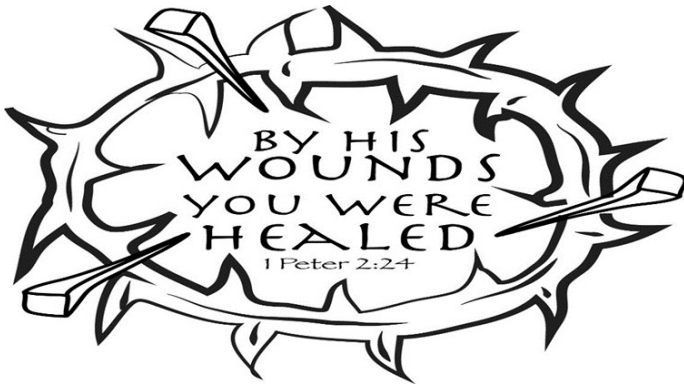
Joanne will be leading four sessions, fortnightly, 2.00pm on Tuesday afternoons in the hall.

This course is aimed at beginners or is for anyone interested in flower arranging. You will need to bring a few flowers of your own and there will be a small charge for rent of the hall.

Learn how to design, and construct arrangements and all about flower care, and find out how to make the most of a few flowers.

Contact Jo: 07719 261354, for details.

DATES: Tuesdays 2nd April, 16th April, 30th April and 14th May.



HOLY BAPTISM

Welcome to:

25th February

Libby Rose Allison

FUNERALS

To God with our love go:

14th December 2023 Jayne Elaine Neesam

7th February 2024 Sheena Maureen Harrison

PILGRIM COURSE

The Pilgrim course was offered to adults in or known to our three parishes. It was for those seeking baptism and those wishing to refresh and reflect on their Christian journey.

It was held on Thursday evenings at St Luke's.

The majority attending were already baptised and confirmed but it was heartening to see adult baptism being sought also.

Eight Books on the Pilgrim course are available- this course was based on Book 1, 'Turning to Christ'.

The course lasted 6 weeks with each week looking at the promises made at baptism:

- ◇ Do you turn to Christ?
- ◇ Do you believe in God the Father?
- ◇ Do you believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ?
- ◇ Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- ◇ Do you repent of your sins?
- ◇ Do you reject evil?

Each weekly session had the same format which I found helpful. Prayer, opening question, Bible reading and discussion of phrases or words which stood out, reflection written by a bishop or similar, questions to discuss, another reflection and discussion, final prayer. There were also helpful passages on which to reflect before the next week. After week 1, Rev John, who led the course, always asked if we needed clarity or questions to do with the previous week.

I found reflecting on my beliefs and my Christian journey a positive experience.

Over the 6 weeks I would say the group bonded through laughter, discussions and sharing some quite personal views. I am quite sad the course has ended and hope, and pray, Pilgrim Course Book 2 (or any of the remaining seven books) soon follows.

Even though I, personally, find daytime and online courses preferable to evening ones, I would certainly go to any others planned and would encourage those of you wondering about attending any future Pilgrim course to sign up.

Love and blessings to all,
Patricia Watson x



WHAT WE DO...a series on the volunteer roles at St Luke's:

Role Description for Deanery Synod Members in the Diocese of Durham

Background : The Diocese of Durham aims to bless our communities in Jesus' name, for the transformation of us all. To that end, every parish and every deanery is expected to ask and answer the following questions:

1. What is the mission of God in our community?
2. What ministries do we need to fulfil this mission?
3. What resources do we need for these ministries?

From a deanery perspective all this is captured into a deanery plan which should shape the mission thinking and planning in the deanery. The plan should be reviewed and revised by the deanery during their synod meetings.

Lay members of Deanery Synod, collectively known as the House of Laity, share with the House of Clergy in the task of development and conduct of the church's mission in the deanery in general and the deanery plan in particular. In this they can and should bring both a parish and deanery perspective to bear.

Lay members also play an important role in tending the relationship between Deanery Synod and the parishes they represent. As such they also share the responsibility with the Area Dean and Lay Chair of establishing active teamwork within Synod, which will be helped by the building of working relationships with other members across parish and group boundaries.

Main tasks and responsibilities : The main tasks and responsibilities of Deanery Synod Lay Members are as follows:

Along with the Area Dean and Lay Chair, to support the development and implementation of the strategic direction (mission) of the deanery as expressed by the deanery mission plan.

To act as an effective communication channel between Deanery Synod and the parish or group they are elected to represent.

To promote the development and outworking of the mission of God in the parish or group that they represent.

To read any papers before the meeting, attend and make an active contribution to Deanery Synod meetings.

To establish and maintain links with Lay Members from other parts of the Deanery, for mutual encouragement and to improve understanding of the challenges and needs facing the church in different places.

To consider, if time allows, representing the Deanery on the Deanery Standing Mission and Pastoral Committee, or representing the Deanery on Diocesan Synod.

Appointments process : Lay Members must be drawn from and elected by the electoral roll of the parish they represent, elected at the Annual Parish Meeting, or otherwise in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020.

Deanery Synod Lay Members are elected for a term of three years (last in 2023) and their

appointment to Deanery Synod also means that they are members of the PCC of their Parish.

How Deanery Synods Operate : The agenda of a Synod meeting will have been discussed and decided in consultation with the Standing Committee, and should include topics where lay people can contribute or which are particularly relevant to lay people and parishes. In the course of a year, Synod meetings will usually include a variety of ways of engaging the members: presentations from visiting speakers such as Diocesan or Area Officers, small group discussions, debates, as well as contributions and news from individual parishes, General Synod representatives and the regular reports, e.g. on Deanery finances and from the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee.

PCCs are permitted to discuss a topic and pass this onto the Deanery Standing Committee for them to add to the agenda for a Deanery Synod. Likewise, Deanery synods may forward a motion or topic for Debate at Diocesan Synod.

The Deanery Lay Chair should try to encourage lay people to participate and engage in discussions, recognising that for some speaking in public can be quite daunting. Discussions in twos and threes with some feedback to the whole Synod are ways of overcoming this.

Subject to agreement by Deanery Synod, meetings may be attended by any interested person within the Deanery, but only those who have been elected from their parishes may vote when a vote is required.

If the synod is discussing an important issue, sometimes it is difficult to gain consensus on a resolution. In these times the synod could continue discussing the issue, choose to defer the motion to another meeting to allow thinking time, or ask another relevant person to come to the next meeting to facilitate the discussion. At the end of the day, however, there may be times when a vote must be taken, and the majority decision carried.

The Deanery House of Laity : The Deanery Lay Chair may convene a separate meeting of the House of Laity, e.g. for the purpose of elections or for debating points of particular relevance to the non-ordained constituency, or for eliciting a particular lay response to a question of the moment. Any such debates should normally be used as a prelude to the issues being debated in full Synod.

The Deanery Lay Chair should encourage members of the House of Laity to stand both for Diocesan Synod and its committees and for the General Synod to ensure that the representation on these bodies reflects as far as possible the range of views of the wider church.

Separate meetings of the House of Laity are relatively rare, but there may be scope for a less formal gathering of lay members to discuss topical matters. Lay people sometimes feel inhibited by the presence of clergy, and, unlike clergy who meet regularly in clergy chapter meetings, have no other forum for meeting and getting to know one another, and so may appreciate an occasional opportunity to do so.

Relating to the Wider Diocese : The role of the Deanery Synod is to act as a link between the Diocese as a whole and individual parishes. Debates and motions can be sent up from parish through Deanery Synod to Diocesan Synod – and potentially General Synod – as well as being sent in the opposite direction. Members should be aware of this when participating in both PCC and Deanery Synod meetings.

PANCAKE PARTY TUESDAY 13 FEB.

The experts in the picture produced a steady stream of over 50 perfectly cooked pancakes for the Brownies. They had a choice of toppings from Golden Syrup, sugar, lemon or a mixture of them, and even sausage Korma, unusual but very tasty.

Many Brownies had more than one pancake, which as proof of how good they re. There were quizzes to answer and drawings to colour in, all on a pancake theme. The 'Toss the Pancake' competition was amazing with some girls managing to do this over 50 times!

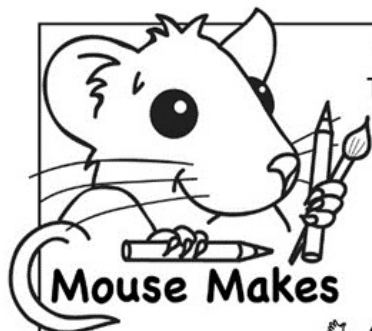
There were several volunteers who made light work of the washing up (though the paper plates helped to reduce the workload).

The Brownies really enjoyed the evening and their behaviour was a credit to their Leaders. Many thanks to our hardworking and unflappable Chef Steve and helpers. A real fun-filled time.

Joan Nixon



Steve and Julia cooking fresh pancakes in our Parish Hall kitchen.



Mouse Makes

"I am the **resurrection** and the **life**.
The one who believes in me will live
even though they die."

John 1:25



READ the Bible
passages to find
the answers to the
crossword clues

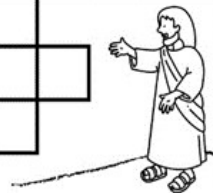
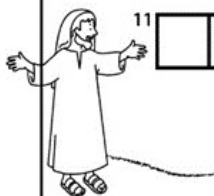
Matthew 21:1-11

- Which city did Jesus ride into?
- What did he ride on?
- What did the crowd shout?
- What did clothes did they put down?
- What did they cut down to spread on the road?



Matthew 26:17-29

- What feast did Jesus celebrate?
- Who did he celebrate it with?
- What did Jesus break to eat?



Matthew 27:27-61

- What was Jesus' crown made of?
- What was Jesus crucified on?
- Who's tomb was Jesus buried in?
- What did they wrap Jesus' body in?
- What did they roll in front of the tomb?

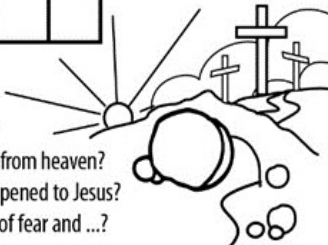
Matthew 26:36-75

- What did Jesus go to do at Gethsemane?
- Who denied Jesus?



Matthew 26:14-16

- Who betrayed Jesus?
- How many silver pieces was he paid?



Matthew 28:1-10

- Who descended from heaven?
- What had happened to Jesus?
- Mary was full of fear and ...?

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