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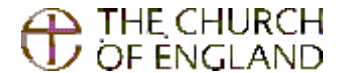
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John 8: 12

March 2019

St George's Church Stalybridge



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Worship

Sunday

10.30 a.m. Sung Communion and Junior Church
(4th Sunday – Family Service)

18.00 p.m. Occasional Special Services as
announced

Tuesday

10.30 a.m. No service during interregnum

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Mar	Thomas Cowman	1984	13 Mar	William Bateman	1978
	George Harry Hobson	1984		Donald Feetham	1997
	Mary Bailey	1969		Beatrice Kelsall	1981
	Tom Bowden	1972		Christine Higgins	2010
	Joan Wheatley	1972	14 Mar	Frank Stones	1990
	Allen Marsden	1995	18 Mar	Thomas Williamson Thomson	1983
	Betty Curtis	2014		Alma Nuttall	1991
	Kenneth John Dodd	2017		Roberto Luigi Pravisani	2005
2 Mar	George Jubb	1978		David Rawsterne	2009
	Gerard Postings	1996	19 Mar	Thomas Green	1966
3 Mar	Tom Broadbent	1989	20 Mar	Ernest Sidebottom	1988
4 Mar	Jean Boyle (nee Smith)	2011	21 Mar	James Shenton	1964
5 Mar	Dennis Harrison	1985		John Duxbury	1985
	Rose Ann Quest	1991		Regan Joseph Michael Tetlow	1988
6 Mar	James Wilkinson	1985		Frank Cooke Jackson	1993
	Albert Barber	1987		Emmeline Elizabeth Heap	1997
	James Eric Hinchliffe	1999	23 Mar	Harold Moore	1996
	Barry Mutch	2008		George James Crossland	2002
	Ellen Johnson	2018		James Wright	2001
7 Mar	Henry Saxon	1977		Ian Stuart Wharton	2014
	Sadie Shaw	1984	24 Mar	Alice Hardon	1989
	Jessie Mary Daly	1986	26 Mar	Denis Patrick Daly	1984
8 Mar	Jane Norris	1969		Samantha Jane Dunlop	1984
	Margaret Cawley	1985		Edward Noah Clayton	1989
9 Mar	Gordon Wheatley	1998		Hilda Graham	2009
	Joseph Sharpe	2000	27 Mar	Herbert Battersby	1965
	Norman Nield	2005		Theresa Aldred	1999
10 Mar	Lewis Dain Gudger	2014		Mary Bardsley	1994
	Rosemary Andrew	2017	28 Mar	Patricia Carter	2014
11 Mar	Sarah Ann Allsop	1986	29 Mar	William Spencer	2000
	Enid Longden	2014		Olive Stephenson	1985
12 Mar	Herbert Bardsley	1981		Bernard Joseph Walsh	2012
	James Turner	1987	30 Mar	Norman Stokes	1970
	Harold Webster	1987		William Forde Clarke	2005
	Mabel Sweeney	1991		John William Arthur Dale	2008
	Basil Kirk	1989		Maureen Bebbington	2016
	Mary Bailey	2014	31 Mar	Tom Grimes	1980
				Mark Press	1981



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens.

To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact one of the Wardens.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone one of the Wardens on 0161 338 4479 or 0161 330 7689. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

ASH WEDNESDAY: mourning our sins and a good time to admit you are sorry

Lent begins 6 March with Ash Wednesday. But why 'Ash' Wednesday? The reason has to do with getting things right between you and God, and the tradition goes right back to the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites often sinned. When they finally came to their senses, and saw their evil ways as God saw them, they could do nothing but repent in sorrow. They mourned for the damage and evil they had done. As part of this repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes on your head, and even rending your clothes, was an outward sign of their heart-felt repentance and acknowledgement of sin.

In the very early Christian Church, the yearly 'class' of penitents had ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent. They were turning to God for the first time, and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom, and to do so at the very start of Lent. They heeded Joel's call to 'rend your hearts and not your garments' (Joel 2:12-19). Ash Wednesday became known as either the 'beginning of the fast' or 'the day of the ashes'.

The collect for today goes back to the Prayer Book, and stresses the penitential character of the day. It encourages us with the reminder of the readiness of God to forgive us and to renew us.

The actual custom of 'ashing' was abolished at the Reformation, though the old name for the day remained. Today, throughout the Church of England, receiving the mark of ashes on one's forehead is optional. Certainly the mark of ashes on the forehead reminds people of their mortality: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return..." (Genesis 3:19) The late medieval custom was to burn the branches used on Palm Sunday in the previous year in order to create the ashes for today.

So have you done something which haunts you? Which ~~makes you feel restless~~ and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you: 'I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance' (said Jesus). (Luke 5.32)

'Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55.7)

'Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.' (Joel 2:12-13)

God is inviting you to come to him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.

Dear Friends

I was thinking about how fortunate we are to have such an active and engaged Junior Church and of course Junior Church Leaders. Everything they do for us is done with such pride and heart that our worship is beautifully enhanced. There is always lots of laughter and music when they are practicing and we should be encouraged by their presence here at St George's.



The Church of England believe that children and young people can follow Jesus and be full members of the church, and that discipleship is possible at any age. They are integral to all our churches, different as they are and they are our 'today', as well as our future.

The Care for the Family project estimate that only 50% of the children of Christian parents grow up with a personal faith of their own as adults and in response, they have set up a, 'Kitchen Table Project', to inspire a faith that lasts.

The great news is that here we are doing lots with our Junior Church already and we can enhance this by encouraging any parents that we know to do some very simple things at home, with the aim of making faith more visible. The ideas that 'Care for the Family' suggest, include talking about God in the everyday (making God a part of our conversations), offering children a glimpse of our own spiritual lives (playing worship music, leaving out the Bible for them to see and by telling them about our Junior Church and what they have been doing), saying Prayers and telling Bible stories at bedtime and Eating together, are just a few of them. See more at kitchentable.org.uk

In this time of unsettling change and unrest in our period of interregnum I feel sure the children and young people will continue to entertain us and to cheer us up along the way. For this reason, our Junior leaders are committed to resourcing dedicated times of teaching and learning with children in groups so as to parallel what happens in church for adults. All-age worship takes time and work, but the church that attempts to have genuinely inclusive services will reap the rewards of a lively community today and is best serving the church of tomorrow.

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St George's Choir Awards 2019

Congratulations to Prince and Pretty Ipe and Madeline Wright who have recently completed a course of study and their probationary period, being installed as choristers on 27th January. This means they will now wear the white surplice over their cassocks as full members of the Choir.

Some of our more seasoned choristers have completed significant lengths of service to our church choir and they have received (on the same day) the Royal School of Music's Long Service award in recognition of their dedication and commitment. They are:

Trevor Gough (28 years)
Janice Roberts (29 years)
Michael Davies (30 years)
Heather Lees (32 years)
Kathleen Gough (36 years)

Also, the following choiristers received their RSCM Loyal Service awards:

David Brayshaw (54 years)
Gill Cooper (66 years)
Julia Davies (67 years)



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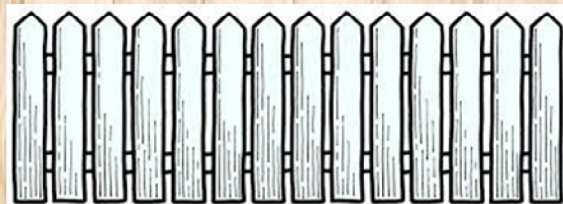
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David was not able to be with us due to a serious injury sustained just before Christmas. However, as a first for St. George's, he was able to receive his award by video link from his bedroom. He is pictured later, at home, wearing his award.



Our retiring Vicar, Philip, became a chorister at the age of 7, at St. George's. He served without recognition for 25 years, when he began training for the Ministry. In lieu of this Philip received his RSCM Long Service award.

All of the awards were made to the choristers by Philip, except for his award which was presented by the Director of Music, Chris Anderson.

Congratulations to all of you and many thanks for your past and continued service to our musical life here at St. George's.

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If anyone would like to take up the bread and wine at the offertory—to celebrate a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or just to take part, please have a word with one of the wardens for any Sunday this year.

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CHURCH FINANCES

February 2019 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
03 Feb 2019	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	£38.50	£348.00	£386.50	
10 Feb 2019	4 th Sunday before Lent	£195.46	£473.90	£669.36	
17 Feb 2019	3 rd Sunday before Lent	£45.51	£281.35	£326.86	
24 Feb 2019	2 nd Sunday before Lent	£	£	£	
	Standing Orders etc		£952.00	£952.00	
	Monthly Total	£279.47	£2,055.25	£2,334.72	-£1,131.28

* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £3,466 per month

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200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for February 2019 are:

1st Prize	£25	86	Ella Walker
2nd Prize	£15	34	Karen Wright
3rd Prize	£10	53	Linda Adamson

Subscriptions for 2019 are now due and should be paid to Rose Hayward. The cost is £12 per year per number and there are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome.

If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

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JAR OF GRACE 2018



Thank you to everyone who contributed to 'Jar of Grace'.

I have sent a cheque for £206.31 to UNICEF for 2018

Kathleen Redeyoff

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**British Summer Time starts at 2am on
Sunday 31st March**

Readings and Psalms for March 2019

Sun 3rd	Sunday next before Lent 10.30 Exodus 34.29-end; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36
Tues 5 th	10.30 No Service
Wed 6 th	Ash Wednesday 20.00 Joel 2.1-2,12-17; Psalm 51.1-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
Sun 10th	1st Sunday of Lent 10.30 Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-11; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13
Tues 12 th	10.30 No Service
Sun 17th	2nd Sunday of Lent 10.30 Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-end
Tues 19 th	10.30 No Service
Sun 24th	3rd Sunday of Lent 10.30 Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9
Tues 26 th	10.30 No Service
Sun 31st	4th Sunday of Lent - <i>Mothering Sunday</i> 10.30 Exodus 2.1-10; Luke 2.33-35 <i>Worship For All</i>

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February Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Wage. 3, Cleansed. 9, Plateau. 10, Ready. 11, Did so. 12, Hollow. 14, Unregenerated. 17, Offers. 19, Islam. 22, Is not. 23, Overran. 24, Barracks. 25, Legs.

DOWN: 1, Wiped out. 2, Guard. 4, Laughing-stock. 5, April. 6, Seaport. 7, Days. 8, Belong. 13, Oddments. 15, Refiner. 16, Raided. 18, Extra. 20, Large. 21, Limb.

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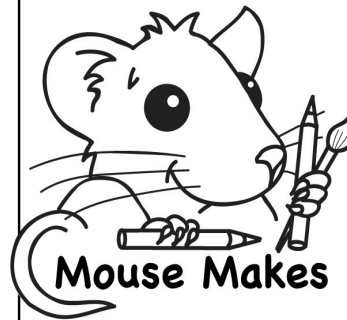
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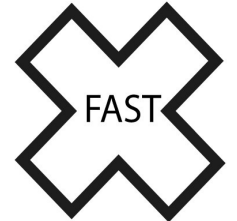
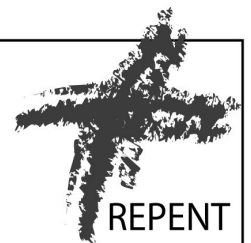
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Children's Page



During Lent read through the Gospel of Luke and each day pray for God to help you become more like Jesus

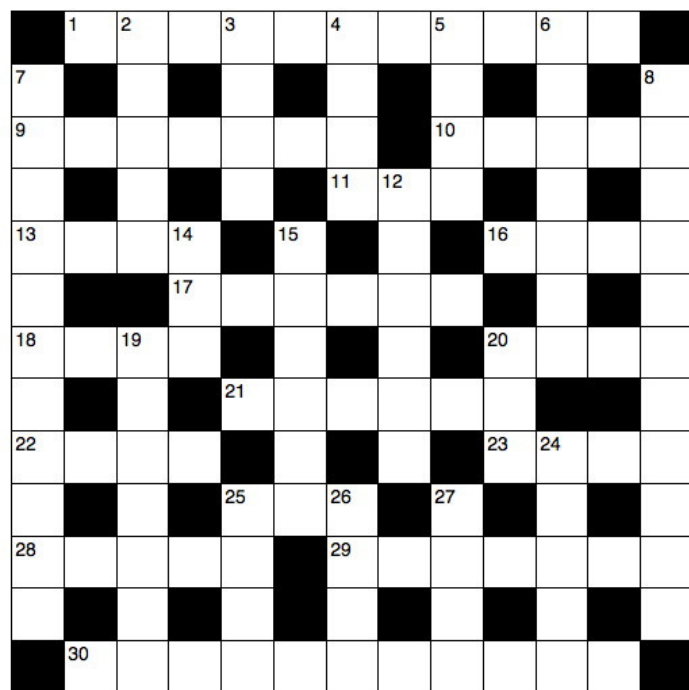
Lent is the name given to the 40 days before Easter and is a time to *pray*, to *read* the bible and to *turn* to God. The first day of Lent is **Ash Wednesday**, a day to *repent* and say *sorry* to God for the wrong things we have *said* or *thought* or *done*.



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Can you find these words in the word search above?
LENT • ASH WEDNESDAY • FORTY DAYS
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DENY • REPENT • SORRY • FORGIVE • GIVE • HELP
PREPARE • REFLECT • THINK • READ • SCRIPTURE
BIBLE • WORD • REMEMBER • WORSHIP • GOD

March Crossword



Across

1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11), 9 'You will not — me to the grave (Psalm 16:10) (7), 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5) 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3), 13 Mede (anag.) (4), 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4), 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6), 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4), 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4), 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and ear' hear (Acts 2:33) (3,3), 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4), 23 Edit (anag.) (4) 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3), 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5), 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4), 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — ; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3), 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4, 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4), 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4), 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7), 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11), 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11), 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6), 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3), 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6), 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7), 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3), 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3), 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4), 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4), 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

Some dates for your diary - March 2019

Sat	2nd	7.30p.m.	Talent Auction
Sun	3rd	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	5th	1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café	
Wed	6th	ASH WEDNESDAY	
Thurs	7th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	10th	1st SUNDAY OF LENT	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church with Rev Ian Brocklehurst
Tues	12th	1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m. Come Together Café	
Thurs	14th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	16th	2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea	
Sun	17th	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church with Rev David Warner
Tues	19th	1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café	
		7.45p.m.	Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Thurs	21st	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	23rd	3.00p.m. Wedding Blessing	
Sun	24th	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church with Rev Ian Brocklehurst
Tues	26th	2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery	
Thurs	28th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	31st	MOTHERING SUNDAY	
		10.30a.m.	Worship For All with The Ven Cherry Vann

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Saint of the Month

8 March - Revd. Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy MC, Woodbine Willie': bringing love with cigarettes and the Bible

Here's a 'saint' that the Church of England remembers from the 1st World War - the Revd. Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy MC, or 'Woodbine Willie', as everyone knew this popular, much-loved army chaplain on the Western Front.

Studdert Kennedy was born on 27th June 1883 in a Leeds vicarage as the seventh of nine children. After reading divinity and classics at Trinity College Dublin, he'd studied for ordination at Ripon Clergy College, and served his curacy at Rugby.

By the time war broke out in 1914, Studdert Kennedy was vicar of St Paul's Worcester. He soon volunteered to go to the Western Front as a chaplain to the army. Life on the front line in the trenches was a desperate affair, but soon Studdert Kennedy had hit on a way of bringing a few moments of relief to the stressed out soldiers: as well as good cheer he gave out copious amounts of 'Woodbines', the most popular cheap cigarette of the time, not so well known was the fact that he simultaneously distributed New Testaments.

One colleague remembered Kennedy: "he'd come down into the trenches and say prayers with the men, have a cuppa out of a dirty tin mug and tell a joke as good as any of us. He was a chain smoker and always carried a packet of Woodbine cigarettes that he would give out in handfuls to us lads. That's how he got his nickname. He came down the trench one day to cheer us up. Had his Bible with him as usual. Well, I'd been there for weeks, unable to write home, of course, we were going over the top later that day. I asked him if he would write to my sweetheart at home, tell her I was still alive and, so far, in one piece... years later, after the war, she showed me the letter he'd sent, very nice it was. A lovely letter. My wife kept it until she died."

Noted for his bravery under fire, in 1917 he was awarded the Military Cross after entering 'no man's land' at Messines Ridge to comfort the injured. After the war he became chief commissioner for the Industrial Christian Fellowship, a post which he combined with the living of the Wren Church of St Edmund, Lombard Street in the City of London. Despite his indifferent health (he suffered from asthma from childhood) he wore himself out addressing meetings and leading missions across the country. He died, aged 45, in 1929.

Studdert Kennedy had the gift of communicating gospel truths to ordinary people who had little time for the Church as an institution. His unorthodox style of ministry and preaching alienated him from some traditional Anglicans, though not King George V, who made him a royal chaplain and made a point of hearing him preach every year.

In his later years he turned to writing and produced several volumes of poetry, usually written in dialect, about his war experiences: Rough Rhymes of a Padre (1918) and More Rough Rhymes (1919), in an attempt to bring spiritual matters down to earth and to bring before God the sufferings of his people.

His compassion and generosity in the face of the horrors of the Western Front was immortalised in the song 'Absent Friends': "Woodbine Willie couldn't rest until he'd/given every bloke a final smoke/before the killing." He himself had once described his chaplain's ministry as taking "a box of fags in your haversack, and a great deal of love in your heart."

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ANSWERS TO: Can you find 30 books of the Bible hidden in this passage?

The books of the Bible, as they appear in the quiz, are as follows: Amos, Mark, Luke, John, Joel, Judges, Job, Hebrews, Esther, Acts, James, Ruth, Romans, Titus, Matthew, Genesis, Philemon (spelt Phillemon in quiz), Chronicles, Daniel, Nahum, Hosea, Lamentations, Revelation, Timothy, Samuel, Numbers, Malachi, Peter, Exodus, Kings.

This is a **most** remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **John**-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his **banjo**. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it, she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column.

Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving that **she brews** a cup of tea to help her **nerves**. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. **Truthfully from** answers we get, we are forced to admit **it usually** takes a minister or scholar to see some of **them at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraphs. During a recent fundraising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phil-Lemonade** booth set a new sales record.

The local paper, the **Chronicle**, surveyed over 50 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel Humana** humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight". **Those** able to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books **Timothy** and **Samuel** appear without their **numbers**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are **normal**. A **chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass **exodus**, there really are 30 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.

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