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*Your mercies are new every morning;
great is your
faithfulness*

Lamentations 3:22-23

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Diary Dates

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th October

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5th October

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6th October

*Wirral Men's Breakfast
8am Thornton Hall Hotel*

13th October

*Bishop Keith "Foundations of Faith"
10am— 12 noon Christian Bookshop*

17th October

EMU, talk from OAKS

8pm St Chad's Extension

18th October

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1st December

Christmas Fair

From the Registers

Weddings

We ask for Gods Blessing upon the marriage of

15th September

Nicholas Kingsbury

and

Jennifer Louise Sweeney

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

23rd September

Genevieve Mary Schwab

30th September

Felicity Cunningham

Dear Friends

Grow an attitude of gratitude

Harvest is a time of thanksgiving to God for all His provision for us. It is good to cultivate a grateful heart, and studies have shown that people who practise thankfulness tend to have a more positive outlook on life, be more optimistic about the future, and are generally healthier than those who do a lot of grumbling and complaining.

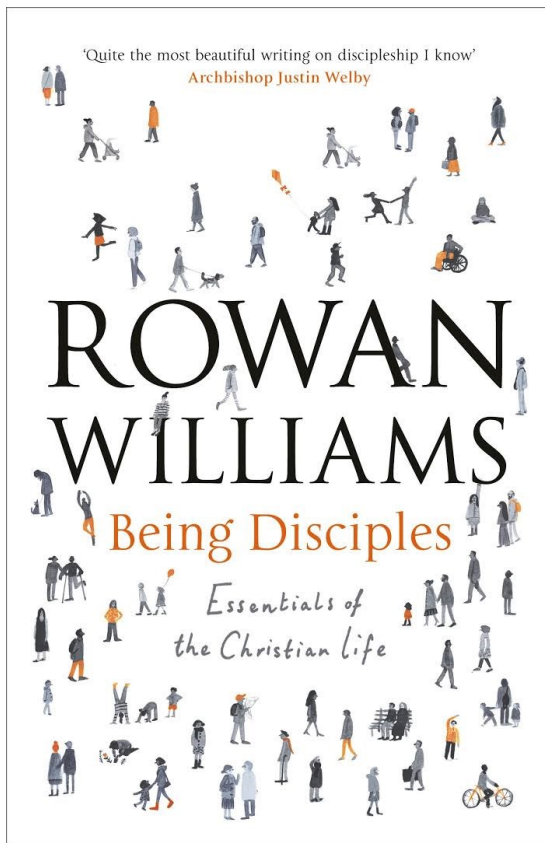
On one occasion Jesus met a group of ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). They called out to Him in *a loud voice*, asking for Him to have pity of them, which He did. He sent them to the priest, and on the way they were healed. However, only one of them returned to give thanks to Jesus, and he was a Samaritan. He threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him, giving praise to God in *a loud voice*.

It occurs to me that most of us make a loud noise when we are in need of help, but we are much quieter about giving thanks. We are not inhibited when making our needs known to God, but how many of us make a point of giving Him thanks when we have received His help? Do we sing His praises loudly? Do we give clear testimony to what the Lord has done?

Why not try and cultivate the discipline of gratitude in your life? Make it a rule to thank anyone who helps you in some way, or who encourages you. Let them know you appreciate them. Review each day before you sleep, reminding yourself of every good thing that happened, and offering your thoughts to God as a prayer. Keep a gratitude diary.

Rather than focus of what you don't have, or what has gone wrong, train your mind to focus on what you do have, and what has gone right. You will be surprised at the difference it can make.

Rerd Jane



BEING DISCIPLES
BY ROWAN WILLIAMS
ISBN 9780281076628

THURSDAYS 8.00-9.00PM
ST CHAD'S EXTENSION

20TH SEPT - CHAPTER 1
27TH SEPT - CHAPTER 2
4TH OCT - CHAPTER 3
11TH OCT - CHAPTER 4
18TH OCT - CHAPTER 5
25TH OCT - CHAPTER 6

EVERYONE WELCOME

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read each chapter in advance of our meetings**

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Every chapter in *Being Disciples* ends with questions for reflecting on and discussing. In addition to these questions please come prepared to share your responses to the following questions:-

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What challenged, jolted, confused you about the chapter?

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The Christian Bookshop Birkenhead is very grateful to Bishop Keith for taking time to come along to the shop, to talk about the book ‘Foundations of Faith’ and his contribution to it, and is happy to sign copies.

Foundations of Faith is published by the Church Society and edited by Lee Gatiss

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Psalm 121 – the God who knows and cares

A man asked a friend about the two greatest problems in the world. The friend responded, *'I don't know and I don't care!'* *'You got them both!'* the man replied.

Psalm 121 presents a God who both knows and cares about our problems. As the first Song of Ascent (Psalms 120-134), it was used by pilgrims going to the great festivals in Jerusalem. Just as this road was full of dangers, this psalm speaks to our problems and set-backs, whether illness, family or work issues, or fear.

Where do we look for help? *'I lift up my eyes to the mountains...My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.'* (1,2). The hills speak of a Creator God, who is bigger than our troubles, for whom nothing is beyond His reach.

What is His care like?

- *It is constant: 'He will not let your foot slip - He who watches over you will not slumber'* (3). God is never off duty in His care, as we are constantly His concern.
- *It is close: 'The Lord watches over you - the Lord is your shade at your right hand'* (5). God is not watching us *'from a distance'* as the songs says! His care operates at close quarters, to take the heat out of situations, or when circumstances are dark and uncertain.
- *It is continuing: 'the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.'* (8). God's care is all encompassing, through life and eternity. We are not immune from difficulties, but in the bigger picture, God will use these in His eternal purpose for our lives. The psalm is fulfilled in Jesus, who has secured eternal life for us.

So let's trust His care for us, and not be like the lady who asked: *'why pray when I can worry?'*



Advanced Dates for your diary

Saturday 10th November - 2-4pm Afternoon Tea to Remember


We will be displaying children's work relation to the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1. Our silhouette soldier from the "there but not there" resources will be present. And there will be tea and cakes!



Saturday 1st December Christmas Fair

On Sunday, October 28th the clocks will go back by one hour at 2am, meaning we will gain one hour of sleep and it will be lighter in the mornings.

The image shows two identical analog clocks side-by-side. The left clock has its hour hand between 10 and 11 and its minute hand at 2, indicating 10:10. The right clock has its hour hand between 9 and 10 and its minute hand at 2, indicating 9:10. A double-headed arrow points from the left clock to the right clock, illustrating the one-hour shift.



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During the last week of February I attended a training course for teaching the Old Testament story line to children in primary school. The course was fabulous and I got lots from it. The same organisation (Walk through the Bible) run a day called OT Live where they enable people to understand the story of the Old Testament and how it all links together. I was so inspired by the training that I have arranged to host one of these Adult days at St Chad's on the Saturday nearest to Bible Sunday. I would strongly encourage to think about making this a priority in your diary and to book a place online.

More information:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAs1sOeEGIs> or www.bible.org.uk

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Tim Peake speculates on intelligent design

The astronaut Tim Peake, on a recent visit to Peterborough Cathedral, has said that although he is not religious, his time in space made him consider the possibility that the universe is not an accident, but the result of intelligent design.

Tim Peake spoke about his journey back to Earth in 2016. According to The Times, he said: 'Although I say I'm not religious it doesn't necessarily mean that I don't seriously consider that the universe could have been created from intelligent design. There are many things in science that lead us towards that conclusion.'

'From a point of view of seeing how magnificent the Earth is from space and seeing the cosmos from different perspective, it helps you to relate to that.'

Peake added that, as well as the scale of the universe being impressive, looking at the minute details also made him think: 'When you look at the smaller scale, the micro level, and you understand quantum mechanics and quantum physics, there are many things that lead us... towards intelligent design of the universe.'

The Astronaut's Soyuz landing module and spacesuit is on display in Peterborough Cathedral until 5th November.

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ENCOURAGING - INSPIRING - HELPFUL



Why Christians are like pumpkins

A woman had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian.

The woman was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: 'Well, it's like being a pumpkin.'

Her colleague asked her to explain that one. And so she said: "Well, God finds you and picks you up from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He carefully cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He gives you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you, to shine for all to see.

'It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine, or come inside and be something new and bright. We can each of us smile today, and shine with His light!'



Share a little light this Halloween

Some parents aren't sure quite what to feel about Hallowe'en – is it just harmless fun, or are there aspects of it that don't fit in with how we want to see the world?

A child's christening service is very honest about the reality of good and evil, and Hallowe'en can be a good time to talk about those things and how the love of Jesus can be a 'light in the darkness' for everyone.

The word "hallowe'en" actually means "the eve of all hallows' day" – in other words, the night before the church's festival celebrating All Saints. A Saint is sometimes thought to be an exceptionally holy person – someone really special, who did extraordinary things because of their faith in God.

The famous saints are all amazing examples of what it's like to live God's way. But in the Bible, St Paul calls all Christians saints – a saint is simply a friend of God, who seeks to live their life according to God's purposes. When someone is christened, they truly become a Saint, so All Saints' Day is a celebration of the whole family of God.

If you'd like to mark Hallowe'en, these are some ideas that will bless others as well as being fun too.

What's happening in church? - Some churches hold special events around this time of year. There might be a 'light party' with fun activities for children and young people – these events are a lovely way to focus on all that's life-giving and positive around All Hallows.

Some churches also have a special service for All Souls Day – a time when we remember our loved ones who have died. There might be an opportunity to go and light a candle to remember someone – even small children grieve in their own way and may find comfort in this simple action.

Why not pop into our local church, or look up on their website, to find out what's happening in our local area?

Carve a pumpkin - Did you know that gargoyles (the scary looking faces carved in stone on churches) were originally made in medieval times to scare away evil spirits? The pumpkins with scary faces carved into them at Hallowe'en are a bit like that.

But nowadays most people believe that you can't fight evil with evil – you can only fight evil by doing good, and that good will always win in the end. So why not see if you can carve a friendly looking pumpkin this Hallowe'en, as a

sign that you and your family are going to be a force for good this Hallowe'en? (And you can always use the off-cuts from your pumpkin to make delicious soup!)



You can do the same with Hallowe'en costumes - Superheroes make a great, positive alternative to scary witches and ghosts.

Give a treat - Not everyone is comfortable with the idea of children going round to neighbours' and just asking for treats. But if you don't want them to miss out on something their friends are doing, why not have a family baking session, and take a tray of cookies with you if you go out with them? Even little children can help stick a smiley face on an iced biscuit. That way, you have something lovely to give away to your neighbours, too!

Safety first - Many children's fancy dress costumes are highly flammable. Please, don't ever use real candles around your front door or in your pumpkins; use the small battery-powered candles instead. If you can afford to buy a multi-pack of these electric candles, you could lend them to your friends and neighbours.

Say a goodnight prayer - Even if you've steered clear of scary costumes, and even if your child has loved the evening, it can be reassuring to have a good-night prayer that reminds them that love, and light, and good, are always going to be stronger than fear and evil.

The ancient service of Compline (Night Prayer) has been used as this reminder for centuries, and many of its prayers are still well known today: *'Visit this place, O Lord, we pray and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'*

Or, in a simpler children's version: *'Be with us, Lord, and take away all fear, may your angels protect us and give us peace. And bless us always. Amen.'*

You can use these lovely prayers any time when you need a reminder that God is with you – especially at the end of a difficult day, or when something sad has happened, or when your family is worried about something.

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'He gave us eyes to see them' – Duccio's Wedding at Cana

'The conscious water saw its God and blushed' – in those words, the poet Richard Crashaw describes the first miracle of Jesus at the wedding feast in Cana.

This sign at the beginning of our Lord's ministry points ahead to that other meal when a cup of wine will be poured out for many. The cup is a rich image of life in scripture: from the cup found in Benjamin's sack in Genesis to the cup of blessing in Paul's letters. The cup may be filled with bitter wine to reflect life's sorrow, while the cup of Psalm 23 overflows with goodness. It is as rich an image as the bunch of grapes we often see in a church window or carved on a screen – a sign of the goodness of Creation that brings us the gift of wine.

The wedding at Cana speaks to us of the generosity and gift of our Lord who transforms the feast. Duccio di Buoninsegna portrayed it in the panel he provided for the Maesta, the glorious altarpiece for Siena Cathedral in 1311. We see the table lavishly spread, while Jesus, sat by the side of His mother, blesses the water pots. The servants are busy pouring what is now wine into the jugs and cups. It is the new wine of the kingdom.

Everywhere that Jesus went, the old was made new. For the widow of Nain he changed tears into joy, for Zacchaeus selfishness into love, for the thief on the cross despair into hope, for Mary Magdalene the end of the road into a new journey. What our Lord did at Cana, He went on doing in His ministry, changing not just water, but transforming human lives. And we share in that transforming love at every eucharist as we drink of the cup of blessing. These are some words of the poet Elizabeth Jennings:

'Those grapes,
ready for picking, are the sign
Of harvest and of Sacrament.'





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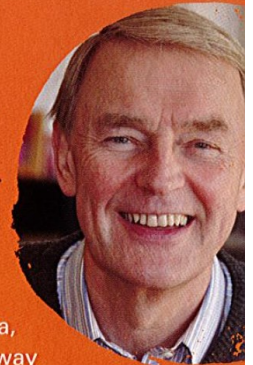
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STEVE BRADY



Steve was born in Liverpool where he was converted in his teens through a mixture of Bible reading and Everton Football Club! He was married to Brenda, his wife of over 40 years, who passed away in 2017, and has two children and four grandchildren.

He serves as Principal of Moorlands College, which trains people for Christian service in the UK and overseas, speaks at conferences and conventions throughout the UK and internationally, and is the author of a number of popular level books.

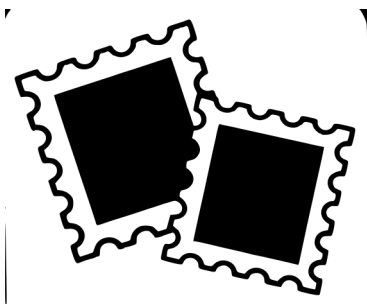
A keen sportsman, he hates gardening and still has an irrational attachment to Everton FC!

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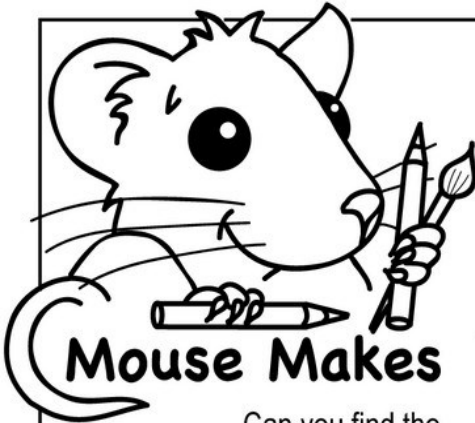
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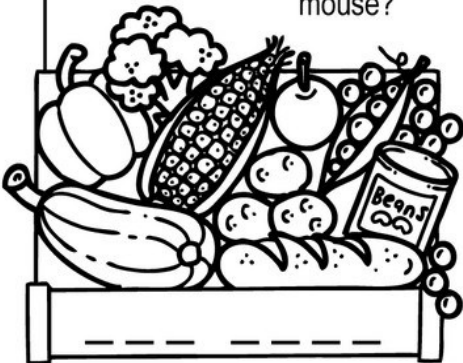
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Change each letter to the letter **before** it in the alphabet to see how QSPWFSCT 3:9 says we can give thanks to God.



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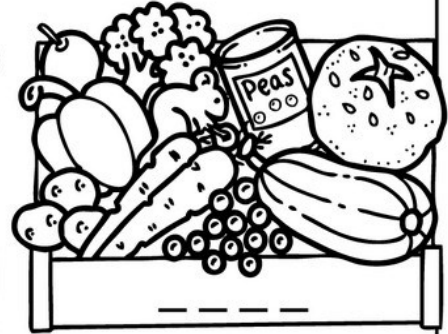
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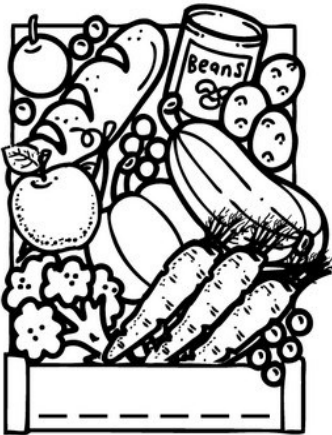


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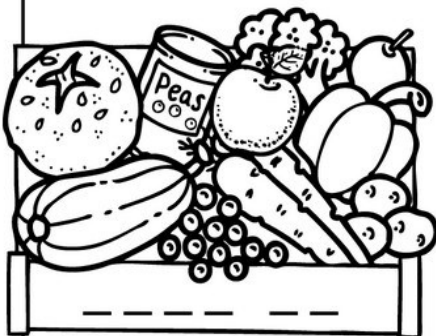
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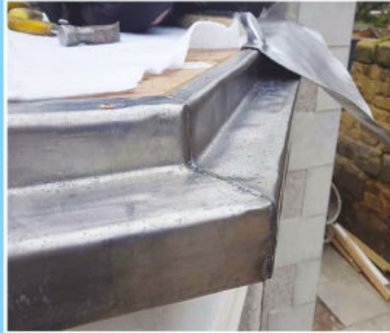
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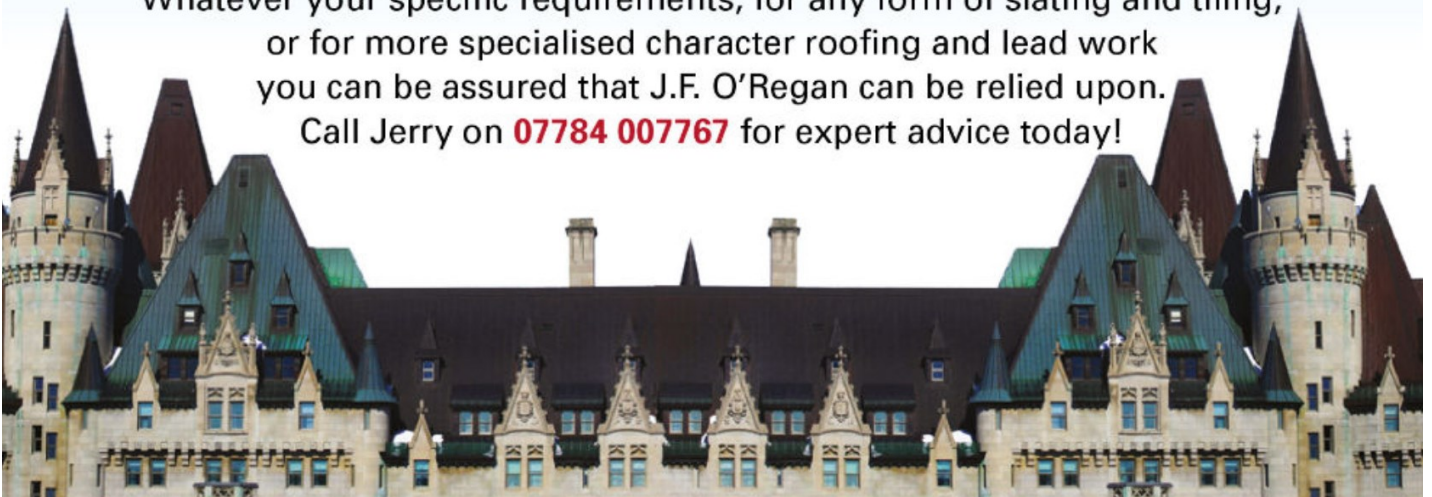
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Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

7th October
Trinity 19
HARVEST

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

14th October
Trinity 20

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

21st October
Trinity 21

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15 am Holy Communion
3.00 pm Baptism

28th October
Last Sunday of Trinity
BIBLE SUNDAY

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

9.30 am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

Weekday Services

Holy Communion celebrated at St Chad's each Wed 10.15am
ALL WELCOME

Baptisms and Weddings

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