



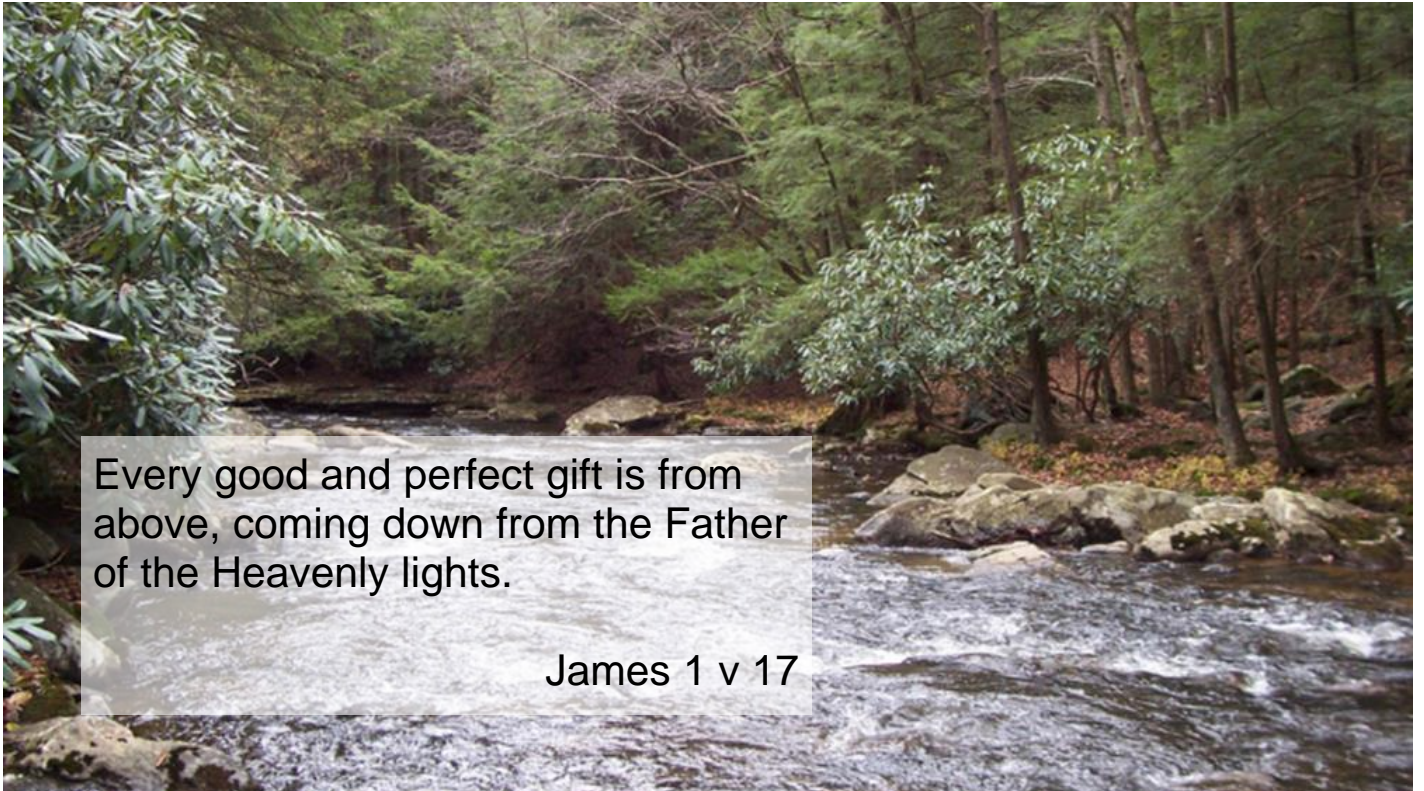
Koinonia

Evangelical Church

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

NEWSLETTER

June 2023



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



Pastorate Update

We are delighted to report that the church has invited Steve Wicks to become Associate Pastor, and he has accepted.

We are grateful to our gracious Lord for His guidance in this matter. It has become very clear over the last few months that Steve, along with Holly, are the Lord's provision for the future of Koinonia.

Steve will work alongside Don until Don's retirement. The start date has yet to be confirmed but we are looking forward excitedly to the future.

Please continue to pray for Steve and Holly as they prepare to make Andover their new home.

KOINONIA FAMILY PICNIC



SATURDAY, JULY 1ST 3PM-6PM
BURGHCLERE DOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE,
BERRY WAY, ANDOVER SP10 3RZ



June Diary

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| June 4 th | 10.30 am | Don Olden |
| | 5.30 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| | 6.30 pm | David Sullivan |
| June 11 th | 10:30am | Chris Hughes |
| | 5.30 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| | 6.30 pm | Don Olden |
| June 18 th | 10:30am | David Pickard |
| | 5.30 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| | 6.30 pm | Don Olden |
| June 25 th | 10:00am | David Tucker |
| | 5.30 pm | Prayer Meeting |
| | 6.30 pm | Don Olden |

MEET UP WITH DON AT COSTA IN ANDOVER @ 11 am

This month Don will be available on the 13th & 27th

HOUSEGROUP MEETINGS THIS MONTH on

7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

At 1.30 pm 2pm and 7.30 pm.

We will be continuing our studies in the book of Acts

Help Wanted!

Holiday Club – 21st – 25th August

If you are available and would like to assist or be involved with this event, please contact Helen Hollis

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for our pastor Don and thank God for him and all he does for us. Pray that the Lord will sustain him with strength and good health. Pray that the Lord will bless and guide him as he prepares the sermons and group studies each week.*
- *Pray for our Management Team and Trustees meetings on 19th and 26th June.*
- *Thank God for our children's work. Pray for Leigh, as he leads our youth work. Pray for Helen & Jeremy and God's blessing on the Sunday school sessions each Sunday morning. Thank God for all our children. Pray that more non-Christian children will come along to our church.*
- *Thank God that we can run another Holiday Club this summer. Pray that the Lord will bless Helen and all those working with her to prepare for the Club. Pray that many non-Christian children will come along and hear the Gospel.*
- *Thank God for the Christianity Explored course. Pray that the Lord will graciously prepare many in Andover to hear the gospel. Pray that He will bring many enquirers to us and that we will be able to run more courses soon.*
- *Pray for brothers and sisters in our church recovering from bereavements and those suffering from health problems. Pray for healing for Carmina as she undergoes therapy and Paul as he looks after her. Pray for David and Imogen as they adjust to life as parents. Pray for Andre and Daniela as they prepare for the birth of their daughter on 4th July. Pray for those thinking about moving house and those in the process of moving. Pray for those starting new jobs in June.*
- *Pray for Ben and Esther Brown and their family as they adjust to life on the mission field in Arnhem Land in Australia. Pray for Stephen and Sarah Onn and their family as they begin life on the mission field in Konjic in Bosnia and Herzegovina.*
- *Pray for the wider church in our nation. Pray that our churches will once again proudly proclaim Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Pray that many in our nation will become Christians. Pray that God will raise up faithful labourers for his church.*

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 AFRICAN ELEPHANT

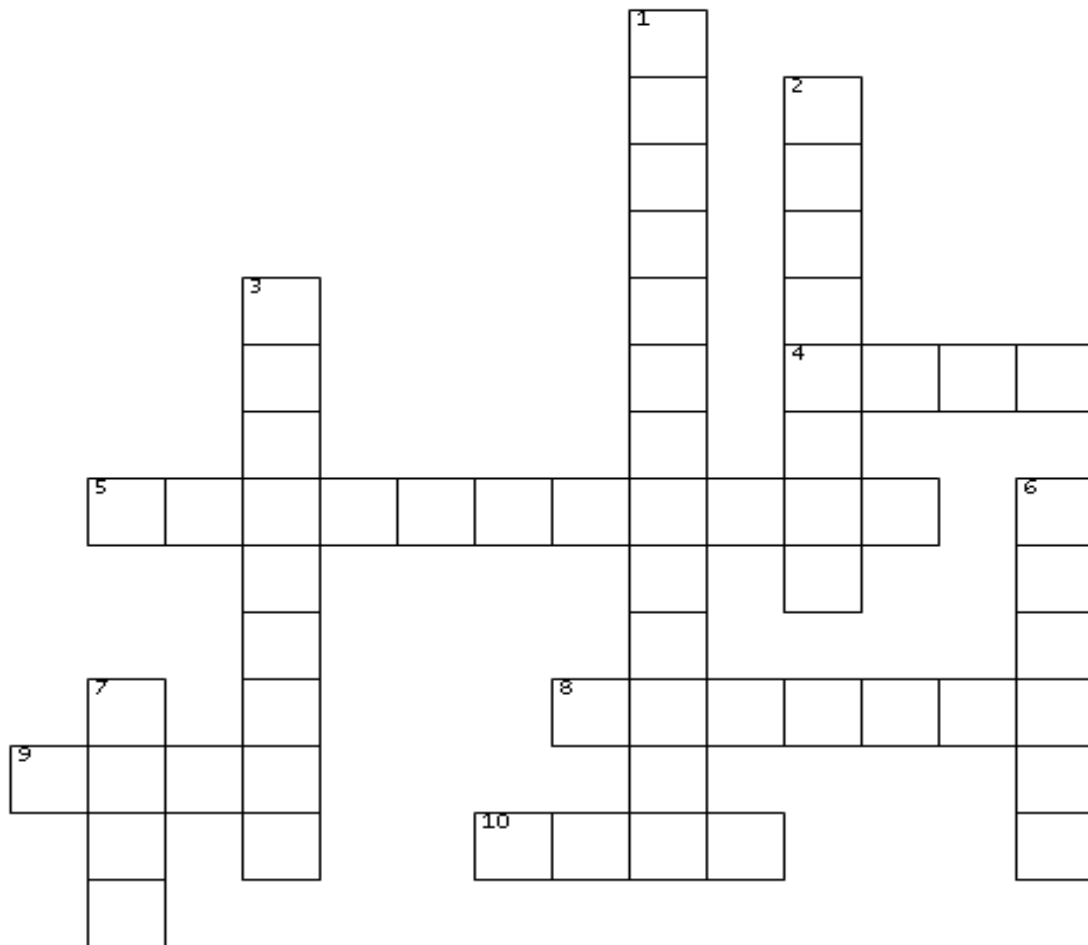
African elephants are the largest land animals on Earth. They are slightly larger than their Asian cousins and can be identified by their larger ears that look somewhat like the continent of Africa. (Asian elephants have smaller, rounded ears.) African elephants are keystone species, meaning they play a critical role in their ecosystem. Also known as “ecosystem engineers,” elephants shape their habitat in many ways. During the dry season, they use their tusks to dig up dry riverbeds and create watering holes many animals can drink from. Their dung is full of seeds, helping plants spread across the environment—and it makes pretty good habitat for dung beetles too. In the forest, their feasting on trees and shrubs creates pathways for smaller animals to move through, and in the savanna, they uproot trees and eat saplings, which helps keep the landscape open for zebras and other plains animals to thrive. Elephant ears radiate heat to help keep these large animals cool, but sometimes the African heat is too much.

Elephants are fond of water and enjoy showering by sucking water into their trunks and spraying it all over themselves. Afterwards, they often spray their skin with a protective coating of dust. An elephant's trunk is actually a long nose used for smelling, breathing, trumpeting, drinking, and also for grabbing things—especially a potential meal. The trunk alone contains about 40,000 muscles. African elephants have two fingerlike features on the end of their trunk that they can use to grab small items. (Asian elephants have just one.) Both male and female African elephants have tusks, which are continuously growing teeth. Savanna elephants have curving tusks, while the tusks of forest elephants are straight. They use these tusks to dig for food and water and strip bark from trees. Males, whose tusks tend to be larger than females', also use their tusks to battle one another. Elephants eat roots, grasses, fruit, and bark. An adult elephant can consume up to 300 pounds of food in a single day. These hungry animals do not sleep much, roaming great distances while foraging for the large quantities of food that they require to sustain their massive bodies.

African elephants range throughout the savannas of sub-Saharan Africa and the rainforests of Central and West Africa. The continent's northernmost elephants are found in Mali's Sahel Desert. The small, nomadic herd of Mali elephants migrates in a circular route through the desert in search of water. Elephants are matriarcal, meaning they live in female-led groups. The matriarch is usually the biggest and oldest. She presides over a multi-generational herd that includes other females, called cows, and their young. Adult males, called bulls, tend to roam on their own, sometimes forming smaller, more loosely associated all-male groups. Having a baby elephant is a serious commitment. Elephants have a longer pregnancy than any other mammal—almost 22 months. Cows usually give birth to one calf every two to four years. At birth, elephants already weigh some 200 pounds and stand about three feet tall.

THIS MONTH'S BIBLE CROSSWORD

Answers Are Below, In No Particular Order.



ACROSS

4. Samson's strength due to this.
5. Samson betrayed to them.
8. Responsible for removing Samson's strength.
9. I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness.
10. John heaps praise on, as well as children.

DOWN

1. Paul took a vow and did this (3 words)
2. Where Paul took his vow.
3. John says you have no need for a teacher if you receive this.
6. The other pillar of Solomon's temple.
7. One of the pillars of Solomon's temple

Delilah Boaz Lady Jachin Shavedhishead Cencrea Hair
Philistines John Anointing