



CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK METHODIST CHURCH

CONTACT

October / November 2023

Dear Friends

This edition of Contact covers both October and November and on consecutive days at the change of the months, we have All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. Here is some background to them, that I hope you will find interesting.

All Hallows' Eve

All Hallows' Eve falls on **31st October** each year, and is the day before All Hallows' Day, also known as All Saints' Day in the Christian calendar. The Church traditionally held a vigil on All Hallows' Eve when worshippers would prepare themselves with prayers and fasting prior to the feast day itself. The name derives from the Old English 'hallowed' meaning holy or sanctified and is now usually contracted to the more familiar word Hallowe'en.

A brief history of the festival

In the early 7th century Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon in Rome, formerly a temple to all the gods, as a church dedicated to Saint Mary and the Martyrs, and ordered that that date, 13th May, should be celebrated every year.

It became All Saints' Day, a day to honour all the saints, and later, at the behest of Pope Urban IV (d. 1264), a day specially to honour those saints who didn't have a festival day of their own.

In the 8th century, on 1st November, Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel to all the saints in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Gregory IV then made the festival universal throughout the Church, and 1st November has subsequently become All Saints' Day for the western Church.

The Orthodox Church celebrates All Saints' Day on the first Sunday after Passover - a date closer to the original 13th May.

Hallowe'en and Samhain

It is widely believed that many Hallowe'en traditions have evolved from an ancient Celtic festival called Samhain which was Christianised by the early Church. Pronounced *sow-in*, Samhain is a Gaelic word meaning 'end of the summer'. This festival is believed to have been a celebration of the end of the harvest, and a time of preparation for the coming winter.

It is widely accepted that the early church missionaries chose to hold a festival at this time of year in order to absorb existing native Pagan practices into Christianity, thereby smoothing the conversion process. A letter Pope Gregory I sent to Bishop Mellitus in the 6th century, in which he suggested that existing places of non-Christian worship be adopted and consecrated to serve a Christian purpose, is often provided as supporting evidence of this method of acculturation.

Encyclopaedia Britannica states that this date may have been chosen "in an effort to supplant the Pagan holiday with a Christian observance".

The Oxford Dictionary of World Religions also claims that Hallowe'en "absorbed and adopted the Celtic new year festival, the eve and day of Samhain".

However, there are supporters of the view that Hallowe'en, as the eve of All Saints' Day, originated entirely independently of Samhain and some question the existence of a specific pan-Celtic religious festival which took place on 31st October/1st November.

Thus the modern celebration of Hallowe'en is a complicated mix of evolved (and evolving) traditions and influences.

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Halloween) is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on 1st November.

It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history.

Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD, but it wasn't until 609AD that Pope Boniface IV decided to remember *all* martyrs. Originally 13th May was designated as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. Later, in 837AD, Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to Feast of All Saints and changed the date to 1st November.

All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day is marked on 2nd November (or the 3rd if the 2nd is a Sunday), directly following All Saints' Day, and is an opportunity for churches to commemorate the faithful departed.

A 7/8th century AD prayer *The Office of the Dead* is read out in churches on All Souls' Day. Other rituals include the offering of Requiem Mass for the dead, visiting family graves and reflecting on lost loved ones. In Mexico, on *el día de los muertos*

(Day of the Dead), people take picnics to their family graves and leave food out for their dead relatives.

Whilst praying for the dead is an ancient Christian tradition, it was Odilo, Abbot of Cluny (France) who, in 998AD, designated a specific day for remembering. This started as a local feast in his monasteries and gradually spread throughout the Catholic Church towards the end of the 10th century AD.

The Methodist church does not have special services for All Hallows' Eve or All Souls' Day, but does remember All Saints' Day with specific readings and prayers. This is the Collect for All Saints' Day:

*Almighty God,
you have knit together your chosen people
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord.
Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
which you have prepared for those who love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

May you remember those you love who have departed this life with blessings and thankfulness.

Best wishes

Meg

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| OCTOBER | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Sunday 1 st | 11.00 am | Morning Worship – Rev Alan Hindmarch BB 40 th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service & Lunch |
| Monday 2 nd | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning |
| Sunday 8 th | 10.00 am | St John's Harvest Festival and Bring & Share Lunch |
| Monday 9 th | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning |
| Sunday 15 th | 11.00 am | * Morning Worship – Rev Meg Burton Harvest Festival and Holy Communion |
| Monday 16 th | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning |
| Monday 16 th | 1.00 pm | Church Council |
| Sunday 22 nd | | |
| Monday 23 rd | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning |
| Sunday 29 th | 11.00 am | Morning Worship – Rev Angela Potheary Café Church and Holy Communion Remember to put your clocks back |

Harvest Festival

For Harvest Festival, we will again be collecting items suitable for Bassetlaw Food Bank. Yvonne will be in church from 11am – 12 noon on Saturday 14th October if anyone would like to take their gifts then – all gratefully received. A display can then be made of our gifts, and those brought by the young people to the Youth Harvest. Any fresh produce can be taken along for display but we ask that these items be taken home, or given away, after worship on Sunday.

The Food Bank publishes a list of items needed, and at the time of writing they are asking for:

Rice
Tinned sweetcorn
Chopped tomatoes
Soup

Porridge
Jam
Rice Pudding
Tinned meat

Shampoo & Conditioner
Cleaning products



Of course, other items will be really appreciated too.



| NOVEMBER | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Sunday 5 th | 11.00 am | Morning Worship – Rev Philip Macdonald |
| Monday 6 th | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning |
| Saturday 11 th | 12 noon – 4.00 pm | * Festive Fayre and Market at Civic Centre |
| Sunday 12 th | 9.45 am | * Remembrance Sunday United Service at Parish Church & 11am at the Memorial No service at the Methodist Church |
| Monday 13 th | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning |
| Saturday 18 th | 10.00 am – 3.00 pm | * Christmas Craft Market and Fayre |
| Sunday 19 th | 11.00 am | Morning Worship – Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook |
| Monday 20 th | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning |
| Sunday 26 th | | |
| Monday 27 th | 10.30 am – 12 noon | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning |

* See below and page ...

Remembrance Sunday

We will be joining our friends at the Parish Church for a communion service at 9.45 am. Those able will then walk to the War Memorial for an act of worship at 11 am. (There will be no service at the Methodist Church that day.)



Christmas Craft Market and Fayre

This is being organised/co-ordinated by Bev, our Brownie Guider, together with another lady from the village, to raise funds for our church. (See poster on page 8.)

Also, Richard and Norma from the Renewed Life Community Church are holding a Festive Fayre and Market on 11 November at the Civic Centre, raising funds for a school trip to Cambodia. (See poster on page 8.)

HISTORY OF THE BOYS' BRIGADE

The Boys' Brigade was the first voluntary uniformed youth movement in the world and many of today's organisations for young people can trace their roots back through history to The Boys' Brigade.

The Boys' Brigade was founded in Glasgow on 4th October 1883 by Sir William Alexander Smith. From this one company formed in Scotland the Boys' Brigade has grown in to a worldwide movement, having worked with millions of children and young people over 140 years.

In their centenary year, 1983, a Boys' Brigade company was formed at Carlton-in-Lindrick Methodist Church, because although there were Guides and Brownies for girls, there was no organisation for boys.

The founding officers were Harold Marshall, Stuart and Liz MacFarlane, and Eddie Croot, and the first chaplain was Rev Graham McIntosh. There have been a number of long-serving instructors and helpers over the years. The company became the 1st Carlton-in-Lindrick Company and part of Sheffield Battalion in 1984.

Anchor boys played games, listened to stories and enjoyed craft activities. The Juniors had an achievement scheme, games, marching and group work. The Company and Senior Sections performed drill and undertook many activities including photography, swimming, first aid and were able to work on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the Queen's Badge.

At first, all our sections met separately and each section had its own leaders. Nora and Les Collins led the Anchor Boys for many years. In later years all sections met together for parade night on Tuesdays, with Games Nights on Mondays, when some dad's came along too. All sections had their own award schemes.

The company had a championship band, winning the Battalion Advanced Band competition, as well as individual successes on the bugle and drums. The Band was in demand at garden parties, they led the procession at the induction of a Chairman of Bassetlaw District Council and a Thinking Day parade for Girlguiding Worksop Division in the 1980s.

There were annual enrolment nights when membership cards and awards were presented, display evenings, flag days and street collections, camps, sponsored walks, ambling days and scavenger hunts. Sports such as five-a-side football, darts and pool were popular, and boys

entered table tennis tournaments at championship level. Funds were raised for local and national charities with activities such as car washes and toy sales. The boys joined our other uniformed organisations for carol singing at Bassetlaw hospital, walks and concerts. In the late 80s a number of the Guides joined the band, even buying their own drum.

Only a few boys were members of the company from the age of 5 to 18. These included Christopher and Matthew Redfern, who gained their Queen's Badge, and Stefan Le Calvez.

In October 2008, it was the 125th anniversary of Boys' Brigade and the 25th anniversary of our company. About 100 former and current members met for a special service led by the then Chaplain, Rev Elizabeth Mackey, and the first Company Section leader, Stuart MacFarlane. Music was by Liz MacFarlane, the first Anchor Boys' leader, and Jenny Peake. The first Chaplain, Rev Graham McIntosh, offered a blessing for the lunch which followed the service.

The Boys' Brigade logo has always been an anchor, though the design has altered slightly over the years. This has led some people to think the hymn "Will your anchor hold in the storms of life ...? is the official Boys' Brigade hymn, which is not true, although it is sung at many special events and services.

For a number of years our company was not open to girls because we had Girlguiding groups at our church, but from September 2022 the decision was made to accept girls into the company and it became the 1st Carlton-in-Lindrick Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association.

The object in 1883 was "The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline and self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness."

Nowadays, the wording has been modernised, and building on their object of 'advancing Christ's Kingdom', the Boys' Brigade Vision is that children and young people experience 'life to the full' (John 10:10) through opportunities to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring environment which is rooted in the Christian faith.

The activities available now come from five different subject areas: Get Active, Get Adventurous, Get Creative, Get into the Bible, Get Involved and Get Learning, and our young people

have a great time with the varied programmes their leaders plan for them.

During the pandemic the programme became 'BB at Home' and then a series of outdoor meetings before indoor face-to-face meetings were allowed, such that during the last two years our company has started again in many ways. Most of our present membership have joined during this time, and the majority of leaders are parents or grandparents of our youngsters. The Boys'

Brigade locally and nationally has had to change to the new circumstances.

Our 40th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service involved some of the original leaders and their families, current leaders and past members, and was led by our present Chaplain, Rev Alan Hindmarch.

(Information from BB website, local history book and Eddie Croot)

Love is the anchor, Lord.

The one sure thing
that holds me safe.
I'm bound to you in freedom,
love's paradox,
the tighter that you hold,
the more the space you offer me
To do it in my way.
But always we adventure, you and I,
sail on the ocean,
explore new lands, new roads,
new truth.
And when I'm scared
and feel I've gone too far,
my navigation faulty,
I look around
and you are there beside me,
Telling me
that when the storm clouds gather
and wind whips up,
to blow me in directions
I would not choose to go,
I have no cause to fear.
You are beside me,
yes, but strange,
ahead of me as well.
love's landmark, beacon blazing,
beckoning me on
and promising safe anchorage.

Eddie Askew

Lord Jesus,
you said that the harvest was plentiful.
Help us to see where you are calling us,
to speak the words that strike a chord,
to show your love to those in desperate need.
Let your Church be willing to stand up
for the powerless and dispossessed,
for the voiceless and marginalised.
Let us be the workers that the harvest needs.
Through your Son, the Lord of the harvest.
Amen.

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*God of the seasons,
You surround us with beauty and wonder:
You smile in the ripening fruit,
You dance in the tumbling leaves.*

*Teach us to dance with you,
To act justly
And to share fairly,
To love you in friend and stranger
All the moments of our nights and days.*

Ruth Burgess
Acorns and Archangels

GAMES (Yvonne)

Children may be back at school and playing conkers or skipping in the playground, but for most people, watching television, doing puzzles or playing games passes the time on dark evenings.

Mancala is a very old “count and capture” game. It has been found in Egyptian ruins carved into the temple roofs, and findings date stone game boards to 5000 BC. Arab traders brought the game to Africa. There is evidence from 700 AD in East Africa, then it was taken to America with the slave trade.

Two players take turns with small stones, beans or seeds and rows of holes or pits in the earth or on a board. The aim is to capture the opponents pieces. Modern games often use marbles.



Dominoes originated in China around the 11th century, then in Europe in 18th century. The black and white tiles are thought to be named after priests’ robes – dominus. It is still a very popular game for all ages and any number of players. On a recent Repair Shop programme, there was a set of dominoes that had been used during WWI.



Mah Jong is an ancient Chinese strategy game, now popular in this country – there’s even a group in Worksop! 4 people set up the tiles as the Great Wall of China. There are a variety of games to play, similar to rummy featuring dragons, seasons, bamboos, characters etc.

Chess originated about 1500 years ago in India. It is one of the oldest and most popular board games. It is a strategic game with many moves and combinations, featuring King, Queen, Bishop, Knights, rooks and pawns.



Draughts or Checkers is a much easier board game with just black and white counters. Snakes & Ladders and Ludo are popular children’s board games.

Monopoly is a way to buy and sell property in a fun way. There are now versions of many cities besides London, including Sheffield and Nottingham, and others around the world.

Scrabble, Cluedo, Connect 4, Jenga are all favourites. Tiddly winks and marbles are fun. Remember jacks or snobs – bounce a ball and pick up snobs whilst it is in air.



Children’s card games include Snap, Donkey, Happy Families and Old Maid. Uno and Rummy are popular with all ages. Whist and Bridge are more challenging.



Most games are available on phones but Patience card games and solitaire are ideal for a single player.

I inherited Aunt Aggie’s solitaire set with beautiful old marbles. She spent many hours playing as she never had electricity or TV.

RECIPE CORNER

Game Stew

1 lb venison (or use beef) cut up
tbsp oil
3 medium potatoes
2 carrots
stick of celery
large onion

2 garlic cloves – crushed
2 tsp mixed herbs
15 oz. can tomatoes
4 cups of beef stock eg Oxo
3-4 dashes Worcestershire sauce
Salt & Pepper



Sauté the meat in oil for 5-7 minutes and set aside. Cut up veg and sauté for 8-10 minutes until soft. Add garlic, herbs and seasoning. Cook an extra minute then add tomatoes, stock and Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Then, add the meat back to the pot. Stir well and bring the stew to a boil. Simmer 1 – 2 hours.

Domino Tray Bake

6 oz sugar
6 oz marg
3 eggs
6 oz SR flour
2 tbsp cocoa



Topping
200g icing sugar
4 tbsp cocoa powder
warm water

Mix sugar and marg. Add beaten eggs, flour and cocoa. Spread into greased tray or square tins. Bake at 180°/160°fan/Gas 4 for about 20 minutes.

When cool, mix all topping ingredients together and spread on cake. When almost hard, cut into domino pieces, mark half way and decorate with white chocolate drops.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOX APPEAL

Once again, we will be supporting the Parish Church in their shoebox appeal this year. If you would like to donate any items, there will be a box available in church at Sunday worship or Monday coffee mornings. (There are also a few shoeboxes if you wish to complete one yourself.) The closing date will be Monday 13th November, when everything will be passed to Louise, the co-ordinator. Each box costs £5 to transport, so any monetary donations are welcome too (or instead of items). For further details or enquiries, please contact Louise on 07815 581237.

Some suggestions for suitable gifts

NOT suitable

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| Cuddly toys |
| Dolls |
| Toy cars |
| Small musical instruments |
| Yo-yos |
| Skipping ropes |
| Balls |
| Small puzzles |
| Pens, pencils & sharpeners |
| Crayons or felt pens |
| Writing pads or notebooks |
| Colouring books |
| Picture books |

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| Toothbrush |
| Bars of wrapped soap |
| Comb or hairbrush |
| Flannel |
| Hats |
| Gloves |
| Scarves |
| Sunglasses |
| Cap |
| Socks |
| Hair accessories |
| Jewellery |

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| Toothpaste |
| Sweets |
| Chocolate or food items |
| Lotions and liquids |
| Used or damaged items |
| War-related items |
| Sharp or fragile items |

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday: | Worship (1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays) | 11.00 am |
| Sunday | Renewed Life Community Church (Apostolic) – Worship | 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm |
| Monday: | Warm Welcome Coffee Morning | 10.30 am – 12 noon |
| | Brownies | 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm |
| | Guides | 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm |
| Tuesday: | Boys' Brigade | 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm |
| Thursday: | Rainbows | 5.45 pm – 6.45 pm |

(Youth Groups term-time only)

QUIZ TIME



Animals Answers

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|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. Two | 6. Fruit | 11. Africa |
| 2. Bears | 7. A Bat | 12. Cheetah |
| 3. Ten | 8. Kiwi | 13. Goat |
| 4. A troop or a mob | 9. Badger | 14. A sett |
| 5. A drey | 10. Orang-utan | 15. Two |
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BOARD GAMES

1. Originally created in 1860, which board game simulates a person's journey from start to retirement?
 2. In the American version of Snakes and Ladders, what do you slide down?
 3. Invented in China over 2,500 years ago, what is considered to be the oldest board game?
 4. Which game is generally recognised as being the first "Role Playing" game?
 5. Which piece in a game of Chess can only move diagonally?
 6. In which country was the board game Trivial Pursuit invented?
 7. Which three playing tokens have been ever present in a classic Monopoly set since 1937?
 8. How many squares are there on a standard Scrabble board?
 9. How many dice are used in a game of Diplomacy?
 10. By what name are the pieces used in a game of Go known?
 11. In which country was the World Chess champion Magnus Carlsen born?
 12. How many pieces does each player start with in a game of Backgammon?
 13. By what name are the triangular wedges in Trivial Pursuit commonly known?
 14. Traditionally Draughts is played on a 8x8 square board, what size is used in Canadian Checkers?
 15. How many letter tiles are there in an English speaking set of Scrabble?
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**Christmas Craft Market
and Fayre**

*Come and join us at the Methodist
Church and Centre for some
Christmas fun!*

Saturday 18th November 2023

Start time – 10am

Finish time – 3pm

*We have lots of craft stalls where you can
pick up gifts for friends and family.*

*We also have a tombola, raffle and other
fun stalls too!*

*Come and join us for a hot drink and
mince pie!*



**FESTIVE
FAYRE & MARKET**

11 NOVEMBER 2023

12pm - 4pm

CARLTON CIVIC CENTRE
Oakham Drive, off Long Lane
Carlton-in-Lindrick
S81 9AP

Variety of stalls including
Handmade gifts, cakes, new & used items
and business stands
Richard's Caribbean Street Food on sale
Music, fun, crafts & more

Free entry
Stalls are £10 (to be pre-booked)

Fundraising for Camps
International trip

Contact Norma on
07786253581

Closing date for items for December/January Contact – Monday 13th November

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Jesus Walks on Water

Hello everybody

After Jesus sent the Disciples home across the sea, Jesus went up the mountainside to pray to his father, God. The Disciples had not gone very far when a violent storm blew up. They found it very hard to make progress. From where he was Jesus could see them and realised that they were struggling in the storm. They were experienced fishermen but this was worse than anything they had known before. Jesus decided to go to them. He went down the mountain and when he got to the water he didn't have a boat so he started to walk on the water.

In the rain they didn't recognise Jesus, instead they thought it was a ghost. They were scared stiff! Jesus called out to them. "Don't be afraid! It is I, Jesus." Peter called back, "If it is you, command me to get out of the boat come to you on the water." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk towards Jesus. Peter took his eyes off Jesus and became aware of the violence of the storm. He began to sink. He cried out to Jesus to save him. Jesus said, "You have such little faith." He got hold of Peter's arm and pulled him up from the water. He then helped him into the boat.

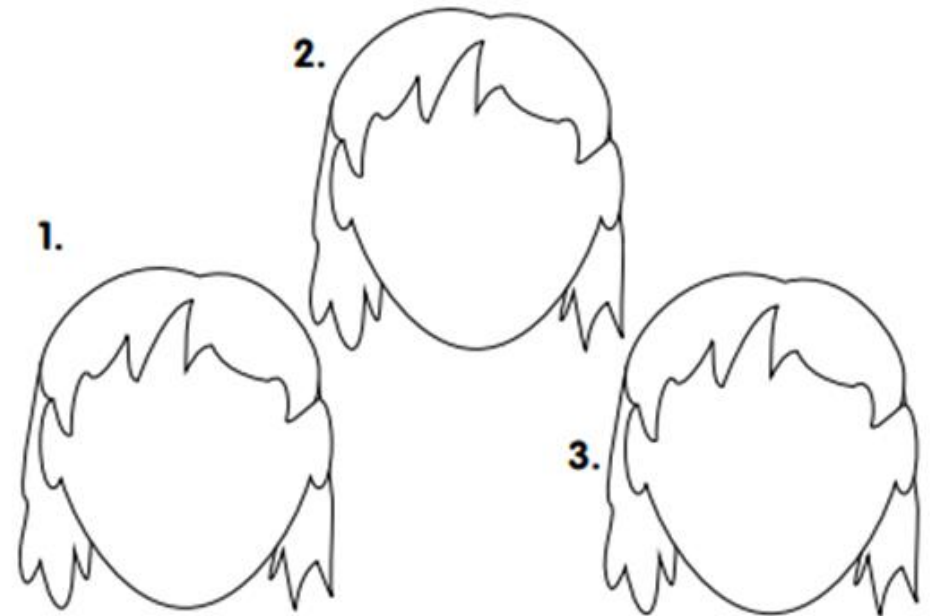
Peter had learned something that is still very important. If we take our concentration away from Jesus then we are not safe. In the hymn, 'At the name of Jesus,' there is a line in verse 4 that says, "Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour." We should always be thinking of what Jesus would want us to do.

Rev. Alan
Chaplain, 1st Carlton Boys Brigade and Girls Association

Imagine how Peter felt when:

1. He and the other disciples were stuck in the boat in the middle of a storm.
2. They first saw someone walking across the water towards them.
3. They realised it was Jesus.

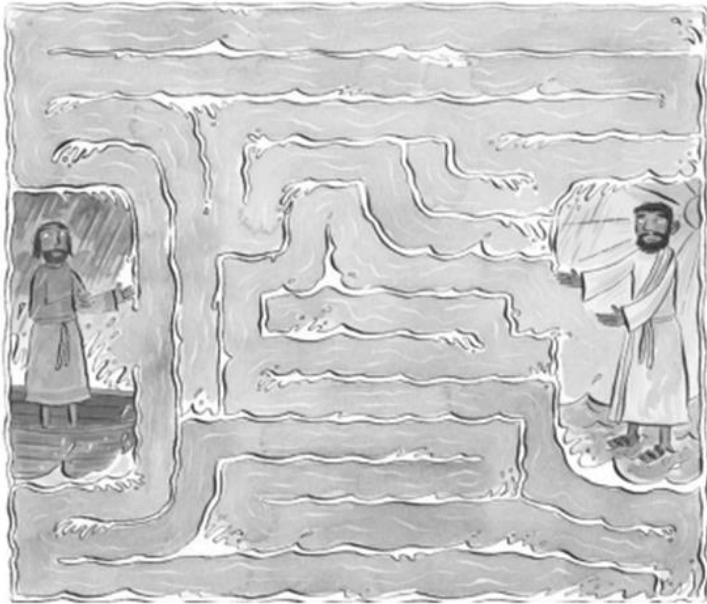
Draw the different expressions in the blank faces.



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Puzzle

Help Peter
to find his
way through
the maze to
reach Jesus.



Lord Jesus, when we are scared, comfort us.
When we are frightened, be with us.
Thank you that you care for us.

Amen

For reflection, here are the Lectionary readings and an appropriate hymn for each Sunday in October and November.

Sunday 1st October

(26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:2-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Singing the Faith 504

- 1 May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do or say.
- 2 May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

3 May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

4 May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea; him exalting, self forgetting - this is victory.

5 May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928)
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Sunday 8th October

(27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Singing the Faith 247

- 1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun; and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.

'Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance.' said he, 'and I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance,' said he.

- 2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the Dance went on.

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame: the holy people aid it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, and they left me there on a Cross to die.

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone; but I am the Dance and I still go on.

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

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Sunday 15th October

(28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Singing the Faith 431

- 1 O, the love of my Lord is the essence of all that I love here on earth. All the beauty I see he has given to me, and his giving is gentle as silence.
- 2 Every day, every hour, every moment has been blessed by the strength of his love. At the turn of each tide he is there at my side, and his touch is as gentle as silence.

- 3 There've been times when I've turned from his presence, and I've walked other paths, other ways; but I've called on his name in the dark of my shame, and his mercy was gentle as silence.

Estelle White (b. 1925)

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Sunday 22nd October

(29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Singing the Faith 319

- 1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King! Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!
- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth! Power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified! Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:

- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above! Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:

- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:

Michael Saward (b. 1932)

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Sunday 29th October

(30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Singing the Faith 132

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

- 3 Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

- 5 The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their cares and fears, are carried downward by the flood, and lost in following years.

6 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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7 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Sunday 5th November

(31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

Singing the Faith 465

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore;
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open thou the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream shall flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)

translated by Peter Williams (1727-1796)

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Sunday 12th November

(32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalms 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Singing the Faith 335

- 1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice! Again I say: rejoice!*
- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
- 3 His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules both earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
- 4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
- 5 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
God's trumpet-call shall sound: rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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Sunday 19th November

(33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Judges 4:1-7

Psalms 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Singing the Faith 513

- 1 Take this moment, sign, and space;
take my friends around;
here among us make the place
where your love is found.
- 2 Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been,
all I've failed to tend.
- 3 Take the tiredness of my days,
take my past regret,
letting your forgiveness touch
all I can't forget.
- 4 Take the little child in me,
scared of growing old;
help me here to find my worth
made in Christ's own mould.
- 5 Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be;
let my life be yours, and yet,
let it still be me.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

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Sunday 26th November

(Sunday before Advent)

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7a or Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

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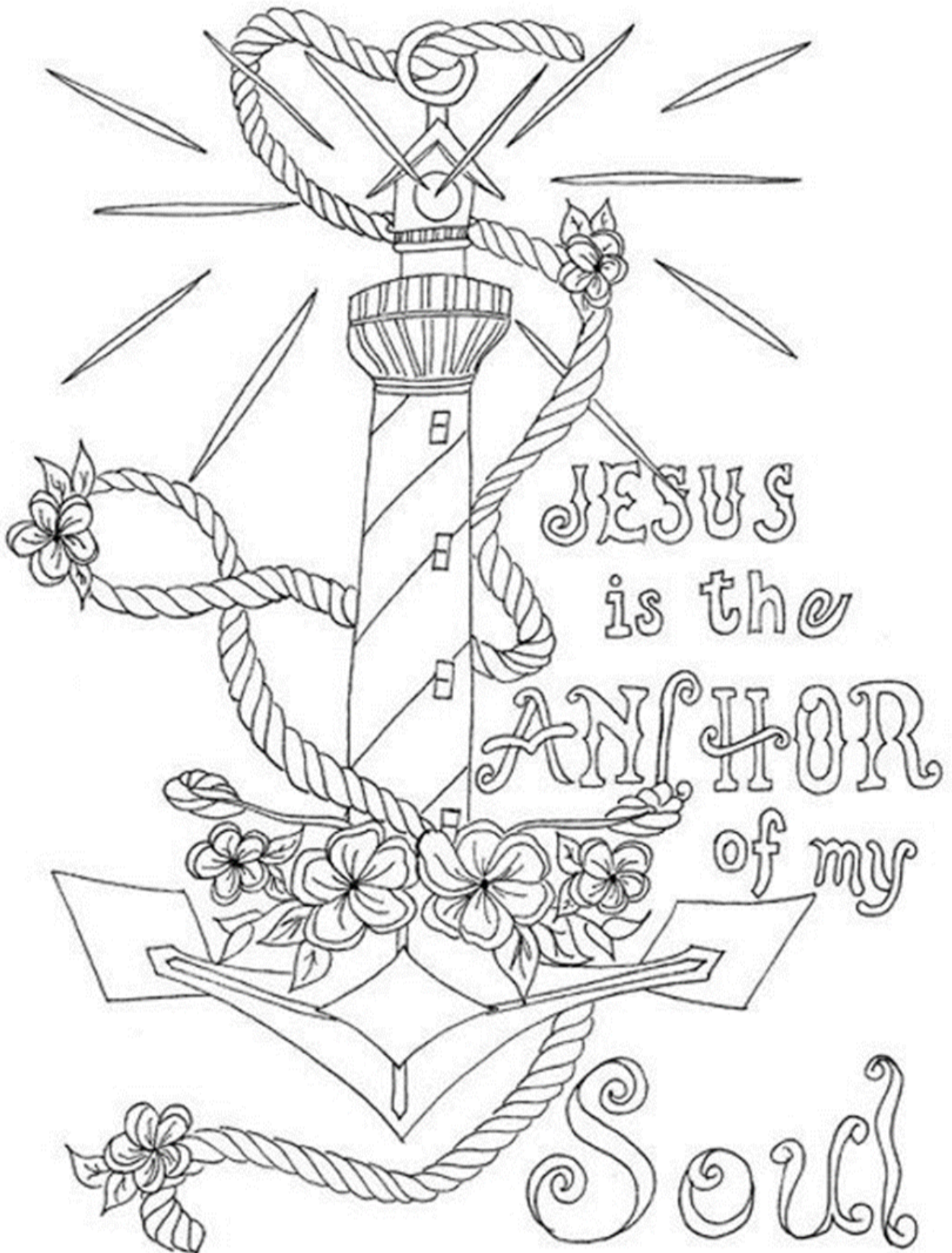
- 1 Where can we find you, Lord Jesus our Master?
We want to serve you, to answer your call.
Where do you lead us and ask us to follow?
What should we do in our service to all?
- 2 'Go to the hungry, to those who have nothing;
go where the farmlands are empty and bare.
I broke the bread for the people around me;
out of my plenty, think what you can share.
- 3 'Go to the homeless, to those who have nowhere;
go where my people sleep out in the rain.
I had no comforts but what others gave me;
offer them shelter, give ease to their pain.
- 4 'Go to the outcast, to those who have no-one;
go where my sheep are rejected and lost.
I dined with sinners and reached out to lepers;
go and do likewise, and don't count the cost.'
- 5 Where will we find you, Lord Jesus our Master?
We are your servants who answer your call.
You go before us, and there we will follow,
taking our cross in the service of all.

Allan Charles Dickinson (b. 1954)

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“Hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...”
(Hebrews 6: 19)



Hebrews 6:19