

From the Editor's Den

TRACKING

Mail ordered goods are often sent with the facility to 'track' their progress through the transit system. From despatch to delivery, every stage of the process is logged and notified to the recipient. It's handy to have warning of the time it will arrive in order for us to be ready to accept it.

Many deliveries are promised for 'next day' but some take longer. I have one package currently en-route from Denmark which will take much longer. The tracked leg of its journey will only start being logged when it arrives in England; from experience, it will then travel via two or three regional sorting depots before reaching our own area sorting office, where the postman will add it to his bag for delivering on his round. It's started me wondering if there are parallels with the gift God made to us – *salvation*.

First of all, God's gift was already awaiting our order. We didn't have to make a payment because it was free – all we had to do was ask, as it was pre-paid by his Son.

Secondly, we should recognise the route it took. To make it ready for offer, Jesus suffered, died and rose again as payment-in-full to redeem the cost. Thirdly, his Holy Spirit delivers it in person, with 24-hour free help to fully make use of that gift – for life.

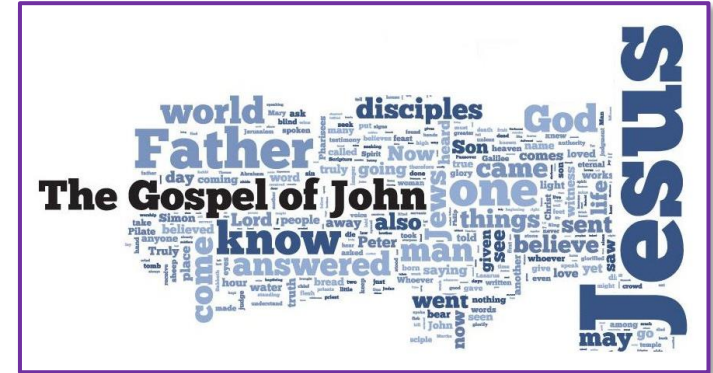
"What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. "*(1Corinthians 2:12)*



WORD Cloud of the week

In the diagram, the larger the words the more often they appear. Look out for them when you read this New Testament Gospel.

Source:
BlueLetter Bible /
Apps & Tools /
Free Social Tools.



LYRICS FOR LYFE A – Z

Unto us a child is born!
The King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of ev'ry nation.

Now may Mary's son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.



U: from 'Unto Us A Boy Is Born' (v.1,4)

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PREVIEWS, POINTERS & PRAYER

Items for this page to the Administrator by Wednesday morning please

E-News: Look out for these newsletters on-line as we experiment with adding them to our church website and Facebook page.

Previews

Welcome back to Rev. Nick Gowers, vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, who will be our preacher this morning.

Community Clean-Up 'Litter Pick' starts from here at 12.45 today.

Christingle Service will be on December 8th - *who could you invite?*

Pointers

Mac Computer: Free to Good Home

Dave Verney has a computer which, although quite old, still works well and would be ideal if all one wanted to do was potter around on the internet. He will reset it to factory settings. If interested, please contact him on **0753 970 4189** / davidverney40@gmail.com Krannaken.com admin@krannaken.com <https://youtu.be/p08X8SHkZgE>

Prayer

Pray for PCC as they meet on Monday to discuss the current and future practical, financial, social and spiritual needs of our church.

Saltmine are preparing to perform a Christian-based version of 'Jack & The Beanstalk' here at Christ Church on **Wednesday 27th November**. Pray for the opportunities this will provide for us in Lye and among our own families and friends. Listen out for details from Julie Ackroyd.



Makin Review: Copies of the **Bishop's letter** relating to this, sent out recently to local church leaders, are available in the Foyer.

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| Today 17 th November | 10.30am Holy Communion 12.30pm Zimbabwean Church 12.45pm Community Clean Up / Litter Pick 6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video: "Knowing God as Father" 6.30pm Youth Group Pray for newcomers and visitors to church |
| Monday | 10.00am–5.00pm Library Click & Collect 7.00pm Online Prayer Group 8.00pm PCC Meeting Pray for members of the PCC |
| Tuesday | 9.30am–4.00pm Library Click & Collect Pray for our Administrator and volunteers |
| Wednesday | 10.00am Lion Club Pray for leaders and our church groups |
| Thursday | 10.00am–5.00pm Library Click & Collect Pray for external groups using the Church |
| Friday | 11.00am – 2.00pm Warm Place 12.00pm Midday Worship Pray for staff of CPAS and Diocese |
| Saturday | Pray for prospective vicar applicants |
| Next Sunday | 10.30am Service of the Word <i>Reading: Revelation 1: 1-8</i> 6.30pm Evening Worship Video: "The Lord's Prayer" (Matthew 6:9-15) 6.30pm Youth Group |

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