

# **Llantrisant Parish Monthly Magazine**

## **June 2020**



*Because of the loving devotion of the LORD we are not consumed, for His mercies never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness!*

*Lamentations 3:22 - 23*

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## **Rev's Ruminations**

My dear friends,

At the time of last year's Easter Vestry meeting, I wrote that 'this would be my last report,' as I was not expecting to spend another year with you, as I had been 'signed off' and I began looking forward to applying for new jobs, and hopefully finding an appointment elsewhere.



Well, fast forward a year and a bit, and we are still here, and a lot has happened inbetween!

Primrose was born last May, and as I am sure the majority of you know, having a child(ren) certainly changes your perspective on things! We have had a lovely year growing together as a family, watching Primrose grow and her personality develop, and Karin and I growing as parents and finding our own equilibrium as we come to terms with the great responsibility to which we have been entrusted. Against this was the backdrop of knowing that we had a year for me to find a job, or else I would have no job, as I was told on countless occasions. But, with Viv's retirement, and subsequently the lockdown, I found myself a lot busier than I had been previously, and in different ways, and that gave little opportunity to dwell on the fact that no jobs had been advertised. But, it has been at times, a difficult year. I am incredibly grateful though, for all the support I have received from parishioners, which has been so encouraging and has provided a real fillip.

However, just before we had the lockdown, I had a few interviews scheduled, but the lockdown fell, and caused a few problems and cancellations, but thanks to the wonder of technology I was able to have an interview with the Bishop of St David's and some parish representatives, and I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed as the new Priest in Charge in the Narbeth and Tenby LMA, effectively with responsibility for Saundersfoot, Begelly, Amroth and Ludchurch. This is a fantastic opportunity for me and for my ministry, but of

course it really hasn't been an easy decision, what with Karin's family all living in this area and of course her career at Y Pant, it is a real wrench to be leaving all this behind, and the diocese I grew up in. However, with limited opportunities presented in this diocese we felt that, for my ministry, we had to look further afield, and this opportunity presented itself to us. So I am very grateful to Karin for her courage in making what is a very big step for her.

Saundersfoot is a place that is close to both mine and Karin's hearts, given that Karin has spent many a happy holiday with her family there, and it is the place where we got engaged. It's also a wonderful place to raise Primrose, with the beaches and amenities close by, I consider us to be very lucky.

I also see God's hand in all of this. It really has been bleak at times this year with so much uncertainty, however, as so often happens when you walk with the Lord, everything just seemed to fall into place. As we read throughout the Bible, the very human concerns of anxiety and doubt strike at all of us, but we also read of God's hand over all, in Joshua 1, we read *'Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.'*

So, we leave the Parish of Llantrisant, sad to be leaving family and good friends behind, but safe in the knowledge that God's hand is guiding us, and that we have the support and prayers of you all as we take the next step on our journey as a family, and as children of God.

With every blessing,

*Rev'd Steve*

## **Parish of Llantrisant Church Services**

### **Sunday and Weekday Services**

At this present time and due to extraordinary circumstances, there are no public services of worship or weddings being undertaken within the Church in Wales.

Funerals at time of print, are however going to be held with certain restrictions. More information can be sought from:

**Curate : Rev Steven Brett**

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Email : [stevenbrett@parishofllantrisant.org.uk](mailto:stevenbrett@parishofllantrisant.org.uk)



Are you internet savvy? Do you belong to Facebook? Are you 'friends' or 'followers' of Llantrisant Parish Church?

Get all the up to date information on this page on what is happening in the Parish, especially at this present time. Rev'd Steve Brett is broadcasting services while the churches are closed as well as undertaking times of prayer.

News and of course all the latest photos is also being published on our page too.

## **From the Parish Registers**

*May 2020*



### **Funerals and Cremations**

Doris Rees - Llanharry  
Sarah Cicero - Tonyrefail  
Graham Lear - Beddau  
Anne Groves - Llantrisant  
Brian Jones - of this parish  
Joan Whitty - Beddau

### **Baptisms**

There were no baptisms in May

### **Weddings**

There were no weddings in May

Please pray for all those who have lost loved ones at this time,  
that they may feel God's comfort and peace.

## **Weekly News Letter**

If you have any articles, or important dates and events that you'd like included in the weekly news letter, please send them to Pam Thomas, via the Parish website.

This will still be produced and will be published online every week on the Llantrisant Parish website.

Thank you.

**Please remember in your prayers :**

Please remember in your prayers the families of all who have recently died including:

Noel Jothan, Carole Powell, Ceri Roberts, Leighton Holcombe, Anthony Maitland, Dot Willan, Gwen Payne, Clive Burr, Tony Willis, Keighley Old, Arthur Smith, Richard David, Betty Pine, Philip Williams, Eirwen Hardwick, Malcolm Doster Chris Jones, Enid Ratliff, Jean Golding, Ray Pope, Ann Groves, Jackie Holmes, Joan Whitty and Neville Jones.



**Please Pray For:**

Alex Morgan, Chris Clark, Linda Rigby, Peggy Utting, Pat Parkinson, Margaret Hocking, Stan David, Ron Havard, Susan Saunders and Lindsey, Beverley Duddridge, Phillis Williams, Kitty Evans, Betty France, Christine Smith, Mary Evans, Tony Cale, Rebecca and Steve Davies and family.

We also pray for those living with dementia and their carers, and all those suffering with coronavirus, those in isolation and all who are worried.



**Before you speak: THINK**

- T** : Is it true?
- H** : Is it helpful?
- I** : Is it inspiring?
- N** : Is it necessary?
- K** : Is it kind?

*Nicky Gumbel - Twitter*





Please continue to remember in your prayers the members of Sibembe Church in Mbale Uganda. We have been supporting them through the charity PONT for many years. I regularly keep in touch with Pastor James and his wife Joyce by email.

This time of the COVID-19 pandemic has been very difficult in the UK and around the world. Please pray for those who cannot work at this time, which obviously means no income for many including James and members of their community. They have recently been suffering from the aftermath of heavy rain and have been plagued by locusts which have damaged their crops.

Thank you  
***Shirley***



*Where was the social distancing?*



"Mike composes all his sermons on his iPhone – he uses something called Predictable Text..."

## Readings for June 2020

7th	14th	21st	28th
Isaiah 40:12-31 Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	Genesis 18:1-15 Psalm 116:11-18 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8	Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10 Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 10:24-39	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

### **Online Service daily at 5pm and**

**Services at 10am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday**

**On Facebook Live - Log into Facebook and search for Llantrisant Parish Church. Click like and Follow the page and you will be able to access these services and see all our news as it happens.**



### **Keep Calm and.....Don't Wash you Hands Raw!**

The British are good at keeping calm in a crisis. But for those of us who suffer from a mental health condition such as obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), the coronavirus pandemic can be a nightmare. Around 50% of OCD sufferers have a fear of contamination from dirt, and so the constant advice to wash your hands may send them into complete overdrive. So one good piece of advice is for those with OCD to follow the guidelines only, and do not go beyond them.

The charity AnxietyUK may be able to help you.

Go to: <https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk>

## **Interesting information linking Lanelay Hall to churches in Llantrisant Benefice.**

During the 1890s, T.J. Masters Esq., a coal speculator and later founder of the well-known firm of clothiers, occupied Lanelay Hall. It was acquired for the County of Glamorgan, as headquarters for its Fire Service, in 1951/52, and was the home of the combined Fire services of the former counties of Glamorgan and Gwent. South Wales Fire and Rescue Service moved to their new Headquarters at Forest View Business Park during 2009 and later the site was sold.

In Llantrisant Parish Church near the main entrance door is a "Hatchment" which was moved to the church from Lanelay Hall following the death of Sir Christopher Cole.

The Llantrisant Parish Magazine for May 1900 has an article about the Llantrisant Century Fund. "In addition to the amounts previously acknowledged, we gratefully acknowledge a sum of £20.5s received from Mr. Masters of Lanelay, for the building fund of St. Paul's church, Llantrisant Station. This kind contribution wipes off the remaining deficiency on the building fund of that church, which is now free of debt. This makes the third new church recently built in the parish, the building of which is now entirely free of debt."

Mr Thomas James Masters is buried in the churchyard of the Parish Church near the west door adjacent to the path from the side gate to the church yard which also contains other members of the Masters family. He died on the 13th March 1902.

Masters & Co clothing stores were situated in several town in South Wales including Swansea, Cardiff, Pontypridd, Aberdare and Abergavenny between the 1890s and the 1930s.



## **STEWARDSHIP**

As all the churches are closed, all those who normally give to the parish through their stewardship envelope or the yellow gift aid envelopes obviously cannot do so at the moment, however we are able to take card payments over the phone. If you would like to do this please ring Roger 208312 or Shirley 226006 – just have your debit card ready and you can tell us how much you want to give.

Please do not send cheques to Roger as he is not able to go to the bank at the moment.

Thank you to all those who give by Standing Order, those will carry on as usual.

If you would like to set up a Standing Order with your bank (you will probably need to do so online or over the phone at the moment) ring Roger for the Parish bank account number and sort code.

These are difficult times for all of us and reduced income for the parish/benefice over this period will have a big impact.

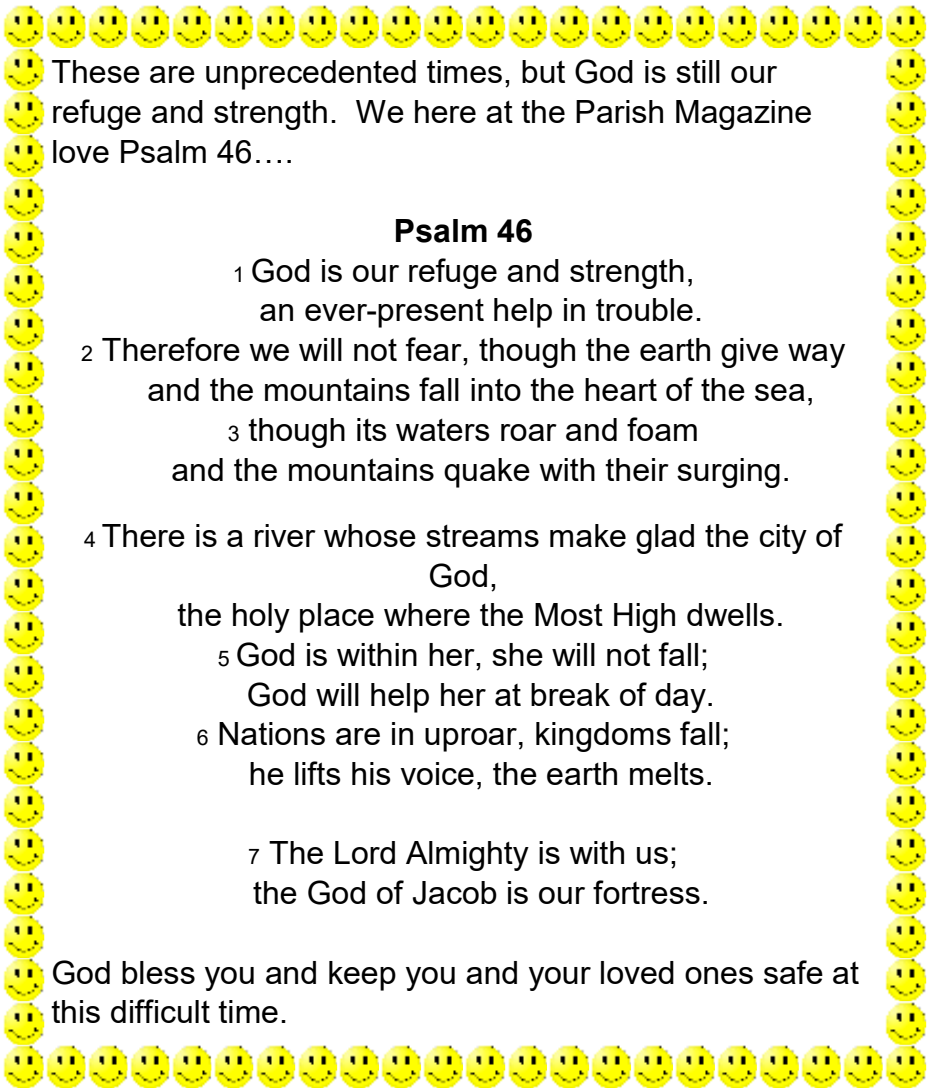
Please pass the message on.

Stay safe and God bless.



## **COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS**

If anyone needs any help, or has a friend or neighbour who needs help, please let us know. There are a number of people who are willing and able to get some shopping or collect medication. Please contact Steve or Shirley for more information.



These are unprecedented times, but God is still our refuge and strength. We here at the Parish Magazine love Psalm 46....

**Psalm 46**

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
3 though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of  
God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
5 God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.
- 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

God bless you and keep you and your loved ones safe at this difficult time.

**Magazine Deadline**

The deadline for articles for May's Magazine is

**Friday 19th June 2020**

## **Important Information Regarding the Rectorial Benefice**

Revd Vincent Gardner has been appointed as Rector and leader of the new Rectorial Benefice of Llantrisant, and he and his family will eventually move into the Rectory (formerly the Vicarage in Coed yr Esgob). Rev Vincent's Institution & Licensing was held on Zoom on 11th May 2020.

Revd Rosemary Hill, currently Assistant Curate in the Parish of Penarth and Llandough (Penarth Ministry Area), has been appointed Vicar in the Benefice with responsibility for the area of Pontyclun, Talygarn & Llanharry

Please pray for Vincent as he starts his new role and for Rosemary as she prepares to take up her new post. Please also remember Steve, Karin & Primrose in your prayers.

### **Benefice Wardens –**

Shirley Evans – Llantrisant            Tel. 226006

Gareth Jones – Llantwit Fardre    Tel. 209384

We look forward to working with all our brothers and sisters in the 9 churches of our new Benefice. We pray that we will encourage each other, share resources and work together for the good of our communities and spread the good news of Jesus

### **Churches in the Rectorial Benefice of Llantrisant -**

St. Illtyd, Gwynno & Dyfodwg Llantrisant

St. David's Miskin

St. Michael's Beddau

St. Illtud's Llanwit Fardre

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## **St James the Least of All (second time around)**

### **On Why Holding an Arts Festival in Church is not a Good Idea.**

Your decision to hold a Summer weekend Arts Festival in church, bringing culture to your inner-city streets, was most commendable. Pity, how it all turned out.

The Friday evening started well with the concert of Scott Joplin piano music. Obviously knowing that the pieces were originally played in seedy bars on pianos wildly out of tune with several notes missing, your committee must have gone to endless trouble to find precisely the right instrument. Your stage-hands, were, however, less careful and hadn't noticed that the platform had a noticeable list to port. After each piece, the pianist had to relocate the piano stool closer to his nomadic piano, with the last piece being performed with both entirely out of sight behind the pulpit.

It created much innocent entertainment for the audience, but the fault really should have been remedied before the Saturday evening choir concert. Discarded kneelers and rotting hymn books do not form a stable base for a stage supporting an 80-strong choir. So when it came to the enthusiastic rendering of hits from 'Oklahoma', with copious hand movements, it came as something of a relief that the stage took this as the moment to signal defeat, tipping the tenors behind the altar. The audience's thunderous applause, assuming this was a carefully choreographed part of the performance, was quite touching. I am sure all the compensation claims will soon be sorted out.

Your one great mistake was to take on responsibility for organising the refreshments afterwards. Church entertainments committees have centuries of collective experience in judging the numbers of ham sandwiches and bottles of milk required. I am forever proud that our own ladies – through years of experience – can now get five cups of tea from every tea bag and can butter bread so thinly that one pack can last several



months.

*What you now do with 29 surplus loaves of bread is a problem you have brought upon yourself. You could possibly use them for supporting the stage next year.*

Your loving uncle,

*Eustace*



## **PARISH HALL BOOKINGS**

The hall is available for hire for occasions such as parties, Christenings, Weddings, meetings etc.

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using  
[hall@parishofllantrisant.org.uk](mailto:hall@parishofllantrisant.org.uk)

MANY THANKS



## Word For Today

*'Thou, O King, art the most worthy'  
'Every knee will bow to the name of Jesus.'  
Philippians 2:10 NCV*

During one of the crusades, Phillippe Auguste, King of France, assembled his noble knights and encouraged them to be strong in battle. On the table he placed his royal crown, bearing the inscription, 'To the most worthy', and pledged it as a prize to be given to the bravest fighter. After the army went to battle and returned victorious, they encircled the table where the crown sat. Then one of the nobles stepped forward, lifted the crown and placed it on the King's head, saying 'Thou, O King, art the most worthy.'

The bible says, *'Every knee will bow to the name of Jesus - everyone in heaven, on earth and under the earth. And everyone will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord' ( vv. 10-11 NCV )*. Note the words *'every knee shall bow'*. In 2011, the population reference bureau estimated that 106 billion people had been born since the dawn of the human race. guess what? Every one of them will bow to the name of Jesus. Try to imagine all those people - over ten times the world's population - kneeling before Christ and saying, *'Thou, O King, art most worthy'*. And in that moment Christ will assume His position *'far above all rule and authority and power and dominion... not only in this age but also in the one to come' ( Ephesians 1:21 NASB )*. Then He, the author and finisher of it all, will close the book on this life and open the book on the next. That's the beginning of the unending story that we, the redeemed of the Lord, wait for and long for.

# Take a Break.....

## Solutions to May's puzzles

Wordsearch:



Crossword:



Sudoku

Easy:

8	2	1	6	5	3	9	4	7
6	5	9	1	7	4	3	2	8
7	3	4	8	2	9	6	1	5
5	4	3	9	1	7	2	8	6
2	6	7	5	4	8	1	3	9
9	1	8	3	6	2	5	7	4
4	7	5	2	9	1	8	6	3
1	8	6	4	3	5	7	9	2
3	9	2	7	8	6	4	5	1

Intermediate:

8	9	2	1	4	6	7	3	5
5	1	7	3	2	8	9	6	4
6	4	3	9	5	7	8	2	1
7	5	8	4	6	9	3	1	2
9	3	6	8	1	2	4	5	7
4	2	1	7	3	5	6	9	8
2	8	5	6	9	4	1	7	3
3	7	9	2	8	1	5	4	6
1	6	4	5	7	3	2	8	9

How did you get on? Fancy another go? Grab a cup of tea / coffee and a couple of biscuits, settle down in a comfortable chair and take a few minutes out of your hectic schedule to get your brain cells firing.....

**Wordsearch** *(answers in July's Magazine)*



Coronavirus has turned our world upside down. But God is still there, and we can call on Him, as Psalm 91 (vs 1-6) reminds us...

- 1 *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*
- 2 *I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*
- 3 *Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.*
- 4 *He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*
- 5 *You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,*
- 6 *nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

- Dwells
- high
- shadow
- almighty
- refuge
- fortress
- trust
- save
- snare
- deadly
- cover
- feathers
- wings
- shield
- rampart
- fear
- terror
- night
- arrow
- plague
- destroys

pestilence      faithfulness      shelter      most

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# Sudoku

## Easy Grid

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		5	9		6	8	
	7		3	2	4		1
	1	4		6	3		
	3			5			
			1		4	9	
1	9	6		7			2

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## Intermediate Grid

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	3	6		2	9	1	
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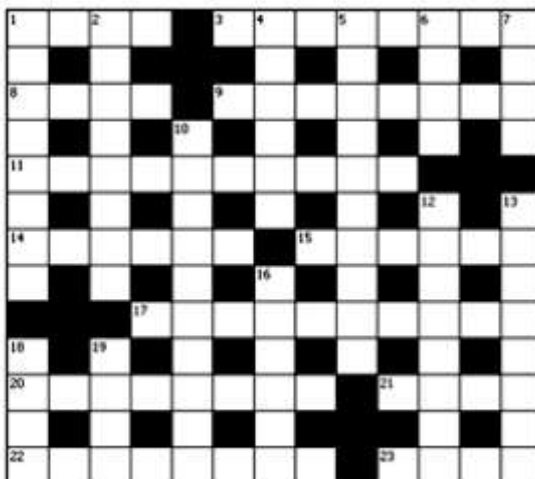
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## Crossword

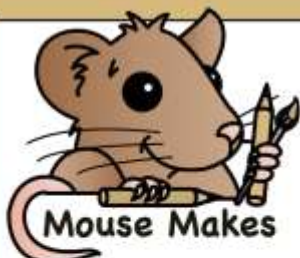
**Across:** 1. See 23 Across 3. Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8) 8. Invalid (4) 9. Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8) 11. Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10) 14. Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6) 15. 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6) 17. Mary on Isis (anag.) (10) 20. Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8) 21. Native of, say, Bangkok (4) 22. Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3) 23. and 1. Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

**Down:** 1. Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8) 2. James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8) 4. 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6) 5. 'Be

joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10) 6. St Columba's burial place (4) 7. Swirling current of water (4) 10. Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10) 12. 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8) 13. Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8) 16. 'There is still — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2) 18. David Livingstone was one (4) 19. Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)



## Children's Area



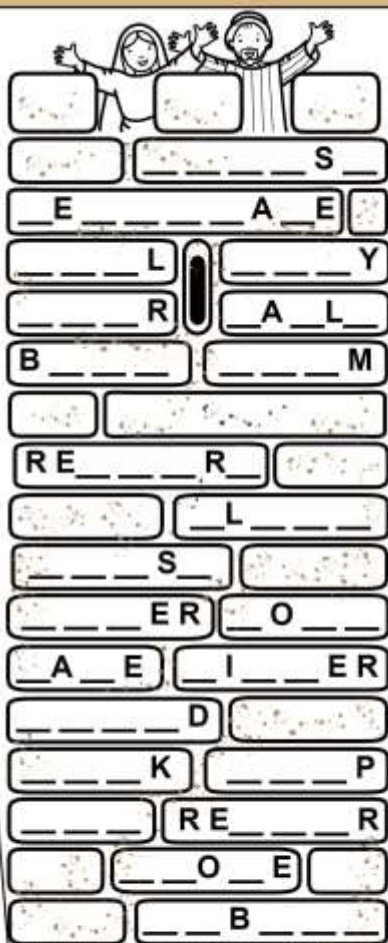
When Nehemiah heard that the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins he sat down and wept. For days he fasted and prayed before God.

Finally the opportunity came for him to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, but it was not going to be easy...

**READ** Nehemiah's story in the *Old Testament* book of **Nehemiah**, chapters 1-7

Here is Nehemiah's list of all the things that needed to be done to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Fill in the missing gaps on the tower to help rebuild the wall.

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| ○ PRAY      | ○ GATE     |
| ○ RUBBLE    | ○ BEAM     |
| ○ REPAIR    | ○ BOLT     |
| ○ RESTORE   | ○ BAR      |
| ○ BUILD     | ○ STEP     |
| ○ WORK      | ○ TOWER    |
| ○ STONE     | ○ HOUSE    |
| ○ TIMBER    | ○ POOL     |
| ○ WALLS     | ○ FINISH   |
| ○ FLOOR     | ○ DEDICATE |
| ○ ROOF      | ○ DOOR     |
| ○ CELEBRATE |            |



How many gates were repaired?  
Who re-built them?

How long did it take to finish the walls?

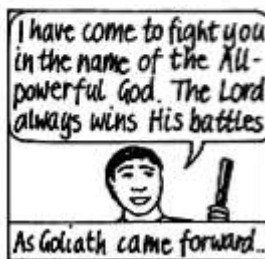
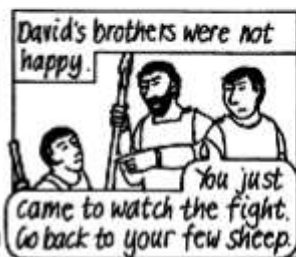
## Bible Bites

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
1 Samuel 17:1-50

The Philistine and Israelite armies  
faced each other. For 40 days, the gigantic  
Philistine champion, Goliath, taunted them..



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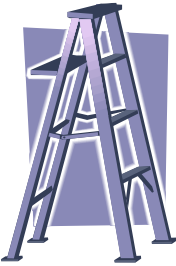
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