

Dear Friend, Member of IMPC or Member who hasn't been able to attend meetings recently,

On 27th November Penny Walters talked to us and 16 attended. Then, 17 of us had a very enjoyable Christmas meal at the Stanley Park Golf Club on 11th December. Our next afternoon meeting is on Wednesday 22nd January when there is a raffle for the International Mothers' Union and our speaker, Julie Rowlandson is from the International Aid Trust. It will be our AGM on February 26th.

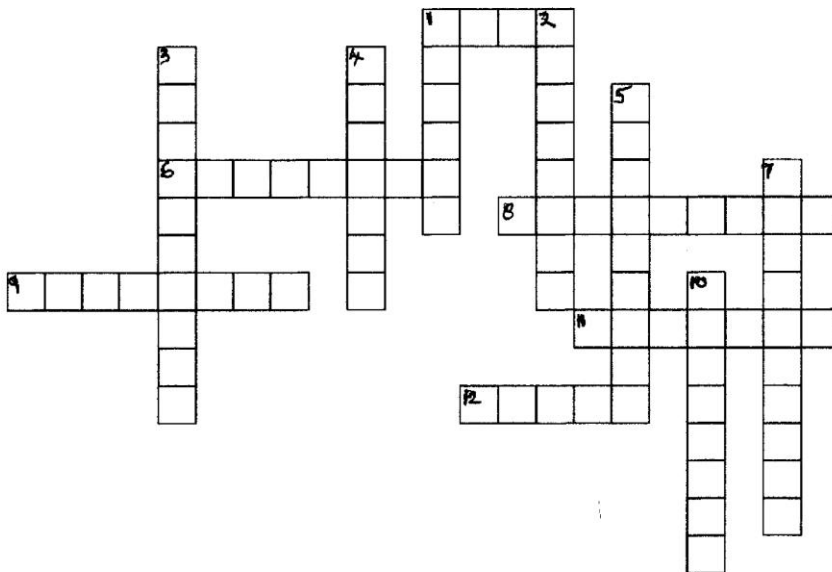
Rev John Squires spoke to 12 of the evening group on 12th November. 17 of us gathered on Tuesday 10th December at Jennie Sly's for a wonderful feast prepared by Jennie who we thanked. The Post Christmas meal was at Thornton Lodge on 14th January. On 11th February at 7.30pm we will have a speaker from North West Blood Bikes Lancs and Lakes. They are a group of volunteers and they either:

- Answer calls from the hospitals and dispatch Riders. Or
- Ride motorcycles to collect and deliver urgently needed items between NHS hospitals

We are collecting our 2025 Subs of £32 as soon as possible.

We continue to collect items for the Women's Refuge. They need any size of nappies, shampoos, conditioners and any cleaning items.

New Testament Crossword



Across

- 1 Author of the book of Revelation
- 6 Where Jesus was crucified
- 8 Where Jesus was born
- 9 What was Jesus doing when the storm arose?
- 11 Turning water into wine.M.....
- 12 J.... in verse 2 Matt chapter 1.

Down

- 1 River where Jesus was baptized
- 2 Where Jesus grew up
- 3 First 4 books of the New Testament
- 4 Tax collector
- 5 John's father Luke 1v7
- 7 Last book in the New Testament.
- 10. John the B.....



Susan Willoughby

We have a new Diocesan President for the next triennial! It's Susan Willoughby who has been our Diocesan Secretary for a long time.

Gill Ireland said, "Susan is truly dedicated to MU and I know she will make a great president."

On a light hearted note

- ? Why can't Skeletons play music at a church?
A They have no organs
- ? Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
A Samson. He brought the house down.
- ? Who was the smartest man in the Bible?
A Abraham. He knew a Lot
- ? Who was the shortest man in the Bible?
A Job's friend Bildad, he was a Shuhite.
- ? How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman?
A Because of his net income.
- ? How many people went on the ark before Noah?
A Because it is written, 'And Noah went forth onto the Ark!'

Unity in Diversity -Children of God

'To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.' John 1:12-13

Loving Lord, we pray that we may be united in prayer and worship and reach out as your hands across the world.

Lord of Life, we thank you that we are your children, born of your grace and love, made in your image. Help us to grow in our resemblance of you; that by our lives and our actions we might show ourselves to be yours. Amen.

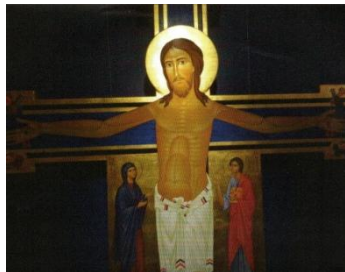
Answers to New Testament Crossword

Across

- 1 John
- 6 Golgotha
- 8 Bethlehem
- 9 Sleeping
- 11 Miracle
- 12 Judah

Down

- 1 Jordan
- 2 Nazareth
- 3 The Gospels
- 4 Matthew
- 5 Zechariah
- 7 Revelation
- 10 Baptizer



Icon of Christ at the monastery at Bose.

The Mothers' Union joyfully joins in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025, embracing the theme "Do you believe this?" as a call to deepen our shared faith in Christ and work together for reconciliation and unity.

The theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26), is a profound and challenging question from Jesus in the Gospel of John that calls Christians to deepen their faith in Him as the resurrection and the life.

The prayers and reflections for this special week have been prepared by the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy, known for its deep spirituality and commitment to ecumenism.



The Worldwide Parenting Programme is a Mothers' Union programme that sees local facilitators trained to deliver an 8-12 week course with community groups. The groups usually meet once a week in order to discuss different topics and share parenting experiences. Locally relevant resources guide the groups through sessions that cover the highs and lows of parenting, the parent-child relationship and sensitive issues such as sex education. Above all, the programme empowers individuals and brings together communities from varying ethnicities and backgrounds in order to overcome common parenting challenges collectively.



MU Corporate Communion 3rd December 2024. We received the Bronze Award for the Rise Up against Domestic Abuse Campaign at our Corporate Communion when Delia Parker was enrolled.

Hoping you are enjoying a happy 2025.
With best wishes to you all

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