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NOVEMBER 2023

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Collection on Sunday 3rd December in St Mark's
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CHRISTMAS GIFTS & FOOD BANK COLLECTION

On Sunday, December 3rd we shall collect gifts to contribute to Belfast Central Mission's Christmas Toy Appeal. New toys and gifts are appreciated (no cuddly toys please). Vouchers are also welcomed.

Please see the graphic above for more information and thank you in anticipation!

Our monthly collection for the foodbank will take place on 18th November. As always, we are very thankful to everyone who supports our Food Bank collection.

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(FOR ARMAGH FOODBANK)

**SATURDAY
18TH NOVEMBER
(10AM - 12NOON)
CROZIER HALL**



Rector's Letter.....

Dear Friends,

As we approach this year's Remembrance Sunday, we are reminded by our news headlines that our world continues to be a very troubled place. The Israel and Hamas war, as well as the Ukraine and Russia war, are most prominently on our television news programmes, our app headlines and in our newspapers. However, as these well reported wars continue, perhaps beyond the scope of our awareness are conflicts in places like Somalia, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria and Yemen.



The causes of wars are often complex and usually require some detailed historical study to gain any sense of why they happen. Whilst sadly sometimes armed conflict is necessary, irrespective of its motivation, war is a tragedy of the greatest proportions. History records the horrendous outcomes of war. The advancement of academic research has shown us that for combatants and civilians the psychological scars of war run very deep. Even when weapons are no longer required, and peace is declared, the implications of conflict ripple on in the consciousness of those affected and help is required, even for generations to come.

Jesus grew up and lived in a land that wasn't a peaceful place. His was a land under the rule of the Roman Empire and there was the possibility that many hoped Jesus would lead a political rebellion. However, Jesus' purpose was greater; *"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."* (John 12v46). Jesus is the giver of everlasting freedom and in the fullness of His Kingdom, peace will be ultimately prevail. Until that time, we are to be messengers of peace that is found in him, but also encouragers of peace with one another. In the Beatitudes, Jesus taught; *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."* Matthew 5v9).

Mindful of the tragedy of war, let us pray for people of influence and that they may be peace encouragers and facilitators. Let us pray that fighting can cease and that opportunities for nations to live alongside one another can be found. May motivations for war be overcome with a will for peace. Let us also remember to pray for all who suffer because of the lasting impacts of war. May the victims of war be assisted and enabled to flourish again.

Yours in Christ,

Malcolm

Opportunities in our Parish for faith encouragement and for friendship

Worship

Worshipping and serving God together is the essence of being in Church. Please know a very warm invitation to join us at any time. Sunday worship takes place in St Mark's at 8.30am, 10.30am and 7pm. What types of services are happening and when they are available can be found on page 15. Weekly midweek services are offered on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm (please see Bible Fellowship below). On the second Sunday of each month an informal Cafe Church Service entitled 'The Well' takes place in the Crozier Hall. We also have a monthly Holy Communion Service on the first Tuesday of each month in St Mark's at 11.30am. This service is followed by a light lunch in the Crozier Hall. We would love for you to join us in worship on any occasion!

Creche

On Sundays when Sunday School meets, during 10.30am services, a creche facility is offered in the Beresford Room of the Crozier Hall. All children of preschool age are invited to come along and enjoy the fun!



Sunday School

During the school term we meet during the 10.30am services and we have lots of fun learning about God and his love for us! Children in School Year 1 to 10 are invited to join us at any time. A programme for when Sunday School meets is available from our website.



GLOW

Our Parish Youth Club meets fortnightly on Fridays (7.30pm) in The Crozier Hall. Intended for young people of School Year 6 and above, we have a range of regular and special activities and trips.

YF3

Youth Fellowship meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 5pm - 6.30pm. It is intended for young people of secondary school age and as well as learning from the Bible we enjoy crazy games and some time just to chat together.

Home Group

This is an informal gathering of people who meet in a house every three weeks on Tuesday evenings (7.30pm) to think about a Biblical passage and talk about it together. Sweet treats and a time to chat also feature!

Bible Fellowship

Bible Fellowship will take place in the context of our midweek services on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Church. We will still have group discussion and everyone is always welcome to join us.



Prayer Ministry Partnership

The Prayer Ministry Partnership is a prayer group within our parish who pray for those who would appreciate prayerful support for healing or for any need. A monthly prayer list (Christian names only) is compiled and circulated to those who have committed to be involved in this ministry of prayer. If you would like to join this group please feel free to get in touch. If you would like your name added to the prayer list, please feel free to contact us, or use the response form on our Parish website (Page entitled Prayer and worship)

Parish Choir

Our 10.30am Services, as well as occasional evening services, are greatly enriched by the contribution of our Parish Choir. People of all ages and who enjoy singing are warmly invited to come along and be part of this very important ministry of leading the sung worship of Almighty God. Our choir are a very friendly group and will offer much assistance as new members get settled in. Choir practices generally take place in the approach to important festivals such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter.



Alive

Alive is a group for ladies of all ages! Meeting monthly on Thursday evenings (7.30pm). Alive features either a focus on a Biblical person or involve an activity. There is also plenty of time for refreshments and a catch up!

Marksman

Each Wednesday morning (10.30am) a group of men gather to chat about anything and everything! With tea, coffee and scones, this always a very enjoyable time of friendship together. Occasional speakers and trips are organised. Please keep an eye out on Pew News for a date in September on which Marksman will resume.



1st Thursday Club

Meeting on the 1st Thursday each month (2.30pm) this group of ladies enjoy topical speakers, activities and occasional trips. Each meeting offers something of great interest and provides an opportunity to catch up with friends of old and create friendships that are new.

Ladies Walking Group

Meeting outside of the Crozier Hall on Thursdays at 10am, a group of ladies undertake local walks and conclude with a treat in a local coffee shop. Occasional trips to other locations also feature.

Drive Through Drop Off

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, the opportunity to drop off groceries for our local Food Bank is available from the front of the Crozier Hall. From 10am-12noon please feel free to drop off and have a chat!



Please know a very warm invitation to our services and activities. To find out more about any of the above, or any opportunity within our Parish and beyond, please feel free to contact Malcolm (37522970), Sarah (07974252013) or Caroline (37523197). Further information, including weekly Pew News Sheets, is available from our Parish website.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children have settled well into the new term at Sunday School and are enjoying learning about Jesus.

Rehearsals for the Christmas Nativity will commence on Sunday 5th November during Sunday School sessions. It would be great to see a big turnout of children to practice for our Nativity, which is always a highlight in the Sunday School calendar!

Finally, a little reminder that there will be no Sunday School on Remembrance Sunday (12th November).

Christine

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

On Tuesday 7th November, a monthly 1st Tuesday Holy Communion Service will take place in St Mark's at 11.30am.

Following the service, everyone is welcome to come to the Crozier Hall for a light lunch. For further details, please feel free to contact Malcolm or Sarah. If anyone would appreciate transport, please do get in touch and we shall assist if we can.



FIRST THURSDAY CLUB

For our meeting on 2nd November our speaker will be Mr Stanley Burrows and he will be showing us some interesting shots of "New Armagh". Also please note, our December meeting will be held in the Windsor room at the earlier time of 12.30pm, we will remind you of this at our November meeting. New members are always welcome.

Ann

CRECHE

Creche is available today and each Sunday except for Family Services. All children of preschool age are very welcome! Creche meets in the Beresford Room of the Crozier Hall from 10.15am. For further details about Creche contact Claire (37522970).

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During the weekend of Friday 13th - Sunday 15th October, we very much enjoyed our Harvest Thanksgiving Services in St Mark's, as well as a Ladies Breakfast in the Crozier Hall. Thank you to Sarah who organized the breakfast, to Edna and the choir for leading us in sung worship during our services, to our decorators of the church and to David for all of his hard work getting the church and hall ready for the Harvest Weekend.



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HOME GROUP



Tuesday 14th & 28th November 7:30pm

Join us in a local home as we gather together to connect, share in God's word and grow in our relationship with Jesus

Everyone Welcome!

For more information
please contact Sarah

BOWLING CLUB

We are very interested in welcoming new members and with this in mind, we are holding C.A.T.I (come and try it) nights on Wednesday evenings. On these nights separate mats will be available and coaching provided. We met at 8pm on Wednesdays in the Crozier Hall.



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CHRISTMAS
**CRAFT &
GIFT FAIR**

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023
10AM-3:30PM



Calling all Pet Owners

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE OF PINNACLES WE'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A PET PAGE FEATURING PHOTOGRAPHS OF PARISHIONERS PETS

Please send your pet photo with a Christmas theme, pet name & your name to Sarah on 07974252013 by 27th November to be featured in next month's issue

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

As our thoughts begin to turn towards Christmas plans, please consider coming to St Mark's for what promises to be a truly wonderful evening on Tuesday 19th December. On this occasion we very much look forward to welcoming the acclaimed Adoro Choir for their first concert in Armagh. Having performed in The Parliament Buildings, Belfast Cathedral and venues in and around the Lisburn area, Adoro come with very high recommendations! Directed by Mr Ashley Fulton (Vocal Coach & Musical Director) this concert will predominately feature sacred Christmas music including 'O Holy Night', 'Love Shone Down', various carols by John Rutter, as well as other traditional favourites. With around 30 highly accomplished singers, this will be a most inspirational evening which we very much hope that you will attend and enjoy. Tickets are available now from The Parish Office, Select Vestry members, or online via our Parish Website

ADORO *Silent Night*

"... ALL IS CALM ... ALL IS BRIGHT ..."

DIRECTOR ASHLEY FULTON

TUES 19TH DEC 2023 - 7.45PM

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Remembrance Sunday (12th November) an Act of Remembrance shall take place at the War Memorial on The Mall at 11am. A parade shall then proceed from the War Memorial to The Mall Presbyterian Church. Our Morning Service shall take place at approximately 11.45am during which there shall be an Act of Remembrance. Everyone will be most welcome to join us on this very important occasion.



SERVICE OF LIGHT & REMEMBRANCE

A special service will take place in St Mark's on Sunday, November 26th (7pm) as we pray for those whose loved ones have entered their eternal rest, particularly during the past year. Families who would like also to be added to those specifically prayed for are invited to telephone the Rectory where a message may be left if no one is home. Everyone will be most welcome to attend this special service as we reflect together.



YF3

Youth Fellowship (for young people of secondary school age) continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month (5pm - 6.30pm). Because of Half Term holidays we shall only meet on November 19th. New members are always welcome!

HOSPICE COLLECTION

The annual Diocesan Hospice Collection envelopes shall be available during services and from the Parish Office from Sunday 5th to Sunday 26th November. Contributions forwarded from our Parish benefits the Southern Area Hospice in Newry which faithfully offers gracious care to people from our area and region. Thank you to everyone who support this very worthy collection, and indeed all of our Parish Appeals.

AYAC MINI RESIDENTIAL

The Armagh Diocesan Youth and Children's Ministry Board are planning a mini residential at the Kilbroney Centre, Rostrevor from the afternoon of Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st January. This event is intended for young people of secondary school age and it is hoped that a group from our Parish (and friends), will attend.

More details will be available soon, but for now, please save the date!



PANTOMIME TRIP

On Friday 8th December GLOW (Youth Club), senior Sunday School, as well as friends are invited to join in the fun at Aladdin in the Market Place Theatre. Consent forms are available from Glow and Sunday School leaders and to book a ticket, they should be returned by Friday 17th November. All young people of school year 6+ are very welcome!



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**Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday
9-1pm**

Outside of these times, a message can be left on the answerphone (37 523197) or alternatively an email may be sent to : sec.stmarks@gmail.com

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Thank you in advance.



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LIFE OF :

Dawson Beatty (11th October)

Niall Moore (12th October)

Marina Gillanders (16th October)

Pinnacles notes for **DECEMBER**

are due in the Church Office no
later than

Monday 27th November



I AM
with you
ALWAYS

Matthew 28:20



CHRISTMAS MARKET

The shops are quickly filling up with decorations and so are our diaries with lots to do this upcoming season. One event for your diary that is not to be missed is Thursday 7th December 5-9pm for St Mark's Christmas Market at The Crozier Hall.



This year, we hope to have over 30 local business stalls on offer both indoors and outdoors. There be an opportunity to begin (or if you're super organised unlike me) finish your Christmas shopping!



We'll have a Christmas cafe also based in The Venue with some festive drinks and treats. So spread the word we'd love to see as many there as possible.

If you'd be free that evening and would like to help with stewarding or with the Christmas Cafe please let Sarah know.

SELECT VESTRY UPDATE

Since the last edition of Pinnacles a new toilet has been installed in St Mark's and a new computer purchased for the purposes of live streaming in our church. The current live stream computer and software was supposed to be a temporary installation to enable livestreaming after the Covid lockdowns, but its usage has continued since. Recognising the value of livestreaming being available to people who are unable to attend church for health reasons, the Select Vestry has purchased the new computer and software which will offer a simpler process for future online provision. We are awaiting an investigation to be undertaken with regards to scope of potential work that may need to take place under the pews in the central area of the church. More information will hopefully be available soon.

November Flower Rota

5th & 12th November :

Gregory & Denise McCarten

19th & 26th November :

Rachel Donald



FONT :

Florence Magwood

FASHION SHOW

Thank you to Caroline and all of the Fashion Show team for a great night on Thursday 12th October!

Thank you also to the following businesses - Robert Paynter, Lila's, Vogue and Our Secret Boutique for styling our models. Thank you also to Mark Hawthorne for compering and to all who assisted with the event in any way. Funds raised for the Parish through the Fashion Show amounted to £2060.00

Thank you everyone for your support.

November Service Rota...

5th : The 4th Sunday before Advent

8.30am : Holy Communion 2

10.30am : Holy Communion 2

Reader : Graham Lavery

7.00pm : Evening Prayer

12th : The 3rd Sunday before Advent

8.30am : Holy Communion 2

11.40am(approx) : Morning Prayer

(after the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph)

Reader : Linda Pierson

7.00pm : Evening Prayer

7.00pm : The Well

19th : The 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.30am : Holy Communion 1

10.30am : Family Service

7.00pm : Holy Communion

26th : The Kingship of Christ

8.30am : Holy Communion 2

10.30am : Morning Prayer

Reader : Heather Chambers

7.00pm : Service of Light & Remembrance



Marksmen



Wednesday's 10:30am
The Venue (Crozier Hall)

*A time to gather together with Tea, Coffee & treats
to chat about anything & everything*

CAFÉ HOPE

During recent Wednesday afternoons, Cafe Hope has been available for anyone who would like to drop into The Venue for a chat and refreshments together with our Parish Nurse, Bob. The intention of Cafe Hope is provide a place for people of all ages who would appreciate friendly company, and if necessary support in times of need. Café Hope takes place every Wednesday from 3pm-7pm, And includes the opportunity for a short wellbeing walk around the Mall from 6.30pm –7pm. If you would like to know more, please feel free to speak to Bob who is available on Wednesdays (07514129195) .

It is intended that The Bereavement Journey course will again be available on Thursday evenings beginning on 18th January. Registration for attending will soon be available and further information will follow in the near future.

CAFE HOPE



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for more details, please contact
Bob Brown (Parish Nurse) : 07514129195



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⇒ I would to receive Parish Information via occasional email communications :

⇒ I would like to receive Parish Giving Envelopes :

⇒ I would like to receive a Gift Aid Declaration Form :

At present we only hold the Names and Addresses of Parishioners. Consent is required for our Parish to store your telephone number and email address. If you would be willing for us to hold this information, please complete, where relevant, and return via the Church Collection Plate or to the Church Office at your convenience.

Alive
St Mark's Women's Ministry

Thursday 14th September

Bible Study

Thursday 26th October

Autumn Craft

Thursday 30th November

Pebble Art with Cinnamon
Tree Crafterhouse £25 each

Monday 11th December

Bible Study

The Crozier Hall | 7:30pm



GOLF DAY

Thank you to Mr Ian Millar and all who assisted him for his Golf Day during June. Ian completed 4 rounds of 18 holes in one day! Now that all of his sponsorship has been accounted for

we are delighted to report that

£1426.80 was raised for

Parish Funds.

Well done Ian and thank you to everyone who supported him.



SAFEGUARDING TRUST UPDATE

Thank you to all of our leaders and helpers who make our youth and children's organisations possible! For all that you do, we are incredibly grateful.



To help us keep up to date with our safeguarding commitments, it is very much hoped that a training event for leaders and helpers of our Parish youth and children's organisations will be announced very soon. Please keep an eye out in Pew News and, if possible, please do come along.

THE WELL - CAFÉ CHURCH

Café church is church but with a difference! Instead of a traditional service seated in pews, café church is more of an informal style of meeting together to worship God seated around tables. When you enter you'll be greeted with tea, coffee, hot chocolate and treats. We will begin with some worship and then proceed into Bible readings and a short reflection. Café Church is suitable for all ages and we'd love to see you come along!

The Well

• Cafe Church •

Sunday 12th November

The Venue, The Crozier Hall

7pm

Everyone Welcome

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst

John 4:13-14

LE MALL 24

Thank you to everyone who took part in and supported this year's Le Mall 24! With parishioners and friends making their way around the circuit for most of the 24 hour period from 10.30am on Saturday 30th September to Sunday 1st October, many were involved even in the 'wee small hours' of the Sunday morning! A total of £645.00 was raised through this year's Le Mall 24 to assist with initiatives in our Parish.





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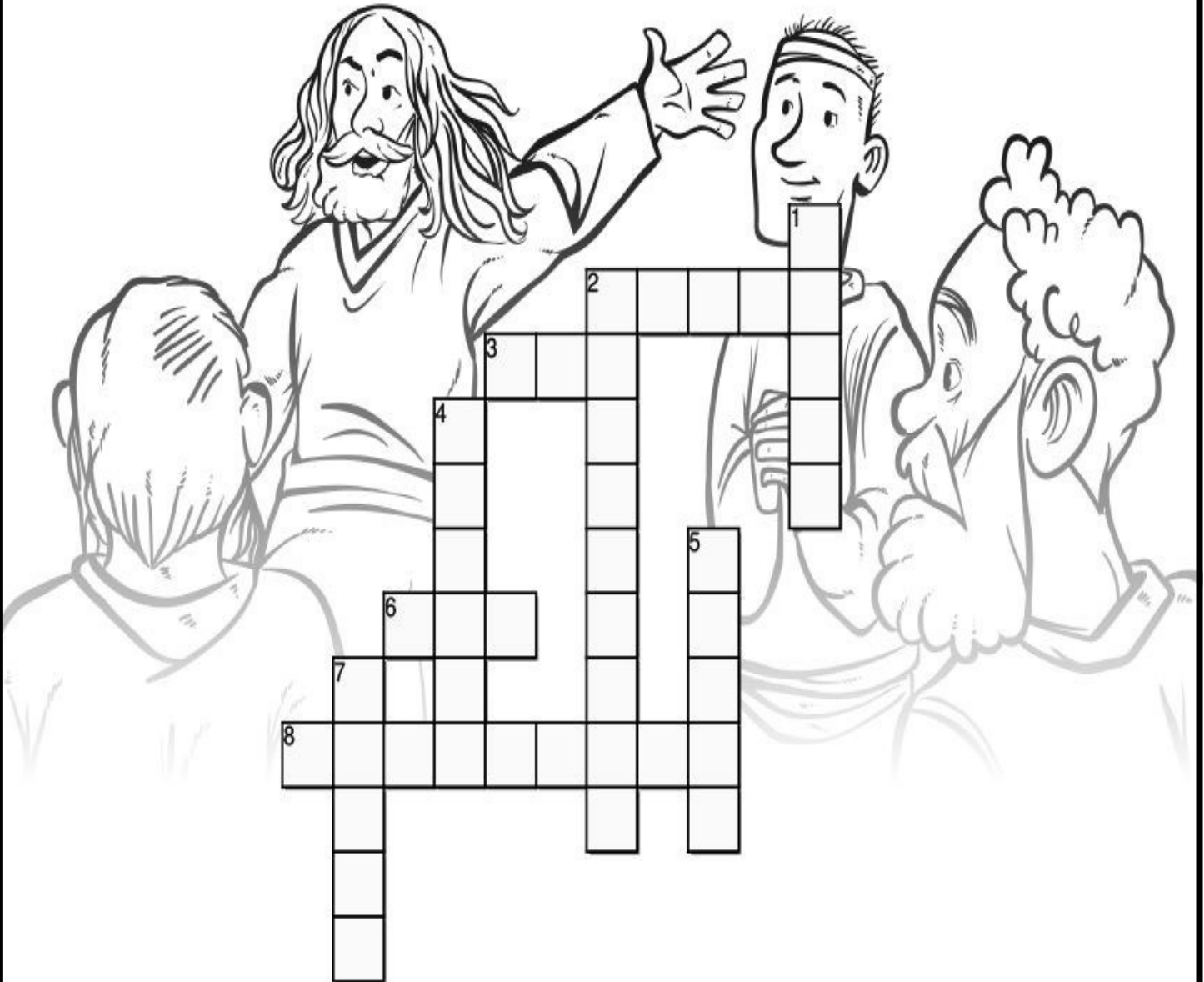
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NOVEMBER 2023

Closing Service: Sunday at 7pm

JESUS HEALS THE TEN LEPERS

Luke 17:11-19



Across

2. The grateful leper came back and fell to the feet of _____.
3. How many lepers returned to give Jesus thanks?
6. Jesus healed how many lepers?
8. This story is found in the New _____.

Down

1. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name _____ (Psalm 34:3).
2. In this story of the lepers, Jesus is on His way back to _____.
4. Jesus said to the ten lepers, "Go and show yourselves to the _____."
5. Jesus said to the grateful leper, "Rise and go your way; your _____ has made you well."
7. The lepers cried out, "Master, have _____ on us!"



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