

WORD Cloud of the week

Here is an interesting way of looking at a Bible book, providing a more visual way of 'overviewing' the book by showing the most common words within it. In the diagram, the larger the words the more often they appear, offering a fresh way of thinking about the author's possible main concerns and themes. Try looking out for them as you read through the book – in Joshua perhaps 'children'.



(The previous first 5 Bible books, Genesis to Deuteronomy, appeared in this newsletter's forerunner, "LaSt Week" – available from the Editor)

Source: The whole set can be found online at [BlueLetter Bible](#) under Apps & Tools / Free Social Tools.

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Parish of The Lye and Stambermill

WELCOME TO "Weekly News"

For the last 2½ years we have been mailing out a weekly newsletter to those unable to attend church, called LaSt Week (from the initials Lye and Stambermill). We're now adapting its format to become our weekly in-church newsheet, available each Sunday. We hope you find it helpful in keeping up to date and encouraged. If you have news of events or points for prayer to share, send them to Rachel in the church office by Wednesday morning for editing and printing on Thursday.

Chris Kent, Graham Dyer, Rachel Prosser

ALL CHANGE

From the Editor's Den

"There's nothing so certain as change" is the popularised version of a quote by J F Kennedy: "There is nothing more certain and unchanging than uncertainty and change." Some really don't like change, others thrive on it. Some change is for the better but when it's not it's disguised with a different name: if fares rise they're "revised" rather than increased; redundancies are described as "rationalisation". When a vicar leaves it's a "vacancy" (no longer "interregnum") which for many in the congregation is "uncertainty".

20-20 VISION

Trusting in God when waiting or setting out into the unknown is not easy and requires faith. 2Chronicles 20:20 says:

"As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood up and said, 'Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld.'" *Graham Dyer.*



PREVIEWS, PRAISE & PRAYER

Items for this page to the Administrator by Wednesday morning please

Previews

Half-Term Mobile Health Checks, which visits the front of church every Tuesday morning, will be concentrating this week on MMR vaccinations for children. Just turn up – no appointment necessary.

Child Care Financial Support

15 hours funded childcare is now available for eligible working parents of 2 year olds. Apply now for April: childcarechoices.gov.uk

Praise

Notice Boards: Please check out our updated foyer notice boards. Thanks to Rachel and Jan for their work on these. Please submit any future items for display to the church office.

Note from Rachel: “The noticeboards and foyer table are continually maintained, and notices/adverts/resources are rotated regularly, allowing us to keep the building tidy and information catching the eye., I can also then pass them onto the relevant people. *Thank you.*”

Prayer

Prayer ‘Walk’

Pray for this group of roads this week:

Church Road (22 homes)
Connops Way (17)
High St (eastern) (14)
Talbot Street (38)
Attwood Street (4)
Brook Street (50)

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.



Prayer Requests

Pray for Simon and Sue as they return and start their house move
Daily suggestions are on our “*What Happens Next*” leaflet and here...

Today	10.30am Service of the Word 6.30pm Evening Worship 6.30pm (No Youth Group) Pray for newcomers and visitors to church
Monday	6.30pm Online Prayer Group 7.30pm PCC Vacancy Meeting Pray for members of the PCC
Tuesday	9am – 2pm Mobile MMR Vaccinations (<i>free</i>) Pray for our Administrator and volunteers
Wednesday	10.30am (<i>No Lion Club</i>) Pray for leaders and our church groups
Thursday	am/pm CAB (<i>by appointment only</i>) Pray for external Groups using the Church
Friday	11.00am Open Door 12.00pm Midday Worship 12.30pm Warm Place Pray for staff of CPAS and Diocese
Saturday	Pray for prospective vicar applicants
Next Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion 3.30pm “J-3:30” group 6.30pm Evening Worship 6.30pm Youth Group Bible Reading: Mark 9:2-9

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