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CIRCUIT NEWS & MESSAGES

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

A Season of Gratitude and Anticipation



As we approach the final quarter of our Connexional year, we find ourselves in a season of both poignant farewells and hopeful looking forward. The months of June to August offer us a chance to reflect on the journey we have shared across the

Lambeth Circuit before the new Methodist year commences in September.

This summer marks a significant transition for two of our esteemed presbyters. We want to express our deepest gratitude to **Revd Kristin** and **Revd Rita** as they prepare to "sit down" this September.

Their ministry among us has been a blessing, marked by dedication, grace, and an unwavering commitment to our churches. We thank them for their tireless service, their pastoral care, and the wisdom they have shared. As they move into this new chapter of retirement—or "sitting down" in our Methodist language—we pray they find rest, joy, and the continued presence of the Holy Spirit.

"Well done, good and faithful servant! (...) Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:23)

While we bid farewell to departing friends, we are also immensely grateful for the continued leadership within our Circuit. To **Revd Sue** and **Revd Lena**, we offer our prayers and steadfast support. We know that the work of ministry is both demanding and rewarding, and we are grateful for your ongoing "Yes" to God's call here in Lambeth. Looking ahead, we are also already in prayer.

Furthermore, a Circuit is only as strong as the people who keep its heart beating. To all our **Circuit and Church Office Holders**: thank you. Whether you serve as a steward, treasurer, secretary, or in any of the many vital roles across our local churches, your contribution is the foundation upon which the mission entrusted to us by the Lord is built.

As we look toward the new church's year starting in September, let us do so with renewed energy and vision. May the coming year be one of:

- **Deepened Fellowship** across our diverse congregations.
- **Bold Witness** in the heart of our South London communities.
- **Fruitful Labour** as we work together for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

May the peace of the Lord be with you all through these summer months as we prepare to start afresh in His service.

In Christ, *Revd Dr Paulo Bessa da Silva*



Message from Revd Lena Ali



The Celebration of the Ascension and Pentecost.

I was speaking to a group of Christians who have been attending Church for a long time and did not fully grasp the significance of these two

great Feasts, which is my reason for writing this article. Ascension and Pentecost are movable feasts, occurring between May and June. This year Ascension will be celebrated on Thursday 14th May and Pentecost on Sunday 24th May.

Following the three disciplines of fasting, praying and almsgiving during the forty days of Lent, our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services and the glorious Easter Sunday celebrations, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. After spending time with His followers, teaching and encouraging them, Jesus led them out to the Mount of Olives, just outside Jerusalem. As His disciples stood around Him, forty days after Easter, Jesus gave them final instructions to wait in Jerusalem for the gift God had promised; the Holy Spirit. As they watched, He was lifted up and ascended into heaven. The Book of Acts provides a clear timeline: Jesus ascended forty days after his resurrection, and Pentecost occurred fifty days after Passover. This means there was a ten-day gap between the Ascension and Pentecost. During these ten days, the disciples followed Jesus' instructions by staying in Jerusalem, praying, and preparing for what was to come. The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was the fulfilment of Jesus' promise and a pivotal moment in Christian history. This is what Christians celebrate on Ascension Day.

In traditional liturgical churches (Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, Lutheran), Ascension Day Masses/Services often include the Eucharist (Holy Communion). The priest may give a special blessing of the congregation, echoing Luke 24:50 where Jesus blessed His disciples just before He ascended. The Book of Acts, often called Acts of the Apostles, picks up right after Jesus' resurrection and Ascension into heaven. The Ascension of Jesus was the beginning of the Church's mission on earth. Jesus left, but He sent the Holy Spirit, and one day, He promised to return. The sequence of Ascension followed by Pentecost is significant for several

reasons. First, it marks a transition in the relationship between Jesus and his followers. With the Ascension, Jesus' physical presence left the earth, but through Pentecost, his spiritual presence via the Holy Spirit became available to all believers. Pentecost empowered the apostles to carry out their mission and is often seen as the beginning of the Church's global outreach.



What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is a Jewish festival that occurs fifty days after Passover. For Christians, it gained new significance following the events recorded in Acts chapter 2. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem when a sound like a rushing wind filled the house. Tongues of fire appeared above their heads, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. The disciples began to speak in different languages, enabling people from various nations to hear the message in their own tongues. This miraculous event is considered the birth of the Christian Church and the beginning of its mission to the world. Pentecost is therefore a festival which celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and the beginning of the Church's mission. The Holy Spirit empowers believers for service and witness. In Acts 1:8, Jesus promises, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The Spirit also provides guidance and wisdom, as seen in Romans 8:14, "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

Pentecost did indeed happen after Jesus ascended. According to biblical accounts, there was a ten-day interval between these two transformative events. Understanding this timeline helps clarify the foundation of Christian belief and the origins of the Church. Pentecost stands as a testament to the ongoing presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers, following Jesus' return to heaven.

Wishing you and your loved ones God's richest blessings, a Blessed Ascension and spiritually uplifting Pentecost celebrations.

Revd Lena Ali



Message from Revd Rita King



Dry bones will live again

Life can be difficult and situations seem hopeless. Declining congregations can be seen as opportunity by some while others are filled with despair. Like the children of Israel, they cry: 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off' (Ezekiel 37:11), but God might be saying something different.

The Spirit of God took Ezekiel, the prophet to a valley full of very dry bones in a vision and asked him, "Son of man, can these bones live?" He replied piously, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know" (Ezekiel 37:3). And as if God was saying, 'you have a part to play', the Spirit of God commanded him to prophesy to the bones.

What if the Sovereign Lord might be telling us to prophesy, to speak life instead of death? To prepare for growth and not simply manage or hasten decline? Ezekiel prophesied to the dry bones as the sovereign Lord commanded and they became people but lifeless. He was commanded to prophesy to the breath and "breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army" (Ezekiel 37: 10). Can you picture the scene?

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could prophesy to the breath and breath enter into the Church, and she stands up on her feet – "a vast army"? We might have to move from Good Friday to resurrection for it to happen; to be more hopeful and confident in the power of the resurrection as it can transform lives and situations; and be obedient and reliant on the Holy Spirit rather than on our own understanding. Indeed, very dry bones can live again but requires cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

As we approach Pentecost, let us pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit to come upon us that we may be empowered not only to prophesy to the dry bones and change their course, but to also make disciples and fulfil the Great Commission as in Matthew 28: 18-20. Filled and empowered by Holy Spirit, John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism, were able to impact this nation immensely and beyond.

By following in their footsteps and with the help of the Holy Spirit, 'Old Places for Old people' can exist alongside 'New Places for New People', and who knows, the two might eventually become one – a vast army.

As I reflect on my time in the then Clapham Circuit and the current Lambeth Circuit, my heart is filled with gratitude — first and foremost to God Almighty, whose grace, mercy and faithfulness has sustained me. It has been a time of intense training that I was unprepared for, but for which I'm hugely grateful as I take the next step on my journey of faith.

Thank you for creating the perfect training ground and for allowing me the privilege of serving alongside you and learning from you. May you be open to exciting ways of being a circuit, gain fresh vision for mission, grow in faith, grow the church and above all, as stated in Colossians 3:14, put on love that binds all the other virtues together in perfect unity, and be one in Christ. May Jesus build his Church, and the gates of hell never prevail against it, and "the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him" (Romans 15:13).

Grace and peace

In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ

Revd Rita King



Message from Revd Kristin Markay



"So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:19-20, NRSV).

I remember reading this verse at my welcome service in 2018. After serving in the Lambeth Circuit for eight years, the words have come to mean even more to me. It has been a privilege and a blessing to be a part of this circuit. While we may not share birth countries or accents, Christ has made us kin, family -- *fellow citizens, members of the household of God*. Our Christian "biometrics" reflect the new citizenship that we have through Christ.

Thank you for the hospitality that you have offered to our Markay family over these years. Together we have experienced Sunday worship, baptisms and funerals, a circuit reconfiguration, global events, even a pandemic... I have been inspired by your faith, witness and the grace you have shown to each other and to me. Thanks to you, I have learned new songs from around the globe, eaten food that made my tastebuds dance, been welcomed into your homes, received fresh tomatoes and kente cloth, and been entrusted with your life stories. For all of this I am grateful.

Since Dave and I were ordained in 1991, ministry has taken us to Ohio, Lithuania, Italy and the UK. Thirty-five years on, we have asked to "sit down" and to *set down*, to see how God is calling us to *stand up* and what to *pick up* as we head to Scotland for our next adventure. Thank you for being our travelling companions and friends.

Beth Richardson's poem called "Bless This Journey" speaks to me about how God is present during times of transition.

*We stand at the threshold and look behind us
At all that we have done,
At all that we have loved,
At all that is familiar,
And our hearts fill with grief,
With sadness,
With gratitude.*

*We stand at the threshold and look before us
At the future we can and cannot see,
At the beginnings we can and cannot imagine,
At the possibilities we can and cannot know,
And our hearts fill with fear,
With trust,
With hope.*

*Bless our grief and our gratitude,
Our sadness and our trust,
Our fear and our hope.*

*Bless this journey,
God of past and future.
Guide our steps,
Walking beside us,
Before us, within us
As we step across this threshold.*

May God bless your next steps and ours.

Peace in Christ,
Revd Kristin Markay



News from Streatham Methodist Church

Memories

At the end of March, we received a letter at the church which reminded me of the importance of memories. Some extracts from this letter are below:

"...My first contact with the church at Riggindale Rd was in 1955 when I was asked to help with the brownies. I went on to lead the group, although links with the church go back to World War 1 when my father was a cub and a scout. When I first came to the church first names were rarely used by young people so at a Christmas Party, I was surprised to find Rev Robertson on the floor playing with the children. He was human!

At the covenant service in 1961 I became a member going to the main service at 6.30pm.

In 1964 I met a Polish refugee. He was Jewish and had spent three and a half years in Auschwitz. He started coming to church with me and when we were visiting Bath Abbey, he told me that he had been baptised and was now a Methodist. When we were Youth Hostelling, we often went to the nearest church. Soon afterwards he asked me to marry him and we were married on 23rd April 1966. We had 57 years happily married; He died in January 2023. We were regular church goers particularly interested in Mission, going to World Village for about 10 years. His family would not meet me and we had no children, but we entertained people from more than 70 countries at home, people of all faiths.

My husband's health was not good for the last few years of his life. Since he died, I have had so much help and support that I think he was taken to grow my faith. My motto is

Love to live and Live to love

God Bless"

It was uplifting to receive this letter and to learn a little about the life of this lady and the impact her faith has had on her. Sharing our faith stories is an important part of our fellowship together. I hope that the church at Streatham today and all the churches in the circuit provide the nurture and teaching which enables all members to grow in the knowledge and love of God and enable them to serve their community and the wider world as this lady did.

Recently we have had a clear-out at Streatham and discovered several of the monthly newsletters. Here is a poem written in 1993. I think that it was written by the editor, Brian Lowman who had just retired.

A Pensioner's Psalm

Blessed are those who understand
My faltering step and shaking hand
Blessed who know my ears today
Must strain to catch the things they say
Blessed are those who seem to know
My eyes are dim and my mind is slow
Blessed are those who look away
When tea was spilt on the cloth that day
Blessed are they with a cheery smile
Who stop to chat for a little while
Blessed are those who never say,
"You've told me that story twice today".
Blessed are those who make it known
That I'm loved, respected and not alone.
And blessed are they who ease the days
Of my journey home in loving ways.

Building Update

Thanks to a grant which the scouts applied for our toilets have been upgraded. This is something that has been needed for a long time, so we are very appreciative.

The church has secured grants from:

The Circuit & The District Advance Fund

A Feasibility Grant from the District & The Benefact Trust

These total £127,800 and will enable us to start the major roof repairs needed on our listed building.



Submitted by Pat Ashworth

News from Tulse Hill Methodist Church

Below we have some testimonials from members of Tulse Hill Methodist Church about some events that they attended this quarter.

Good Friday March Reflection by Rhoda

“This year’s Good Friday March was a really fun and meaningful experience for our church. We walked from our church here in Tulse Hill to St Luke’s in West Norwood, and the journey gave us time to chat, laugh, and get to know each other better. People from other churches in the community joined along the way, which made the group feel even more connected. We stopped on our way to pray for small businesses and our community and then continued our journey.

When we arrived, we all gathered to sing hymns and pray together. It was nice seeing different churches worship as one, and it reminded us what Easter is really about — hope, unity, and celebrating Jesus together.

On the way back, we were given Easter eggs and small gifts, which definitely made everyone smile. Overall, it was a great day, and we’re glad we got to be part of it.”

Julie Hyde

“This year, WDOP was about the women of Nigeria, and the theme was, ‘I Will Give You Rest — Come.’ The scripture reading was taken from Matthew 11:28–30. Women and girls in Nigeria face numerous challenges that stem from deeply rooted gender discrimination and inequality. Despite progress in some areas, traditional practices and social expectations continue to hinder the full realisation of their rights and potential.

Gender discrimination affects education and employment. Girls often receive fewer educational opportunities than boys, leading to lower literacy rates and limited career prospects. Girls as young as 12 or 13 are forced into marriages that can cut short their education and expose them to health risks.

I played the part of one of the women called Chioma. She was not doing well in school and was worried that her father would stop paying her fees if she did not improve. She was unhappy and did not

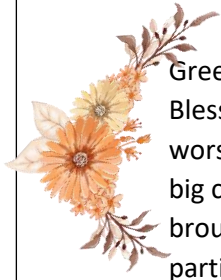
know what to do. A friend reminded her of Jesus and how prayer could help her. She was taught a prayer that went like this: ‘God, I’m your child. I am smart. I can learn and grow. Amen.’

She started using the prayer, and things started working for her. Things began to change, and teachers came alongside her to help where she was struggling. Do you know, she said she has been using the prayer whenever she struggles, and she has shared the prayer with others. This is the power of prayer. Even children can help bear one another’s burdens and build each other’s faith in Jesus.”

Submitted by Micheal Adjei



News from Railton Road Methodist Church



Greetings from everyone at Railton Rd! Blessings in our life here include Sunday worship, a recent infant baptism (and the big crowd of supporters the little one brought with him!), the willingness to participate that

people bring to local arrangements, mutual support, and – in a first for our lettings – a vintage valuation day. The baby who was christened is the great grandson of a late longstanding member at Railton and it's lovely to have that family connection.

Remembering is the focus for this piece. My preparation for a local arrangement linked to Black History Month took me to a Windrush Foundation event to celebrate the life of Nadia (Nay-di-a) Cattouse, who died aged 99 in 2024. I knew of her as a folk singer-songwriter, having grown up with one of her albums in the house. I loved her voice and music which included Sydney Carter songs and Bob Dylan as well as her own songs, e.g. Long Time Boy. From occasional googling I saw she was an actor (theatre and TV) too. But there was so much more. In case you don't know her story...

Nadia Cattouse was born in Belize and came to Britain in 1944 to support the war effort as a volunteer in the Auxiliary Territorial Service, becoming a signals operator. This was pretty much the earliest that Britain allowed Black Caribbean women to enlist. With other women ATS volunteers, she travelled from basic training in Jamaica to Britain via the USA, where the group refused to vacate a (white) segregated train carriage until they got their own carriage in the white section of the train – preceding Rosa Parks' refusal by more than a decade.

After the war and a brief return to (then) British Honduras, Nadia Cattouse lived in Britain. Already trained as a teacher, she studied sociology and worked to support people newly arriving from the Caribbean. She supported Claudia Jones' launch of carnival in London. And then her professional career as a singer-songwriter and actor took off.

Nadia Cattouse was active in public life more politically too, and the Belizean recognised her role

in supporting Belize's fight for independence, assisting George Price and his delegation during critical negotiations with the British in 1957, saying that her "legacy of service and patriotism will be remembered for generations to come". A woman to remember.

Peace and love to you all

Submitted by Alison Cobb



JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2026 PREACHING PLAN



CIRCUIT PREACHING PLAN YEAR A – JUNE 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES		7	14	21	28
		10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		Genesis 12: 1-9 Psalm 33: 1-12 Romans 4: 13-25 Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26	Genesis 18: 1-15 (21: 1-7) Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19 Romans 5: 1-8, Matthew 9: 35 – 10:8 (9-23)	Genesis 21: 8-21 Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39	Genesis 22: 1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6: 12-23 Matthew 10: 40-42
CHURCHES	TIME				
BRIXTON HILL	11:00am	Markay HC/CA	Smyth	Markay AGM	Moore
CLAPHAM	11:00am	Da Silva HC	Da Silva AGM	MF Anniversary	Da Silva
	6:00pm				Da Silva HC
LAMBETH WALK	10:00am	Smyth	Shortman ACM/AGM	Shortman HC/CA	Ovenden
MOSTYN ROAD	11:00am				Markay HC
RAILTON ROAD	11:00am	Ashworth	Lena Ali HC	Smyth	Sackey
SPRINGFIELD	10:30am	Amoah-Arko	King HC	Dormon	Kyei
STOCKWELL	10:30am	King HC	Ovenden	Da Silva	Amoah-Arko
STREATHAM	10:30am	Shortman HC/CA	Gyesi	Sackey	Shortman
TULSE HILL	10:30am	Lena Ali HC	Markay	Amoah-Arko	Sobogun

CIRCUIT PREACHING PLAN YEAR A – JULY 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES		5	12	19	26
		14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
CHURCHES	TIME	Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45:10 -17 or Canticle: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13, Romans 7: 15-25a Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30	Genesis 25: 19-34 Psalm 119: 105-112 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	Genesis 28: 10-19a Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	Genesis 29: 15-28, Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b or Psalm 128, Romans 8: 26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
BRIXTON HILL	11:00am	Dormon	Markay	Markay HC	Lena Ali
CLAPHAM	11:00am	Da Silva HC	Da Silva TS	Sobogun	Ashworth
	6:00pm				Da Silva HC
LAMBETH WALK	10:00am	LA	Ashworth HC	Shortman	Oyeledun
MOSTYN ROAD	11:00am				Markay HC
RAILTON ROAD	11:00am	LA	Amoah-Arko	Lena Ali HC/B	Da Silva
SPRINGFIELD	10:30am	@Stockwell JS/HC	King HC	Oyeledun	King
STOCKWELL	10:30am	King HC	Gyesi	King	Moore
STREATHAM	10:30am	Amoah-Arko	Shortman (Baptism)	Da Silva TS	Shortman HC
TULSE HILL	10:30am	Smyth	Lena Ali HC	Kyei	Tackie-Yarboi

CIRCUIT PREACHING PLAN YEAR A – AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES		2	9	16	23	30
		18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
CHURCHES	TIME	Genesis 32: 22-31 Psalm 17: 1-7, 15 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b, Romans 10: 5-15, Matthew 14:22-33	Genesis 45: 1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28	Exodus 1:8 – 2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20	Exodus 3: 1-15 Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28
BRIXTON HILL	11:00am	Sobogun	Smyth	Oyeledun	LA	Ashworth HC
CLAPHAM	11:00am	Da Silva HC	Da Silva	LA	LA	Oyeledun
	6:00pm					HC
LAMBETH WALK	10:00am	Shortman HC	Gyesi	Smyth	Oyeledun	Sobogun
MOSTYN ROAD	11:00am					@Brixton Hill JS/HC
RAILTON ROAD	11:00am	Oyeledun	Lena Ali HC	LA	Smyth	Lena Ali
SPRINGFIELD	10:30am	Smyth	LA	Ovenden	LA	Shortman HC
STOCKWELL	10:30am	Dormon	LA	Da Silva HC	LA	Tackie-Yarboi
STREATHAM	10:30am	LA	Oyeledun	LA	Shortman HC	Smyth
TULSE HILL	10:30am	Ali HC	LA	Lena Ali	LA	Moore

SPECIAL SERVICES

CHURCHES	DATE	SERVICE/PROGRAMME	TIME
Brixton Hill	21 st June	Annual General Meeting	During Morning Worship
	26 th July	Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Rita King and Rev Kristin Markay	3:00pm
Clapham	14 th June	Annual General Meeting	During Morning Worship
Stockwell/ Springfield			
Streatham			
Lambeth Walk	14 th June	Annual General Meeting	Morning Worship
Railton Road	Every Thursday	Bible Study	11:00am
Tulse Hill			

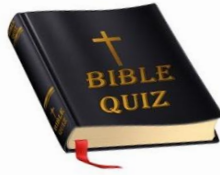
Special Services



† TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE †

1. Who created the world in the beginning?

- A. Moses
- B. God
- C. Noah
- D. Abraham



2. What did God create on the fourth day?

- A. Animals
- B. Light
- C. Sun, moon, and stars
- D. Sea and land

3. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

- A. "Jesus wept"
- B. "God is love"
- C. "Pray without ceasing"
- D. "Rejoice always"

4. Who parted the Red Sea?

- A. Joshua
- B. Moses
- C. Elijah
- D. Peter

5. What fruit did Eve eat in the Garden of Eden (commonly believed)?

- A. Banana
- B. Apple
- C. Forbidden fruit
- D. Fig

6. Who was swallowed by a big fish?

- A. Jonah
- B. Paul
- C. Peter
- D. Isaiah

7. What is the last book of the Bible?

- A. Genesis
- B. Psalms
- C. Revelation
- D. Matthew

8. "The Lord God is a ___ and shield." (Psalm 84:11)

- A. Flame and shield
- B. Light and shield
- C. Sun and shield

† TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE †

9. In Psalm 19:1, what declares the glory of God?

- A. The ocean
- B. The heavens and the skies
- C. The mountains
- D. The earth only

10. "Let your light shine before others..." is found in which book?

- A. John 3:16
- B. Matthew 5:16
- C. Luke 10:10
- D. Acts 4:12

11. "The Lord is my light and my salvation" comes from which Psalm?

- A. Psalm 23
- B. Psalm 27
- C. Psalm 91
- D. Psalm 100

12. The Lord is my shepherd comes from which Psalm

- A. Psalm 23
- B. Psalm 27
- C. Psalm 91
- D. Psalm 100

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/tips/bible-trivia-questions-and-answers.html>

Answer Key:

1. B | 2. C | 3. A | 4. B | 5. C | 6. A | 7. C | 8. C | 9. B
| 10. B | 11. B | 12. A

BE INSPIRED

As the summer season begins, may we be reminded of God's goodness shining all around us. Just as the sun brings warmth and light to the earth, God's love brings hope, peace, and renewal to our hearts.

Summer invites us to slow down, reflect, and appreciate the beauty of God's creation. Whether we are spending time with family, serving others, resting, or preparing for new opportunities, let us remain rooted in faith and guided by His purpose.

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." — Isaiah 40:31

As you soak in the warmth of the summer sunshine, may God fill your heart with renewed strength, peace, and unshakable hope. Just as the sun rises faithfully each morning, His love shines over you in every season of life — through the bright days and the storms alike.

May the golden rays remind you that even after the darkest nights, light always returns. Keep trusting, keep believing, and keep growing. God is with you in every step, every struggle, and every victory. Like flowers blooming beneath the summer sky, may your faith flourish and you shine brightly for all to see.

May this season refresh your spirit, strengthen your faith, and fill your days with joy, gratitude, and divine blessings. No matter what challenges may come, remember that God walks beside you in every season of life.

Have a safe, peaceful, and faith-filled summer!

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Books of the New Testament



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Word list:

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CORINTHIANS	PETER
EPHESIANS	PHILEMON
GALATIANS	PHILIPPIANS
HEBREWS	REVELATION
JAMES	ROMANS
JOHN	THESSALONIANS
JUDE	TIMOTHY
LUKE	TITUS



Summer Word Search

G	S	G	R	V	S	B	L	O	H	J	P
T	U	F	O	R	W	N	K	Q	N	P	M
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V	M	S	U	Y	M	I	P	E	I	S	U
P	E	Z	G	Z	S	S	M	G	T	S	V
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L	J	N	O	B	I	S	A	L	C	C	E
N	O	I	V	T	T	S	X	M	A	H	N
N	L	V	W	S	E	A	J	U	V	M	U
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E	D	A	N	O	M	E	L	J	F	U	B

SUMMER	BEACH	JUNE
SUNNY	SWIMSUIT	JULY
SUNSCREEN	BUGS	HOT
POOL	VACATION	AUGUST
LEMONADE	BASEBALL	SUNGLASSES



Just for Laugh

Summer is here again, and with all this beautiful sunshine, sadness does not stand a chance. We cannot truly enjoy this lovely season without laughter, smiles, and a few cheerful jokes to lift our spirits and remind us of God's goodness. 😊❤️

Let us smile a little bigger, laugh a little louder, and fill our days with happy memories.

Here are some lovely jokes for you

- 1. What car did the apostles drive?**
A Honda — because the Bible says they were all in one Accord.
- 2. What is the best way to study the Bible?**
Luke into it.
- 3. What is an angel's favourite type of music?**
Soul music.
- 4. Why did the church musician get locked out?**
He lost his keys.
- 5. Why did the church start using Wi-Fi?**
So everyone could get a better connection with Heaven.
- 6. What does the sun drink out of?**
Sunglasses.
- 7. What kind of tree fits in your hand?**
A palm tree!
- 8. Why did Peter sink in the water?**
He forgot the pool rules
- 9. When do you go at red and stop at green?**
When you are eating a watermelon
- 10. What do you do if you get rejected at the sunscreen company?**
Reapply



<https://o-hand.com/summer-jokes/>

KIDS ZONE

Dear Precious Ones,



Remember this summer to have fun and enjoy every beautiful moment God has given you. As you go out, share God's love and kindness wherever you are. Small acts of kindness can make someone's day extra special and remind them how deeply God loves them.

Always remember — you are a bright light in this world, created to shine with joy, love, and compassion. Let your heart glow like the summer sunshine, and may your words and actions bring happiness, hope, and encouragement to everyone around you.

Kids Summer Bible Quiz

1. Who built the ark to survive the great flood?
A. Moses
B. Noah
C. David
2. Who was swallowed by a big fish?
A. Jonah
B. Peter
C. Paul
3. How many disciples did Jesus have?
A. 10
B. 12
C. 7
4. Finish this verse:
"I can do all things through Christ who _____ me."
A. Loves
B. Teaches
C. Strengthens
- 5. Bonus Summer Question** 🍉
In what ways can you shine God's love during the summer holidays?

Answer Key: 1. b | 2. a | 3. b | 4. c | 5. 🌞

COLOURING SECTION

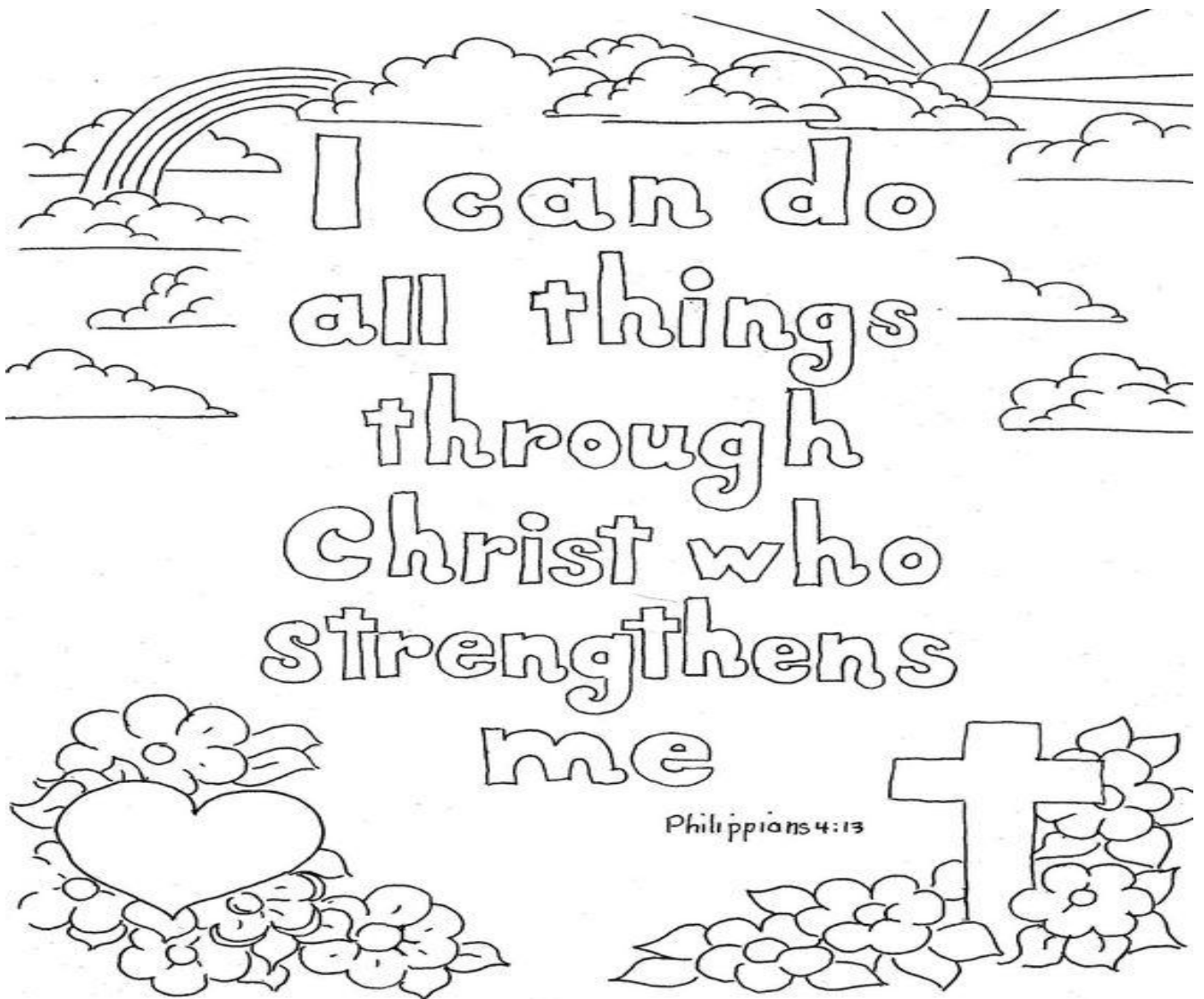
Hello Precious Ones, ✨

As you colour this beautiful picture, declare with faith and confidence: Philippians 4:13 — *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*



May every colour you choose remind you that God has filled you with courage, strength, and purpose. No challenge is too great, no dream is too far, and no season is too hard when Christ is your strength.

So colour with joy, shine with confidence, and remember — you are wonderfully made, deeply loved, and empowered by God to do amazing things! 🌸 🌻 🌺



Don't forget to share your beautiful colourful picture with your family and friends! 🌈 ✨

We can't wait to see your creativity sparkle and your imagination shine brightly for everyone to enjoy. Keep colouring, keep smiling, and keep letting your light shine.



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