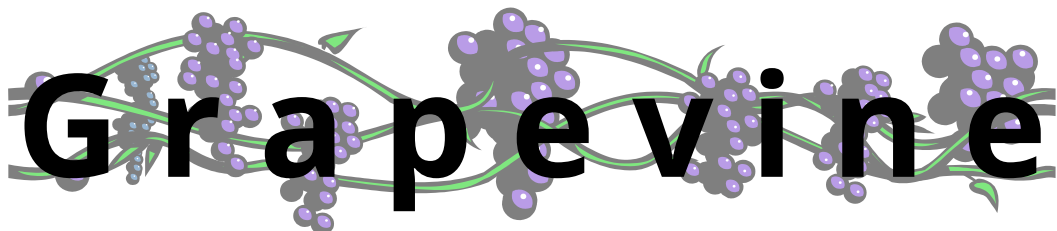
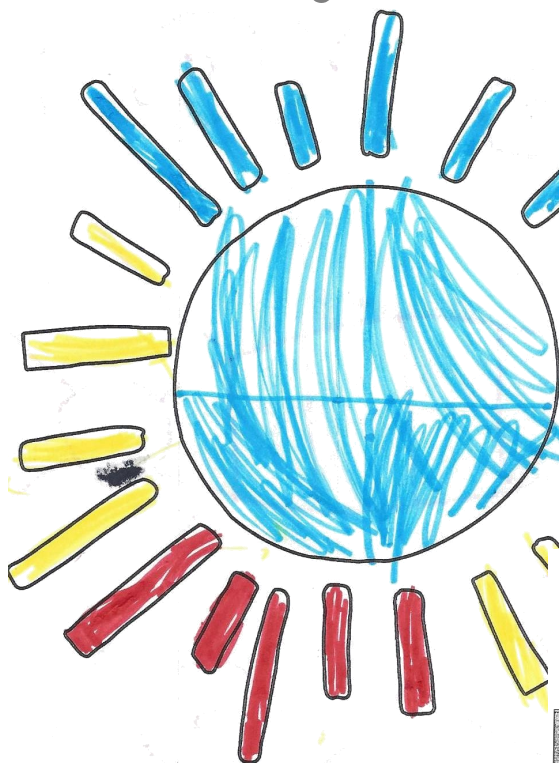




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# Grapevine



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# From the Editor

*"But now in Christ Jesus you who  
once were far away have been brought  
near by the blood of Christ."*

*(Ephesians 2:13)*

As we look towards Easter, in these preceding weeks we are able to reflect on God's grace and the sacrifice Jesus made so that we could be saved. We realise that Jesus has given his life so that we might live. Not just exist, but live!

And this reminds me of the chorus which goes as follows:

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!*

My prayer for all of us at this time is that we will take time to reflect on Jesus' love and sacrifice, as well as rejoice in His resurrection.

And then choose to live life abundantly because we know He lives.

**Cheryl Schulte**

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Our purpose is to take the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to all, with the goal that they become His loyal disciples.

## *Minister's page*

I write this the morning after Parliament has rejected the Brexit deal for a second time and while Parliament is arguing about the level of danger of crashing out of Europe without a deal. There seems to have become a total loss of respect for people with opposing views and debates that can only be described as hostile!

Sadly, as I watch the Westminster playground, I also see the posts on social media and hear the conversations from Christians, many of which have, I am sad to say, the same level of debate as in the media and wider world. Why can we not disagree without being disagreeable?



Within all this, we have been quick to believe all sorts of things that we have had said to us, or read, and before checking them, because they agree with our views, recycled them as fact. Sadly, it has become so difficult to distinguish between fact and fiction.

By the time this copy of Grapevine is

published, the outcome for Brexit could be known, (or not!) and people will be experiencing either fear or jubilation.

With all that has been said, and continues to be said, with the facts and the fabrication, as Christians we need not be afraid of anything. I want to give some real facts.

- Whether Brexit happened or not, Jesus is Lord
- Whether we have a deal or no deal, our security is in God
- Whether we like the outcome or feel deep pain, God is our strength and comfort

Jesus, in the sermon on the mount, gave one of those commands that are so hard to follow, Matthew 6:25-34 and the section on do not worry.

- So whatever has happened in the time between the end of me writing this and it ending up in your hand, I want to pray for you, that you will know God's peace and calm, no matter what has happened in the nation or the world, (or your world!)
- Be still and know God, be calm and experience His presence, be with God...

*Rev. Ian Bunce  
(Team Leader)*



## **Obituary - In His Presence with Thanksgiving**

**James William Hooper**

18<sup>th</sup> April 1934 - 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019



I am sad to report the death of one of our members, James Hooper (Jim) who went to be with his Lord on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Jim was widely known, over many decades, to RBC mem-

bers and friends as "Uncle Jim", and this pays tribute to the affection with which he was held by so many people during this long period of time. Jim was so much part of the fellowship, and together with Iris, his wife of more than sixty years, he was such an example of how to live life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Jim was born in Tottenham and had two younger sisters. During World War Two they were evacuated to several locations, therefore attending several different schools, before settling in Walthamstow where he completed his schooling.

From 1943 Jim attended Cubs, Sunday

School and Youth Club at St Luke's church, where he joined the choir and he remained at the church until 1957.

Jim left school aged sixteen with several passes in the Cambridge School certificate, and began his working life at a firm of chartered accountants in Cheapside, London, which set his career path for the rest of his working life.

Jim was called up for National Service in the RAF when he was 18, had several UK postings and progressed to Senior Aircraftsman in the Equipment Accounts department. After finishing his term of service, Jim decided to pursue a career in Accountancy and began working for a firm of Accountants in Piccadilly.

Jim travelled to work each day on the Central and Piccadilly lines and his path regularly crossed with Iris as she travelled to Tottenham Court Road, and they were engaged at Christmas 1956 and married in October 1957. They had two children, Gillian, who was born a year or so later and John a few years later.

Jim qualified as a Chartered Account-

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ant in August 1960 and this helped develop his career in accountancy at various companies and also led to his involvement as Honorary Treasurer at RBC from 1974 to 1995, as well as treasurer at St.



Francis Hospice and the Essex Baptist Association for several years.

**saint  
francis  
hospice**



Jim and Iris moved to a house in Stanley Avenue in 1961, sharing with Iris's parents for a number of years, and Iris and Jim remained there until 2004, when they moved to a smaller property. We were privileged to have Iris and Jim as next-door neighbours for ten years and cannot speak highly enough of their friendship and Christian love and concern for us and the other neighbours. Jim and Iris were also keen gardeners, so we shared produce, plants and gardening tips!

Jim was a man of many interests and talents, including philately, listening to classical music and singing. He was a member of the church choir in decades past and also sang in the London Emmanuel Choir for a number of years. He and Iris also served for some years on the Patient Participation

Group at the Medical Centre in Brentwood Road, where they were much loved by the staff.

Jim experienced some health issues in recent years, but continued to serve the Lord and His church, showing great resilience and perseverance. More serious health problems emerged in 2017 and Jim chose to trust God for the path forward and not have aggressive treatment, and was exemplary in his faith and trust in God as his health slowly deteriorated. Iris was a tremendous support for him during this time, as were their children and grandchildren and many friends at church and beyond. The prayers and support of these many people resulted in freedom from physical pain during his last months and Jim displayed an immense trust in God and was totally at peace with his situation.

The thanksgiving service for Jim's life was a wonderful tribute to a life well lived for both his family, his Lord and Saviour and the people he met every day.

Jim will be missed by Iris, his whole family, his many friends at church and in the community and beyond, but we are comforted to know that he is now at rest with His Lord in heaven.

*Neil Walden*

## Solution to Last GV's Crossword



## Flower Donations

Thank you to everyone who has offered to sponsor the Church flowers this year. However, we still have a few dates available in the coming months.

If you would like to provide flowers on a particular date, please add your name to the list which can now

be found on the wall in the main Church, on the Asda side.

The cost is approximately £25 and you can place your donation in the offer-tory bag, in an envelope, with your name and chosen date.

**Donate!!!**

## BMS Birthday Scheme

### Birthdays April 2019

25<sup>th</sup> Kathy Metcalfe  
25<sup>th</sup> Beryl Dunnings



### Birthdays May 2019

23<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth Callender  
28<sup>th</sup> Margaret Powell



## Flowers

### April 2019

21<sup>st</sup> Dougan and Fely  
28<sup>th</sup> David and Colleen



### May 2019

12<sup>th</sup> Wendy Mott  
19<sup>th</sup> Iris and Hayley (Girls' Brigade)



### AVAILABLE DATES

7 April	14 April
5 May	26 May
14 July	21 July
25 August	
22 September	29 September
27 October	
3 November	10 November
15 December	



# Inspirations

Card Making

The next workshop will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, when you are invited to embroider flowers onto a card, combining the arts of card making and embroidery.

We are delighted to welcome our own Chris and Maia, who will be showing us how to stitch a beautiful floral topper which has already been pierced for you. You will then mat and layer this onto a card blank and decorate it with ribbons, stones and peel offs to adapt it for any occasion.

This will be the main class for the morning, but if you don't want to sew or if you finish the flower card early and would like to make another card, you can join me to recycle old cards into beautiful fresh new ones. We will mount them onto new card blanks and add various embellishments to bring them to life. We will get ahead for Christmas and prepare cards for many other occasions. You can make as many cards as you like in this class.

The fee for the workshop is £6 which includes drinks, cakes & materials, and it runs from 9.30am -12.30pm.

Please complete and submit the booking form available in the Foyer, Willow

Hall or Welcome Desk by Sunday, May 5th, 2019.

Pauline Yates  
07742 707790

*We will shortly be announcing the date of the requested Stamping Masterclass - please watch this space.*



## Prayer Diary for April 2019

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	As a new week begins, help us to remember that we need to seek the Lord daily if we want to get nearer to Him.	MOORE, Barbara
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	EBA Ministers meet at lunchtime today. Pray for unity as they seek to spread the Gospel in Essex.	MOTT, Wendy
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Local Ministers meet at lunchtime and there is a church meeting in the evening in which a major topic is the election of deacons. Pray for this.	MURRAY, Paul & Susan
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for all coming here to donate blood today. As they look at the posters decorating the hall, may they know that the Lord is here.	MUSE, Morenike
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for Jan, as she is shortly due to return from her sabbatical leave, that she may soon settle again.	MYLROI, Rhode
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pray that those who come to the services tomorrow may be able to worship, seek and find the Lord.	NELSON-MILLER, Emma & Stephen, <i>Stephanie, McKenzie &amp; Ocean-Blue</i>
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	There is a passion play in place of this evening's service. Pray that for many it may prove a different way of understanding Scripture.	NICHOLLS, Ruth
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	As those who watched the passion play yesterday think about what they saw and heard, may they want to find out more.	NITISOR, Claudiu & Dana, <i>Darius, Giulia, Danluka</i>
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	May the many groups using our premises on a Tuesday feel that they come closer to God as they talk and pray together.	NJUHI, Hannah
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	As the small groups meet tonight, may each feel that their studies during the last term have brought them closer to God.	NKENG, Cecilia
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	As we are busy preparing for Easter festivities, pray that we will all remember the true meaning of Easter.	NORMAN, Doris
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday. Pray that the witness in the town may make many think about the Lord's sacrifice for them.	NWUBA, Toyin
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Although this tends to be a quiet day, pray that our hearts may be prepared for the message of Easter day.	ODETOLA, Jide, Foluke; <i>Arinola, Damilola</i>
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Sunday, 'He is risen'. Thank the Lord for all that He has done to rescue us from our sins.	ODUYEMI, Caroline
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pray that, as many of us take today for rest and relaxation, and daily routine may be forgotten, may our 'quiet time' be remembered.	OFORI, Gladys
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Most of the regular Tuesday activities may not be meeting. Pray for any that you normally attend, that the leaders may be freshly inspired.	OGUNLEYE, Adekunle & Ronke, <i>Maria</i>



## Prayer Diary for April 2019

Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	As the summer activities are completing their planning, pray that all involved may be guided by the Lord, that many will be saved.	OGUNLEYE, Christabel
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Schools are mostly 'off', and many don't have to work. Pray for those who have taken holidays, that they may be refreshed, both physically and spiritually.	OGUNLEYE, Emmanuel
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Find someone you can speak to about faith, and pray that you may be guided in your witness.	OLAWUYI, Anne & Abiodun, <i>Chelsey &amp; Clinton</i>
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for all who work at Parkside. Pray that if things get difficult they may have patience.	OLIVER, Iris
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Guests at both services today, e-Gangs join us in the evening. Pray for them and what they have to say. Pray for Vikki, Ian and Jan as they have a break.	OLOFINJANA, Bunmi, <i>Tobi, Dianne, Feyi (Bankole)</i>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for the pastoral group meeting tonight and give thanks for what they do and pray for their guidance as they plan.	OLSON, Dawn; <i>Katie, Oliver &amp; Harry</i>
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	As Treasure Times resumes today, pray for those who have been lonely, that they may find fellowship with others and the Lord.	OLUSOJI, Laura & Moses, <i>David &amp; Toluwalope</i>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Pray for those known to you who find difficulties in relating to others, that they may gain self-confidence.	OMOKOH, Jermaine
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pray today for Hannah. She has been with us for several months. May she be encouraged in her work with the young people.	OPOKU, Peace; <i>Victoria, Nicholas, Caroline &amp; Aviel (Tetteh)</i>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pray that all of us may have the courage and God-given words to witness to unbelieving friends and relations.	OSENI, Lara
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer breakfast this morning and RIEES Youth Club often meet on Saturdays. Pray for these and other activities in the church, that the word of God may spread.	OSHO, Adetola & Abisoye, <i>Antonia, David &amp; Victoria</i>
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pray that the Lord may speak to all who seek Him in today's services, that they may resist the temptations that face them.	OWOYEMI, Idowu & Yetunde; <i>Bibooluwa, Inioluwa, &amp; Iyioluwa</i>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pray for all the young people who form part of the church, that they may grow in grace and in their knowledge of the Lord.	PALMER, Gordon & Barbara
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Leadership Team meet tonight. Praise the Lord for all that has happened in church in the past month and will happen in the future.	PARKINSON, Iris



If you have any items for inclusion in the May 2019 Prayer Diary,  
please contact the Church Office.





**36<sup>th</sup> UNLOCK LONDON WALK**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
**walking around the Merton, Morden**  
**and Wimbledon areas of London.**

The area has its own interesting history; there's an abbey/priory, some important political, royal, and railway history too.

You'll see trams, trains and buses a-plenty, and as well as pounding urban pavements you will cross a National Trust Park, and elsewhere skirt a common. Twice you'll find yourself walking beside water, though it's often hidden behind greenery. And there's a City Farm to visit if you have time.

In addition to a special Place of Interest there are seven checkpoint churches reflecting a variety of traditions and with some exciting approaches to ministry in the community. These include such enterprises as regular Christian Theatre, provision of laundry and shower facilities, and offering catering training to local college students.

Website for more information  
[UNLOCK-URBAN.ORG.UK](http://UNLOCK-URBAN.ORG.UK)

For more information speak to  
*Susan and Colin Young*



# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Lk 22:1-13, Mt 26:14-19, Mk 14:10-16

It was just before Passover, when Jews celebrate God rescuing them from Egypt. Jesus and his disciples were in Jerusalem.

The Chief Priests were plotting



Jesus' disciple Judas came to them...



We'd be happy to pay you



30 silver coins



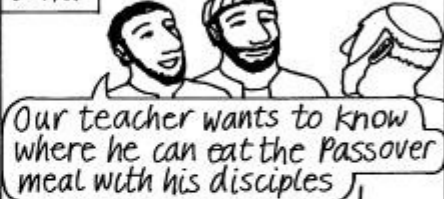
30 silver coins happened to be the same amount that had to be paid as compensation to the owner if a slave was killed Ex.31:32



Meanwhile, Peter and John asked Jesus...



They did, and asked the house owner



The room is upstairs on the roof, ready to use



Peter and John got the meal ready



That evening, Jesus and his 12 disciples went to the room to eat the Passover meal.



## PAUSE TO SMILE

A police officer is driving along the A127 from Romford towards Upminster, when the car in front of him begins to move from side to side of the road. The policeman then notices that the lady driver of the car appears to be knitting and has a pattern on the dash-board of the car. The policeman attempts to attract the lady's attention by flashing his lights at her, but to no avail. So he then puts on his siren, still nothing, and so he pulls along the side of her car winds down his window and shouts "Pull Over, Madam". At which point the lady turns to him, smiles and says "No, socks actually".

*The Church Mouse*

## PAUSE TO SMILE

Two ageing ladies were talking together at their weekly visit to the beauty parlour. Cissie says to Ade "You still have wonderful skin dear, it's such a shame about your neck, you should ask the beautician if she can do some-

thing to get rid of that scraggy skin. As you see I have always had a nice FIRM chin". To which Ade replied, "Yes, dear, now that you mention it, I can see that over the last few years the FIRM has taken on a couple of partners."

*The Church Mouse*

## PAUSE TO SMILE

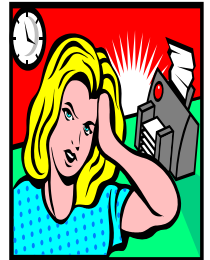
A young couple were arguing in a supermarket. The girl said to the young man who was dressed in the supermarket uniform, "You lied to me, you never told me that you were a pilot". "I'm not", said the young man. The girl said "but I overheard that man in the smart suit whisper to you that you had been promoted to the Aerial display team". "You're quite right," said the young man. "The man in the suit is my boss and he told me that I could be in charge of the new display team to advertise ARIEL Washing powder."

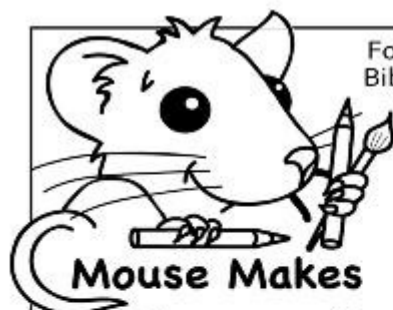
*The Church Mouse*



### **The deadline for the June 2019/July 2019 edition of the Grapevine is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Please give any items to Cheryl Schulte, put them in the tray on the Welcome Desk or email them to Cheryl at:  
**[grapevine@romfordbaptist.org.uk](mailto:grapevine@romfordbaptist.org.uk)**



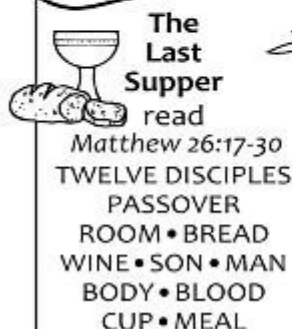
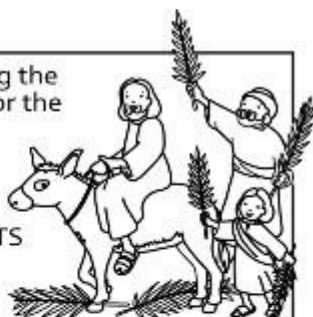


Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.

### Into Jerusalem

read Matthew 21:1-11

DONKEY • ROAD • COATS  
BRANCHES • PALMS  
KING • HOSANNA



### The Last Supper

read

Matthew 26:17-30

TWELVE DISCIPLES  
PASSOVER  
ROOM • BREAD  
WINE • SON • MAN  
BODY • BLOOD  
CUP • MEAL



### Betrayal and Death

read Matthew 26:36-27:56



GETHSEMANE  
PRAY • BETRAY  
KISS • ARREST  
MESSIAH • CHRIST  
SON • ACCUSED  
CRUCIFY • JESUS  
CROWN • THORNS  
ROBE • TREE  
NAILS • CROSS  
DARKNESS  
QUAKE • DEATH  
LOTS • DICE

B R A N C H E S S E T S  
C E L O R D O N K E Y H K O  
A L T S K M E S S I A H J B O G  
T I R S C U P A S S O V E R A E  
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A B Y S A V I O U R S D U C  
P R A I S E A S T E R R

### Burial and Resurrection

read Matthew 27:57-28:20

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS  
MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD  
RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT  
SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS



## Happy Birthday



*Sheila Cross recently celebrated her 90th Birthday.*

## 1 April - Fooling Around

I was about six when I began to enjoy April Fool's Day. My older brother was very clever at appropriate hoaxes, not only deceiving me but also mum and dad. On the whole my childish efforts were encouraged. The day was full of laughs, even at school, where the teachers would try to trick us and all day long no one quite believed anything they were told. So it went on, year after year, though I think it all seems as a bit unsophisticated for the

modern generation.

You couldn't say that, though, about probably the most famous April Fool's effort of all time. In the 1960's BBC TV broadcast a feature on the spaghetti farms of Italy. Even those of us who bought our spaghetti in the supermarket from the pasta shelves began to wonder if we'd been wrong. Italian farmers explained their work and the progress of the spaghetti plants was carefully filmed, from planting to reaping. And all in the BBC's most serious documentary manner. It took a while to appreciate that this was Aunty playing games. Whatever next!

The odd thing is that no one is quite sure of the origin of this very British tradition. Most attribute it to changes in Britain's calendar in the 1700s, when New Year's Day moved from March 25<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Not surprisingly, the change caused a lot of confusion and mistakes around the start of April. Others look further back, to the ancient Roman feast of Hilaria, when the goddess Cybele was celebrated with pranks and jokes around the spring equinox, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Either way a touch of hilarity at the end of Lent does not seem amiss. Go to Greece, where the resurrection of Jesus is celebrated with fireworks and parties to see how it might work.

*David Winter*



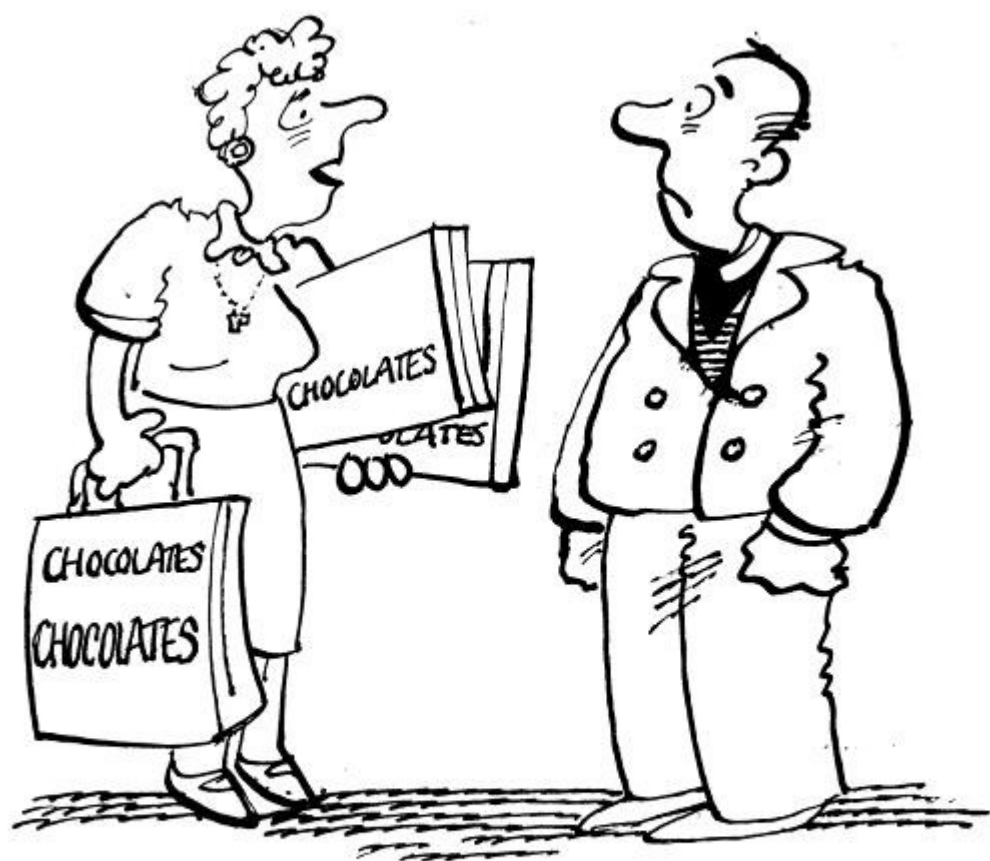
## Regular Church Activities



<b>Monday</b>	9am - 3pm	The Meeting Place
	10am	Parent and Toddlers
	12pm - 2pm	Food Bank
	12:50pm	Parent and Toddlers
	6.45pm	'Parksiders' (Social and Fellowship Group - usually first Monday in the month)
	7pm	Streetlight Youth Club (Year 7+)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am - 3pm	The Meeting Place
	10am	'Stitch in Time' Needlecraft Group
	2.15pm	Treasure Times
	8pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	9am - 3pm	The Meeting Place
	9.45am	Parent and Toddlers
	8pm	Midweek Meeting (Small Groups or central meeting)
<b>Thursday</b>	9am - 3pm	The Meeting Place
	9.30am	Small Group
	8pm	RBC Music Team
<b>Friday</b>	9am - 3pm	The Meeting Place
	9:30am	Small Group (Alternate Fridays)
	10:30am	Small Group for People with Learning Difficulties
	12.30pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
	5.45pm	Prayer Meeting
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>

If you have any regular church activity which you would like to have advertised, please let the editor know.





I am stockpiling, just in case...

