

Roundabout

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WALKING IN MATURITY AND HOPE

THE GENERAL LETTERS AND REVELATION

Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude, Revelation

The last eight letters in the New Testament are often called the General Letters because they seem to be intended for a wide readership. Except for the very short Second & Third John and Jude. But then *they* deal with the very important matter of dangerous false teachers, and that needs to be widely known about. Also, they are all letters by people other than Paul - mainly other apostles.

And then there's the Book of Revelation!

Actually, I've come to see all these books, from Hebrews to Revelation, as the **Summarising Letters**. Each writer seems to gather together his well thought through, well digested, mature understanding of Christian Truth and presents us with a Summing-Up. Hebrews sums up the relationship between the Old and New Covenants; James sums up his understanding of practical and mature Christian living; First Peter is Peter's summary of the Gospel and what it means for our life together; Second Peter reads like his Last Will and Testament as he faces martyrdom; First John brings together Truth and Love, and summarises the wonderful relationship the children of God can have with their Father; Second & Third John and Jude summarise the great warning about false teachers...

...and Revelation is the Summing-Up to end all Summings-Up!

To sum up: they are the mature thoughts of those other apostles, and they are inspiring invitations to live mature Christian lives 'walking with God' and with His People. And the visions of Revelation fill us with the sure and certain hope of the victory of Jesus Christ.

And they also assure us that all of history is His Story!!

"Now Christ stands us in double stead and serves us in two ways.

First, *he is our Redeemer, Deliverer, Reconciler, Mediator, Intercessor, Advocate, Attorney, Solicitor, our Hope, Comfort, Shield, Protection, Defender, Strength, Health, Satisfaction and Salvation. His blood, his death, and all that he ever did is ours. And Christ himself, with all that he is or can do, is ours.*

Secondarily, *after we have been overcome with love and kindness and now seek to do the will of God, then we have Christ as an example to copy, as Christ himself says in John: 'I have given you an example.' And in another gospel book he says: 'He that will be great among you shall be your servant and minister, as the Son of*

Man came to minister and not be ministered unto.' And Paul says: Copy Christ! And Peter says: 'Christ died for you, and left you an example, to follow in his steps.'

Therefore, whatever faith has received from God through Christ's blood and deserving, the same must be given out in love - every whit - and bestowed upon our neighbours for their profit - yea, even if they are our enemies. By faith we receive of God, and by love we give out again. And this we must do freely after the example of Christ, without any other consideration except our neighbour's welfare alone."

A Pathway Into the Holy Scripture

William Tyndale

(c.1530)

Stuart Kimber

Joan Ayre is Licensed as Reader

Joan's memories of the day:

The day had arrived the 24th of April, originally it should have been in January but Covid intervened. Chrissy who had sponsored me picked me up in her car and we drove into the city centre. We knew where to park because we had visited the cathedral for the rehearsal. We were early and so had time for coffee. Then it was time! I walked round the back of the car and got out my robes which St. Anne's had kindly bought for me. They had arrived only a week before (a little late for January). I walked over to the cathedral and took my seat up the back as I was not required to go down the stone steps in order to meet with my group. They came to join me in order that we might pray before the service. The preaching scarf which was ready on the chair took a little figuring out but with Ian's help I was ready. The other two readers and myself took our assigned seats in front of our sponsors, priests and our small number of guests.

This was not the service with all our church family and close family members that we had expected when we started our training but with all we have learnt during the pandemic about technology we knew that people would be joining us remotely and felt the love and prayer of our brothers and sisters. (In my case cousins in Canada were watching the live feed). This was a scaled down service so instead of all the readers in training gathered together we were licenced in maximum numbers of three. One friend was licenced remotely as she was still required to shield. The services to licence each group of three people had to be no longer than 30 minutes in order to fit in all the groups. Yet, for all this it was a very moving service. Later on I was able to watch friends who had been on the same course as me being licenced: it was special. Sadly, one of the group could not even join us remotely as he was in hospital. All of us are hoping that when he is licenced later in the year, we will be able to gather in the cathedral to rejoice with him.

Yet it was the day after that I will always remember when you, my family at St. Anne's greeted me as your licenced reader. God bless you all and remember we are all members of the flock who follow our Shepherd Jesus Christ.

Georgina watched the service live on line and managed to take some photographs to share with those people who did not manage to join in the service. Apologies for the quality of the photographs.





At the end of the service Paul and Chrissie share their joy that the service to licence Joan went so well.

Afterwards Joan and all her guests celebrated her achievement.



The following day in church Janet, our church warden, on behalf of everyone at St. Anne's, presented Joan with a card and some money so that she could buy a book to mark the occasion of becoming a licensed reader.

Janet said, "When you started your reader training you realised it was going to be a long and difficult path. However, you didn't realise just how long and difficult it was going to be.

Once Covid was here you suddenly had a totally new way of studying and meeting with your group to get to grips with.

However you persevered and we are so proud of your achievements and looking forward to many years of your service as a reader in St. Anne's.

Joan here is a card from all of us. We wanted you to have a present which would remind you of your day. Please buy a book with the money provided and inside is a certificate for you to stick in the book you choose."

Joan has used the money to buy a Good News Bible and a book of photographs called 'Where Jesus Walked'.

Gloria Clay

6th March 1937 - 30th March 2021

Gloria was a much loved member of St. Anne's Church choir. She was full of fun and seemed to enjoy life to the full. When I first knew her she lived with her brother in West Heath. She loved singing and had an excellent soprano voice. Lorraine was a good friend of Gloria, especially in the choir setting.

Over the years, things changed for Gloria, as she unfortunately had a stroke and was left unable to speak or move. After that she lived in Havencroft nursing home at Hopwood. She had regular visits from her family members and also from her friends at church. The choir used to go about once or twice a year to sing to her, especially around Christmas. This was because any carols with the word Gloria in used to make her giggle. She would hum along to the singing and sometimes you felt that she was really joining in with the words.

When Joan, Eileen and Liz used to visit her once a month or so, Joan would give her things to pray for until the next visit. The next time Gloria would raise her eyebrows as if asking "well how did the person I was praying for get on?"

The funeral was a wonderful celebration of Gloria's life. It started with 'All things bright and beautiful' sung by St. Anne's choir and Gloria was actually singing on that recording. We had The Lord is my shepherd as a reading and also as music for the committal. There were two poems about Gloria, one by Chris Clapham as published here and one by Gloria's nephew. Also a friend of Gloria (Revd. Patricia Wallson) had written a eulogy which Father Paul read out. I had the feeling that Gloria was dancing and singing in Heaven and her voice will swell with ours when we are allowed to sing again!

Dear Gloria

Dear Gloria;

I remember so well your smiling face,
Your cheerful persona was always in place;
You sang in our Choir, your voice was great,
And you always were kind, a real mate;
You gave so much, you were always there,
Sharing an anecdote, showing you cared;
Your infectious giggle we knew so well,
Would lighten the mood and make us feel swell;
On recording day you sang with verve,
And helped us all keep a steady nerve;
You never panicked, had common sense,
With you there was certainly no pretence;
So Gloria, we'll always remember you,
As you were a friend who was ever true;
So sing with the Angels in Heaven above,
And Rest In Peace with all our love.

Report by Janet Bradley

Thoughts from the garden March/April 2021

With all the strong winds many twigs and small branches had come off the Lime tree outside the church garden and fallen into the church garden. So Peter and I have broken or cut up the smaller twigs and made a wood pile with the larger ones. We now have a garden waste bin to put all the garden waste in. So we have cleared one of the piles of leaves by the small wall at the front of church. Also cutting back all the dead flower stems in front of the church hall.

Peter has been weeding the main border and side border and I have started weeding the "wild garden". At the end of February we saw a bumble bee on the Heather flowers, a honey bee on the Crocus flowers and a ladybird on the old Sedum flower heads. I cleared the Ash seeds off 2 of the flower boxes which had 2 Daffodil flowers in them. They are now at the church front door. The other flower boxes only had Daffodil leaves so I think it is time to replace them. There are some new Daffodils in the main border just coming into flower. At home the Aconites all flowered and are now replaced by Lesser Celandine. The Hazel catkins flowered and



are now fading and falling off. The Hawthorne tree leaves are all coming out and we have 6/8 lots of frogspawn in the pond. We saw our first Peacock butterfly on Monday 29th March in the garden and I saw a Comma butterfly on the 23rd March at the allotment.



I saw a Buzzard being mobbed by 2 seagulls over the back church car park on 20th March and also saw 4 Buzzards high up over the roundabout on 23rd March.



The white and yellow Daffodils and red Tulips looked very good on Easter Sunday and some are still flowering 3 weeks later. The Forsythia bushes have

been in flower and give a bright display. The Cleavers are growing in the wild garden and other areas so I am trying to remove them before they seed.

The frog spawn has hatched so we have tiny Tadpoles in the pond. With all this dry weather I am having to top the pond water up regularly. Our June Berry tree is in full flower and the white blossom looks stunning against the blue sky.

Enjoy the new flowers as you walk around,
regards Elaine.



Puzzle Page

New Testament Wordsearch

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V	F	D	X	U	E	Q	F	I	Y	P	S	H	O	N
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Can you find the following words in the wordsearch?

MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

JOHN

ACTS

ROMANS

CORINTHIANS

GALATIANS

EPHESIANS

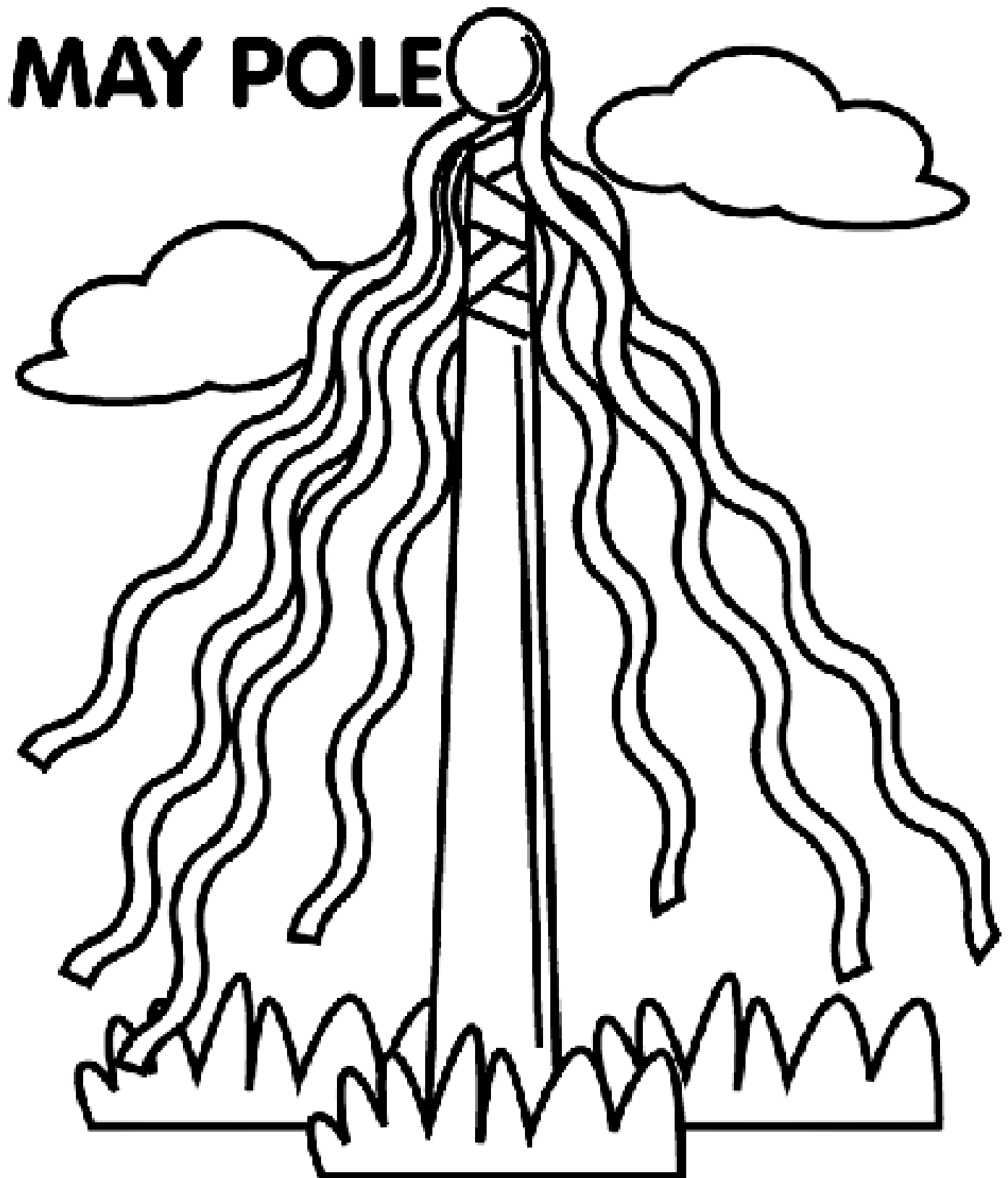
COLOSSIANS

HEBREWS

REVELATION

Children's Page

Colour the Maypole and then draw and colour some children dancing.



Children's Page

Wordsearch

Can you find the following words linked to the month of May:

BLOSSOM

CHICK

DAFFODIL

DANCING

LAMBS

MAYPOLE

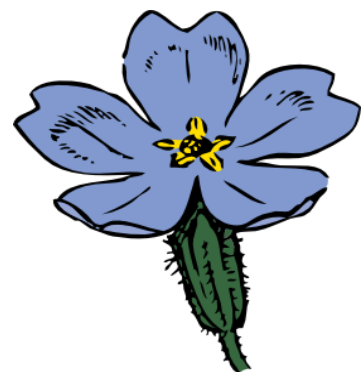
NESTS

PRIMROSE

RIBBONS

TADPOLES

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P	Z	S	N	X	L	J	O	V	V	A	L	J	C	R



May 1921

3rd May

Northern Ireland was created under the UK Government of Ireland Act partitioning off six north eastern counties with a Protestant majority.

5th May

The perfume Chanel Number 5 was released by fashion designer Coco Chanel.

9th May

Sophie Scholl was born on 9th May 1921. Sophie, along with her five brothers and sisters, was brought up in a Lutheran household in which Christian values mattered. But by the time she reached her teens, Adolf Hitler was running the country. At first Sophie and her older brother Hans supported the National Socialist Party. Like many other youngsters, he joined the party's Hitler Youth movement and she its sister organisation, the League of German Girls. Her father, an ardent critic of Hitler, was by all accounts horrified by their initial enthusiasm. And the influence of family and friends gradually began to take effect. The siblings, ultimately unable to reconcile their own liberal leanings with the politics of the Third Reich, and noticing the way in which Jewish acquaintances and artists were treated, began to view the regime through increasingly critical eyes. By the time Hitler invaded Poland that had hardened into opposition.

Sophie followed her brother Hans to Munich university and the siblings socialised with the same group of friends. Sophie, who studied medicine along with biology, is said to have liked to dance and play the piano, and she was a talented painter. But these were violent times. Some of the students had seen active service. They were living in a dictatorship, and they were determined to resist.

There were just six members of the "White Rose" group, originally founded by Sophie's brother Hans Scholl and his friend Alexander Schmorell. They were joined by Sophie, Christoph Probst and Willi Graf, and by one of their professors, Kurt Huber.

Supported by a network of friends and supporters, they printed and distributed leaflets, encouraging citizens to resist the Nazi regime, denouncing the murder of Jewish people and demanding an end to the war. The group produced their sixth pamphlet at the beginning of 1943. It was to be their last. On 18 February 1943 Hans and Sophie were handing out the leaflets at the university. Sophie climbed to the top-floor landing that overlooked the airy atrium of the university's main building and flung a stack of pamphlets over the balustrade. As the papers fluttered down to the ground, she was watched by a caretaker who betrayed her to the Gestapo. She and her brother were interrogated and, after a show trial, sentenced to death. They refused to betray the rest of the group but the authorities tracked them down anyway. Within a few months the friends had all been executed.

On the morning that she went to the guillotine, Sophie, aged 21, said:

"Such a fine, sunny day, and I have to go... What does my death matter, if through us, thousands of people are awakened and stirred to action?"

Those words, her bravery, are still honoured in Germany today, where schools and roads bear her name and that of her brother.

15th May

The British Legion was formed on 15 May 1921, bringing together four national organisations of ex-Servicemen that had established themselves after the First World War. The amalgamation of these diverse bodies can be attributed largely to two men: Field Marshal Earl Haig and Tom Lister of The Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers. Lord Haig served as the President of The Royal British Legion until his death.

As a result of the war, Britain's economy plummeted and in 1921 there were two million people unemployed.

Over six million men had served in the war. Of those who came back, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of disability and half of these were permanently disabled. Then there were those who depended on those who had gone to war – the wives and children, widows, and orphans, as well as the parents who had lost sons in the war, on whom they were often financially dependent.

The Royal British Legion was established to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War. And they have been helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since.

Today they are at the heart of a national network looking after our Armed Forces community. The Royal British Legion is there to help serving and ex-serving personnel all year round, every day of the week. Their support starts after seven days of service and continues through life, long after service is over.

Live Streaming Services

If you are unable to attend church on Sunday you can still join in the service online:

<https://www.stannewestheath.org/online-service>

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