

*Parish of Pontefract  
St Giles with St Mary*



*2022 - May/June*



## God in the Arts

*The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a famous painting by Dirk Bouts. It is found in the church of St Peter in Louvain.*

### A meal to remember!

When we gather with other Christians to celebrate the Eucharist and to make our communion, we are remembering that special meal Jesus shared with His disciples on the eve of His arrest and death. But do we always appreciate what we are doing? Sometimes the monotony of repetition and distractions will get in the way. We fail to recognise Christ's gift at communion for what it truly is.

In the 15th century the prosperous burghers of the Flemish town of Louvain commissioned the artist Dirk Bouts to paint a special altarpiece devoted to the Eucharist for the church of St Peter. Dirk Bouts, with his imagination, portrayed the Last Supper in a room looking out to his own town of Louvain. The faces of the servers in the room and the cooks looking through the hatch were modelled on the burghers who commissioned the work.

Other faces are modelled on theologians at the new university who visited the artist. They wanted to ensure he kept his theological feet on the ground while his imagination took flight. And so around the scene of the Last Supper, Bouts has painted Old Testament scenes foreshadowing that holy communion: Melchizedek offering bread and wine in return for Abraham's offering, the eating of the first Passover, the gathering of the manna in the wilderness, and Elijah wakened by the angel to eat and drink before setting out for Horeb. Signs of sacrifice, the Passover of the old covenant, daily food and food for the journey – all key aspects of the communion we celebrate and share in.

Just as the theological faculty reminded Dirk Bouts of all these facets, so the artist is reminding us of the richness of the distinctive meal we have as Christians. When we see the bread and wine taken up and offered, we remember not only the Last Supper, when Jesus fed His disciples with the sacrifice of His life, but those occasions when God reached out to feed His people of old. We rejoice that the food our Lord gives us in the Eucharist feeds us now and enables us to make our journey through life to the eternal banquet offered in the heavenly kingdom.

**“Question: What is Spring?—  
Growth in every thing—**

**Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,  
Grass and greenworld all together ;  
Star-eyed strawberry-breasted  
Throstle above her nested**

**Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin  
Forms and warms the life within ;  
And bird and blossom swell  
In sod or sheath or shell.**

**All things rising, all things sizing  
Mary sees, sympathizing  
With that world of good  
Nature’s motherhood.”**

Gerard Manley Hopkins, *The May Magnificat*

In his poem *The May Magnificat*, the Victorian poet and priest Gerard Manley Hopkins ponders why, in the Catholic tradition, the month of May is traditionally dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary. His answer is that the new growth and life of Spring – the flowers blooming, the birds singing – reflects the new and transforming life that grew within Mary, and that, as her soul magnified the Lord, so the beauty of this season brings glory to God.

This is a time of fresh life. We enter the month of May with the sound of Alleluias ringing in our ears, and the image of our church filled with beautiful Easter flowers still fresh in our minds. The colours, sounds and scents of Spring all join in with our celebration of the life which sprang forth from the tomb. In the festivals of May and June – Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday – we recall that the ascended Christ is with us, that he has sent the Spirit to ignite our faith, and revealed to us the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our God is alive and active, and we are called to look for the sometimes surprising ways the Spirit is leading us, as the kingdom flourishes in our midst.

Our Parish also finds itself in a time of new life. Recent weeks have seen the revival of pre-pandemic joys: sharing refreshments together after services, welcoming ‘Lunch With Us’ back inside the building, and the reintroduction of the common cup in communion. Yet we are not only returning to previous traditions, but also seeing new things begin to grow. It’s been great to see some new faces in

our congregations, and, for me, it's been a particular joy to be involved in our new All-Age services at St Mary's Church. At our Palm Sunday All-Age service, the green shoots of a new community could already be seen, as a number of families and children—most of whom haven't regularly come to church before—joined us for a time of worship, fun, and creativity. In ways both great and small, the Spirit is rekindling fires and sparking new flames, as we grow in friendship with one another and love for our communities. All of us are called to play our own part in this, whether in prayer or action, inside the church or outside of it.

'Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?' (Isa.43:19). As we welcome back some familiar pre-pandemic customs (many of which, being myself a 'post-COVID' addition to our parish, are less familiar to me!), we are also called to watch for new life, to be open to the fresh and unexpected. As we peer astonished into the empty tomb, as we look up at Christ ascending in glory, and as we look around at the Spirit's flames resting upon each one of us, let us be reminded again and again that we worship a living God of infinite possibilities, and endless hope.

Fr Sam Fletcher

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to this month's magazine. It is really encouraging to receive such a range of articles and notices. Do keep them coming in! June's magazine will be a **Jubilee special edition**. Your memories of the Coronation would be very welcome. Please send your article, as soon as possible please, to both Bruce Dalgleish, ([brucedalgleish0@gmail.com](mailto:brucedalgleish0@gmail.com)) and Vivienne Smales ([stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com](mailto:stgileschurchpontefract@gmail.com)), or simply hand them to a churchwarden.

The **deadline** for the **July** edition is **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**.

*Easter photos, inside the back cover, courtesy of Jonathan Harris.*

*This month's front cover picture: Bluebells at Godolphin (NT, Cornwall)*

*On the back cover: Korean spring (Photos: Bruce Dalgleish)*

# Dates to remember

(All events at St Giles', unless otherwise noted.)

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May:	<b>Choral Evensong:</b> 4pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May:	<b>Art &amp; Craft for Wellbeing:</b> 4:30-6pm ( see p26)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May:	<b>Organ Recital:</b> : 1pm: Thomas Moore
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May:	<b>Peace Vigil:</b> 11am: Wakefield Cathedral
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May:	<b>Mothers' Union:</b> 1:30pm (see p12)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May:	<b>Follow Me 7:</b> Wakefield Cathedral (see p9) with the <b>Rt Revd &amp; Rt Hon Rowan Williams</b>
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May:	An evening with <b>Donald McKenzie</b> (see p19)
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May:</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Service for HM the Queen: 5pm</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June:	<b>Organ Recital:</b> : 1pm: Ivan Linford
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June:	<b>Tombola and Bric-à-Brac Stall</b> (see p10)
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June:	<b>Bringing in Day</b> for No 6 The Circle
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June:	<b>How to be Lucky:</b> Theatre Royal, Wakefield (see p11)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June:-**

## **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

(see Calendar of Events on p5)

### **Year's Mind in May**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Hazel Janet Pope; Stella Vine; **4<sup>th</sup>** Doris Helen Guest;  
**7<sup>th</sup>** Ernest Dean; Thomas Walsh; **10<sup>th</sup>** Matthew Cookson;  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Alan Savage Beveridge; **18<sup>th</sup>** Harold Guest; **20<sup>th</sup>** Sylvia Webb;  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** Gladys Ackling; Derek Ruben John Glynn;  
**24<sup>th</sup>** Maurice Lionel Couchman (Priest);  
**25<sup>th</sup>** Isabella May Burgess; **28<sup>th</sup>** Dorothy Trevorrow;  
**29<sup>th</sup>** James Thomas Hayward; Alma Beatrice Kaye; Gary Newbert;  
**30<sup>th</sup>** Albert Hester; **31<sup>st</sup>** Thomas Hemingway.



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# THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



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Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, celebrates her Platinum Jubilee this year, to mark seventy years of loyal service to both this country and the Commonwealth. Jubilee celebrations are to be concentrated between Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June (both dates inclusive). This will be a period of national holiday.

St Giles' Church will have a programme of events which span the four days. Please read the timetable and see which events you can attend. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May at 5.00pm. This service will mark the Queen's seventy years of loyal service and marks a unique milestone, which will probably never be repeated in our nation's history.

A Jubilee Commemoration Book will be available for everyone to write any comments or sentiments that they may wish to record. The book will be available in church from Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June (both dates inclusive).

A Sovereign Platinum Jubilee is a once in a lifetime event, which deserves to be celebrated.

EVENTS AT ST GILES' CHURCH							
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June		Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June		Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	
10:00 – 12:00	Tea / Coffee	10:30	Morning Service	09:00 - 14:00	Coffee Morning	09:35 – 10.15	Bell Ringing
12:00 – 15:00	Open Church	Time tbc	Bell Ringing	09:00 - 14:00	Open Church	10:15	Pentecost Sunday Sung Eucharist – to include giving of Jubilee Booklet to the congregation
13:00 – 15:00	Afternoon Tea & Scones	13:00 - 14:00	Organ Recital	09:00 - 12:00	Super Stall outside		



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## REINTRODUCING THE COMMON CUP

This was reintroduced at the Eucharists on Easter Day.



- The decision to reintroduce it is in line with the most recent advice from the national church and has already happened in some parishes. +Nick in a recent communication to clergy, encourages to offer the common cup for those who wish to have it. However, he emphasises that those who do not feel the time is right for them should continue to receive only the consecrated wafer, as at present. Receiving only in one kind (the host) is not in any sense inferior, but it is to receive the fullness of Christ's body also.
- Please note that intincting the wafer in the common cup will not be permitted for hygiene reasons.
- We will continue to receive communion by coming up in a single file down the centre aisle and returning down the appropriate side aisle to your seats. The chalice administrators will stand on either side of the priest distributing the host. Please pause to take the chalice or move past if you wish to receive only in one kind.
- Those receiving only a blessing should receive the blessing from the priest and then return down the side aisle.



After 3 weeks Razzie and I have already completed the 60 miles and have raised £550 in support of **Cancer Research UK**. Grateful thanks to all who have helped us to meet our target.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/bruces-dog-walking-giving-page-1>

## How we can help refugees

The current conflict in Ukraine has probably got many of us thinking what we can do to help with terrible suffering played out in the media day after day. The organisations who are experts in supporting people in war zones are urging us to give financially if we can to reputable organisations such as the DEC appeal and the others listed in recent parish notices. This form of giving allows help to be precisely tailored to the immediate critical need in the field, directed to those in most need who can be reached and be flexible to meet needs as they change in type and location.

However, if you still feel you want to take practical action to support those who are suffering so much, here are 2 ideas from Wakefield and District City of Sanctuary, one of the lead local organisations offering support to refugees. If you feel you would like to give a small gift to a refugee arriving in Wakefield, then a new appeal from Wakefield and District City of Sanctuary might be of interest. The Project would be really grateful for **shop-new underwear and socks, children, ladies and men**. These gifts can be handed in at the Project's base at St Michael's Church on Mondays or Fridays. Because Covid may lead to sudden temporary closure, please ring ahead – 07800 605397 - to save yourself a wasted journey. If you can't get into Wakefield, please catch me on Wednesday mornings or after the Sunday morning service. I know Linda Fielding and all involved with City of Sanctuary would really welcome a token gift to show you stand with Ukraine and Ukrainians as they begin to arrive in Wakefield and also refugees from other conflict areas who have lost everything.

Linda has also sent me information about a monthly Peace Vigil on the steps of Wakefield Cathedral 10.45 for 11, first Saturday of each month as detailed in the poster. All are most welcome to come along to these events to show resolve for peace and solidarity with those suffering so much at present.

With thanks for any support you can give to help

Ann Harris





Bishop Tony invites you to

# Follow Me 7

at Wakefield Cathedral

the seventh series of evening teachings  
to explore faith and discipleship

## Session Running Order:

18:30 Choral Evensong\*

19:15 Supper

19:45 Teaching

21:15 Finish

Feel free to join for the whole evening or a selected part.

\*optional

Upcoming sessions: (please note January & February dates have been cancelled)



### Saturday 26 March, 10:00-15:00 - Quiet Day

Join Bishop Tony for the next Follow Me session, a Quiet Day at the Community of The Resurrection, Mirfield, giving attendees the opportunity to pause and reflect during our often busy schedules.

(£10 per person, drinks provided, please bring a packed lunch).



### Thursday 28 April - Fr Luigi Gioia

Luigi Gioia is a freelance writer and speaker in theology and spirituality. He gives talks, preaches retreats, leads workshops and study days, teaches courses as an invited lecturer in universities, theological colleges, parishes, and a variety of institutions in UK, USA, and many other countries. He is fluent in English, French, and Italian.



### Thursday 19 May - The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Rowan Williams

104th Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002 to 2012, and a noted theologian and writer. Widely revered for his personal qualities, he is also an intellectual giant who towers over almost all his predecessors as Archbishop of Canterbury. Among other achievements, he trounced the atheist Richard Dawkins, and published over twenty well-regarded books, including volumes of poetry and a major study of Dostoevsky.

Please email **Caroline Asquith, PA to Area Bishop of Wakefield** at [caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org) to book your place (including any dietary requirements) or for more information.

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## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – SATURDAY 4th JUNE

We are planning to hold a Tombola and Bric-a-Brac stall with all proceeds going to Church funds. If you have any suitable tombola prizes, please let Pat have them.

## SUPPORTING UKRANIAN REFUGEES

If anyone would like to explore the possibility of hosting a Ukrainian family through the government hosting scheme, please speak with Canon June, Fr Sam or Fr Rod, who will be able to provide further information about the families that may come to the Pontefract area.

For anyone wishing to make a small practical gesture of support for refugees, including those beginning to arrive in Wakefield from Ukraine, Wakefield and District City of Sanctuary would be grateful for "shop new" socks and underwear for all ages and colouring books and crayons. If you are unable to take these to Wakefield (suggest you ring 07800 605397 in advance of your visit), please ask Ann Harris for help with arrangements.

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*In 2018 we sat with many dozens of Syrian refugees, now living in the UK, to ask what it was like to be one of the families trapped on the ground, facing mortal threat and who decide to flee. We heard hours and hours of honest, harrowing but resilient testimony from refugees, of all social and economic status', and from these conversations came the play, How to be Lucky.*

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We meet in Church again on **Monday, 9th May at 1.30pm**. Our guest speaker is Anita, Lay Reader at All Saints Church.

Everyone is always welcome to attend and refreshments will follow the talk.

### FOOD DONATIONS TO NO. 6, ST GILES' FOOD SHARE

A huge 'thank you' for your ongoing support: recent donations have matched our needs and so have been very helpful in replenishing stocks. We aim to supply the same things to all families on a particular delivery, so we try to build up sufficient amounts to enable this. With 18 families on the weekly Pantry Club run, a lot of an individual item goes out at one go.

If you feel able to make a donation, **Sunday, 1st May** is the next day when you can bring in contributions of food for No. 6. We are beginning to run low on tins of fruit, chilli and meatballs, jars of pasta cook-in sauce and 100g jars of coffee. Other items will, of course, be very gratefully received. Many thanks again for your generous support.



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## Churches Together, Good Friday Service



On Good Friday, we were glad to join fellow Christians from different churches across our town for an outdoor service organised by Churches Together in Pontefract. It was a great occasion, where we came together in unity to proclaim the Good News right in the heart of our community.

We processed, carrying the cross, from the War Memorial to the Buttercross, before joining others for hymns, readings, prayers and an address. Our speaker was Canon Tim Wiley from St Joseph's, who delivered a powerful message of God's love.

After the service, we enjoyed sharing hot cross buns, kindly provided by Churches Together. It was especially moving to be able to gather for this service once again, having been prevented for last two years by the pandemic.

Long may the tradition continue!

Fr Sam Fletcher

*(See photographs, inside back cover.)*

### Charity urges people in energy crisis to seek free debt help

The national debt help charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), is busy responding to people hit by the recent energy price cap rise, which will see households paying around 50% more for their energy bills

Low-income households, says CAP, "are already struggling to afford the basics they need to live with dignity."

In just the first two months of this year, the charity saw requests for emergency fuel vouchers double, compared to the first two months of 2021. The charity has also delivered over £23,000 worth of crisis support, which includes emergency fuel vouchers, food shops and essential items.

CAP is in regular contact with suppliers, Ofgem and the Government to help them understand the impact these increases are having on the people it supports.

It is also wants to hear from people in need: "With the expected increases in energy costs running into October and beyond, it's more important than ever that people who are struggling don't wait until their debts get out of hand."

If you are struggling with debt and need free help, get in contact with CAP today on 0800 328 0006 or visit [capuk.org](http://capuk.org).

## All-Age Celebrations at St Mary's Church – an update

Our All-Age services at St Mary's continue to thrive, with the latest event taking place on Palm Sunday. It was well attended by a good mix of people of different ages, and responses were very positive. We enjoyed sharing hot cross buns and chocolate eggs, singing, making Easter gardens, joining together in prayer, and hearing about Palm Sunday and the hope-filled message of Easter. Many of those who had been at our Advent event came along, and we are beginning to see the foundations of a new community. Please do hold these events in your prayers, as we continue to pursue this exciting new direction in our mission as a Parish.

Fr Sam Fletcher



An Easter Garden in construction



# Carleton Theatre Group

If anyone wishes to join us, with a view to considering acting or helping backstage, etc, please phone

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# Organ Recitals

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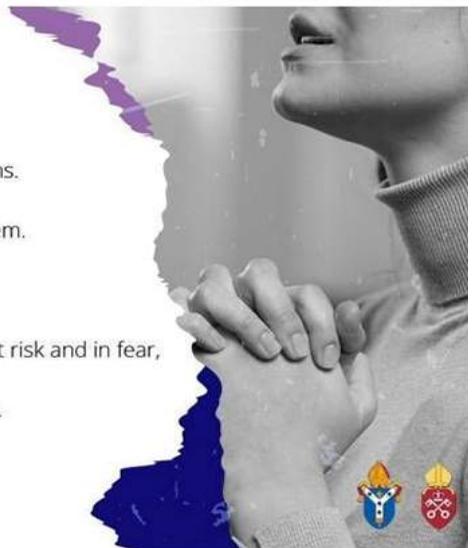
**Friday Admission £5 per recital  
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## A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

**Archbishop Justin Welby  
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**



# Spotlight on Food Share Support:

## Food Share Spotlight on Helen and Liz from R.G. Stringer & Son - Potato Farm, Stapleton

This month, Food Share is delighted to shine its spotlight on 2 people who over the winter have given much support to our Affordable Food Project at No 6 The Circle.

Helen and Liz rang before Christmas last year explaining their desire to support local families while at the same time fighting food waste. They explained that the farm at which they work produces potatoes for large food processors but that some potatoes fail when they are passed through grading machinery as they are the wrong size to be used for chips. Following negotiations with the food processing firms with which they contract, permission had been given to share these potatoes surplus to commercial requirements with organisations like Food Share.



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Since that telephone call, Helen and Liz have made weekly deliveries to Food Share and Pontefract Community Kitchen, as well as Airedale, Featherstone and Knottingley Foodbanks and must have put hundreds of meals on tables in the 5 Towns.

Helen and Liz, we thank you for your commitment to support Food Share and other food aid organisations in addition to all the behind the scenes work which you need to do to run the farm to give us chips. We have so much enjoyed your visits to No 6 and hope we can see you again later in the year with some of this year's harvest.

Paul Harris

*Our grateful thanks to **fixx**, who recently carried out work for us at No 6, The Circle completely free of charge.*

# DONATING TO UKRAINE

A national newspaper carried the following: 'Sitting at home, watching the war in Ukraine unfold has led Britons to wonder how they can help. As the Disaster Emergencies Committee announced that it had raised £150 million in its first week, the public have been asking how else they might contribute.'

Professor Lucy Easthope, Britain's leading expert on disaster management, says that alternative methods are almost always mistakes that lead to fraud and waste. Easthope, professor in practice of risk and hazard at the University of Durham, said that people should give money to charities with good local links even if it seemed boring.

"People say, 'Oh, that's very boring' or 'I don't like to back the big charities'," she said. "I always reply, 'However cool and funky the other things are, they open up the risk of fraud in the country where we're donating and elsewhere.'" So do take care with sites purporting to be genuine fundraising sites, this is a scammers' dream situation, ripe with the opportunity to take money from caring people.

What are the best charities? **The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC Ukraine appeal)**, a coalition of 15 leading charities (including Christian organisations), is providing emergency aid. The funds are being used by charities inside Ukraine and at its borders to provide people fleeing the war with food, water, medical assistance, protection and trauma care. **The Salvation Army** are very much involved on the ground in Ukraine, details of how to contribute to their efforts can be found by following this link: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

**Unicef's** crisis appeal for the children of Ukraine and **Save the Children** are pledging to provide families with water, shelter and food. **The British Red Cross** and the International Rescue Committee want to raise money for those still in the country as well as those leaving. **The Halo Trust** is raising funds so its Ukrainian staff can keep families safe from explosives and map where the bombs fall for future clearance operations.

The government and charity commission have urged anyone looking to donate to a smaller charity to "give safely" by checking the status of any charity on gov.uk and reminded those in charge of large privately raised pots of their responsibilities.

**Can I donate to Ukrainian charities?** The **British-Ukrainian Aid** charity set out to raise £20,000 for medical supplies and first aid kits and has raised more than £394,000 via its Just Giving page, which remains live. It has increased its target to £500,000. The **Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain** has an appeal that has reached more than £2 million so far to support "accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services". It has its own GoFundMe page. ([www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com))

At Diocesan synod on Saturday 12th March, Bishop Nick encouraged Christians to give money to charities such as the ones above rather than collecting goods to be taken via lorries which then become part of a transport log jam around Calais. Money then can be spent on what is actually needed and so avoid waste.

# Priory Gardens

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# For our younger readers

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 1 to 2 verse 3.

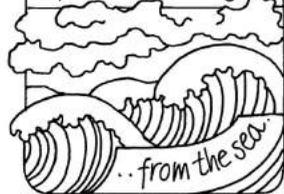
This story is at the start of the Bible, and the start of time...

When God first made the universe it was empty and shapeless. God said...

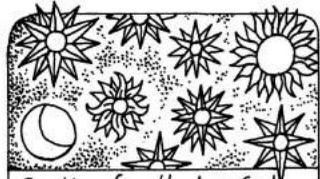
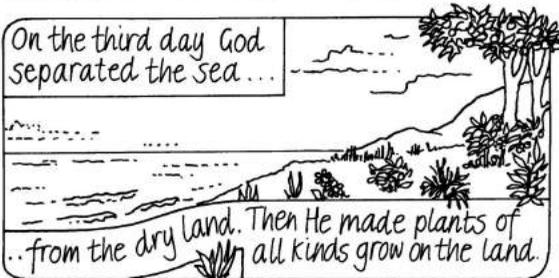
Let there be light!



On the next day, God separated the sky...

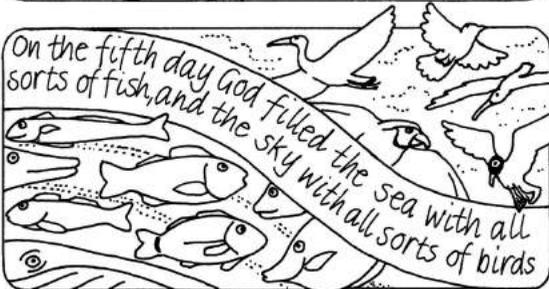


On the third day God separated the sea...

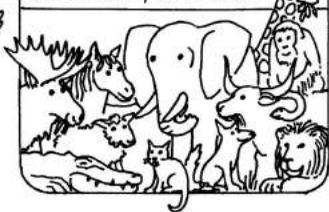


On the fourth day God made lights shine in the sky for day and night.

On the fifth day God filled the sea with all sorts of fish, and the sky with all sorts of birds



On the sixth day God made all kinds of animals...



and then He made people, men and women.



God told the people...

Take care of all I have made

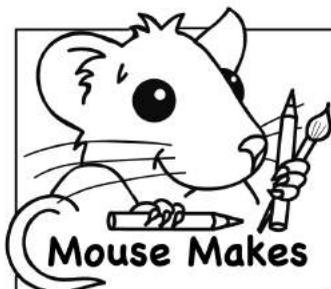


God saw that everything He had made was very good.

On the seventh day God rested...



and so did everyone else!



"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever"  
Psalm 136:1



Jesus said,  
"This, then, is how you should pray:  
Our



\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ hallowed be your \_\_\_\_\_ come,



your \_\_\_\_\_ done, on \_\_\_\_\_ as it



is in \_\_\_\_\_ Give us this day our daily \_\_\_\_\_ And

"Never stop praying."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17



\_\_\_\_\_ us our \_\_\_\_\_, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And \_\_\_\_\_ us not into temptation, but



\_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ one."

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."  
Philippians 4:6

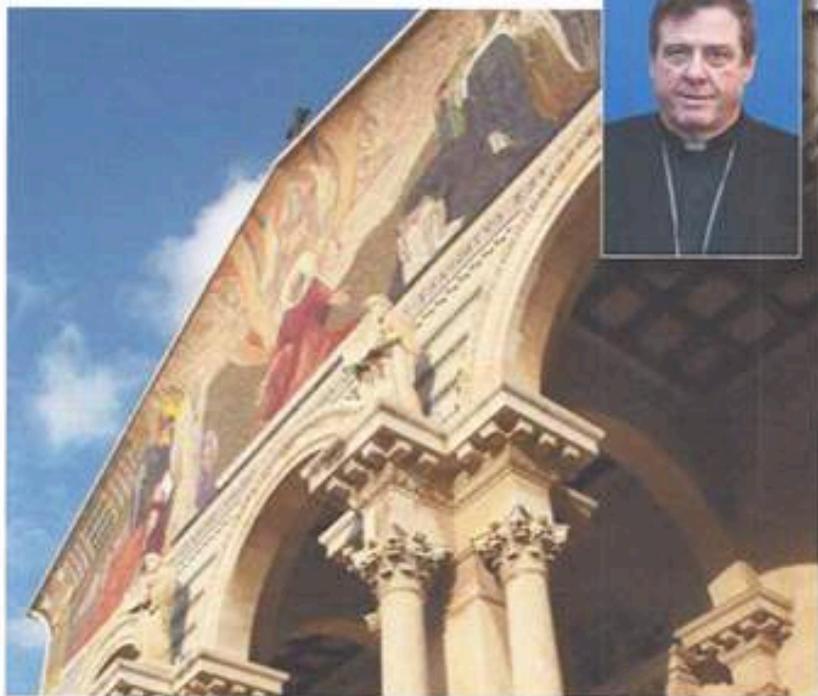
Read *Matthew 6:9-13* to fill in the words.

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Lord, we pray for Ukraine, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian. You, Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9]. And so, we ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. De-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6), but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: "Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; He shall be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:10]. Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.

*Can you find the words of the prayer in the Wordsearch grid?*

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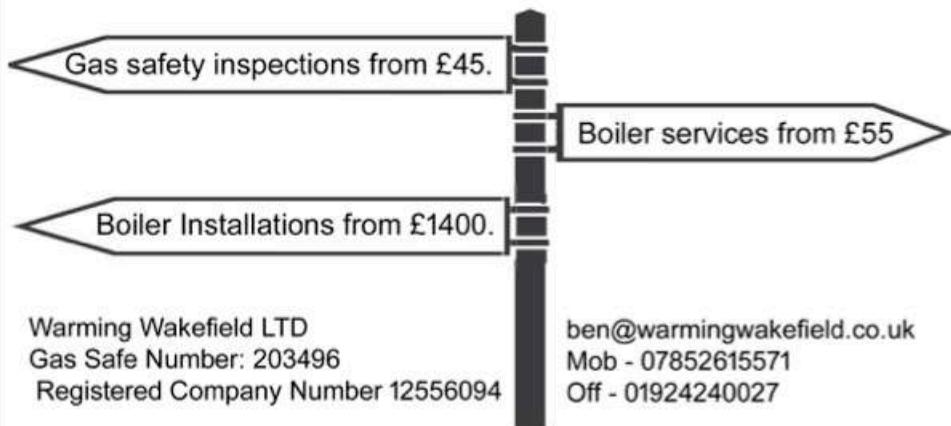




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