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Dear Reader,

The parish newsletter as well as home worship guides for those unable to attend the service in person, are available to download from the church website as well as being emailed once a fortnight.

For up-to-date service information please see the church website.

<https://www.ecclestonandpulfordchurches.org/services/>

Please feel free to email suggestions for future newsletter articles. Thank you to Rob Hughes and Helen Allison for their contributions this week.

Kind Regards

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Church Service Dates Times and Locations.

Date/ Sunday	St Mary's Church PULFORD	St Mary's Church ECCLESTON
4 th December	09.45am Joint Holy Communion Service <i>Priest. Canon Ian Davenport</i>	
11 th December		11.15am Messy Church and All Age Communion Service <i>Priest. Canon Chris Samuels</i>
18 th December	9.45am Holy Communion Service <i>Priest Canon Ian Davenport</i> 6:30pm Service of 6 Lessons and Carols with Handbell Ringers <i>Led by Rob Hughes</i>	11.15am Service of 9 Lessons and Carols <i>Priest. Rev Maureen Pickering</i>
25 th December	9.45am Communion Service for Christmas Day <i>Rev Robin Moseley</i>	11.15am Communion Service for Christmas Day <i>Reader. Jeanette Howe</i>
2023		
1 st January	09.45am Joint Holy Communion Service <i>Led by Jeanette Howe</i>	
8 th January		11.15am Joint Sung Communion Service <i>Priest. Canon Stephen Attwater</i>
15 th January	09.45am Holy Communion Service <i>Priest. Canon Stephen Attwater</i>	11.15am Sung Communion Service <i>Priest. Revd. Elizabeth Inall</i>
22 nd January		11.15am Joint Sung Communion Service <i>Priest. Canon Chris Samuels</i>
29 th January		11.15am Joint Sung Communion Service <i>Priest. tba</i>

Important News and Reminders: Food Bank

A reminder from Rachel Williams.

Rachel hopes to collect donations from both churches on December 18th to ensure our contribution may be distributed before Christmas.

Here are a few of the facts being highlighted on the Foodbank website:

3507, Emergency Food Parcels issued in 6 months to 30 September 22 - up 60% on pre pandemic levels

7617, Local people in crisis fed

2828, Feeding the equivalent of 2828 local children.

The charity is very grateful for all donations - but especially non cook items such as crackers, Ryvita, Fish/meat pastes, Instant pastas/rice/soups and toiletries (toothpaste and brushes).

They have PLENTY of dried Pasta, Baked Beans

Urgently Wanted

- Tinned Meat and Fish, Tomatoes, Desserts & Potatoes, UHT Milk & Juice, Custard, Small Jars Instant Coffee, Jams and Spreads, Instant Mashed, Cereal Bars, Instant Pasta & Instant Noodles

Also Wanted

- Cuppa Soup, Pot Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Biscuits, Breakfast Cereal

Rob Hughes Homily: “Rights and Responsibilities”, or “When might ‘I have the right’ mean ‘You don’t!’”

One of my favourite science fiction writers, Isaac Asimov (who was a biochemist of note in his own right) was also a man with foresight, and made many accurate scientific and technological predictions during the 1940s through to the 1960s; for example: “Robots will neither be common nor very good in 2014, but they will be in existence; “Much effort will be put into the designing of vehicles with “Robot-brains” - that can ... proceed without interference by the slow reflexes of a humans; “By 2014, only unmanned ships will have landed on Mars, though a manned expedition will be in the works. **Crack on, Isaac!!!**

Asimov not only invented the word “robotics,” his “Three Laws of Robotics” (first written as part of a short story in 1942) form the basis of the algorithms that define how robots relate to, and interact with, human beings to this day. The Three Laws are:

A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.

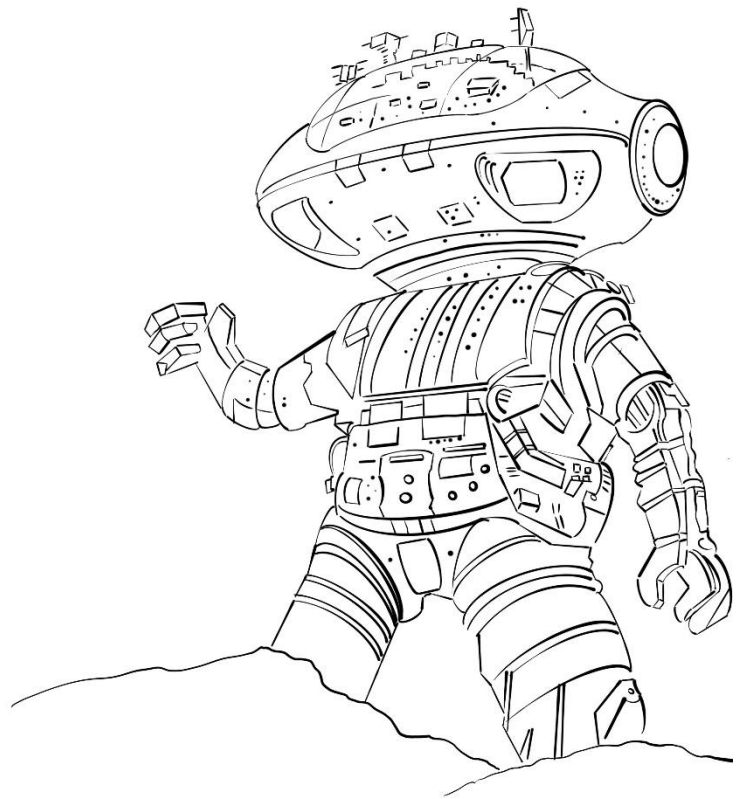
A robot must obey orders given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.

A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law.

Can we truly imagine a world in which we consistently followed the rule that a human being may not injure another human being, or through inaction allow a human being to come to harm? Can we truly imagine a world in which the rights we so often expect or demand are consistently viewed in the context of exercising those rights responsibly, by not violating the rights of other people?

Now the theme of this contemplation is Rights and Responsibilities - and prompts an obvious question - what are our (human) rights in the first place? And the answer to that is open to personal opinion, often-unclear legal interpretation, and decidedly ‘complex, to say the least...

I’d suggest that can be somewhat simplified if we consider our personal rights in the light of the personal responsibility that goes with them. May I take just three basic rights by way of example?



1: The right to life and liberty. This is not only statement of biological fact and desirable truth, but implies that nobody, including the Government, has a right to end your life, or curtail your freedom, without due cause. It also means that the Government should take appropriate measures to safeguard life by making laws that will protect you if your life or liberty is at risk.

So, what constitutes good cause? In short, we have these rights insofar as we don't violate the rights of others ("insofar as our behaviour doesn't conflict with what we claim, or demand, as **our** rights", to paraphrase Asimov).

2: The right to privacy, important because privacy is a way we can protect ourselves from people, or situations, where information about us can be grossly or unjustly misused, or our private lives might be curtailed by the selfishness of others. Privacy, when respected, protects us from others who may wish to exert inappropriate control over us. Our responsibility, though, is to respect the privacy of others - unless there is just cause for concern about what happens 'behind closed doors' conflicts with the rights-to-life-and-liberty of others who might have been subjected to a violation of their rights or put up with harmful or inappropriate behaviour.

3: The right to equal treatment before the law explicitly implies that everyone has the right to be recognised and treated as an individual before the law, and to enjoy their human rights without discrimination. If we expect to be recipients of this right, we have to be proactive practitioners ourselves, and take responsibility for ensuring we treat people with the care and respect we expect from them.

To my mind, as Christians, we should never simply expect or demand our rights unless we're prepared to consider first the impact on others who might be adversely affected by that action. That isn't to say that it may be, on occasion, we might have to exercise our rights because others try to exercise theirs inappropriately, illegally or without due care-and-

consideration. As Christians, we're called to be considerate in every situation. No easy task when we're living in a world where nations, societies, and individuals within them, seem to be upset or angry about something or other. These days, more than ever, and closer to home, I hear the phrase, in public and in private, "You don't have any right to (do this-or-that), or conversely, I have the right to (do this-or-that) - as though whatever right's being claimed might not apply to the other person. It probably does!

So, life's not a matter of demanding rights, but more a matter of exercising responsibility. Dare we imagine a world in which everybody consistently followed the rule that a human being may not injure another human being, or through inaction allow a human being to come to harm? Not without prayer and support - of course - but 'it all starts here-and-now, with each-of-us....


- **Where there is righteousness in the heart, there is beauty in the character.**
- **When there is beauty in the character, there is harmony in the home.**
- **When there is harmony in the home, there is order in the nation.**
- **When there is order in the nation, there is peace in the world."**

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Might this quotation help us in the context of the myriad of rights that can be expected, and responsibilities that go with them?


[Rob Hughes]

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – 29th May – 5th June 2023

A reminder that Canon Chris Samuels will be leading a trip to the Holy Land next year.




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**An Ecumenical Pilgrimage to
the Holy Land**

29 May - 5 June 2023
with Canon Chris Samuels (*An experienced tour leader*)

8 days based in Jerusalem & Galilee departing from Manchester



For details of the pilgrimage and contact details for Chris please click on the following link to see the brochure.

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To book a place visit ...[8 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage - McCabe Pilgrimages \(mccabe-travel.co.uk\)](https://mccabe-travel.co.uk)

and click on the "show all dates and availability" button. Chris's pilgrimage is the one listed for 29/05/2023.

Here is a link showing the fascinating beauty of the Holy Lands:

[Video of typical Holy Land tour](#)

Service Posters:

For up-to-date services times and locations please visit the church website at

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For those without internet access....



DECEMBER
11

Messy Church

**ADVENT COMMUNION
& MESSY CHRISTINGLE
MEET 11 DECEMBER
IN ECCLESTON CHURCH**

**Messy/ Christingle starts at
10:30am in Eccleston C of E
primary school.
Advent Communion starts
at 11:15am in St. Mary's,
Eccleston and everyone
meets at 11:45am in church**



Sunday 18th December at 11:15am

**Parish Church of
St. Mary The Virgin, Eccleston**

Please join us for our
**FESTIVAL OF
NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**



Everyone Welcome

Wordsearch Puzzle

Free Printable Bible Word Search Game

Books of the New Testament

Here's a great puzzle for anyone who's trying to learn the books of the New Testament. Find the capitalized words from the word list in the Bible word search grid. Words may appear in any direction. Here's a twist: Can you also find the name of the man who wrote much of the New Testament?

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MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN
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ROMANS
(I and II) CORINTHIANS

GALATIANS
EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
COLOSSIANS
(I and II) THESSALONIANS
(I and II) TIMOTHY
TITUS

PHILEMON
HEBREWS
JAMES
(I AND II) PETER
(I, II AND III) LETTER OF JOHN
JUDE
REVELATION



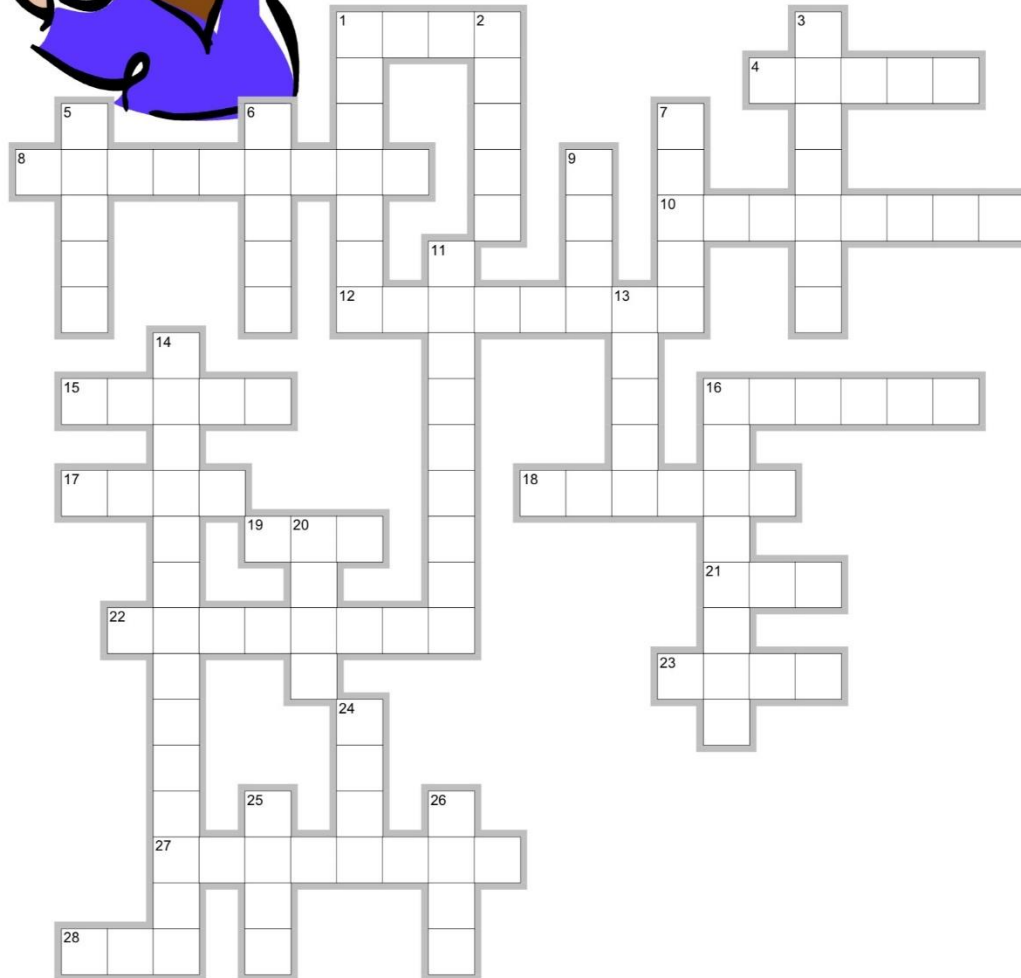
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Crossword Puzzle

Names of Christ



Jesus Christ was referred to by many names throughout the Bible. You'll need to know thirty of them to successfully complete this crossword. Scripture references from the New International Version are included to help you.



Clues

Across

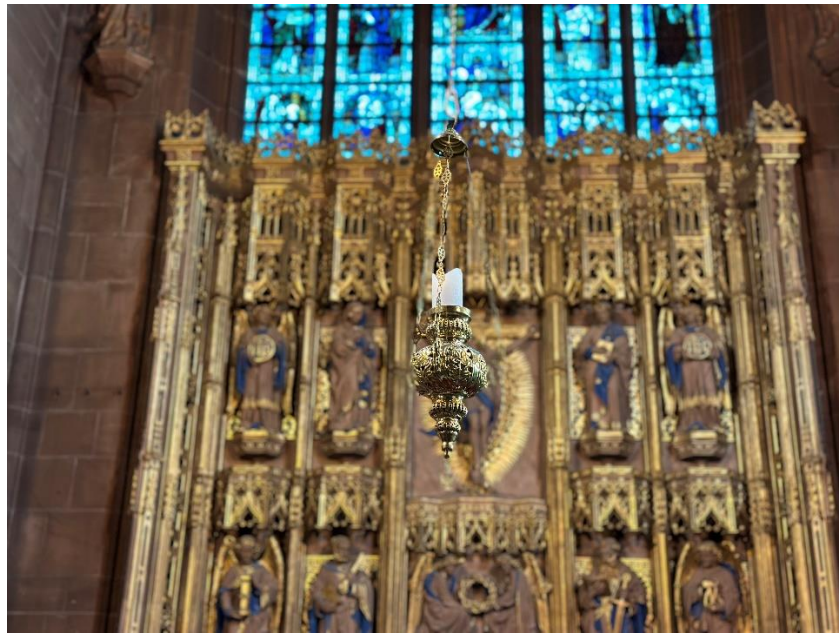
1. The ___ of life (1 John 1:1)
4. The true ___ (John 1:9)
8. A man of ___ (Isaiah 53:3)
10. "The ___ will come to Zion..." (Isaiah 59:20)
12. The good ___ (John 10:11)
15. The Alpha and ___ (Rev. 22:13)
16. ___ and Savior (Acts 5:31)
17. For the ___ himself will come down from heaven (I Thess. 4:16-17)
18. Our apostle and high ___ (Heb. 3:1)
19. The ___ and the truth and the life (John 14:6)
21. The Living ___ (Rev. 1:18)
22. The one ___ between God and mankind (I Tim. 2:5)
23. ___ of all things (Heb. 1:2)
27. ___, which means "God with us" (Matt. 1:23)
28. The Son of ___ (Luke 19:10)

Down

1. The faithful ___ (Rev. 1:5)
2. The Root and Offspring of ___ (Rev. 22:16)
3. The ___ of their salvation (Heb. 2:10)
5. The Lion of the tribe ___ (Rev. 5:5)
6. The ___ of life (John 6:35)
7. The light of the ___ (John 8:12)
9. The true ___ (John 15:1)
11. "The ___ will come from Zion..." (Rom. 11:26)
13. They said, "___" (which means "Teacher") (John 1:38)
14. Exact ___ of God's being (Heb. 1:3)
16. The ___ lamb (I Cor. 5:7)
20. The last ___ (I Cor. 15:45)
24. A ___ of salvation (Luke 1:69)
25. The ___ (Rev. 3:14)
26. The King of the ___ (Matt. 2:1-2)



Sanctuary Lamp / Choir Stall Lanterns



On Sunday 27 November, the Sanctuary Lamp was dedicated in memory of my late Father, Peter Jackson, who was Church Treasurer and a Choir and PCC member for many years.

The Sanctuary Lamp is a Church artefact that my Father had wished to see in Church before his death and thanks to the hard work and dedication of the PCC, this was realised in September 2022 and I know he would be so pleased with the outcome!



The Choir Lights are in memory of my late Mother, Kathleen Jackson, who was also a Choir member in her later years. The Choir Lights are lit for each service and were dedicated in 2013. The idea came from a visit to King's College Chapel in Cambridge and seeing their Choir Lights and so lights in my Mother's own Church seemed a fitting memorial to her.

My grateful thanks to Eccleston and Pulford PCC for their hard work and perseverance. I did not give the PCC an easy task!

The outcome of both memorials is a lasting reminder of two people, whose faith was unflinching and who loved Eccleston Church.

[Helen Allison]

Crossword Puzzle Answers

Answers

