

South & East Leicestershire Area United Reformed Churches



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OADBY, WHETSTONE, ABBOTS ROAD**

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Dear Friends,

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all. Well, here I am writing the letter for our February magazine and Christmas seems as though it flashed by. The joy of celebrating the birth of the Christ child is there and then it's gone, or is it? Well, it may not be for us, but it certainly is for many who are looking forward to the next event on the calendar. The supermarkets are now filled with gifts and cards for St. Valentines Day and even Easter Eggs. A lady in front of me at the check-out in Asda, was buying a Valentine's card and several Easter Eggs. It's no wonder time seems to go so fast (or is it my age?!). But let's take time to slow down a bit and think more about Christmas before we move on to Lent.

Christmas arrives to fill the world with light, the twinkly lights in peoples windows or on Christmas trees, or decorating the outside of houses, decorations that brighten even the coldest, darkest evenings. But for Christians the real light of doesn't come from decorations - it comes from Christ.

In John 8:12, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." In Jesus we find a light that guides, comforts and sustains us. God came into our lives, bringing a light that darkness cannot overcome.

We live in a world which very much needs the light of Christ to shine in the darkness, - the darkness of war, poverty, injustice, of despair, of addiction, of debt, exploitation. So much darkness, and we are invited to carry the light of Christ into the world. Jesus' light doesn't ask us to deny the darkness or pretend everything is fine. Instead, it calls us to be people who offer compassion, kindness and hope to others. Just as light spreads and dispels darkness, our actions, however small, can bring warmth and brightness to those around us.

So, as we travel through the year of 2025 lets think about the ways we can share the light of Christ. Maybe it's by standing up for someone who feels they have no worth, to someone who is struggling, someone who feels there is no hope, or simply being there and listening to someone, who needs a hand to hold. May we let Jesus' light fill us and inspire us. And may we remember even in the darkest of days, the light shines reminding us that **GOD IS WITH US!**

Yours in the Love of Christ,
Pam.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Whetstone URC	10.00 am
Oadby URC	10.15 am
South Wigston URC	10.30 am
Wigston Magna	10.30 am
Saffron Lane	11.00 am
Abbots Road	10.45 am

Please check with the relevant Church Secretaries to confirm when services are taking place at any of the Area Churches.

DEADLINE FOR MARCH 25 MAGAZINE

Sunday 16 February 2025

Send your items to your church representative or direct to
di.statham@btinternet.com

**If you do not have a computer a hand written copy can be accepted.
Contact Di Statham 0116 296 2847 for information**

Worship Leaders for February 2025

Oadby	2	Eileen Williams
	9	Revd David Howlett
	16	Revd Pam Smith
	23	David Coxhead
Saffron Lane	2	Revd Martin Ferris
	9	Shirley Eastman
	16	Eileen Williams
	23	P Tiplady
South Wigston	2	Di Statham - Café Style Service
	9	Revd Martin Ferris
	16	Revd Richard Eastman
	23	Revd Les Gill
Wigston Magna	2	Geoff Milnes
	9	Worship Group
	16	Revd Martin Ferris - Communion
	23	Ray Green
Whetstone	2	Shirley Eastman - Communion
	9	Eric Hanson
	16	Revd Les Gill
	23	Revd Martin Ferris
Abbots Road	2	Revd Pam Smith
	9	Mr Richard Knott
	16	Revd Jacqui Gavin
	23	Revd Ivor Smith & Elders (Prayer & Praise)

Regular Church Events

Oadby URC

Weekly Coffee Morning
Every Monday from 10.00 - 12.00 -
including Bank Holidays

11 O'Clock Club
1st & 3rd Thursday 10.30 am for 11.00 start

Ladies Group
4th Thursday 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Craft Group
4th Saturday 11.00 am - at 25 Chestnut Ave, Oadby

Whetstone URC

Community Coffee Morning Thursday 10.00 to 12.00

Saffron Lane URC

Weekly 3T's (Tea, Toast & Talk) Thursday 10.00 to 12.00

Wigston Magna

Community Cinema
Alternate Months from February - 1.30 pm

Sit Sip and Social
2nd Wednesday of each month 2pm - 4 pm

Coffee Morning
Every Saturday 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

South Wigston

Drop In with coffee / tea. 4th Wednesday of each month

Abbots Road

Lunchbox every Tuesday from 12.30pm - 3 course meal
£5.00

Quiz Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm (on Zoom)

Thursday Stay and Play and Little Borrowers toy library.
For children aged 0-4 years old and their parents/carers
10.00 to 11.30 £1.50 per family

Saturday Coffee Morning including a raffle, on Zoom
from 10.30am. Raising funds for our chosen charities.

Bible Bytes

Wednesday 5 February 2025

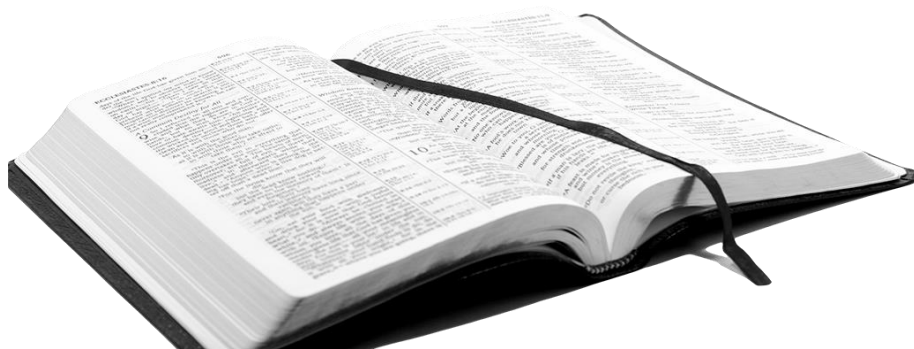
10.30 am

Saffron Lane URC

Come and enjoy a light and friendly discussion

No Need to be a " Bible Expert"

EVERYBODY welcome



South and East Leicestershire Area

**AGM
&
Covenant Service**

Sunday 16 February 2025

3.30 pm

Saffron Lane URC

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Christmas at Long Street

Advent and Toy Service - Sunday 1st December

Our services and festivals for Christmas began as usual with the Advent service led by Revd Les Gill and combined, this year, with the annual Toy Service. The toys, which were given by members of our congregation, were received and blessed by Les during the service. These were later donated to the Salvation Army to distribute to needy families for their children for Christmas.

As it was our Advent service it included the lighting of the first advent candle on the lovely advent crown which was prepared by Julie and was at the front of the beautifully decorated church complete with our resident Christmas tree. Thanks to Mary and Malcolm for the decorations. Our first candle was lit by Anne Marie.

It was a lovely service, with advent carols together with prayers and readings for advent followed by an address given by Les of the hope we have from the message of advent. It made a wonderful start to our Christmas at Long Street. Let's hope the children enjoyed the toys !!

Christmas Tree Festival - Saturday & Sunday 7 & 8 December

There was inclement weather predicted for the weekend and that's what we got. So the stream of people steadily coming through the doors of the most beautifully decorated church was not what we expected. Folk were certainly not put off by strong winds and constant rain throughout the weekend. They were rewarded by so many different Christmas trees to look at and then they had to decide which were the best. There were voting slips to fill in once you had chosen your favourites. There were so many trees decorated by the local churches, local schools, Guide Group, Women's Institute, children's nursery, floral society, Magna Music and Laff Tangent Group. There was a prayer tree decorated by anyone who wanted to leave a Christmas Message which was set up by Long Street and a

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second tree decorated by the URC with robins cascading on ribbon streamers down a fairy lit tree. As well as so many trees lining both sides of the Church in the centre there was stalls selling handmade gifts, pictures, plants, books, Christmas cards and goodies, sweets and cakes plus a raffle and a tombola. There was teas, coffees or cold drinks and hot soup and rolls for lunch. A truly lovely Christmassy weekend despite the weather. A big thank you to all the hard working folk who manned the stalls and those who organised it all. By the way the winning Christmas tree was decorated by Whetstone URC.

A total of £700 was raised and will go to LOROS. Well Done to everyone who helped and to the many visitors who came over the weekend.

Carols at Long Street - Sunday 22 December

Our annual carol service this year opened with the lighting of the advent candles. Members of the packed congregation took part with poetry, readings and prayers being read by our Elders. These were all interspersed with traditional carols. The music this year was provided by Magna Music, a wonderful band whose lovely music echoed around the church as we sang our carols. Just before the final carol Revd Les Gill gave the Christmas blessing. Then while folk were enjoying hot tea or coffee and mince pies after the service the band continued to play carols and Christmas music for a short time for everyone to listen to. We were further delighted to be able to hear the junior members of the band showing us their skills which was wonderful and all made for a very special service indeed. Thanks to all who took part playing, singing or speaking.

Christingle at Long Street - Christmas Eve

For this service our coffee and tea bar seating area was being used and all the tables were packed with our congregation, who had come to decorate Christingle oranges during the service which was led by Julie Slatford.

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It was a lovely service which consisted of carols and the decorating of the Christingle with a prayer as each part of the Christingle was added to the orange. The orange itself represented the world, a red ribbon put around the fruit showed the brokenness of that world, the sticks used to hold the dried fruit were the four seasons and the fruit itself represented the good food we have to eat. Finally the candle put in the centre of the orange represented Jesus as the light of the world. When it was lit, which they all were at the end of the service, and the other lights were turned off they gave us light in the darkness showing the hope we can have in this broken world. A lovely service on Christmas Eve !

Christmas Day Service - 25 December

Our Christmas Day service was led by our Group Minister, Revd Martin Ferris. It began with the opening lesson and the lighting of the advent candles by one of our young people and the Christmas Day candle at the centre of the crown by one of our older members aided by Martin. It was a lovely service attended by a good congregation and including well loved carols and readings, with Martin telling us the history of the cracker, it's inventor Tom Smith and the contents and how they are all connected to the real meaning of Christmas. The joke / motto that is usually in a cracker giving us the joy of life, the paper crown as Jesus and King and the crackers bang as we pull it with someone else giving us the light that is the light of the world. Something to think about at Christmas (and any other time we have fun pulling a cracker). It was a happy service with a serious message. Thank you Martin for a lovely service on this very special day. After the service there were smiles all around as folks wished each other Happy Christmas and then prepared to go our various ways to celebrate the day.

Grace

RECIPE - FEBRUARY: Potato and Leek Soup (Serves 4)

1 rasher of bacon, sliced
25g oz butter
2 large leeks, sliced
450g potatoes, cut into small cubes
1 clove garlic, crushed
425ml chicken stock
1 level teaspoon salt
Quarter level teaspoon pepper
150g milk
Fresh chopped parsley

Fry bacon in the butter, add leeks, potatoes and garlic.
Fry gently for 5 minutes.
Add stock, salt and pepper, simmer for 30 minutes.
Add milk and parsley, and serve.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

19th Di Statham

GARDENING TIPS - FEBRUARY

- 1) Trim deciduous hedges at the end of the month before the start of the birds' breeding season.
- 2) Roses can be planted if the soil is not too wet or frosted.
- 3) Prune clematis - the species that flower from July onwards.
- 4) Sow hardy annuals where you want them to grow.
- 5) Plant marigolds with tomatoes - they look great together, and help to repel pests.
- 6) Prune winter jasmine when it has finished flowering.

DIARY: February

- 5th - Bible Bytes - 10.30am, Saffron Lane Church
- 12th - Elders' Meeting 10.00am.
- 26th - Monthly Drop-in 10.30am. All welcome.
- 27th - World Day of Prayer choir practices, 2.00pm at South Wigston Congregational Church. 2nd practice, Tuesday 4th March (Same time and place).

A Thought for the Month Ahead.

Great events make me quiet and calm,
it is only the trifles that irritate my nerves.

Queen Victoria.

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PRAYER LIST - FEBRUARY: Please pray for:

- 1 All those affected by the disastrous fires in Los Angeles.
- 2 All who preach the Word of God in our churches today.
- 3 Those suffering from the devastating effects of flooding.
- 4 All who are in, or waiting to go into hospital.
- 5 Those learning more about the Bible in our "Bible Bytes" session.
- 6 The homeless.
- 7 All those living in war-torn countries.
- 8 All who are suffering from a terminal illness.
- 9 All those who are listening to the Word of God being read in churches all over the world.
- 10 All who have worries because they are in debt.
- 11 All who are suffering from depression.
- 12 Those who volunteer to do the valuable work of "Helping Hands".
- 13 Those who are unable to get out.
- 14 On Valentine's Day, pray for those who are having difficulties within their marriage.
- 15 The unemployed.
- 16 Those who would love to go to church, but are unable due to age or infirmity.
- 17 All those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
- 18 Children enjoying their half-term break.
- 19 In this weather, pray for all who have to drive for a living.
- 20 Our King and the Royal family.
- 21 All those we know who are not well.
- 22 All those involved in the Scout and Guide movement on this, their Thinking Day.
- 23 All those leading worship in our churches today.
- 24 The staff and residents of our local Care Homes.
- 25 Writers whose hymns give us comfort and inspiration.
- 26 Give thanks for good friends and neighbours.
- 27 All who are feeling lonely today.
- 28 Give thanks for the early signs of Spring; snowdrops, crocuses, tulips, daffodils, lighter evenings, and those days when the sun shines.

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Preachers and Readers list for February - March 2025

	OT	NT	SER	COL	Preacher	
Feb 2 nd	6	36	3	13	M Ferris	Communion
Feb 9 th	8	7	8	13	S Eastman	Communion
Feb 16 th	30	12	30	13	E Williams	Communion
Feb 23 rd	3	9	#	13	P Tiplady	Family Service
Mar 2 nd	5	14	5	13	J Slatford	Communion
Mar 9 th	36	6	3	13	R Green	Communion
Mar 16 th	10	11	#	13	E Williams	
Mar 23 rd	30	12	#	13	I Smith	Family Service

3.Kath T	8. Brian S	12 Elizabeth R	Dec B
5.Sue B	9. Terri D	13.Darren C	# No server
6.Pat S	10.Malvolia B	14. Mackenzie B	
7.Angela S	11.Richard B	30 Sandra C	

What's happened since the last magazine

December 15th This was the day of our Carol service which was at 4.00 pm. It was led by Sandra with the assistance of all the members and was followed by tea and mince pies.

Christmas Eve Our midnight service on 24th December was led by Martin Ferris. A big thank you to Sue for setting up all the candles for us, and Darren for helping to clear up the church in the new year with Sue.

January 23rd 2025

After Tea Talk and Toast at 12.30 we celebrated Prayers for Christian Unity and a light lunch was served afterwards.

November 22nd 2024 The Clay's holiday at Eastbourne

By Sandra Clay

The Clay family joined with about 30 others from a group from the Southfields library to enjoy a Turkey and Tinsel break in Eastbourne. We arrived safely but had heavy rain on the journey. The next day we were going to a Christmas market but it was cancelled because of the heavy rain so it was decided by the coach company to take us to Brighton for the day instead. The rain continued to come down and all we could do was shelter in the shops. When it was time to get the bus back to the hotel the rain was just as fast and as I went to join the others waiting in a shelter I tripped on a slab and fell. I could not move for the pain, so had to lay on the wet ground in the pouring rain for over a half an hour by which time I was very wet. Our coach came to pick us up at the same time as the ambulance arrived, Pete and Darren were taken back to the hotel by the group, and I went to the hospital with Jan the lady who runs the group. We spent 14 hours at the hospital and I was then told to go to our local hospital as I had broken the top off my humerus bone. It was floating in my arm ! It was now 4am in the morning and we were told there was no ambulances available to take us back to the hotel, so we had to get a taxi to Eastbourne 24 miles away. I spent the rest of the holiday in our bedroom, but the group looked after Pete and Darren. I have now visited LRI twice and they told me I had a triple bone fracture on the top of my humerus bone. I have had more x-rays and had to keep my arm in a sling for at least 6 weeks and not move it. We have been very lucky with all the help people have given us, Sue from church has been picking us up for church, doing my cleaning and ironing, my daughter has had a friend doing us food every day, and she has been doing all my shopping. Thank you for family and friends. My brother came up to take us to his house at Milton Keynes for the new year which was a nice change.

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The Year Ahead

A new year beginning, what will it bring, a wedding or a diamond ring,
Perhaps a new baby or even twins, a boy or girl with a dimpled chin,
Celebrations with friends, old and new
Who knows what the year has in store for you.

Peace with nations over the sea, what a glorious thing that would be,
Sorrow and suffering for some, we know
But prayer will help those who are feeling low.
Reach out to him don't be afraid if despair or feeling dismayed.

We must wait and see patiently, what the year will bring for you and me.

It's no use crying, that won't do if plans go awry or dreams don't come true.

Just live each day as it comes along, and help each other with a smile and a song.

Somethings we are sure of, flowers will grow, trees will blossom, and rivers flow.

The sun will rise and set each day, the birds will sing in their own sweet way,

There'll be snowflakes on the window pane, and winds to turn the weather vane.

Sometimes the rain will come pouring down, then many a face will wear a frown,

Yet all these things have to be, they go to make up the world you see.

Take the bad with the good through the coming year, if you lean on Him there'll be nothing to fear

by Doreen Storton

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December Events

On Thursday 12th December, Kevin and his mum, Jean, prepared a wonderful Christmas lunch for 32 people. The tables had been set out in the hall and there were party hats, a Christmas pen gift and even a bottle of non alcoholic prosecco on each table.

The meal was truly delicious and we thank Kevin and his mum for all their hard work. We also thank Kevin's mum for making the delicious crumbles which we enjoyed as our desert.

Thanks also to Jean, Bernard, Janet, David, Richard and Shirley for helping with the serving of the meals and Peter and Aldyth and all who helped with the washing up and tidying up after the meal.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful time of food friendship and fellowship. Same time next year?

Bernard and Kevin led and accompanied our Candlelit Carol service at 5:00 PM on Sunday 19th December. As usual, it was a wonderful service with Jan, Pam, Shirley and Aldyth contributing to the time of worship. We thank Richard and Shirley for preparing and serving the mulled wine, following the service, which was accompanied by warm mince pies, tea and coffee.

As usual, people were reluctant to leave which clearly demonstrates that they had a lovely evening with us at Whetstone URC!

On Christmas Day, Kevin led our worship, encouraging us to think about how people who have yet to find the love of God might feel about Christmas. Thanks also to Bernard who played the organ for the Christmas Day service.

On Sunday 29th December, Whetstone provided preachers for three area churches: our own Shirley led worship at Whetstone, Richard led worship at Oadby and Kevin led worship at Saffron Lane. How wonderful that Whetstone was able to support half the area churches?!

Whetstone News

Helping Our Neighbours

On Monday 6th January, parts of Whetstone, like many other places locally and nationally, were badly flooded.

Thwarted in his attempts to reach Wigston, Kevin returned to Whetstone and by chance, pulled into the Church car park.

A police officer asked Kevin if he could open the Church in order to accommodate those who were being rescued from their flooded houses. He duly opened the church, turned on heaters, filled the kettle and urn and awaited the arrival of the displaced residents. As people started to arrive, Kevin's son, Thomas, came to assist. They provided tea, coffee and biscuits, as well as soup and rolls, throughout the day.

Richard had only popped out to the chemist but ended up joining Kevin and Thomas to take care of those in need of assistance. The final displaced residents left at 7.30pm.

Richard and Kevin returned the following morning to allow people to collect clothing and to meet with representatives from EMH Homes and Blaby District Council. Some residents were accompanied back to their damaged properties to collect valuables and survey the damage.

Originally, the plan was to open on the Tuesday for two hours but in the end, the Church was open for six hours.

Well done to Thomas, Richard and Kevin for providing shelter, warmth and sustenance for those in need and well done to the community of Whetstone who rallied round to donate food and clothing, to rescue people from flooded homes, to clear drains to allow water to disperse and generally support one another in a time of crisis!

Plans for 2025

We look excitedly towards another year, with a full preaching plan and numerous community events planned, including the Charity Coffee Morning and Afternoon Tea, advertised in this magazine.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us and support us at some or all of our events.



Just a thought...

When the power of love outweighs the love of power, the world will truly know peace.

(Author unknown)

Whetstone United Reformed Church LE8 6LP

Charity Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st March
10.00 – 12.00

Tea, Coffee and Light Refreshments.
Bring and Buy Stall
Raffle

Raising Money for
We are Mission Aviation
Fellowship – or MAF – a
Christian mission organisation
that uses planes to overcome



barriers. Our pilots and personnel deliver relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines – everything that can only be safely and speedily transported by air. Our supporters give and pray to make this all possible.

All Welcome

Whetstone United Reformed Church LE8 6LP

Saturday 22nd March
3.00 P.M.

Luxury Afternoon Tea.

Deluxe Raffle
£15.00 per head.

Must be booked in advance

Tickets from
Shirley Eastman
(0116 3484121)



Abbots Road News

A PRAYER WRITTEN BY KATHY GALLOWAY OF THE IONA COMMUNITY

God of our lives,
you are always calling us
to follow you into the future,
inviting us to new ventures, new challenges,
new ways to care,
new ways to touch the hearts of all.
When we are fearful of the unknown, give us courage.
When we worry that we're not up to the task,
Remind us that you would not call us
If you did not believe in us.

When we get tired,
Or feel disappointed with the way things are going,
Remind us that you can bring change and hope
out of the most difficult situations

NOTICES

The celebration for the life of Sandra Record will take place at Great Glen Crematorium on Friday 14th February at 10.30 a.m. After the service there will be refreshments at the Rose and Crown in Thurnby. Sandra's family would love her friends from Abbots Road to attend the service and for the refreshments afterwards.

Joyce Long has now moved into a nursing home and would love any visitors. Some folk have been but if more could visit that would be great. She is struggling to settle so having folk from Abbots Road to visit will cheer her. If you would like to visit then see Pam or Charlotte who will be able to give you Joyce's address.

Abbots Road News

Please pray for:

A lasting ceasefire between Israel and Gaza leading to a lasting peace.

Peace between Ukraine and Russia.

All victims of war and terrorism.

Refugees and asylum seekers

People who are homeless in this freezing cold weather

People who have addiction problems

Those who are suffering with depression or other mental health illness.

Those who have lost a loved one in the fires in Los Angeles and those whose homes and possessions have been destroyed. For the firefighters and rescue workers who are doing all they can to stop the fires.

Victims of violence

Brian and Dorothy

Audrey

Anne and John

Dawn, Juliette, David and all of Sandra's family

Chris and her family

Mary

Pauline and Louise

Mick and Chris Goldsmith

Lucy and her family

Kate

Charles, Lesley's husband

Praying for all those who are seeking to know Christ

All who are suffering in any way at this time.

Praying for the mission of all the churches in the South and East

Leicestershire Area and for our Ministry Team - Martin and Eileen.

COMMUNITY CAROLS

We decided in 2024 we would have candle-light Community Carols outside of the main entrance to the church. This took place at 4pm on 22nd December. A group of us got the refreshments ready - mince pies and hot punch (non-alcoholic of course). Chairs were set up for those who preferred to sit down and blankets were provided to keep them warm on such a cold afternoon. Alison got the tech ready to play music for the carols which everyone could hear outside. It was such a wonderful time of carol singing and fellowship as we celebrated the birth of Christ together. The refreshments were served after the carols which everyone was grateful of.

One man walking by was offered a mince pie, he refused then walked off, only to come back a couple of minutes later and give Mickala a donation of £5.00 for the church.

A small group of volunteers cleaned up after our time of worship and I think everyone who'd been there really felt uplifted by the afternoon/evening, I know I did.

10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue out.
4. You just tried No.3
6. When you did No.3 you realised that it is possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You are smiling right now because you were fooled.
8. You skipped No.5.
9. You just checked to see if there is a No.5.
10. Share this with your friends so they can have some fun too.

HAVE A NICE DAY!

YOU'RE HAVING A LAUGH

1. This diet was hard at first but now I'm really starting to find my feet
2. I just watched an octopus rob our Co-Op. It didn't have a gun but it was well armed.
3. My New Year's resolution was to stop using spray deodorant - roll on 2025
4. This time last year I was addicted to the Hokey Cokey, but thankfully I turned myself around.
5. I got caught sneaking a rugby ball through the barrier at customs last week, it was worth a try.
6. My mate writes music about sewing machines. He's a singer songwriter or sew it seems.
7. 'Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a dog.'
'Sit down and tell me about it.'
'I'm not allowed on the furniture.'
8. 'Doctor, Doctor, I keep seeing striped camels.'
'Have you ever seen a psychiatrist?'
'No, I only see striped camels.'
9. Do mountains have ears?
Yes, they have mountaineers.
10. A husband and wife were driving through Loughborough when they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch.
At the counter, the husband asked the waitress,
'Before we order, could you settle an argument for us?
Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?'
She leaned over the counter and said,

'Burrr-gerrr Kiing.'

DAFFY DEFINITIONS

ACCURATE - Assists a vicar
ACQUIRE - sings in a church
BIGAMY - The bigger of two girls named Amy
DOGMA - The mother of a dog
ENDORSE - The last 'orse in a race
EXACT - Juggling with eggs
EXCHEQUER - The one who counts the eggs
FOREIGN - Use an umbrella
FOREST - Sit down or lie down
HANDICRAFT - A boat ready to jump into
HURRICANE - A cane used to make people move faster
ILLEGAL - An eagle that doesn't feel well
LABORATORY - Doesn't know whether he's Labour or Tory
LIABLE - Able to tell lies
MANDATE - A girl agreeing to meet a man
MANICURED - The doctor's ex-patient
MINIMUM - A very small mother
PALLIASS - A friendly donkey
PANTRY - A tree on which pans grow
SCINTILLATE - Ater eight you should stop sinning
SELFISH - What a fishmonger does
SYRUP - Stop slouching in your seat
TANDEM - What the sun did to sun - bathers
WINSOME - and lose some - that's life



Lectionary Readings

2 February

Jeremiah 1.4-10;

Psalm 71.1-6;

1 Corinthians 13.1-13;

Luke 4.21-30

9 February

Isaiah 6.1-8,(9-13);

Psalm 138;

1 Corinthians 15.1-11;

Luke 5.1-11

16 February

Jeremiah 17.5-10;

Psalm 1;

1 Corinthians 15.12-20;

Luke 6.17-26

23 February

Genesis 45.3-11,15;

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