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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10 am: Family Worship

Holy Communion usually on third Sunday of month

First Sunday only: 6.30 pm Holy Communion

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

'Footsteps' Young People's Group: Sundays, 10 am (*term time only*)

House Group: Mondays, 10 am (**Not meeting at present**)

Prayer Group: See page 5 for details

Bible Study: See page 5 for details

Coffee Morning: Thursdays, 10–11.30 am

Toddlers Group: Fridays, 10 am

Under the umbrella of the United Reformed Church, *Guide*, *Brownie* and *Rainbow Units* meet each week during school term.

Up to date details of all the above activities are available from the Church Office, from the Church Secretary, or on our website.

FROM THE MANSE



Dear Friends

Towards the end of January I visited a retreat community in Devon called Sheldon. Amid thatched roofs and chapel I stayed for four nights in 'Tamworth Pig Pen' lodging, a comfortable bedsit.

One of the books I read was called *'Engaging Benedict: What the rule can teach us today'* (Laura Swan: Ava Maria Press, 2005). It had been sitting on my shelf for

several months, and so I thought I would read it amid the stillness of the retreat.

Saint Benedict of Nursia was believed to have been born around 480, and was born a Roman. Like any good Roman he had a flair for organization, a concern for order, and a respect for authority. Monastic life for him was to be structured; it was to follow a rule and a hierarchical chain of command. Benedict's monasteries were to be held together by a strong and responsible central leadership.

The Abbot or Abbess 'holds the place of Christ' and he/she was always accountable to the Rule and to God. Individuals leaving the monastery were warned that it was spiritually unsafe, and any journeys taken needed the Abbot's permission. Benedict was truly a man of his time. So how then do we relate to his rule in the 21st century?



Sheldon Retreat Community

'Rule', like the word 'Guru' in India, implies something that helps straighten the way to God, a guide that helps us avoid extremes and orientate ourselves in the right direction. What then are the basic principles or spiritual attitudes that Benedict's rule points us towards?

Benedict is not primarily concerned with the external ordering of our lives, but rather with a genuine seeking after God. He is offering the soul a direction and a flat playing field so that 'as we progress in this way of life and in faith, we shall run in the way of God's commandments'.

Benedict was concerned to give the practical framework on which the spiritual life could be built. As in all desert spirituality, there was for Benedict no split between the outer and the inner; spirituality was lifestyle, and the way you lived was the way you prayed.

So, the best expression of an authentic relation to God was the way you related to your neighbour.

There are four principles or attitudes on which that common life is grounded,

and through which Benedict orientates his disciples to God:

- **Obedience:** This involves qualities of attentiveness, listening, readiness of response, cheerful generosity, laying down of one's own will, and mutual respect and concern.
- **Peace:** This involves an esteem for silence, especially at night, purity of prayer, and refraining from gossip.
- **Faith and Works** always go together: 'Work' includes manual labour, prayerful reading and the work of hospitality. The tools of the workplace and kitchen are to be respected like the vessels of the altar.
- **Humility:** Humility is what keeps us connected, down to earth, real. This 'grounding experience' often involves endurance, perseverance and long suffering.



St Benedict, by Fra Angelico

Benedict is like a gardener removing the weeds so that the flowers can grow, the fruits of the Spirit. The Rule therefore acts like a garden hoe and watering can, clearing the space, tidying things up, and then making sure the plants are well watered. At times like secateurs, it prunes; at times like a lopper, it removes what is incompatible with our spiritual growth.

These are the four attitudes I see as key to the life Benedict envisages, attitudes which, in the rich meaning he gives them, are applicable to us today.

They do, however, challenge us to a conversion of manners, not what we do, but the way we do things. Benedict's wisdom is timeless because it is the wisdom of the Gospel.

It seems to me that, as we at Fleet URC approach Lent, Easter and Pentecost, these four attributes could assist us in deepening our relationship with God. Let's make a real difference in our discipleship this year and consider the Rule of Benedict to assist us on our path of faith.

Blessings,

Ruth

THANK YOU

Many thanks for the generous 'gift' I received on Christmas Day. It was a lovely surprise, and again I was humbled by your generosity.

Ruth x



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2020, 10th—16th MAY

There will be a Cake and Plant Sale in support of Christian Aid on **Saturday 16th May** in the Parish Hall, Church Road, from 10 am—12 noon. Please come along and support us. Donations of cakes and/or plants would be greatly appreciated.

Linda Storey



NOTICE BOARD

NEXT PARADE SERVICE

Please note that the date of the next Church Parade service has been changed since the issue of the Church Calendar. It will now be on **7th June**, not 5th April.



MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Each month we meet to explore the Lectionary readings for the following Sunday. The next meetings will be at 1 pm on:

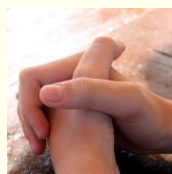
Monday 9th March

Monday 20th April
(changed because of Bank Holiday)

Monday 11th May

(Please note change of time.)

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP



The monthly Prayer Group will meet on the following dates

at 1 pm in the vestry at Fleet URC:

Monday 2nd March

Monday 6th April

Monday 4th May

Come and join us for 30 minutes of quiet meditation and prayer.

(Please note change of time.)

ANNUAL & STUDY LEAVE

Ruth, our Minister, will not be available on the following dates:

27th February, 25th March & 24th April:

(Study days in Cambridge)

27th March—1st April:
(Annual leave)

27th April—1st May:
(Ministers' Spring School)



FRIENDS OF PALANI MISSION

The Friends of Palani group will be meeting at **7.30 pm on Tuesday 17th March**, at the home of Christine & John Gibbons.

The meeting is open to all—fresh ideas are especially welcome!

YOUNG PEOPLE



What is the tallest structure you can build using only marshmallows and spaghetti? Our young people's group had fun finding out. What we learned was that, though individually we may feel weak, by working together we can be strong.



Fleet URC was the venue for a weekend gathering of the Wessex Synod Youth Council recently.

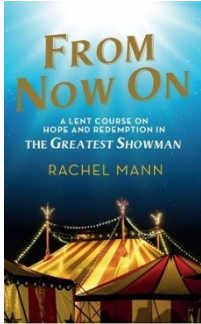
It was a joy to welcome so many young people at our Sunday morning worship.



JOHN OWEN

We were sad to learn of the recent death of *John Owen*, who worshipped at Fleet URC with his family during the 1980s. John and his wife Liz were active members of our church before leaving to return to their native Wales. John had a long and distinguished career in the Health Service. Our sympathy and prayers go to his family.

LENT COURSE 2020



During Lent 2020 we shall be following the themes of Hope and Redemption within the story of P T Barnum, otherwise known as '*The Greatest Showman*'.

The dates will be as below, starting at 7.30 pm. All meetings will be at Fleet URC.

Tuesday, 3rd March

Tuesday, 10th March

Wednesday, 18th March

Tuesday, 24th March

Tuesday, 31st March

This five week course offers discussion points, biblical reflections and prayers based on short excerpts from the film. The themes are:

- **'A Million Dreams'**, exploring what liberation and hope might look like for an 'outsider' in the world;
- **'Come Alive'**, exploring how the family of faith can bring hope and purpose;
- **'Rewrite the Stars'** asks what forms of resistance can be placed in the way of salvation;
- **'Never Enough'** questions the temptations of false fulfilment that can lead us to betrayal'
- **'The Greatest Show'** shows how redemption is found when we discover that 'the circus is our home'.

The Lent book will be available to buy on the night, or can be purchased on line or at LivingStones, Fleet.

Please come and join us... All are welcome!!

Ruth



LENT BOOKLET

Ruth has prepared a Lent Prayer Booklet which will be available from early March. This year's theme is 'Spice Prayers', and if you would like a copy, please see Ruth. There will also be some copies available at the back of the church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020—Take Your Mat and Walk



This year's World Day of Prayers services in Fleet and Church Crookham will be held on **Friday, 6th March.**

- The morning service will be held at Church Crookham Baptist Church, Basingbourne Road, at 10 am.
- The evening service will be held at Fleet URC, Kings Road, at 7.30 pm.

There will be refreshments following both services.

The services have been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe, and will be presented by members of different churches in Fleet and Church Crookham.

As we participate in these services we are part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe. We will be joining with people in over 120 countries and islands around the world.

These services are for everyone—men, women and children. Please come and join us.

God bless, *Darrell Henderson*

LENT 2020

Struggling with what to do for Lent?



Lent 2020: 40 days—40 items

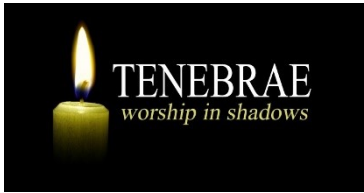
Lent is such a great time to better ourselves and the world. It goes beyond 'not eating chocolate, ice cream, or even sweets'. There are many things that you can give up for Lent; however I would like to offer an idea that embraces many of the themes in *Walking the Way*.

For Lent 2020 I invite you to get a bag or box and place something in it each day. It could be anything—an old purse, handbag, an unused gift, clothing, books, food, toys, some garden tools, or even a plant for the garden (potted up, please!)—and donate the items to various charities or organisations during Lent. It does not have to be a big item, but if someone else can get use from it, then donate it!

Holy Habits is about adopting habits to enrich our discipleship, and also helping others. By sharing our resources, prayer, and through serving others, this gesture during Lent encourages us to do God's work.

Ruth

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE



A Tenebrae service is an ancient Christian gathering that helps worshippers reflect deeply on the sufferings and death of Christ for us and our salvation.

‘Tenebrae’ means ‘darkness’ or ‘shadow’, and a Tenebrae service uses candles, scripture, singing, and darkness to help us prepare for Easter.

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished because the story is not over until Easter Day. Tenebrae services can be emotional and sombre, and we will leave after the service in silence.

We will meet at 7 am in the sanctuary of the church, which will be lit by candlelight, and have a simple communion service before the liturgy of Tenebrae.

We welcome our friends from the Methodist Church, who will be joining us for Tenebrae.

Ruth



EASTER SERVICES 2020



April

5th	<i>Palm Sunday:</i>
10 am	Family Worship led by Revd Ruth Dillon
6.30 pm	Evening Service, with Holy Communion, led by Revd Ruth Dillon
9th	<i>Maundy Thursday:</i>
7 pm	Tenebrae service with Communion, led by Revd Ruth Dillon (NB: Joint service with Methodist Church, held at Fleet URC)
10th	<i>Good Friday:</i>
10.30 am	Good Friday service led by Methodist Church (NB: Joint service with Methodist Church, held at Methodist Church)
12th	<i>Easter Day:</i>
10 am	Family Worship & Holy Communion led by Mrs Karen Smith (Please bring a flower to help decorate the Cross.)

LENT 2020: TREE OF HOPE

The Tree of Hope will be in the foyer of the church for the whole of Lent and Easter. You are invited to take a butterfly label and write a message, a prayer, a blessing, or a note of remembrance of loved ones. Please tie your message on to the Tree.



You may be moved to make a freewill donation, and every penny that you give will go towards our work in mission partnership with the people of Palani and the orphanage in Kerala, in whose lives hope has often been removed or totally obscured.

Please place all gifts in the envelopes provided and post them in the letterbox outside the church entrance doors. Cheques should be made payable to 'Fleet URC'. If you wish to gift aid your money, then please complete one of the gift aid forms, sign it, and put it in the envelope with your donation.

On behalf of the people of Palani and Kerala—thank you.

John Gibbons



HOW THE PASSION FLOWER GOT ITS NAME



Why is the beautiful flower on the front cover of *InTouch* known as the passion flower?

This climbing plant that grows in many of our gardens is not native to the UK, but comes from South America. It was first discovered by Spanish missionaries working there in the 15th and 16th centuries. Drawings were sent back to Europe and in 1609 an Italian priest interpreted the flower to represent the crucifixion, otherwise known as the Passion.

He decided that the five petals and five sepals could represent the ten disciples who remained steadfast (Judas and Peter both abandoned Jesus). The double row of filaments (corona) represented Jesus' crown of thorns. It also resembled a halo.

The stigma could be seen as the cross of nails, and the five stamens could be seen as the number of wounds Jesus received. Finally, the vine tendrils represented the whips that were used to scourge Jesus.

Parish Pump

'THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU DO TODAY.' **(Mahatma Gandhi)**

There are so many ways in which we can affect our own lives, the lives of friends and family, and the lives of others in the world around us. The future of our planet is in the balance and we must make our actions count! Some actions are small, like refusing a carrier bag or a plastic straw, but others can have a much bigger impact.

Divestment from fossil fuels is one such action and can be done on a variety of levels. As a church the URC has voted to divest from fossil fuel companies and would like to encourage Synods, local churches and members to divest from fossil fuels and to reinvest in clean alternatives. So what does this mean for us as individuals? It means removing money from organisations or funds that support fossil fuel companies. For most of us, this means our banks and pensions. I am in no way qualified to advise about pensions! However we all have a bank account and that is a good place to start.



Unfortunately "The five biggest banks in the UK (Lloyds, Barclays, HSBC/ Natwest and Santander) are also the five biggest investors in climate change", according to the campaign group MoveYourMoney.org.uk. The Ethical Consumer website recommends Triodos Bank, Charity Bank and Ecology Building Society for Savings Accounts and Cash ISAs, adding in the Co-operative Bank for current accounts alongside Triodos. Interestingly, the Nationwide is also suggested as a good alternative as it doesn't invest in fossil fuels and avoids investing in the most controversial business areas (and it's always useful to be able to go into a branch!)

Nationwide has a 'Recommend a Friend' offer which allows both parties to share £200 when a new account is opened. I did this for a family member last year and donated my share to the World Land Trust's 'Buy an Acre' Appeal. A donation of £100 allows one of their overseas partners to purchase one acre of habitat and protect it in perpetuity for wildlife. My donation allowed them to purchase an acre of rainforest in Belize. 774,282 acres have so far been protected through this appeal. Should anyone wish to take advantage of Nationwide's offer I would be very pleased to 'recommend' you and to repeat my donation to The World Land Trust. Similarly, I am happy to provide more information about the Buy an Acre scheme. Let's make our choices (and our money) count!

Grace Bagshaw

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

The three main religions in the world—Judaism, Christianity and Islam—all believe in one God. Jews sometimes call God 'Yahweh', and Muslims call God 'Allah'.

Muslims follow the religion of Islam, and their holy book is called the Qur'an (Koran). Muslims believe that it is the message of God spoken by the Angel Gabriel to Mohammed, who died in the year 632 AD. The Qur'an is written in Arabic.



From an early age Muslims read from the Qur'an each day. Their holy book is so important to them that they learn parts of it by heart, and many learn the whole of the Qur'an by heart. The prayer we are going to use is based on the opening lines of the Qur'an.

Members of each of the three world religions could use this prayer together:

Let us pray:



In the name of God, who is merciful:
All praise be to God, who is the Lord of everything.
We serve no-one but you, our God,
and you are the only one to whom we turn for help.
Keep us away from the path of those who stray from you.
Guide us instead on the way we should go -
on the path of those whom you have blessed.

Ruth



EASTER REFLECTION

Between Friday and Sunday, there's Saturday;
Between death and resurrection, there's mourning;
Between uncertainty and uncertainty, there's faith;
Between pain and celebration, there's hope;
Between loneliness and community, there's love.

From the Tearfund Prayer Diary

HOLY HABITS

As part of Fleet URC's commitment to Walking the Way, equipping us as disciples of Jesus, we adopt Ten Holy Habits:

1. Prayer
2. Biblical teaching
3. Worship
4. Breaking bread
5. Eating together
6. Fellowship
7. Gladness and generosity
8. Making more disciples
9. Sharing resources
10. Serving

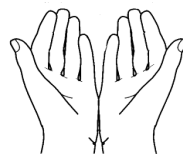


NEW PRAYER CIRCLE

Our church is hoping to set up a new Circle of Prayer, to assist anyone who feels a need for prayer.

How will it work?

A small group of people who feel this is something that God wants them to do will have their names and telephone numbers made available to be contacted with a request for a specific prayer.



This will be confidential within the circle and the person contacted will make a note of the date of the request and a contact telephone number. The request will be then forwarded to the next person in the circle, who will continue to pass it on until it comes full circle.

Each person commits to praying daily until any changes are notified. After a month, contact will be made to follow up the request and take appropriate action.

Our prayers are something that God loves to hear, and as a loving parent God will answer, though maybe not in our time frame, or as we hoped or wanted.

We hope this initiative will be a blessing to all those participating. If you feel that God may be calling you to be part of the circle, please do get in touch with me.

Margaret Tracey

(Phone: 01252 246195/07881625913; email: metrac@tiscali.co.uk)

GOD GIVES GROWTH

(Extract from the service on 16th February 2020)

*Written by Father Ken Untener, the following is considered descriptive of the life story of **Archbishop Oscar Romero**. Perhaps you have heard it, or maybe you have even prayed it before:*

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime
only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete,
which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

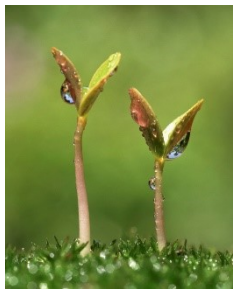
No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No one project accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.



This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that will grow.

We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations
that will need further development.

We provide yeast
that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,

a step along the way,

and opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,

but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders;

ministers, members... not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future... not our own.

CHAMELEON DAYS

Now is the year's hinge, the chameleon days,
Offering many gifts, but none for long.
Beyond my window, flowering cherries shine,
Their bright profusion topped by trees still bare;
Above, blue sky is islanded by cloud,
The longed-for sunlight soon put out by grey,
And yet we love the spring; recurring chance,
Promise of life renewed, a sign of hope
Among our dull perplexities, our griefs.
What lasting joy can fickle April give?
Transcendent certainty: in Christ we live.



Sheila Durbin

This poem is reprinted from the April/May 2018 edition of *InTouch* as a tribute to Sheila Durbin, who died at the end of 2019. God spoke to Sheila through nature, and gave her the gift of communicating her insights and great faith through her poetry. She saw that in all the changing seasons of our lives—the highs and the lows—nature brings us glimpses of hope and the ‘transcendent certainty’ that ‘in Christ we live’. We will greatly miss her wise words.

Christine Gibbons

[A copy of Bernard Potter's tribute to Sheila's life, given at her funeral, is available in the church, or from Bernard.]



COULD IT BE YOU?

The following positions are vacant, and we urgently need people to represent Fleet URC in the following areas:

FACCTS

LivingStones Christian Centre

Commitment for Life

Please find out more about each position by speaking to Margaret Armes.

Please give prayerful consideration to whether you could take on one of these important areas of ministry. Thank you.

KNITTED ANGELS



The churches of Fleet and Church Crookham are again taking up their knitting needles and crotchet hooks to produce these works of art, to bring a shower of Angels to our town and roads next Christmas.

The name for this has changed this year from Angel bombing to Christmas Angels, but the meaning is the same. I hope you fancy knitting some angels again, any colour you like. If you need wool please let me know. It would be wonderful if our church could beat our last year's total of 300 angels.

It has been suggested that perhaps, like the first year, we should gather together to attach the labels and share a warm beverage and some cake!

Our church will again be distributing the angels in the town along our usual stretch on **Saturday, 19th December at 7 am**. The actual Angel Blessing will be held at our church on **6th December at 4 pm**, and will be conducted by our Minister, Revd Ruth Dillon. Hopefully you will join us afterwards for refreshments.

Many thanks,

Darrell Henderson



SUMMER WINES WINE WORKSHOP

Friday, 27th March at 7.30 pm

at the Elvetham Heath Community Centre

*Whether it's crisp whites for al fresco dining,
lighter reds for barbecues, or refreshing roses for
balmy evenings—we have it covered!*

Tickets £20

Available from the Hospice Shop in Fleet Road,
online from www.pth.org.uk, or by phoning 07592 177673



CHRISTMAS OUTINGS

On Friday 6th December, Bee Griffiths, Margaret Tracey and I went to see a York Nativity at St Mary the Virgin Church in Aldermaston. The church is a listed building and very old: the murals over the walls would have been beautiful, but were very faded and worn.



The village of Aldermaston has put on a Nativity play in the parish church every year since 1957. The play is an adaptation of eight or nine plays from the 400 year old York Mystery Cycle—plays that tell the story of the first Christmas.

The Aldermaston staging of the York Nativity Play was the brainchild of Revd Canon Stanley Young, the vicar of Aldermaston, and Pat Eastop, a local mother and teacher who had studied

Medieval Art. Pat went on to direct the play for 57 consecutive years before her death in 2014. The costumes were authentic designs from the Middle Ages, as was the accompanying music.

The Play is performed all around the audience, with some scenes on the front stage, some on a small stage to the side, and Gabriel appearing on the balcony at the rear of the church.

It was a very interesting evening. However if you should decide to try this out next Christmas, wrap up warm and take a torch and a cushion—the pews were rather hard!

Our next trip was to Hinton Ampner on Thursday 12th December. Bee Griffiths, Margaret Tracey, Pam Lucas and I set off after coffee morning to view Hinton's Aesop's Fables Christmas Display. Each of the six rooms was decorated to show one of the fables, and the Christmas tree was decorated with items or animals from the story, among which were the Hare and the Tortoise and the Fox and the Wine. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by us all.



The following day Pam Hudson, Moira and John Bamfield and I went to Mottisfont Abbey to see the Flower Fairy Christmas event. Although the trees were decorated beautifully, there were very few Flower Fairies on the trees themselves. However there was a

gallery of prints to view. We all had a very pleasant day.

Carol Rayner



UNLOCK

This is the logo for a small Christian charity based in Sheffield. It began in 1972 and is run on

only two days a week, from Handsworth Parish Centre, by a staff of three.

Their aim is to help urban churches of any denomination, usually in deprived areas, to respond to their specific challenges. Currently there are Unlock workers in Cardiff, Sheffield and Rotherham. They are wanted in Hull, Sunderland, Rotherham and Hastings, if the work there is to continue. 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few'—sadly, because there are insufficient funds to pay them.

Many people of different races and backgrounds have found their way in life through being introduced to God's way of living.

This year's fund-raising walk will be the 37th, of which I've done many, the last two since I've been here in Fleet. Thanks again to those who sponsored me last year.

I plan to join the 600 or so other walkers on April 25th, to help raise awareness about Unlock's work through the £25,000 we hope will be donated. I already have my sponsor form and a map of where the walk is going, and here is an outline:

*'Come to Tower Hamlets; you may not have seen
Mile End or Spitalfields or Bethnal Green,
Stepney and Shadwell and Whitechapel too.
Seven churches are waiting for you
In the shade of the Tower, where you might not have been.'*

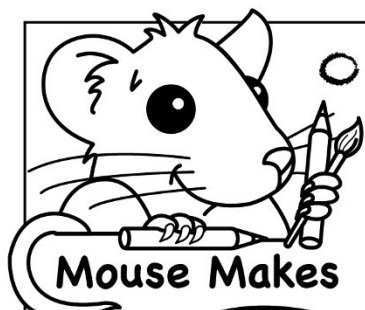
A fascinating area, full of historical interest, which I'm excited at the prospect of exploring. If you feel able to sponsor me, Unlock and I will be very grateful. Thank you.

Margaret Tracey

<https://www.unlock-urban.org.uk/>



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY



Mouse Makes

After **Jesus** was baptised He was led by the Spirit into the **wilderness** for **forty** days where he was tempted by the devil.

READ the story in **Luke 4:1-13**

JUMP
JERUSALEM
HIGH
HOLD
IF

THUNGRY
EOHFOOT
MLIFTDE
PYMOJB
TSBREAD
APATSRE
TIPYUAV
IRTESTI
OILEDL
NTSTONE
STEMPLE
H DAYS

DESERT
ROJORDAN
VRIVEROCK
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WOWORLD
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LCRWIHW
DRSRNRN
EIHIGOD
RPITDWG
NTPTOOL
EUAEMNO
SRINSLR
SERVEYY
EANGELS
LORDR

What was Jesus' reply when the devil asked Him to turn a stone into bread?

Who did Jesus say He would only worship and serve?

What did Jesus say you must not do?

Can you find these words in the word search?

JESUS • BAPTISED • RIVER • JORDAN • LED
HOLY SPIRIT • WILDERNESS • DESERT • TEMPTATIONS
DEVIL • FORTY • DAYS • HUNGRY • ROCK • STONE
BREAD • WRITTEN • SCRIPTURE • ALL • KINGDOMS • WORLD • GLORY
WORSHIP • SERVE • GOD • ONLY • JERUSALEM • TEMPLE • HIGH • IF • SON
JUMP • THROW • DOWN • ANGELS • HOLD • LIFT • FOOT • LORD • TEST

WEEKLY SERVICES

MARCH, APRIL & MAY 2020

March

1st	10 am	Family Worship led by Revd Ruth Dillon, followed by Church AGM & Election of Secretary and Treasurer + Church Meeting
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship & Holy Communion led by Revd Ruth Dillon
6th		<i>World Day of Prayer (WDP)</i>
	10 am	WDP service at Church Crookham Baptist Church
	7.30 pm	WDP service at Fleet URC
8th	10 am	Family Worship led by Revd John Mackerness
15th	10 am	Family Worship & Holy Communion led by Revd Ruth Dillon
22nd	10 am	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>
		Family Worship led by Mr Sydney Shore
29th	10 am	Family Worship led by Mrs Karen Smith



April

For details of our Easter Services please see page 9.

19th	10 am	Family Worship & Holy Communion, led by Revd Ruth Dillon
26th	10 am	Family Worship led by Mrs Anna Crawford



May

1st	tbc	Church social—Quiz Night
3rd	10 am	Family Worship led by Mr Paul Murphy
	6.30 pm	Evening Worship & Holy Communion
<i>10th—16th Christian Aid Week</i>		
10th		<i>Mission Sunday:</i>
	10 am	Family Worship led by Ellie Jones, Director of The Source
17th	10 am	Family Worship & Holy Communion led by Revd Ruth Dillon
24th	10 am	Family Worship led by Mrs Karen Smith
31st	10 am	Family Worship led by Mrs Anna Crawford

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