



Koinonia

Evangelical Church

- Sunday mornings: 10.30am
- Sunday evenings: 6.30pm

NEWSLETTER

March 2023



**MAY HE GRANT YOUR HEART'S
DESIRES AND MAKE ALL YOUR
PLANS SUCCEED.
PSALM 20:4**

We welcome you to our services today. If this is your first visit, please make yourself known to us.

May you know God's blessing, as we worship our awesome God.

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Any items for inclusion in the newsletter should be passed to Laurence 1 week prior to the last day of the month ✉ laurencechetwood@icloud.com

What's the best news you've ever heard?

Was it surprising? Did it change the way you think? Or was it something you wanted to be true but didn't dare hope?

Christianity Explored is a relaxed and informal way of sharing the best news you can ever hear, and gives people space and time to think about the big questions of life.

Over seven sessions in Mark's Gospel, guests find out more about the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith – Jesus Christ.

The structure of each session is simple: a short Bible study, a talk and a discussion based on the talk.

COURSE OUTLINE

Session 1 Good news

Session 2 Identity

Session 3 Sin

Session 4 The cross

Session 5 Resurrection

Session 6 Grace

Session 7 Come and die

We will be starting a course on the 22nd March. If you'd like to come along or you want more details, please speak to Don.

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March Diary

March 5 th	10.30 am 5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Don Olden Prayer Meeting Matt Lockwood
March 12 th	10:30am 5.30 pm 6.30 pm	David Tucker Prayer Meeting Don Olden
March 19 th	10:30am 5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Chris Hughes Prayer Meeting Don Olden
March 26 th	10:00am 5.30 pm 6.30 pm	David Pickard Prayer Meeting Don Olden

MEET UP WITH DON AT COSTA IN ANDOVER @ 11 am

This month Don will be available on the 7th & 21st

HOUSEGROUP MEETINGS THIS MONTH on
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

At 1.30 pm 2pm and 7.30 pm.

We will be continuing our studies in the book of Acts

Safeguarding Training

Thursday 30th 7:30pm at BSPF

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Heavenly Father we humbly pray that you watch over our Church, and bring peace, tranquility and strength, to each and every one of us. We ask in the precious name, of Your Son, Our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.*
- *Mission Without Borders is a Christian charity working in Eastern Europe. responding to the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of desperately poor children and families. In partnership with local churches, their vision is to reach people for Christ through word and deed. May our prayers extend to this charity, as it continues its valuable work.*
- *May our prayers continue for all the people in Turkey and Syria who have suffered from the effects of the devastating earthquakes.*
- *We continue to pray for Paul and Carmina back at home in the USA.*

THE MANY WONDERS OF GOD'S CREATION

EACH MONTH WE'LL BE HIGHLIGHTING SOME FEATURES FROM THE NATURAL WORLD, WHICH DEMONSTRATE THE OMNISCIENCE OF OUR AWESOME CREATOR.

THE MIGRATION OF BIRDS (WITH AN EMPHASIS ON BRITISH BIRDS)

At least 4,000 species of bird are regular migrants. That's about 40 per cent of the world's total. But some parts of the world have a higher proportion of migrants than others.

In far northern regions, such as Canada or Scandinavia, most species migrate south to escape winter. In temperate regions, such as the UK, about half the species migrate – especially insect-eaters that can't find enough food during winter. In tropical regions, such as the Amazon rainforest, fewer species migrate, since the weather and food supply there are more reliable all year round. Different species migrate in different ways.

Irruption is a mass arrival of birds that do not usually visit the UK in large numbers. This happens with some northern species, such as waxwings, when their population grows too large for the food supply. For example, once some waxwings have eaten all the berries in their usual Scandinavian winter quarters, they have to cross the sea to the UK to find more. Irruptions only happen every 10 years or so; we can't expect to see waxwings every winter.

Instead of migrating between north and south or east and west, some birds migrate up and down. This is called altitudinal migration - or vertical migration. Birds that breed in upland areas in summer head down to lowland areas in winter in search of a milder climate and more food. Although the journey may not be long, it often involves quite a change in lifestyle. Altitudinal migrants in the UK include skylarks, meadow pipits and snow buntings.

Moulting is when birds shed their old feathers in order to grow a new set. All birds do this every year. But some, such as shelducks, lose all their flight feathers together and cannot fly for a while. This makes life quite risky, so shelducks migrate to do the job more safely. They are called moult migrants.

Summer visitors are birds that arrive in spring from the south to breed. Many are insect eaters. They spend summer here, then they – and their new young – return south in autumn. They include swallows and martins, warblers, flycatchers, wheatears, whinchats, redstarts, nightingales, yellow wagtails, tree pipits, cuckoos, swifts, nightjars, turtle doves, hobbies, ospreys, terns and Manx shearwaters. Many other seabirds, such as puffins and gannets, also arrive on our shores in spring after spending the winter at sea.

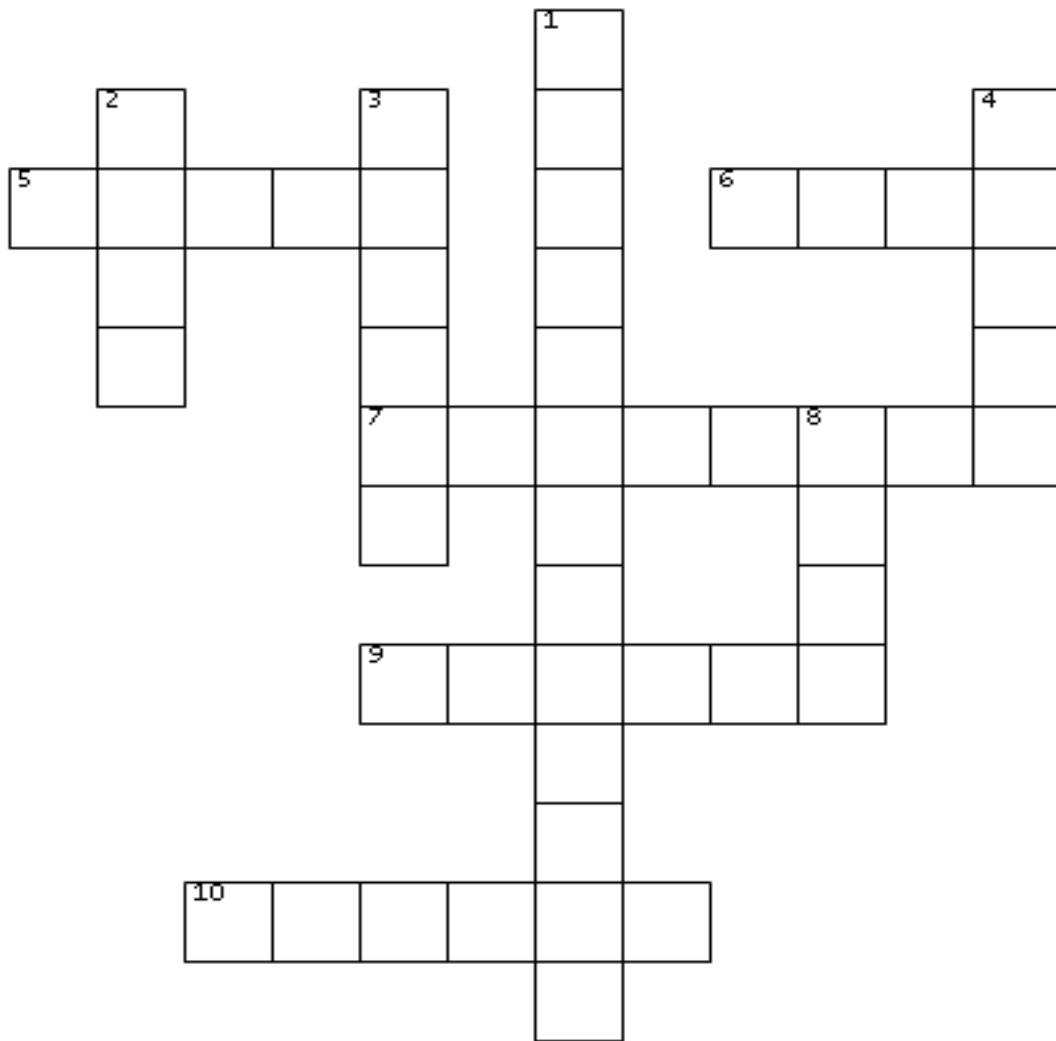
Winter visitors are birds that arrive in autumn from the north and east to spend the winter in the UK, where the weather is milder and food is easier to find. In spring, they return to their breeding quarters. They include fieldfares, redwings, bramblings, Bewick's and whooper swans and many kinds of ducks, geese and wading birds. Many water birds also spend the winter on the sea around the UK coast, including common scoters, great northern divers and red-necked grebes.

Passage migrants are birds that stop off in the UK during their long journey north or south, such as green sandpipers and black terns. They use the UK like a service station, taking a few weeks during spring and autumn to refuel and rest before moving on.

Partial migrants are birds that migrate in some places, but not in others. For instance, most starlings that breed in the UK stay put for the winter. But starlings that breed in eastern Europe, where winter is much colder, migrate to the UK in winter. The same goes for chaffinches, robins, lapwings, coots and many other common birds.

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE CROSSWORD

Answers Are Below, In No Particular Order.



ACROSS

5. Greek for " The Word "
6. Describes return from Babylonian captivity
7. King of an army of locusts in Revelation
9. She danced at a banquet, for John The Baptist's head
10. Take from Jesus and it will be light

DOWN

1. Location of Jesus' Second Coming (3 words)
2. Writes about The Word, in the beginning
3. Foretells the suffering servant
4. Bound for a thousand years
8. Take from Jesus and it will be easy

Isaiah, Yoke, Salome, Satan, Mount of Olives, Burden, Logos,
Ezra, Apollyon, John