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My dear friends,

You will imagine the mixed emotions with which I write these words as I prepare to retire and leave Cobham, Luddesdowne, Meopham and Nurstead after just two years as Associate Minister. It has simply been the greatest privilege of my life to serve such a wonderful community. If it was possible I would still be wanting to continue my ministry with you all, but the Church of England rules mean I must retire on my 70th birthday. Many of you have allowed me to journey with you in moments of great joy as well as deep sorrow. You asked me to become part of your journeying, and you are now part of mine.

My final service is on the 16th March at Cobham church at 10.30am followed by refreshments at the Meadow rooms. It would be lovely to say thank you and good bye to people personally.

In conclusion, thank you for your friendship, your enthusiasm, your commitment, your faith and your kindness. I will pray for you as you continue your Christian journey, both individually and collectively.

I would normally end any service I take with a blessing, so I will end with one of my favourites:-

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make his face to shine upon you

and be gracious unto you;

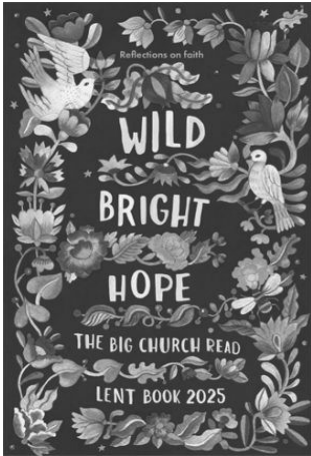
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

With love and may God be with you

Rev Pam x

Please note the cancellation of the Tuesday Question and Answer sessions during lent, which had been mentioned in the February edition of the magazine.

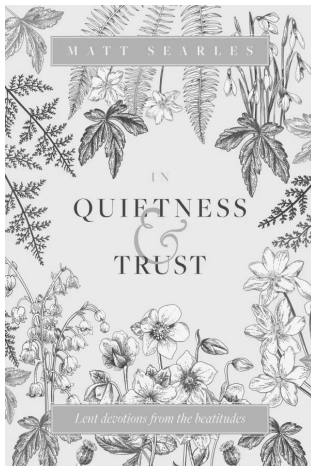
BOOK REVIEW



Wild Bright Hope - Reflections on Faith The Big Church Read Lent Book 2025, SPCK, £11.99

This heartening book on hope will galvanise readers into looking at the world and the challenges we're facing in a new way. It gathers together a range of lively, up-and-coming writers who write passionately about what gives them hope.

Wild Bright Hope urges us to also to consider how we ourselves might play a full part in bringing in the kingdom of God.



In Quietness & Trust - Lent devotions from the beatitudes By Matt Searles, 10Publishing, £6.99

Early in His ministry, Jesus gave His followers a description of how He wants His people to live. Rather than seeking to ascend to God, Christian discipleship is a downward flourishing; a counter-cultural way of blessing.

These 40 devotions, with a daily reading and short reflection, will guide you through the beatitudes Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount. This Easter, join Jesus on His path to the cross, and see that His way – though so different to the way of the world – leads to freedom, joy, and life.

SOLE STREET WI

In March Sole Street WI members will be looking forward to the West Kent Federation of WIs Annual General Meeting which this year will be held for the first time in Gravesend at the Woodville Hall on 19th March. Our President, Yvonne, is attending as Delegate and will vote on the annual resolutions. Other members of our Committee (see photograph below) are attending but in a non-voting capacity or observers.



The Craft Group sessions are following a series of 12 children's books to make accompanying finger puppets of the characters in the stories, so far featuring large goldfish and an exceptionally pretty pink mouse. There is novelty in the scheme - to encourage reading of the children's books and sale of the puppets.

We have raised our target donation towards the new curtains for the renovated St Mary's Church Room where we hope to be able to hold our meeting on Tuesday 25th March at 7.30pm. Aptly our speaker will be Derek March who is going to introduce us to "The Story of English Country Cheeses".

Weekly Tuesday Walks continue with our hardy WI members tailoring walks to suit members' abilities.

For further information on this and all our activities, please contact Yvonne telephone 01474 813455
Molly Isaacs



1st Cobham Brownies
(Tuesday evenings during term time only at The Meadow Rooms, Cobham)

At Brownies, we welcome all girls from 7 to 10 years old for non-stop fun, learning and adventure. Brownies get to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors, and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

Please email Wendy Ostridge (wendy.minister@googlemail.com) if you would like more information about 1st Cobham Brownies or register your interest through the Girlguiding website at www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus/ and selecting 1st Cobham Brownies.

We look forward to meeting new members for our new term.

Luddesdown & District Rights of Way Group.

We are a small friendly group that usually walks from The Cock Inn, Henley Street, Luddesdown, Gravesend DA13 0XB, at 11am on Wednesdays. We walk at a gentle pace for some 90 minutes in beautiful countryside. Occasionally we lead weekend walks.

With four Socials a year in Luddesdown Village Hall and a twice yearly Newsletter, we would be delighted if you joined us for a walk or two. Becoming a member costs £7 per person a year.

Please contact Walks Co-ordinator Janet Ferguson, preferably by email janetferguson@hotmail.fr . Ian Sheridan, Acting Chairman, 07951 927 517

St Mary's Church Room

Update March 2025

Possibly my last update was a little too positive and you will be aware that the refurbishment at The St Mary's Church Room was not completed by the end of January. However, ground work has progressed with the new concrete ramps being set down and the interior virtually finished.

A hand over date of 28th February has been arranged with the contractors and it will be necessary to collect the furniture from storage before the hall can be used. Hopefully, the regular users will be able to return to The Church Room in March.

At their recent meeting, the Cobham PCC discussed some of the administrative aspect of the re-opening and have agreed an initial hire charge of £9 an hour for local regular users and £12 an hour general rate. There will be some restrictions for general hire and details of these will be available in a few weeks. The Cobham PCC has authorised a specific SMCR Task Group (a working group of the PCC) to oversee the day to day running of the building.

The PCC will continue to have overall management responsibility.

However, user groups and other interested parties may put forward the names of interested individuals for co-option onto this task group. We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone who might be willing to take on the duties of Bookings Officer.

Details of an Open Day will follow next month.

Ron Chamberlain. PCC Secretary.



Meopham Thursday Fellowship.

We look forward to welcoming our former Curate, Canon Katrina Barnes to our meeting on 27th March. In the St. John's Centre, Meopham at 2.00.p.m. She will speak on,

'Women in the New Testament.'

We will of course be in Lent by then and this will be very appropriate.

You are all welcome and there will be Tea.

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At last, this month the clocks “Spring” forward one hour and we will hopefully begin to feel like Winter is finally coming to an end. If Spring is inspiring you to start growing your own fruit and veg or to want to improve the design of your existing plot, then our March talk “The Kitchen Garden” by Steve Edney could be for you. This month we also have our Spring Show and Plant Sale! So, it really is all go in the garden!

**Wednesday 12th March at 6.30pm for 7pm in the Meadow Room
"The Kitchen Garden" by Steve Edney**

Kitchen gardens or potagers as they are called in France conjure up images of wildly romantic spaces which are both beautiful yet functional. Steve’s talk will cover a beginner’s guide to, good design, planting and variety choices plus handy tips to get the best from your fruit, veg and herbs. (see p.17)

Spring Show & Plant Sale

Saturday 29th March at 2:00pm to 3.30pm in the Meadow Room

This is Gardeners’ first Show of the year. The show features Gardening Tips, Adult & Junior Show Categories, Flowers, Vegetables, Preserves & Photographic entries. Tea, coffee & home-made cake is on sale. There’s **Free Entry for Members & Non-Members**. For information email cobhams@hotmail.co.uk

You can buy Membership of Cobham Gardeners at any time. You can apply for membership at the talks or via email cobhams@hotmail.co.uk It is only a modest £10 for the year – money you get back from free entry into all Gardeners’ expert speaker talks and massive savings of up to 50% on quality plants at local garden centres.

Here are the RHS Top 10 Jobs for March.

Spring arrives, usually by mid-March and more frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks.

It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden.

1. Protect new spring shoots from slugs
2. Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
3. Plant summer-flowering bulbs
4. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
5. Top dress containers with fresh compost
6. Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
7. Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
8. Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early
9. Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters
10. Prune bush and climbing roses

Find more advice on the RHS website <https://www.rhs.org.uk/>

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THE TUESDAY POP-IN



Meetings are held at the Leather Bottle on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 till 12 noon; all are welcome to join us for a relaxed chat and coffee.

Next pop-in Tues 11th March

**CONTACT: MARY PALMER—
01474816788**

Luddesdowne Church Register

Funeral

Christopher Richard RONS was born on the 3rd September 1939 and died on the 26th November 2024 at the age of 85 years. The service took place on the 7th January 2025 in Luddesdowne church followed by Thames View Crematorium. The service was conducted by our Priest-in-Charge The Rev'd Canon Alyson DAVIE. Our condolences and prayers go to Christopher's wife Elizabeth, daughter Emma, son Ian and their family and friends.

Wedding

Jack Lewis BIRD and Shannen Myra Bernadette TURNER were married in Luddesdowne church on the 25th January 2025. The service was conducted by our Associate Priest The Rev'd Pam DAVIES.

Funeral not from church register

Adrian Leonard THOMPSON (known as Len) was born on the 13th September 1947 and died on the 22nd December 2024 at the age of 77 years. The service took place on the 31st January 2025 at Medway Crematorium. The service was conducted by Robin DESMOND a Multi-faith Minister. We also remember Len's wife Lindsey who passed away on the 23rd February 2024 at the age of 69 years. Our condolences and prayers go to Len's daughters Lucy and Francesca and their family and friends.



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BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley

Following the death of Nigel Pagram we rang the double method of Grandsire on Sunday morning 9th February in memory of our fellow ringer. The Cobham bells were also heard in a recording at Nigel's Funeral Service two days later at the Thames View Crematorium.

Born in Gravesend in 1948 Nigel learnt to ring at Shorne. When Nigel and Sue were arranging their wedding with the Reverend Arthur Beety in 2005 Arthur said he would see if there could be enough ringers for the bells to be rung. Nigel promised to join the Cobham ringers if the bells were rung for their wedding. We did ring and Nigel, true to his word, did become a valued member of our band of ringers and also our steeple keeper.

Nigel loved ringing the tenor bell and as well as Service ringing he rang 17 quarter peals of doubles methods. Once, while Nigel and Sue were visiting relatives in New Zealand he took the opportunity to ring at Wellington Cathedral. Such is the welcoming worldwide fraternity of bell ringers. We miss you Nigel.

Can you help? The Cobham bell ringers need a piece of wool rich carpet about 34 inches (85 cm.) square. Our bell ropes are a fixed length but our ringers vary in height and those that are not so tall need to stand on a wooden box. We need to recover one of our boxes with carpet to stop the rope rubbing and wearing. Ropes are made of hemp which is a natural fibre and unfortunately a synthetic carpet will wear the rope faster than a softer wool one. If you have a spare piece of carpet we would be most grateful.

Please contact me (01474-814488) if you can help us Cobham ringers.

NIGEL PAGRAM

Nigel Pagram born 27 November 1948 sadly passed away, following a lengthy illness, on 7 January 2025. A long-time resident of the parish, a keen golfer and an active member of Cobham bell ringers he will be sadly missed.

Nigel's family and friends attended a celebration of his life on Tuesday 11th February at Thames View Crematorium.

Our thoughts are with his wife Sue and all the family.



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24th April – China Crisis

15th May - Oasis

12th June Fil Straughan

6th November Fleetwood Bac

27th November Totally Blondie



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COBHAM & LUDESDOWN W.I.

Those of us who had made a New Year's resolution to get fit, had an opportunity to put it into action at our January meeting, when Vicky Bruce came along to show us how to do Chair Exercises. Armed with a large bag of yoga balls and resistance bands, she then proceeded to show us some simple movements to loosen up and strengthen various muscles and joints. Who would have thought that squeezing squidgy balls and stretching a bit of rubber could be so enjoyable and so effective?

Our February meeting was a really jolly affair, when Jackie Simmonds, accompanied by her little Yorkie, Buster (who was very well behaved - most of the time) gave a delightful and entertaining talk about her life as an original London Palladium Tiller Girl. Still as slim and elegant as she was in her youth, Jackie related her reminiscences, particularly of her appearances in Sunday Night at the London Palladium (she was the one standing between the two Ls on the revolving stage at the end of the programme) and of the many stars that she had met from all over the world, such as Frank Sinatra and Tom Jones Her favourite presenter on that show was Bruce Forsyth. By her late twenties, she finished as a TV dancer and became an actress, working in costume dramas, in a series called 'General Hospital' and in 'Secret Army'. Now retired, she was still able to give one of the famous high kicks and had a group of our ladies joining in one or two of the Tiller Girls' dance routines. It was probably more a case of 'don't call us, we'll call you' though!

Our various 'groups' continue to meet on a regular basis. The Craft Group have been making origami pouches, chubby bottom purses and slow stitched pictures; the 'Knit and Natterers' have been knitting items for the children of Ukraine; the art group have been painting winter scenes and spring flowers; the Needlework Group members have continued to decorate our once very plain tablecloths; the 'Read and Rabbit' group has been reading 'The Keeper' by Graham Norton and 'The Remains of the Day' by Kazuo Ishiguro; and the Lunch Club are meeting once a month at various hostelryes or restaurants in the area.

Our next monthly WI meeting will be on Wednesday 5th March when Sue Oaten will be coming along to demonstrate flower arranging. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month from 2pm at the Meadow Room, Cobham. Visitors are always welcome



Wednesday 12th March 2025 - 7pm

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Steve has been perfecting his art for over 28 years, accolades include appointment to the RHS Herbaceous Committee, the RHS plant trial forums, multiple RHS Gold medal winner, plus he has appeared on tv several times including Gardeners world.

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Church Services March 2025



- Sunday 2nd March 9.45am All Age Worship at St John's
 11.30am Holy Communion at St Mildred's
- Weds 5th March 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
- Sunday 9th March 9.45am Holy Communion at St John's
 11.30am Mattins at St Mildred's
 3pm Sunday Afternoon Club at St John's Centre
- Weds 12th March 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
- Sunday 16th March 9.45am Morning Worship at St John's
 11.15am Churches Prayer Meeting at St John's Centre
- Weds 19th March 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
- Sunday 23rd March 9.45am Holy Communion at St John's
 11.30am Family Service at St Mildred's
- Weds 26th March 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
- Sunday 30th March Mothering Sunday
 9.45am Morning Worship at St John's
 4pm Evensong at St Mildred's

Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street Churches

Services during March



Sunday 2nd March

10:30am

Holy Communion, Cobham

12:30pm

Flame service with Baptisms, Cobham

Ash Wednesday 5th March

7:30pm

Holy Communion with Ashing, Cobham

Sunday 9th March

10:30am

Family Service with Baptism Luddesdowne

Sunday 16th March

10:30am

Holy Communion, Cobham

Sunday 23rd March

10:30am

Holy Communion, Luddesdowne

Sunday 30th March

10:30am

Mothering Sunday Service, Cobham

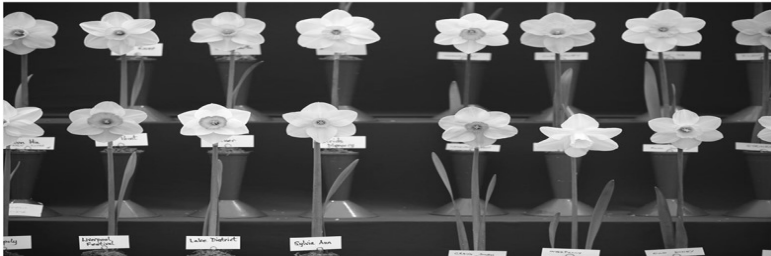
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PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

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Annual Parish Meeting on 17th March 2025 and the
Annual Meeting on Monday 19th May 2025

All Meetings will be taking place at Luddesdown Village Hall.

<http://www.luddesdown-pc.gov.uk/community/luddesdown-parish-council/>



Cobham Parish Council Meetings 2025

All meetings will be held in the Meadow Rooms, Main Hall until further notice. All meetings will start at 7.30pm

- 4th March 2025
- 1st April 2025 – Annual Parish Assembly
- 15th April 2025 – Annual Parish Meeting
- 13th May 2025
- 3rd June 2025
- 1st July 2025
- 9th September 2025
- 7th October 2025
- 4th November 2025
- 2nd December 2025 – Budget Meeting

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The 1st **South Street BBGA Company** meets every Friday evening during term time 6pm-7.30pm at South Street Baptist Church, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DA13 0QJ Boys & girls aged 5-18 years are warmly invited to join us for games, art, craft, cooking, Bible stories, nature, science activities and also outdoor activities when weather permits. The weekly subscription is £2 and the uniform is a navy blue polo shirt and sweatshirt with an embroidered logo. The end of term is on 4th April 2025. The young people have opportunities for kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding at the Boys Brigade Water Activities Centre in Tonbridge, as well as summer camps at the Honey Hill Boys Brigade Campsite in Maidstone. Please visit www.BOYS-BRIGADE.org.uk for more information about the Boys Brigade. **South Street Baptist Church** Sunday morning services at all begin at 10.45am and finish about midday, with refreshments afterwards. The Mothering Day Service is on Sunday 30th March and everyone is very welcome to join us. **SONG TIME** meets every Monday morning 9.45am-11am for families with babies and toddlers under five. The end of term will be on Monday 31st March. There are plenty of toys, including a slide, soft shapes, ball pool, craft, construction toys, musical instruments, singing and refreshments. Family admission is £1. **The Family Games Afternoon** will be on Saturday 15th March 2pm-4pm, with table tennis, pool, indoor archery and lots of board games including Scrabble. Free admission.

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Hello Everyone,

Our 'stitch and chat' meeting last month was a great opportunity to get to know each other and to see the wide range of embroidery (and knitting) styles that our members produce. We had two new visitors to our meeting which was very encouraging, especially as one of them had brought along an idea that she wanted help with, in order to turn a photo into an embroidered cushion cover. Several of us were able to give advice and suggestions so that hopefully she went away armed with enough thoughts to develop her design and get her sewing.

Most of our members had brought something along to work on. You can see some examples here. The top picture shows a piece of goldwork, the second one is an image being embroidered onto fabric that has a transfer picture already printed on it and the third picture shows a design being embroidered onto a lady's top using a type of canvas that can be removed after stitching over it. The canvas is used as a structure to sew over.



There was a buzz in the room as members chatted and walked round to see what others were doing.

Sadly, we have recently lost two very elderly ladies, both of whom have been longstanding members. One was in fact a founder member (in 1987) of what used to be known as the North Kent Embroiderers' Guild. To celebrate the contribution these ladies had made to our group in their lifetime, Sue W provided us with a delicious cream tea which we enjoyed in their memory along with free tea and coffee!

The theme for this month's postcards was 'a needlework tool or sewing kit' – seven members took part - no picture here this time but you can see the results on our website on the 'projects' page. There was also an opportunity for a 'show and tell' with examples of hardanger, stumpwork, quilting and needlelace all worked by our members.

If you would maybe like to start a new hobby and to join our group or would just like to find out a bit more about us then please pay us a visit - look at our website <https://northkentembroiderers.co.uk/> or email us at: info@northkentembroiderers.co.uk or contact Eileen on 01474 324734 Happy stitching, Karen

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Meopham Library Writing Group meets again on Thursday 6th March 2025 at 10am and the following meetings will be on 3rd April, 1st May and 5th June. There is a different writing theme such as "Wedding" every month, which can be used as a starting point for a poem, short story or an article. There is also a writing challenge, where a selection of words are chosen by the group which have to be included in a short sentence, using as few words as possible.

New members, whether beginners or more experienced writers, are always very welcome and anyone who is interested in writing is warmly invited to join our small, friendly group. Creative writing is a very enjoyable activity, which can be used to record special family memories and can also be very therapeutic for people who have been bereaved, or who are facing challenging times.

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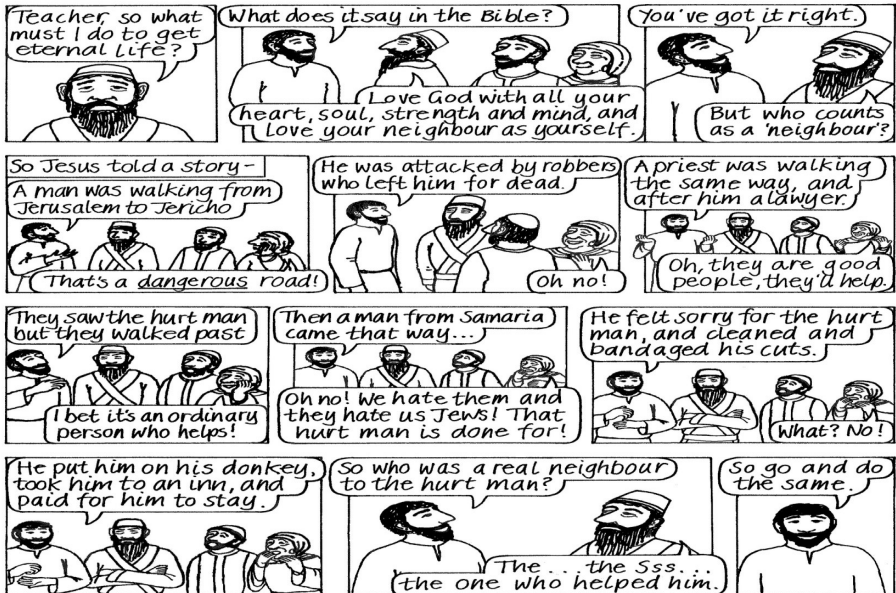


Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the Law of Moses wanted to test Jesus' knowledge of the laws in the Bible, so he asked Jesus a question.



Hello -It's me again! Last year I undertook 'one to one' training with a professional to try and help me learn how to come back when called, be polite when leaving the house and to stop pulling when going for a walk. So this year I will be doing some group training to help me be more confident and polite around other dogs. Now I have my regular doggy friends of course and I love to see them, but I am not always very happy when saying hello to dogs that I do not know. I am looking forward to learning lots of new things! I'll report back next month. Paddy x



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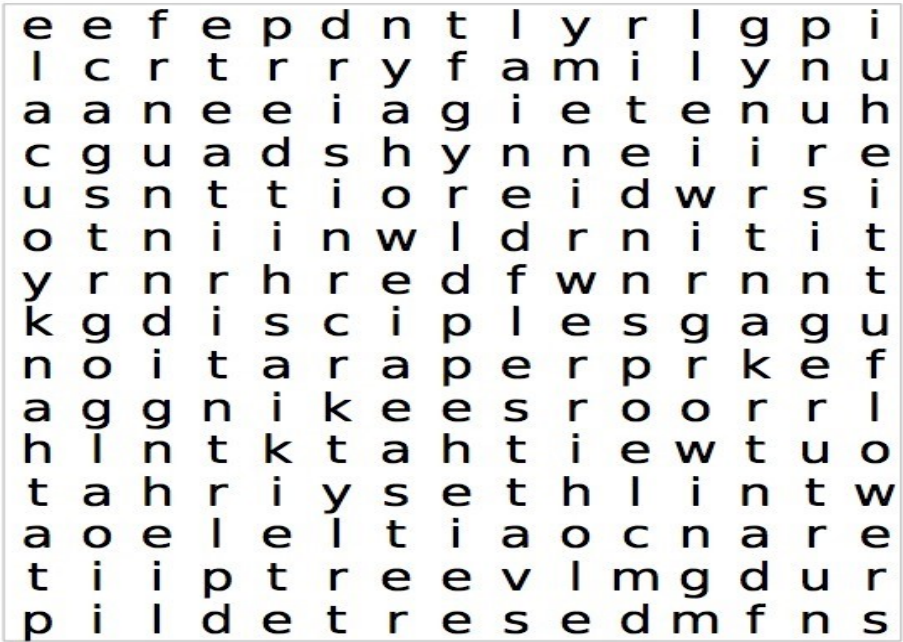
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Wordsearch for March

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and to grow closer to Him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?

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