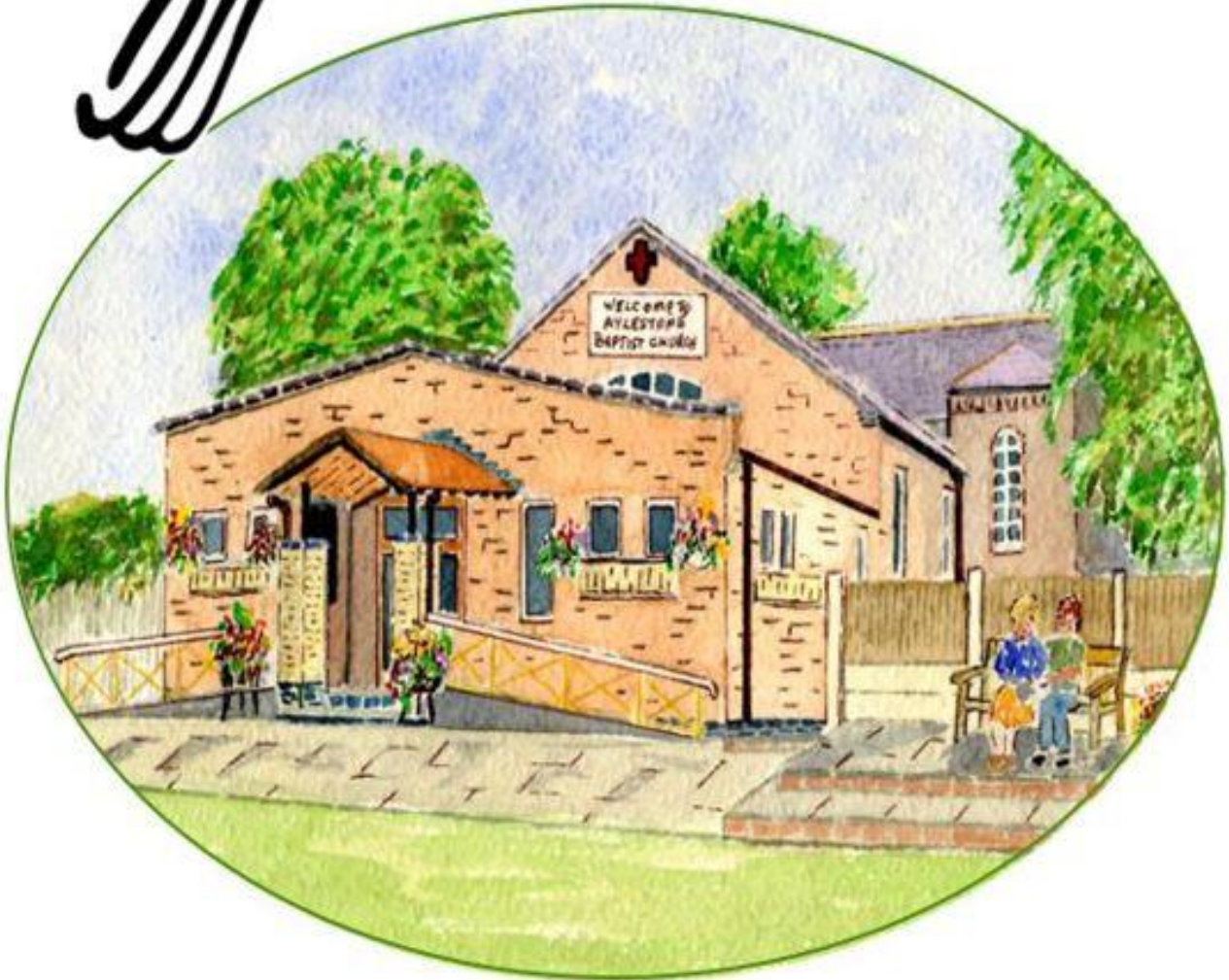




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Learning God's Love, Sharing God's Love



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“Space: The final frontier.”

I'll admit it – I was a “Trekkie” growing up. My dad used to watch the original series of Star Trek, but, as a kid, I didn't really enjoy Kirk, Spock, and the Enterprise crew. That changed when the next generation of Star Trek came out in the 1980s, conveniently called “Star Trek: The Next Generation.” I watched re-runs of the show after school every day until I had watched the entire series, I went to Star Trek conventions as a young teenager (even winning second place in a trivia contest), and I spent all my allowance money on action figures and model spaceships.

As I think about the theme of our summer Holiday Club being “Galactic Heroes”, I wonder if any of the Star Trek toys from my childhood would be any good for decorating my space-themed “den.” Of course, another space-themed franchise – Star Wars – seems to be more popular today. There are so many galactic adventures and superhero movies out now that I can't even keep up with everything going on.

Even though I grew out of Star Trek when the last continuous series ended in 2005 (though the recent revival of the franchise has even more shows out now), I still remember the sense of exploration and adventure I had when I watched the show. I think back on the characters, racing around the universe, seeking out new life and new civilizations, and boldly going where no one has gone before.

While Star Trek found a way to eliminate religion from the future utopia it envisioned, I believe we can still find ways for it to inspire our faith. If you've been to ABC in the past few months, you will have heard our sermon series on the book of Philippians. In Chapter 3 of Paul's letter to his friends at the church in Philippi, he challenges them to follow his example of pursuing Christ with everything he has. "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead," he says, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

You see, for Paul, the goal was even greater than exploring strange new worlds or boldly going where no one has gone before. His ongoing mission was to pursue the prize that God had commissioned him to – heaven. That's even more "out of this world" than what we see on the TV or movie screen.

Paul's battle wasn't against the Romulans or Klingons, or against Thanos or Darth Vader or whatever mythical bad guy the entertainment writers can come up with. His battle was against spiritual powers and those working against Christ – the devil, demons, false teachers, idolaters, and other "enemies of the cross."

The galactic adventure Paul faced – which he says is our journey, too – is a battle against the things of this world (see Philippians 3:19-20). Paul said that, as Christians, we are citizens of heaven. We are the true galactic heroes, on an epic spiritual trek to claim the prize that has already been won for us.

You see, it's not because of our own efforts that we will become the stars of this ongoing trek. We can't win the eternal star wars by fighting battles on our own. It's because Christ as the ultimate victor, the extreme example of sacrifice, and the supreme sovereign who saves us, made a way for us to be part of His crew. Our heavenly Captain has already won the victory – defeating death and sin and hell – and He continues fighting for us. Fictional and even earthly 'heroes' have nothing on our Saviour – because 'He rose' from the dead after conquering death on the cross.

In this celestial conflict surrounding us each day, we can have safety and security in knowing that heaven is our final destination. This life is a trek – not to some unknown destination in the stars – but to seek out and take hold of God's Truth found in His Word and in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Deuteronomy 5:33 says, “Walk in obedience to all that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.” Another way to put that is:

Follow God, and Live Long and Prosper.

Boldly going,

*God bless you. Will*



Do you know ....

why geese and some other birds fly in a V formation when flying long distances?



It is because each goose flapping its wings creates an upward lift for the goose that follows.

They will also take it in turns to be the leader, doing the hardest work. In this way the flock can fly very much further than if each bird were flying alone. Also, when a goose begins to lag behind, the others honk it back into position.

They remind us of the truth that it is very much easier to live the Christian life together than trying to go it alone, and have the advantage of being loved back into position if we get tired and stray from our faith.

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A church poster with a blue and purple bokeh background. The text is white with a blue outline. It reads: 'AYLESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP EVENING SATURDAY 8 JULY 6pm EVERYONE WELCOME'. At the bottom, it says 'You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13'.

## Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

Everyone dressed up as befits royalty for the Celebration Afternoon Tea on 8<sup>th</sup> May, the weekend of the Coronation.

Dainty sandwiches, bowls of strawberries and delicious cakes were served along with of course

the ever flowing tea. Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and the company, and the afternoon was finished off with Beth singing some songs from the Shows, and leading some patriotic favourites.



Thanks are due to the army of volunteers behind the scenes who so willingly give of their time and talents.



## Practice makes Perfect...

There was once a child who had an old piano and wanted to learn how to play it. Since there was no money for lessons, a friend gave the boy a lesson book and said, "Here is a book that will help you".

The boy took the book home and set it on the piano. He started banging on the keys. His banging however wasn't any better than it had been before he got the book, so he went back to his friend and told him the book didn't work. When the friend found out what the boy had done he said, "Nothing will happen if you don't even open the book!"

The boy went home, opened the book, placed it on the piano, and started banging on the keys again. Still nothing special happened, so he went back to his friend and told him the book still didn't work. This time the friend said, "Did you read it? Did you do what it told you to do?"



The boy went home and opened the book to the first lesson. He read it carefully and did exactly what it said to do. Soon he was able to play a little tune.

The same is true of the Bible. It is an important part of learning about the Christian life, but many people leave the Bible closed, thinking that just having it on a table where they can see it will help them.

Sometimes they will open it or page through it without reading it.

It doesn't help you to have a Bible unless you read it regularly, study it, ask God to make it meaningful to you, let it inspire and direct you, and spend time thinking about what it says.

The Bible doesn't do you any good closed, or open and unread. You need to read it, study it and live by it.

In the Church lounge there are Bible reading notes that may help you to make a start – pick up a copy anytime, also consider joining a house group where again meeting with other Christians, talking about a particular passage will help you understand the meaning and what it means for you.

Make the Bible your Summer Holiday read.

## Christian Aid Concert

Thanks to Beth for organising and masterminding the “Concert and Cakes” to raise funds for Christian Aid. Musical items included a choir from



our church members, a recorder group featuring some unusual recorders many of us had never seen before!, solos and duets, and the wonderful Granby School Children’s Choir. The evening was finished off with lots of cakes – a great hit with the children from the choir!



Along with the street collection, we have been able to send a total of £640 To Christian Aid. Many thanks to all who worked so hard and we pray our contribution will enable Christian Aid work worldwide to continue to bless the poorest.



## **BMS Birthdays Scheme.**

Happy Birthday and thank you for your contribution to Baptist Medical Missionary Work:

July 21<sup>st</sup> Grace Elliot  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> Maxine Elliot  
July 25<sup>th</sup> Duncan Ellis  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Sarah Brazier  
July 29<sup>th</sup> Angela Wafforne  
July 31<sup>st</sup> Steve Gray

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> Sophie Gray  
Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> Aaron Johnson Muskve  
Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> Annette Johnson  
Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> Stanley Mackley  
Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> Katelyn Hall



If you wish to join the Birthday Scheme please see Denise Vernon. Thanks.

## **Church Family News**

Our prayerful sympathy to Kenneth Rackham on the death of his brother, Jeffrey, who had been very poorly for some time. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

We continue to support in our prayers those of our fellowship who are very unwell at the moment: Kenneth, Wendy, Diane, Helena, Ann's daughter Alison. Please also remember in your prayers Gladys Head, who at 96 is now quite frail, and Ruth Hopkins in a nursing home.

We pray that Rob and Hazel will soon be settled in their new home, and thank God that the move has gone smoothly and that He will bless that home.

We have some people who are hoping to be baptised. If you are interested please see Will as soon as possible to join the baptism class.

## ***Summer Heaven***

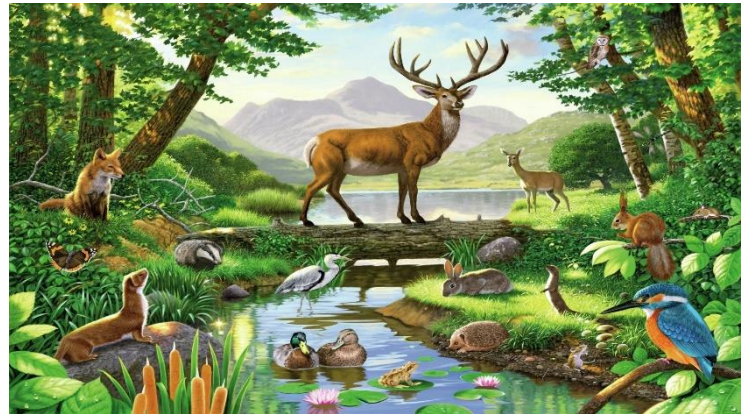
*How can we look around  
On a lovely summer's day  
And not wonder how  
All this beauty came our way?*



*The flowers, oh so many  
In colours of every shade  
Surely it's not by accident  
All these wondrous things were made!*

*New life springs up for us to see  
It's happening all around;  
Next time you take a walk or run  
See what's springing from the ground.*

*God's been busy overnight  
With His gardening gloves on  
I wonder if He gets good tips  
From His mate, Monty Don!*



*We really are so blessed  
With all the sights and smells,  
I know when I see nature,  
Inside my heart just swells.*

*Thank you God !  
(Hazel Turner)*

## What's on for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age ....



### Lunch Club

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – there will be a **short service of thanksgiving** before lunch at 12-o'clock on this date. Lunch Club will then be closed for the summer break, re-starting Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### The Open House

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July is the last Open House before the Summer break – re-starting on Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please be sure to put these dates in your diary.



### Tuesday Group



Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as usual  
Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> - lunch outing to Palmer's Garden Centre.  
We are then closed for the summer break re-start Tuesday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.

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### HOLIDAY@HOME for 3<sup>rd</sup> Age

Come and join us on August 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> .

Programme: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August: 11am meet for coffee & chat, followed by lunch, then the afternoon is crafts (including flower arranging, pyrography etc. – take part in as many or as few as you wish). Finishing the day with afternoon tea.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August: 11am meet for coffee & chat, followed by lunch, then a film afternoon. Finishing the day with afternoon tea.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August: Outing to Trentham Gardens, leaving at 9.30am.

The cost is £10 per day or £20 for all 3 days.

Please pick up a booking form from church lounge, or speak to Dorothy or Jill.

## WHAT'S ON FOR KIDS over the SUMMER .....

### Galactic Heroes Holiday Club – July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>.

9.45 – 12 every morning, non-stop fun, crafts, singing, games, bouncy slide, and the crazy daily drama serial. A few places are still available so book in now!

### Kids Film Club and lunch –



Mondays August 7<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup>.

Starting at 11am, film followed by lunch, and finishing about 1.30.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost £1 per person.



For catering purposes please book with Dorothy email

[Dozzamac46@icloud.com](mailto:Dozzamac46@icloud.com).

### Junior Church

Every Sunday morning, 10.30 – 11.45. Come into church for about 20 minutes to join in the singing and worship, then into groups. There are games, group time, crafts – and often cake ! Make new friends in a safe environment. No need to book, we are open every Sunday and you will be very welcome.

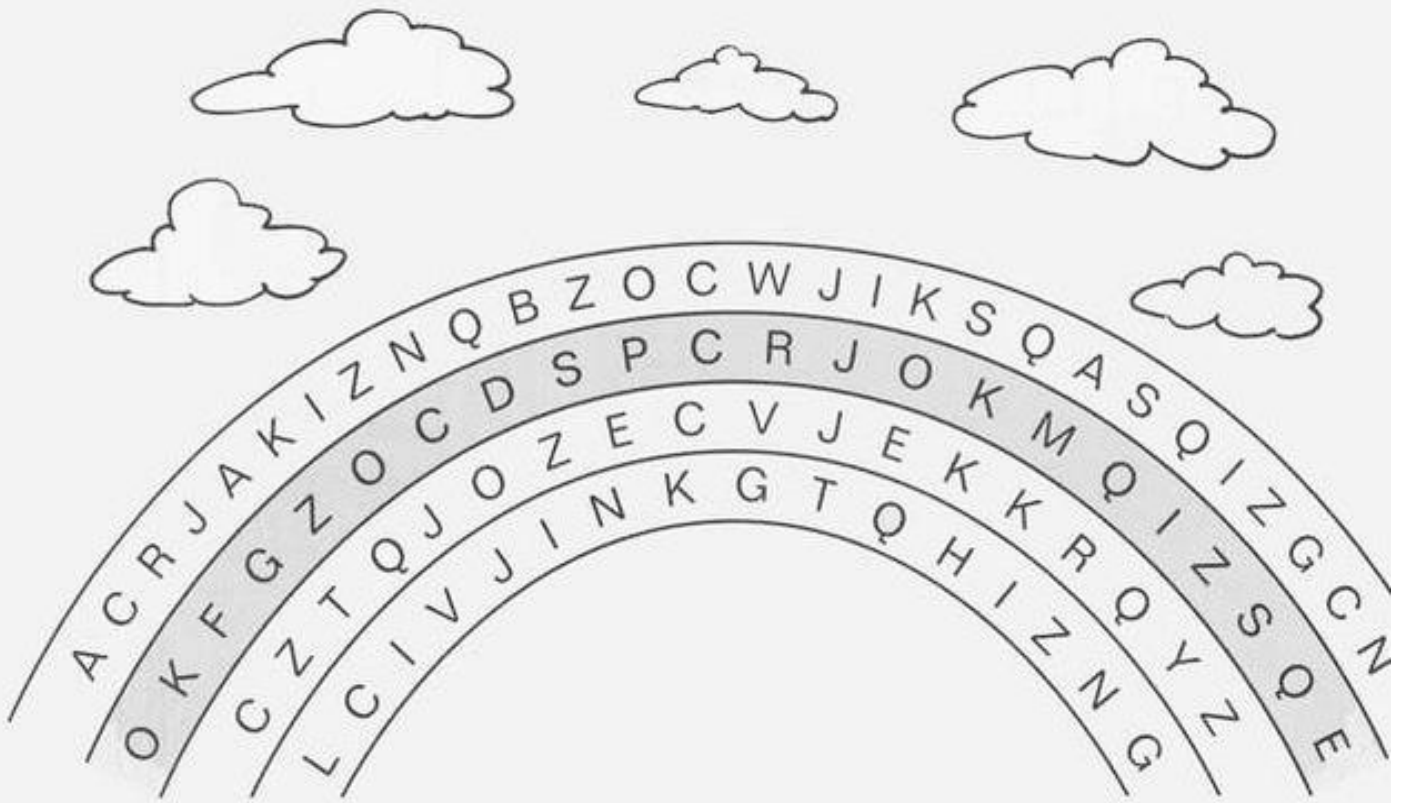


# God Keeps His Promise to Noah

—Genesis 8, 9

# God's Promise

Cross out the letters C, J, K, Q, and Z every time you see them in the puzzle. Copy the leftover letters in each row to create a sentence about God's special sign.



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# Bible Pathway Adventures



"Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine."



(1 Sam 17:40)

S H B X Z H B A I M I Q C B V D G H T N  
 S S S J W N U E R G F H I D W O P X O F  
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DAVID GOLIATH GIANT SHEPHERD KING  
 SAUL AMALEKITES SAMUEL PROPHET SOLDIERS  
 BETHLEHEM OIL HARP PALACE ARMY BROTHERS  
 ISRAELITES PHILISTINES STONE STREAM



## Wise Up!

Uncover some wisdom from the book of Ecclesiastes by carefully following the instructions below. Are you wise enough to solve this on your first attempt?

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Truth	The	Wise	end	foolish	of
2	a	people	matter	lesson	meaningless	is
3	numbers	better	than	acts	its	world
4	beginning	gift	kingdom	and	wrongdoer	patience
5	lies	is	certain	will	better	job
6	than	knowing	property	pride	celebrate	saint

1. Cross out all the words in Columns A and F that have five letters.
2. Cross out all the words in the table that rhyme with *eyes*.
3. Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
4. Cross out all words in Row 2 that have more than two vowels.
5. Cross out all words in Column D that have double letters.
6. Cross out all words in Row 4 that contain all the letters in GOD.
7. Cross out all 7-letter words.
8. Cross out all words in Column B that end in T.
9. Cross out all words in Row 6 that have three syllables.



Write the remaining words here, in order from left to right and top to bottom:

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## Church Ladies' Group

A group of 14 ladies booked in for the evening walk and meal on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately thunderstorms and torrential rain put a stop to the walk, but a lovely meal at "The Manor" was enjoyed by all.



The next event is planned for:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Meet at 6pm in Church car park for a walk around Aylestone Meadows followed by a meal at the Black Horse at 7.15pm.

You can join for the meal only or a shorter walk.

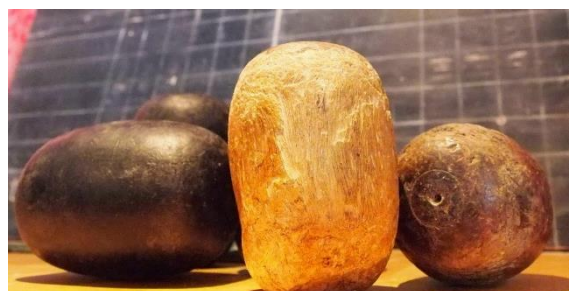
More details and sign up sheet to follow.

## Men's Meeting

The 'Man Alive' group's latest meeting was a skittles evening at the Black Horse Public House in Aylestone with a very good supper.



All who were able to come had a really good evening trying to knock 9 heavy wooden skittles down with wooden 'cheeses' – looks and sounds easy, but is actually frustratingly difficult!





## These were actual complaints made to Thomas Cook..

. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."

. "No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."

. "Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers."

. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."

. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."

. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."

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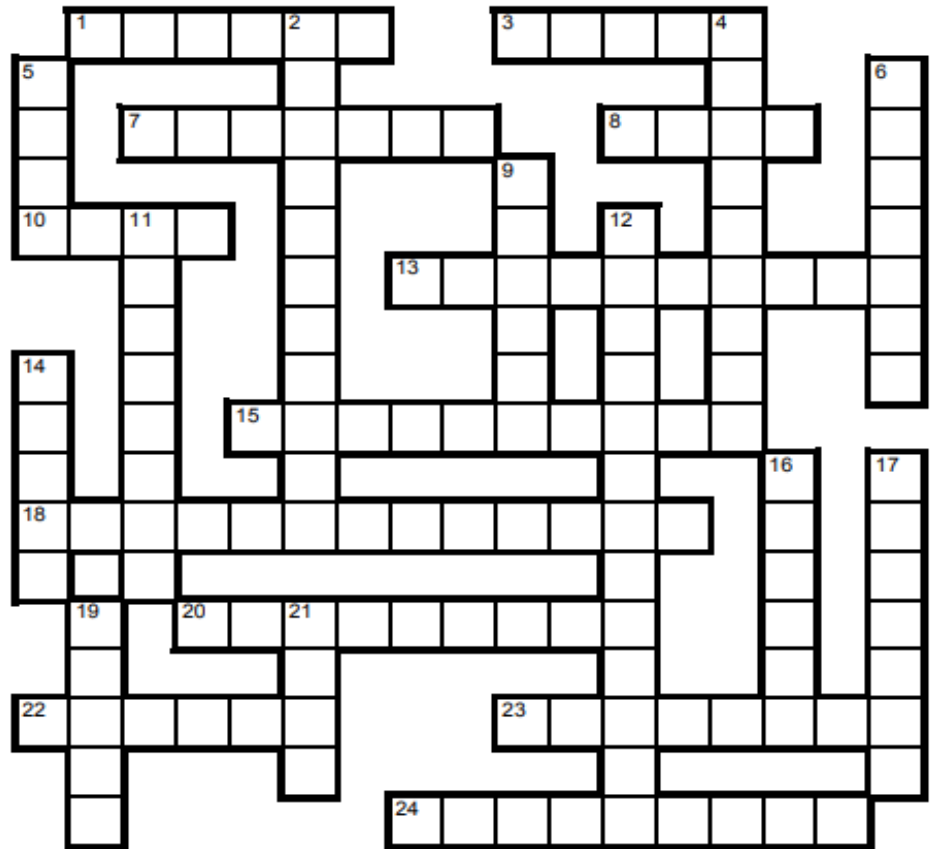
# THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

## Across

- 1 Not to be put under a bushel. (6)
- 3 Let yours shine before men! (5)
- 7 Moth and rust will do this to your earthly store. (7)
- 8 If you do this, you will find. (4)
- 10 These should not be done in view of men. (4)
- 13 The eight sayings by Christ at the beginning of his sermon. (10)
- 15 They sound trumpets in the streets when they are being charitable. (10)
- 18 The peacemakers will be called this. (8,2,3)
- 20 They were with Jesus when he gave the sermon. (9)
- 22 You can't serve God and this. (6)
- 23 Fellow believers. (8)
- 24 The earth is this to God. (9)

## Down

- 2 Jesus gave this as example of how to communicate with God. (5,6)



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- 4 Don't lay these upon the earth. (9)
- 5 Whoever says this to his brother shall be in danger of the council. (4)
- 6 Those who are given happiness and good fortune. (7)
- 9 When engaging in this, you should enter into your closet and shut the door. (6)
- 11 Where the sermon was given. (8)
- 12 You should search for this first, before worrying about food and clothing. (13)
- 14 What you should do to your eye if it offends. (5)
- 16 They which do this shall be filled. (6)
- 17 The hypocrites disfigured their faces while doing this. (7)
- 19 If you are forced to go a mile with someone, this is how far you should go. (5)
- 21 The foolish man built his house on this. (4)

[NOTE – Use the 'Authorised' King James Bible for this crossword]



# GARDEN PARTY

AYLESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH  
SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST

TIME: 2PM - 4PM

REFRESHMENTS

VARIOUS STALLS...

BRIC A BRAC & PLANTS

CAKES & BOOKS

PRESERVES, ETC...



BOUNCY CASTLE

ALL PROCEEDS FROM GARDEN PARTY GO TO... SIGMA  
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# Aylestone Baptist Church

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Church Minister Rev. Will Hall

## Weekly & Fortnightly Activities

### Sunday

10.30am Morning Service / Junior Church / Crèche Facilities  
Communion on the third Sunday of each month

### Tuesday

11.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Fellowship & Bible Study (Fortnightly)

### Thursday

11.00am Community Lunch Club (Fortnightly)

11.00am The Open House. For the 50's & over. (Fortnightly)

(Community Lunch Club & The Open House run on Alternate Thursdays)

A number of home groups meet during the week – please ask for details



**Loop System Installed**



**Wheel Chair Access**



**WC Facilities**

Church Membership, Baptism, Infants Dedication, Weddings,  
Funerals, House Groups, Community Lunch Club, The Open House.

To find out more about church membership, Baptism, etc.

Or any of the activities

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