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JANUARY 2024



*...And they left their nets at once and followed him.
Mark 1:16*

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JANUARY MAGAZINE

*All contributions for the January Magazine to be with Jenny Jones by **Friday 15th December** 020 8866 7173*

The January magazine will be available from Sunday 31st December



**BRING - AND - BUY
SALE**

**1st SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH**

11.15am IN THE HALL

Part of our Eco Church Project

FR. MICHAEL'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Every year it seems that people start celebrating Christmas earlier and earlier. It was certainly true this year as it was reported on the News that many Garden Centres had put up their Christmas displays in August, since the weather had been so awful. I have to say I think that is far too early to start thinking about Christmas – I hadn't even had my summer holiday by then and was grateful that the weather in September was so much better.

Officially, Christmas doesn't actually begin until 24th December and lasts until Epiphany - 6th January, and the Christmas season lasts until Candlemas on 2nd February. The period leading up to Christmas is Advent. Sadly, for many people including many Christians the idea of Advent has been lost. The only nod to the season for some is to buy an Advent calendar but even then, they aren't always called that anymore. I remember a few years ago I was trying to buy a religious Advent calendar to illustrate something at a school assembly (it was before the days of Amazon), and I really struggled to find one. There were plenty of 'Groovy Christmas Countdown Calendars', and a very few secular Advent calendars but virtually no religious themed ones.

Advent is about preparation. It is a time to prepare our hearts to meet Christ. Jesus as the child in the Manger on Christmas Day, and also the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time and Luke in his Gospel also reminds us of another coming, his daily coming in events and people in our lives.

In church there are no flowers, the altar frontal and the vestments are a sombre purple, and we don't sing the Gloria at the Eucharist. Symbolically, we are getting rid of distractions so we can concentrate on the basics. The church is giving us space so to speak to prepare. The question is how do we do that? Advent is traditionally a time to make our confession. If you are interested in doing that but unsure what it is all about then do, please come and talk to me. We could also make some special opportunities to come together in prayer perhaps by lighting an Advent wreath at home and pray as a family as we light the candle each week or as we set up our nativity scene or Christmas tree. We might consider the poor, the sick and the elderly this Season and decide what we might do to make life better for them. We might even consider doing something all year long.

Another way of preparing ourselves spiritually could be to come to an extra mass during the week or reading something spiritual for 5 or 10 minutes each day. Or just spending an extra few minutes in prayer each day.

It is easy, in the mad rush to get things ready for Christmas, to let Advent pass us by - and December then becomes the most stressful time of year. That is a shame, because I believe that, if we keep a good Advent, we will enjoy Christmas so much more.

Wishing you all a peaceful Advent and a very Happy Christmas.

With love and prayers

Fr. Michael

CALENDAR AND PRINCIPAL SERVICE READINGS DECEMBER 2023

Principal Service - Sung Eucharist at 10.00 am every Sunday

3 SUN 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 64.1-9, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-end

8 Tues Christmas Tree Festival starts

10 SUN 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40.1-11, 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8

14 Thur 2.30 pm Women's Guild Carol Concert

17 SUN 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00 pm Sung Eucharist for 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24, John 1.6-8,19-28

6.30 pm Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols

Christmas Tree Festival ends

24 SUN 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT; CHRISTMAS EVE

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16, Romans 16.25-27, Luke 1.26-38

4.00 pm Blessing of the Crib Service

11.00 pm Midnight Mass

Isaiah 52.7-10, Hebrews 1.1-4, John 1.1-14

25 MON CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 am Eucharist with Carols

Isaiah 9.2-7, Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-14

26 Tues **St. Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr**

27 Wed **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

28 Thurs **The Holy Innocents**

31 SUN 1st SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Isaiah 61.10-62.3, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21

5.30 pm New Year's Eve Devotion & Benediction

OTHER DIARY DATES

Sunday 7th January

The Epiphany

Saturday 13th

St. Edmund's Pantomime

- Saturday 20th January

"Little Red Riding Hood"

Sunday 28th January

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas)

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent

Sunday 10th March

Mothering Sunday

ADVENT

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation,
as the Church prepares to celebrate
the coming of Christ in his incarnation,
and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is a ring of evergreen cuttings such as holly, pine, yew, cedar, or ivy. It is not placed in Church as a sort of pre-Christmas decoration; it is there to represent the eternity of God and his endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath is our faith in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life.

Placed around the ring are five candles - three purple, one rose and one white. The first (purple) candle is lit on the 1st Sunday of Advent, and one further candle is lit on each subsequent Sunday. The rose candle is lit on the 3rd Sunday, to signify *Gaudete* (“Rejoice”) Sunday. Each of the four Sundays reminds us of those who prepared the way for Christ. In the middle of the ring is a fifth (white) candle, which is lit only at Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day, to represent the birth of Christ. All of these candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son.



The traditional themes represented by the candles are:

Advent I	The Patriarchs
Advent II	The Prophets
Advent III	John the Baptist
Advent IV	The Blessèd Virgin Mary

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



at St Edmund's Church

Christmas is a great time to introduce children to the Christian faith. Come along on Sunday mornings from 10am – 11.15am and explore the Christmas Story through craft and activities.

If you would like to join in or know more please contact Carol on 07827 159 586



St. EDMUND'S YOUTH GROUP

meets every 2 weeks
on Wednesdays during term time;
7-9 pm, in the Hall. Open to all aged 10-16.
Contact Steve Castle on 020 8868 0482 for information.

December date - 13th

See www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk/youthgroup
for details



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

**The traditional telling
of the Christmas story
in words and music**

6.30 pm Sunday 17th December

followed by seasonal refreshments

THE FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

In 1878 the Royal Cornwall Gazette reported that the choir of Truro Cathedral would for the first time sing a service of carols at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Whilst it was by no means the first carol service ever held, this one started an evolution that led 2 years later to the first service of Nine Lessons and Carols, devised by the then Bishop of Truro, Edward White Benson. This first service was attended by over 400 people - and the service remains just as popular today.

The service has subsequently been in continuous use (with modifications) in Truro since 1880, and followed Bishop Benson in his new appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury in 1883. In December 2013 Truro Cathedral staged a reconstruction of Bishop Benson's original service, which was attended by over 1,500 people.

The original liturgy has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world as part of their Christmas celebrations. In the UK, the service has become the standard format for many school carol services.

The best-known version takes place every year since 1918 on Christmas Eve in the chapel of King's College, Cambridge. It was introduced by Eric Milner-White, the Dean of the College, whose experience as an army chaplain had led him to believe that more imaginative worship was needed by the Church of England. The themes of the readings progress from the fall of humanity, to the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus, and are told in nine Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels. These are interspersed with carols, some congregational and some sung as choral pieces. This is a form of service that clearly has enduring appeal in many churches.

RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

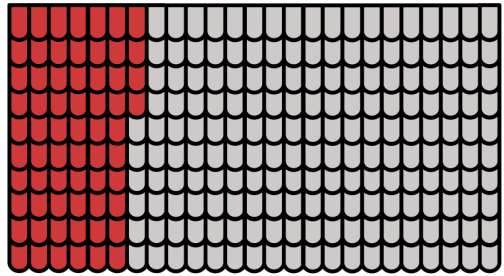


Progress! Our architects have now completed the design drawings for our new roof structures and are preparing the documents necessary for tender and planning permission. By the time you read this I hope the finished documents will have been sent to the contractors who performed the phase 1 work and they will give us a budget estimate within 2 weeks. All of this means we should have a fundraising target for the Lady Chapel and the Hall roof in time for the next issue of the magazine.

In the meantime our fund raising continues. Our next major fundraising event will have been the Christmas Bazaar held on

Saturday 25th November. Following this we have our Christmas Tree Festival, details of which you can find elsewhere within this edition.

Please continue to support the Bring and Buy Sales, which are held on the 1st Sunday of each month at 11.15 am. Do encourage your friends and neighbours to come for tea or coffee and a browse! The sales continue to bring in a valuable steady stream of income for the roof project, for which we are very grateful.



£64,000 raised

£186,000 to raise

If you would like to make a personal donation towards the Hall and Lady Chapel roof replacement, it would be greatly appreciated.

Donations may be made in several ways:

- by cheque, made payable to PCC of St. Edmund The King (with “Raise the Roof” written on the reverse please). Cheques may be sent to The Treasurer, St. Edmund’s Church, 2 Pinner Road, Northwood, HA6 1QS.
- by bank transfer to our account with CAF Bank:
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 - sort code: 40-52-40
 - account number: 00017222
- by online donation via credit or debit card or PayPal by clicking the “Donate here” button on our website: www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk

Thank you for your continuing support.

With best wishes, Steve Castle



**CHRISTMAS
AT ST. EDMUND'S**



SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

6.30 pm CAROL SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE

**4 pm BLESSING OF THE CRIB
and NATIVITY STORY**

followed by EUCHARIST (Said)

11.00 pm MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 am FAMILY EUCHARIST

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5.30 pm DEVOTION and BENEDICTION

Season's Greetings! Here first is Marjorie to tell us about a couple of recent events in which I was not involved, owing to other commitments.

“At the end of October, five members from St. Edmund’s joined with St. Anselm’s, Hatch End for the annual Pilgrimage to The Shrine of our Lady at Walsingham, led by Fr. David Green and Fr. Michael. Pilgrims were blessed at St. Edmund’s before heading to Norfolk in 5 cars - Fr. Michael, who was travelling from Durham, joining us later in the evening. The weather was atrocious - stair rods would be an understatement - but we all arrived safely with grateful thanks to our skilled drivers. We were delighted to meet David Bowes, a former member of St. Edmund’s, who had travelled down from Scotland to be with us once more. Concern grew, however, as the evening wore on with no sign of Fr. Michael - and then he appeared, having had a gruelling 5-hour motorway journey and a close encounter with a wandering stag (4-legged variety)!

“Saturday dawned dry and sunny, and Stations of the Cross were able to take place in the grounds. Saturday afternoon is given over to free time to explore the locality, usually a visit to the seaside, but once more the heavens opened, and Steve generously offered an invitation to his cliff top house in Hunstanton for tea. One or two stalwarts walked the holy mile to the Roman Catholic shrine. Despite the unpredictable weather conditions, only one of the outdoor processions had to be cancelled and therefore took place in the shrine church.

“It was an action-packed weekend, full of wonderful services, prayers, meditation, and of course always fun and laughter. Thank you to Fr. David and Fr. Michael for organising this for us once more.

“Then, at the beginning of November, we welcomed 80 Community Connex members and their carers for their monthly meeting. The morning began with a concert by ‘Not Just A Choir’ who entertained us for an hour of joyful music from The Beatles, Elvis and other well-known pop idols. The tunes were infectious and soon people were dancing, clapping, and singing along. This is a great band of singers who really know how to engage with their audience.

“Lunch followed whilst two members of Community Connex played the piano and guitar. The afternoon was devoted to group Arts and Crafts and finally a rehearsal for the Drama Group. It was an action-packed day, greatly appreciated by all participating members.”

The month of November, as you will know, is one of both festivals and reflective services of remembrance for St. Edmund’s. On Thursday 2nd November we kept All Souls’ Day, a time when we remember our departed loved-ones, praying they might be freed of anything that holds them back from experiencing the infinite love of God, and perhaps thinking about ourselves, our mortality and, in hope, God’s promise of eternal life.

As is our custom now, we held the Festival of All Saints on the nearest Sunday to November 1st (the 5th this year), which, being an All-Age Service, was a lovely opportunity to remind everyone, great and small, that they all belong to the Communion of Saints! Young Anthony was called out to be a demonstration of this, and, although having first been furnished with a halo and cotton-wool clouds, seemed quite surprised to learn that he was a saint, even without these 'holy' accoutrements!

For me, it was as if the grey darkness I'd felt on All Souls' Day, in my preoccupation with those I'd lost, turned into an experience of colour and light, giving me the assurance of the unimaginable joy awaiting me in Heaven.

On Saturday 11th November, there was a concert of music apposite to the season, including the Fauré Requiem, performed by Eastcote and Ruislip Choral society, (which includes some of our choir members) and accompanied by Mark Hammond. Then came Remembrance Sunday, which as usual was kept with dignity and with contemplation both on the sacrifice of those who died for our freedom and on the irreparable damage wars can do - very relevant at this time of severe conflict in the world. Fr. Michael illustrated the story of the heroic nurse of WW1, Edith Cavell, with the help of members of the Uniformed Organisations - whom we are always pleased to welcome to these occasions. The choir sang: 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend' - words of Jesus, set to music by John Ireland. The Last Post, the Two-minute Silence and the Reveille were illuminated movingly by projected images both of deep sadness and of hope.

In the afternoon, we held our Memorial Service for those who have died in the past year, who are mentioned by name, and others of the departed whom we wish to remember by lighting a candle. It was a peaceful and hopeful occasion, and it was deeply touching to have Jonathan Hutchins and his daughter there, remembering our own Mother Helen, whose death is still so recent and raw. Also on our hearts that day was John Collier, father of Helen Collier in our choir, who died on 26th October after a long and productive life as a musician and family man. May he rest in peace and rise in Glory. Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen and Valerie.

And now we look ahead to the great festival of the Incarnation. Last time I said the first signs of Christmas here would be at the Bazaar on Saturday 25th November. Not so! On Tuesday 14th November the Women's Guild were treated again to a truly magical demonstration by Elizabeth Wastell, this time on the subject of making Christmas table decorations. Elizabeth was as skilful and amusing as ever, and took the inevitable jokes from the audience in good part with her usual humour.

Elizabeth often appears to be shoving foliage, flowers and sparkly bits into the oasis willy-nilly, barely looking at what she is doing, but the result is always stunningly beautiful, each piece looking as if it were always meant to be where it is. She also makes the process look so simple, though some of us who have tried to achieve something similar do not always find it so! There were two lucky people who managed to win the completed decorations in the raffle which followed. The meeting concluded with a scrumptious tea, as usual. Thanks to all who made the afternoon possible. The next Women's Guild meeting will be the afternoon of Christmas Carols at 2.30 on Thursday 14th December, which Peter Heath will be leading.

Our Patronal Festival was held on St. Edmund's Eve, Sunday 19th November. Our guest preacher at Morning Mass was the Archdeacon of Northolt, the Rev. Catherine Pickford, who gave us a corker of a sermon (I urge you to listen or re-listen to it online) about how the example of Edmund's life and martyrdom relates to us. She quoted lines from St. Edmund's Hymn:

'Only few are called by Jesus for His sake great things to do
But whatever task He sends us, we must to our Lord be true.'

She was pointing out that we may not be called to martyrdom, but we all have to make decisions in our lives whether or not to do what God is asking us. And one of the great things we can do is to learn to live in community. She was delighted that we were all sharing a meal together after the service: a powerful act of community.

And so it proved. We were provided with a delicious lunch in the hall, after a session of coffee and chat in the church where it was lovely to see people milling about and communing with each other - especially young Anthony being introduced to 'the lady who's a hundred years old' - Margery, of course!

Lunch was superb, with an excellent choice both of food and beverages! Thank you so much, to everyone who prepared the feast, served us so pleasantly and efficiently and cleaned up afterwards. It was magnificent. Also, thanks for the lovely decorations.

Later that day, the ashes of Margaret Messenger were interred in the Garden of Remembrance - a fitting day for two reasons: firstly, how apposite for someone who was so devoted to St. Edmund's to be buried on the day of the Patronal Festival! Secondly, as I was told, it was the final day of the Cricket World Cup: Margaret loved her cricket!

And, before I leave the subject of the Festival, congratulations to Jacob, our new server, who was crucifer for the first time on this auspicious occasion.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, 25th November. This will be reported upon next time, along with the Christmas events, including the spectacular annual Christmas Tree Festival, and The Women's Guild Carols, as well as the Christmas Services, details of which are in the Diary.

Notice also the information on the three instrumental and choral concerts which are to take place in church on Saturdays 2nd, 9th and 16th December. In addition to the fact that music is good for the soul, the more we can encourage groups to use our lovely building by supporting their performances, the more we shall be on the map - not to mention the financial benefit!

A very happy and blessed Christmas to you all.



St. EDMUND'S WOMEN'S GUILD

**Will meet on Thursday 14th December at 2.30 pm
for their Annual Carol Concert,
led by Peter Heath.
Followed by a Festive Tea
All are welcome.**

THE "LIGHTS OF LIFE" MEMORIAL TREE

The Christmas season can sometimes bring with it a keener sense of loss as we remember family and friends who are no longer with us.

The Lights of Life tree will be in the Church foyer from
Thursday 7th December to Friday 6th January

All are invited to place names of the departed on the tree
and record personal tributes in the Memorial Book

The tree will be blessed at the 10.00 am Eucharist
on Thursday 7th December, to which all are warmly invited.
Refreshments will be served after the Service.

The Church foyer and Lady Chapel will be open daily
from 9 am until 5 pm

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A SERVICE OF DEVOTION and BENEDICTION

for New Year's Eve

5.30 pm Sunday 31st December

Prepare for the New Year in prayer

ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH
2 PINNER ROAD, NORTHWOOD HILLS, HA6 1QS

Christmas Tree Festival



8th - 17th December 2023

Free Entry
Donations towards
“Raise the Roof” are welcome

Opening times

Friday 8th 3pm -5pm
Saturday 9th 11am - 1pm
Sunday 10th 11.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday 16th 11am - 1pm
Sunday 17th 4.30pm - 6.30pm



Refreshments, Gifts and Christmas Cards
will be on sale



ARROW PLAYERS
present

St Edmund's Hall,
Pinner Road,
Northwood Hills,
HA6 1QS

The St Edmund's Pantomime

Little Red Riding Hood

by Mike Warrick

January 2024

Saturday 13th at 3pm

Sunday 14th at 3pm* (relaxed performance)

Thursday 18th at 7.30 pm

Friday 19th at 7.30 pm

Saturday 20th at 3pm & 7.30 pm



*relaxed performance - see website for details

Tickets

£12 (£10 concessions)

www.arrowplayers.org.uk/tickets



HYMN OF THE MONTH

Mike Godden

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

This magnificent Advent hymn was written by Charles Wesley and first published in his *"Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord"* in 1744. As with many of his hymns, the words are firmly based on Biblical texts, reflecting the double nature of Advent, when we remember Christ's first coming even while praying for his return. Verses 1 and 2 refer to Advent prophecies in the Old Testament; verse 3 speaks of Christ's birth and kingdom, and verse 4 is a prayer for Christ's rule in our hearts.

There are a number of tunes used for the hymn, but perhaps the finest is "Cross of Jesus", written in 1887 by Sir John Stainer as part 5 ("The Mystery of the Divine Humiliation") of his Oratorio "The Crucifixion". In the Oratorio, the text sung to "Cross of Jesus" is a hymn of the same name, appropriate to Passiontide, written by Rev W.J. Sparrow-Simpson.



Come, thou long ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free__



HOLIDAY CHURCHES



In August 2023, we visited St. Peter's Church, Edensor, a Grade I listed church in Edensor, Derbyshire. It is the closest parish church in the Church of England to Chatsworth House, home of the Dukes of Devonshire, most of whom are buried in the churchyard. It is in a joint parish with St. Anne's Church, Beeley.

The building was designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, who designed many buildings, including St. Pancras Station, Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, and the Old School House in the village of Algarkirk in Lincolnshire.

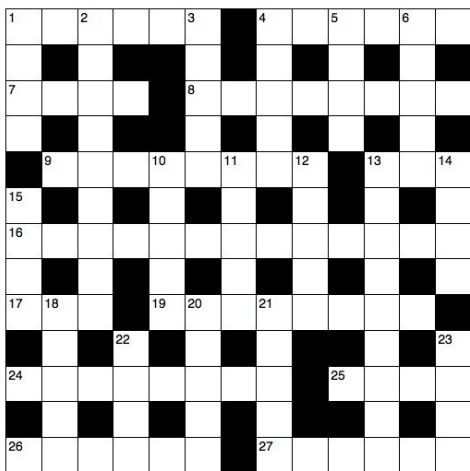
Terry and Carol Diggins



November Crossword Solution

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DECEMBER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Rely (*Psalms 62.7*) (6)
4. 'He stretches out the heavens like a — , and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (*Isaiah 40.22*) (6)
7. What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (*Genesis 8.11*) (4)
8. Annoy (*1 Samuel 1.6*) (8)
9. Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (*Jeremiah 52.11*) (8)
13. 'They all — and were satisfied' (*Luke 9.17*) (3)
16. Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (*Job 2.11; 16.2*) (4,9)
17. National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
19. Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
24. Able dock (anag.) (8)
25. The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (*1 Samuel 17.40*) (4)
26. Elgar's best-known 'Variation' (6)
27. Soak (*Isaiah 16.9*) (6)

DOWN

1. Money owing (*Deuteronomy 15.3*) (4)
2. Conciliatory (*Titus 3.2*) (9)
3. 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (*1 Corinthians 11.25*) (5)
4. A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
5. One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (*Genesis 43.11*) (4)
6. 'Reach out your hand and — — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (*John 20.27*) (3,2)
10. Be outstandingly good (*2 Corinthians 8.7*) (5)
11. 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (*Psalms 8.4*) (2,3)
12. Horse's feet (*Judges 5.22*) (5)
13. Notice (*Deuteronomy 17.4*) (9)
14. Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
15. One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (*1 Kings 15.20*) (4)
18. Narnia's Lion (5)
20. One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (*2 Kings 5.12*) (5)
21. Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (*Mark 7.22*) (5)
22. Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George (1,1,1,1)
23. Jacob's first wife (*Genesis 29.23*) (4)

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*Edmund was the devout young King of the East Angles,
martyred by the Danes for his allegiance to Christ
in the year 869 when he was 29 years old.
The crown and arrows of the church crest
symbolise his Kingship and Martyrdom.*

