

## WORD Cloud of the week

Here is an interesting way of looking at a Bible book – the larger the words the more often they appear, Try looking out for them as you read through this Old Testament book of Judges – perhaps ‘people’, especially chapters 1,2 and 5.



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

### Last Request

St Chad's Church, Coseley are in need of **bricks** to finish some edging around their church. If you have any you no longer need, contact Rachel in our church office to pass on your details.

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Parish of The Lye and Stambermill

### From the Editor's Den

#### “I before E”

. . . *except after ‘C’*. Many of us were taught this now-redundant grammar rule, with so many exceptions that it was no longer reliable – how *‘weird’!* (Wikipedia has more examples.) When I grew up in the West Country, polite locals might be heard saying the opposite: “e before I” – at a doorway for example – meaning “*thee before me*” (*Remember “ladies first”?*)

#### Putting others first

The Bible encourages us to ‘love one another’ (*John 13:34*) and not to elevate ourselves (*Luke 14:10*). The ultimate example of this was when John the Baptist was asked about Jesus in *John 3:26*; his eventual answer was, “**He must become greater; I must become less.**” (*John 3:30*). In other words, “*more of Him, less of me*” – the basis for our Sunday afternoon group’s name, “J-3:30”.

#### 10.30 and 6:30

It started me thinking about whether there might be Bible verse numbers to match our other two Sunday services. For the morning, how about:

“**The righteous will never be uprooted**” (*Proverbs 10:30*).

And for the evening . . .

“**The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught**” (*Mark 6:30*).

Enjoy your Scriptures!



## PREVIEWS, PRAISE & PRAYER

Items for this page to the Administrator by Wednesday morning please

### Previews

#### Ladies' and Gents' Craft Session

Julie and Jenny (07967 967217) invite you to join them for a light lunch and relaxed Easter craft session in the foyer on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1.30– 4.00. Friends also welcome!

#### Thinking Day

This Thursday (22<sup>nd</sup>) is Guides and Brownies World Thinking Day, when they think about children around the world which they have been doing since 1926! If you would like to join, contact:

**Brownies:** 07876 297 699 (Rose)

**Guides:** 0800 169 5901 or visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus).

**Scouts, Cubs or Beavers:** 07957 281 089 / 07913 847 192  
or email Paul at [paul.tromans@westmerciascouts.org.uk](mailto:paul.tromans@westmerciascouts.org.uk)

**Squirrels:** email Helen at [hjb2574@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hjb2574@yahoo.co.uk)

### Praise

#### Creative Digital Skills

Black Country Digital Firsts are offering a course on developing skills or support for projects. DEADLINE – noon, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Water Tariffs

South Staffordshire Water are offering customers the Assure Tariff to help those on low incomes. See their website for details.

### Prayer 'Walk'

Pray for these roads this week:

Careless Green (40 homes)  
Park View Road (18)  
Brook Holloway (30)  
Perrins Lane (56)  
Perrins Rise (10)

Would you like us to start an actual parish Prayer-Walking group? Please let us know if you would like to lead or join one.



<b>Today</b>	10.30am Holy Communion 1.00pm Romanian Church 6.30pm Evening Worship 6.30pm Youth Group <b>Pray for</b> newcomers and visitors to church
<b>Monday</b>	7.00pm Online Prayer Group 8.00pm PCC Meeting <b>Pray for</b> members of the PCC
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am–2pm Mobile Health Checks <i>for anyone not already on prescribed medication (free).</i> <b>Pray for</b> our Administrator and volunteers
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.30am Lion Club <b>Pray for</b> leaders and our church groups
<b>Thursday</b>	am/pm CAB <i>(by appointment only)</i> <b>Pray for</b> external Groups using the Church
<b>Friday</b>	11.00am Open Door 12.00pm Midday Worship 12.30pm Warm Place <b>Pray for</b> staff of CPAS and Diocese
<b>Saturday</b>	10.30am ESOL for Romanians <b>Pray for</b> prospective vicar applicants
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10.30am Service of the Word 1.00pm Romanian Church 6.30pm Evening Worship 6.30pm Youth Group <b>Bible Reading:</b> Mark 8: 31-38

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