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**Charity Registration Number:** 1127791

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### FEBRUARY SERVICES

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| February 5th     | 10.30am *Two Judges: Gideon*  
Judges 6:1-12  
Communion          | 6.30pm *Salty Language*  
Matthew 5:13-20 |
| February 12th    | 10.30am *Two Judges: Samson*  
Judges 13:1-5, 24-25 | 6.30pm *Living Christianly*  
Matthew 5:21-37 |
| February 19th    | 10.30am *A Few Commandments*  
Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18 | 6.30pm *Megan Thompson*  
Communion |
| February 26th    | 10.30am *Revd Stephen Copson*  
Central Baptist Association | 6.30pm *Mission Focus*  
Afternoon  
**NB 4.00pm**  
with tea and cake |

*NB in Room 3*
Dear Friends,

As I sat down to think what I might write in these few thoughts, an email popped into my inbox which gave details of the Bible on which Donald Trump would swear the oath of office at his inauguration. This tradition began with George Washington in 1789. The manner in which these 35 solemn words are spoken began in a rather haphazard fashion. The act of swearing was not accidental, but no one had thought to bring a Bible with them. The organisers went to a local Masonic Lodge and borrowed their altar Bible.

Since that day, whenever a president has been installed, his choice of Bible has been symbolic. Franklin Roosevelt used a 17th century family Bible from the 17th century. John F. Kennedy used a Roman Catholic Bible. Barack Obama used a Bible that had belonged to Martin Luther King.

Donald Trump – not known as a traditionalist – will use two Bibles. One is a copy given to him by his mother and the other was used by Abraham Lincoln when he was installed. In so doing he will be acknowledging the place of faith in his upbringing as well as honouring one of America’s greatest presidents.

Lincoln became President at a challenging time in his country’s history. Civil War was just around the corner and while his words did not prevent the bloody war that followed his inauguration, his was a message that sought to unite rather than divide. He ended his speech with these words:

cont..
Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.

The phrase, ‘the better angels of our nature’, has been quoted by a member of President-elect Trump’s team and Lincoln’s words hold as true today as they did more than 150 years ago. The world is still afflicted by conflict not just between nations but also within nations. Lincoln’s plea for unity still needs to be heard and we should pray that the better angels of our nature hold sway over our hearts and minds.

Best wishes,

*Signature*

**FEED PROJECT**

A very big thank you for your generous contributions to the FEED Project – not just last month, but since 2013. They are much appreciated by the Vineyard Church and it has been good to support their work in this area of need in St Albans.

I am delighted to tell you that Pat Rowley and Linda Williams have kindly offered to take over these collections, so they will be giving you advance notices and delivering your donations in the future.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

**Gill Bateman**
Women’s World Day of Prayer

Friday 3 March

‘Am I Being Unfair to You?’

On Friday 3 March over 5000 services will be held in the British Isles and thousands more will take place all over the world. This year, Christian women in the Philippines have written the service which has been translated into 1000 different languages and dialects.

The theme of ‘Am I Being Unfair to You?’ is based on the bible story of the workers in the vineyard who all received the same payment however many or few hours they had worked. Lack of opportunity in the Philippines forces many women to work in poor conditions for low wages or to leave their families behind while they seek work abroad. The service will help us to understand their situation and learn about their hopes and fears.

Do join us at any of the following services on Friday 3 March:

10.30 am   St Leonard’s Church, Sandridge

2.30 pm    Marlborough Rd Methodist Church  (A change of venue for us this year)

8 pm       St Bartholomew’s RC  Church

Christine Boot
**Associate Ministry**

We were pleased to welcome Jonny Fillis on Sunday 15\textsuperscript{th} Jan. when, with his wife Becky and 2 year old son Joshua, he preached with a view to becoming our Associate Minister.

On Tuesday evening 17\textsuperscript{th} Jan. a special church meeting was convened to discuss and vote on the motion, “To call Jonathan Fillis to become Associate Minister of Dagnall Street Baptist Church St Albans.” The meeting was well attended, and after a positive and enthusiastic debate and prayer, a secret ballot was taken which resulted in the motion being carried by over 95%.

Following the meeting, Jonny was informed of the result and I’m pleased to say that he has accepted the call. He said, “It's great to hear from you. We are delighted to be joining you guys and to get serving alongside you all down in St Albans! I will be praying for you all as you meet and begin the planning.” The deacons have already met and discussed the outline strategy which will enable us as a church to accommodate Jonny, Becky and Joshua into our fellowship later in the year.

This is an exciting and expectant time for us as a church and fellowship of believers. We look forward to another chapter in the life of Dagnall Street and of how the future will develop, particularly in the area of community outreach, as Simon and Jonny work together to lead us on.

At this stage, it might be appropriate to summarise the key elements of what Jonny’s role will be with us:

- He will perform all duties and offices as a minister of the Baptist denomination.
- He will be full time and will share in leading worship and preaching.
He will share responsibility with Simon for the effective management and operation of the Cross Street Centre.

He will take responsibility for the development and growth of community outreach through the CSC and other church activities.

Together with Simon, he will work towards the original aims of CSC. (these aims can be reviewed in John Peters’ article in the July/August 2016 church magazine.)

Chris Penn

ON THIS DAY

1472—King Christian 1 of Denmark and Norway was a proud father—his daughter Margaret was to marry James III, King of Scotland. However, like many other proud fathers, he was short of a bob or two for the wedding. Looking about for something suitable to pawn, he decided on the islands of Orkney and Shetland, which he pledged as security today in 1472 until the dowry was paid.

Scotland never received a penny and the islands have been theirs ever since.
CENTENARY SERVICES AT KASSEL

When I arrived at 4.15pm at the Baptist Church in Kassel, it was already nearly full for the first of the Centenary Services to begin at 5.00pm. My place was reserved, but quite a number of people who arrived had to sit in the lower hall and listen to a relay of the Service. I suppose there were 2,000 people present.

It was a double joy for the people of Kassel—100 years ago the Baptist cause had been planted there as one of the earliest in Germany, and today the Service was to be held in their own Church, severely damaged during the war, but now restored. The high place held by our Baptist people in the minds of the people of Kassel was evident from the distinguished visitors present—the Bishop, the Dean, leading men of the German Municipal Authorities and Ministers from other Free Churches.

Pastor Elsholz conducted the Service and both the Male Voice Choir and Youth Choir rendered some fine music. The Hallelujah Chorus reminded me of home and it was certainly well rendered.

Greetings came from all sides and I realised how important this large Congregation is to the social and religious life of Kassel.

The Service lasted three hours, but, like good Baptists, the people had no intention of going home! They stood about in groups, talking, shaking hands and renewing old acquaintances. It was a great day—always to be remembered, because Centenaries come only once in a lifetime!

The next morning we began at 9.00am with a great Communion Service. On the previous night, I had given greetings and spoken of the importance of our Witness, now I
had the honour to give the Sermon to that vast Congreg- tion. At the moment when all had partaken of the Lord’s Supper, any Preacher should have felt humbled. Very qui- etly I tried to look with them upon Jesus and, at least, the text was a good one “Behold the man!” We finished at 11.00am. The next Service was at 2.00pm. This was ably opened by The Elder Herr Mascher, who preached in the old German style—a vivid pictorial sermon from the Old Testament.

Many followed him with shorter or longer addresses, and the service lasted until 5.00pm. One speaker seized the opportunity offered by a partially destroyed text. All that was left of it on the wall was “Bei euch” - “with you”, under-neath had been placed a wreath with “100 Jahre” on it and, beneath this, the text “Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever”. The combination gave a powerful mes- sage for the Germany of today. Before 6.00pm we gath- ered again for an hour of singing and greetings.

The whole proceeding, from Saturday to Sunday night, had been conducted quietly and joyfully by the Pastor of the Church—Pastor Elsholz. The joy on his face, the way in which he held those great meetings together, the warm friendship he showed in and out of the Pulpit told eloquently of a great Pastor.

This is one of the most important Baptist Churches in Ger- many, and it is good to know that it is in such capable hands.

E.H Robertson
Taken from the Church Magazine February 1948
In need of R’n’R?

If you could do with being spoiled for a few days along with prayer for healing, then Crowhurst Home of Healing is for you! You can be assured of a very warm welcome at this small and friendly centre, set in the heart of the Sussex countryside, easily accessible by train with a station nearby, or by car. Most bedrooms are ensuite, with tea/coffee making facilities in each room, and special dietary requirements are catered for. The daily programme revolves round worship and prayer (not compulsory) and there is an opportunity to ask for individual prayer ministry, as well as twice weekly public healing services. You can be silent or sociable. A prayer walk in the garden is a beautiful aid to meditation and reflection, and there is also an art room, small bookshop and library.

I first came across this wonderful place at the end of the 1970s and hadn’t been back until just before last Christmas. The sense of God’s presence and peace is quite amazing. A few of us at Dagnall Street have stayed and would highly recommend it. Sometimes there are special weekends or events, and special offers, but you can also stay for just a few “ordinary” days.

For more details do look at www.crowhursthealing.org.uk or find a leaflet in the Cross St. centre carousel. Alternatively talk to me - Linda Roberts, Liz Blight or Paula Iddiols.
MISSION NEWS

Gift Day - Easter Sunday 16th April 2017

This year, we will be supporting our Christian Aid, (CA), Community Partnership Project “Healthier Futures for Women and Girls in Ethiopia” We have pledged to raise £5,000 by the end of October this year which will be match funded from European Union funds by five times, meaning our £5,000 becomes £30,000 for the project.

Since signing up to this project last June, our fund currently stands at £1,400, thanks to generous donations, receipts of car boot sales organised by Trevor, and the December quiz night masterminded by Danny. We hope that your gift day generosity will considerably boost the fund, but we are also grateful to Quorum Singers, who have graciously agreed to put on a concert to support the project. The concert will take place in the church on Saturday evening 3rd June, so book the date!

And now some background to the project:
The project aims to improve women and girls’ well-being through better access to reproductive health services and the information necessary to make informed family planning choices. The project aims to increase women’s knowledge of and access to contraception while improving child and maternal health, to boost the economic prospects of the whole community.

The project also seeks to influence the social structures that marginalise women, and also to educate young people with the aim of decreasing the number of teenage and unwanted pregnancies. Christian Aid is working with two project partners, Ethiopian Interfaith Forum for Development Dialogue, and Women Support Association, (WSA), whose project co-ordinator, Fentahun Alemu, says, “there’s an Ethiopian saying: ‘Given time, an egg
will learn to walk.’ It has taken careful planning to set up 200 women’s self-help groups, 60 community action and conversation groups, 15 woreda (district) steering committees, and 30 school clubs that will carry the project forward. The support of UK churches, through prayer and fund raising is treasured by those working on the project and gives them strength and encouragement to keep going.”

So far, through WSA, the project has increased the percentage of people in the target communities correctly using contraceptives from 29% to 59%. Young people have also been targeted with education about reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and teenage pregnancy. Youth Action Kit manuals are provided to enable peer educators to pass on knowledge within their schools and villages. It is estimated that more than 8,200 people have been reached with life-saving information, and teenage pregnancy rates have reduced from 12% to 5%, a massive improvement.

This is just a snapshot of some of the information available in the fact sheets that are available in Cross Street and on the CA website. As well as financial support, we are encouraged to support this project through prayer:

- **Pray that women who have participated in community groups realise their potential and are empowered to be firm advocates for their rights.**

- **Pray that the young people spreading awareness about sexual health can use peer pressure for good, keeping their bodies healthy and staying in education.**

- **Pray for an end to the current drought in Ethiopia, which has left millions in need of food aid, caused water shortages leading to hygiene issues, and decreased attendance in some schools. May we commit to action on climate change to reduce the damage we do to creation.**

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Pray that our work with faith leaders is filled with the spirit of right judgement. Ask God to help them to address misconceptions about sexual and reproductive health in their congregations without controversy or threat.

Mission Focus Event – Sunday afternoon 26th February 4.00pm CSC

This will be an opportunity to learn more about our CA Partnership Project; details have yet to be finalised, but they will include tea, cake and possibly some optional interactivity!

Some facts about Ethiopia:
Ethiopia is located in the horn of Africa and ranks 174 out of 188 countries listed in the Human Development Index. Out of a population of 96.5 million, 44% are younger than 15. One in seven women die from pregnancy related causes, and unsafe abortion causes more than half of the 20,000 maternal deaths that occur annually. The countries main exports are Coffee, Hides, Oilseeds, Beeswax and Sugarcane. Ethiopia was one of the first Christian nations. Until the 1974 revolution the Ethiopian orthodox church was the state church. Approx. 34% of the population are Muslim compared to nearly 63% Christian. The apostle St. Matthew is said to have died in Ethiopia.

BMS Day of Prayer – Sunday 5th February 2017

Every year BMS staff in the UK and mission personnel around the world dedicate a day in February to prayer - in all its forms. BMS have been really encouraged in previous years by the number of churches and individuals who have joined with them in praying. They hope that many of us will be able to share with them in this special time of prayer again this February, whether on the day itself or at any other convenient time. BMS have released a special three minute video, and you can also use the Day of Prayer booklet which has been specially...
written to accompany their five year strategy and has prayer points focusing on the vision and values that shape BMS ministries around the world. The themes are suitable for use over a whole day or for a shorter slot in your prayer time.

The video and prayer guide can be accessed through the BMS website at: bmsworldmission.org/dayofprayer Alternatively, copies of the prayer guide are available on the desk in the church vestibule.

Chris Penn

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YORKSHIRE!

I’ve started writing this from the delightful Leeds Bradford Airport waiting for our flight back to Northern Ireland for Christmas. Time seems to have flown by since I said goodbye to you all. I hope all is well at Dagnall Street and that you’ve all had a peaceful Christmas break.

Since I said goodbye it’s been a busy few months. We’ve moved twice, from Hemel to stay temporarily with Adam’s parents and we are now settled in our new house. We tackled the decorating head on and got most of it done pretty quickly, although the same certainty cannot be said for the garden. The grass is somewhat patchy and we’re sticking with the excuse that the best time to sort it is Spring. We’ll see how that goes!

I’ve made it through the first term of school, it’s been challenging at times but incredibly rewarding. I have spent my first term in a Church of England Academy on the outskirts of Leeds. The students come from a wide variety of backgrounds, some with pretty tough home lives. I think I have been learning as much as the students I have been teaching, but I have as a minimum educated them on where Northern Ireland is—and that it is in fact part of the UK!
The term finished with a trip to Leeds Minster for the annual Christmas Service. Transporting 1600 students to and from the Minster was a logistical operation and squeezing them into a 1200 capacity Leeds Minster was impressive. There was something incredibly special about hearing carols sung by this number of students. Towards the end of the service we heard from a student speaking on behalf of the schools’ Christian Union Group. I thought I would share a verse that a student shared with us during the service; always encouraging to hear this one but it was particularly inspiring and incredibly well delivered and it can’t have been easy for him to stand up in front of the whole school:

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

I am exploring the local Churches up here and going to Adam’s family church at the moment. A small village church with a relatively small congregation. Hoping to find a church with some Youth activities that I can help out with and hopefully Messy Church too.

Take care all and a Happy New Year!

*Cary Buchanan*
**Pastor’s News**

A brief update on a number of items that might be of interest to the congregation and the wider readership of the magazine.

**Bible Studies – Judges**
In our Bible studies this month we will be looking at the Old Testament Book of Judges. There is a choice of two meetings – **10.30am in Cross Street, or 8.00pm at the Manse**. Both these meetings will be on **Tuesday 14th February**. So, that’s Samson and Delilah on Valentine’s Day – what could be better!
Anyone is welcome to come to either.

**Preaching Away**
I have been invited to conduct the morning service at Trinity URC in Beaconsfield Road on 12th February. Stephen Copson, one of the Association’s Ministry Team, will be at Dagnall Street.

**Lent Groups 2017**
At the time of publication, this year’s ecumenical Lent Groups are still to be arranged. Please listen out to Sunday notices for more details and check the noticeboards.

**Radio Verulam and Premier Radio**
My regular **Premier Radio** slot to discuss some of the latest films from a faith perspective will be on Thursday 2nd February 8.00am and 9.00am. You can also hear me discussing the latest films at the cinema and on television with Danny Smith every Friday from 6.30pm – 7.00pm on **Radio Verulam 92.6FM**.

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PASTORAL CARE MATTERS

The Minister, Simon and members of the Pastoral Team are always happy to make appointments to visit, talk or pray with you. This can take place in your home, at Cross Street or at our homes at your convenience and at mutually convenient times.

Our Minister, Simon (01727 854041) can be contacted direct.

Brian Branch (01727 852738), Marjorie and Leslie Jones (01727 841845) Jessie Blair (01727 768887) and Ray Saunders (01727 830260) are also active members of the Pastoral Team.

Simon and the team hope you will notify them of anybody who you think may be ill, lonely or who needs help.

Pastoral Team

PARKING NOTICE

As from 1st February, 2017, we are trialling a parking initiative. Cones will be placed across the entrance to the side parking spaces. You are free to park there, just remove the cone and replace it when you have parked.

The Property Team
The Christmas Crib

On Christmas Eve at sunset
The snow began to fall
As all the faithful gathered
To deck the old church hall

Several hundred Christmas lights
Dispelled the winter gloom
Whilst paper chains and streamers
Spread out across the room

A tall tree glittered brightly
And overhead the star
Spread a lustrous radiance
A stable door ajar

Revealed the crib, a work of art
With every piece in place
The carefully chiselled features
Had a fragile kind of grace

The volunteers admired their work
The best that it could be
They headed to the kitchen
For a well earned cup of tea

It happened in an instant
A multicoloured ball
Was thrown in by an unknown hand
It rolled towards the wall

And right behind a spaniel
Lithe and full of life
Darted straight into the room
And past the steward’s wife

He hurtled headlong forward
Straight towards the tree
Hunting for his missing ball
And barking joyfully

The baubles scatted sideways
The crib flew through the air
Shepherds, stable, manger
Were now no longer there

The dog was well and truly trussed
With tinsel round his paws
Branches of the Christmas tree
Were caught beneath his jaws

Somebody unwound the dog
They found the tape and glue
They tried to mend the pieces
The best that they could do

They stood them round the baby
And the manger where he lay
He seemed to smile upon them
As he rested on the hay

Whilst overhead the Angel
With silver wings unfurled
Heralded the Christ-Child
To a battered weary world

To lives that were imperfect
Amidst the pain and woe
Jesus Christ Emmanuel
Came many years ago
He shared our human frailty
From sin He set us free
His death and resurrection
Bought our eternity

His grace was given freely
And our broken lives restored
Now we have new beginnings
With our Saviour, King and Lord

**Megan Thompson 2016**

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**GRANDPARENT NEWS!**

Jill and Alan Potter are pleased to announce the arrival of their new granddaughter, Ruby May, born to their son Michael and daughter-in-law Amy on 22nd December in Sydney, Australia.
**CHURCH & CENTRE ROOM BOOKINGS**

To contact Danny Smith regarding Church and Centre room booking enquiries:

Tel: 01727 568162 (new number)
email: bookings@dsbc.org.uk

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**Monday Table Tennis/ Games Club**

We meet every Monday from 10.30am till 1pm in the main Hall for Table Tennis – Snooker – Pool – Carpet Bowls – Chess – Draughts and other table games. All are welcome for fun and fellowship.

*Trevor Oakley*

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**DAYCARE**

Daycare meets every Tuesday during school term time, at the Age Concern Centre, St Peters Street. If you know of anyone who would like to come along for lunch and companionship please contact Jessie Blair on email: jessieblair37@gmail.com.
February 2017

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

The Fellowship Lunch this month will be held on Thursday, 16th February at 12.30pm in the Cross Street Café.

Everyone is welcome.

Diane Graham

WHO LET THE DAD’S OUT!!

Who Let the Dad’s Out will be held on Saturday, 11th February 10—12pm in the Lower Hall.

Come along and have some fun!

KNITTING GROUP

The knitting group will meet on Tuesday, 21st February in Cross Street from 11am—12.30pm and welcomes anyone who would like to join with us. Some bring their own knitting or crochet projects whilst other knit and crochet for the charity ‘Knit for Peace’.

Judy Pendal

SCRABBLE CLUB

Scrabble Club will be held on Tuesday 14th and Tuesday 28th February at 2.30pm in the Cross Street Centre.
BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

19th—Chris Penn

We remember with sadness, the passing of Jeffrey Sheppard and Frances Taylor. They both had birthdays in January and were loyal supporters of the BMS Birthday Scheme.

A prayer for our Church, this New Year

God of Wisdom, make us wise enough to seek your will, wise enough to choose your ways and wise enough to trust in you. Draw us deeper into you, until your wisdom lives in us.

Amen

A prayer from IBRA Fresh from the Word, Monday 2nd January 2017

Linda Williams
PASTORAL NEWS

God Bless our Year
Giving us—Time for the task
Peace for the pathway
Wisdom for the work
Friends for the fireside
Love to the last.

Please remember in your prayers friends awaiting hospital treatment when our hospitals seem to be under pressure. We are thankful to those who are there to provide help and treatment when we need it. We remember those friends who find it difficult to join in our worship at present due to being unwell or have reduced mobility.

Our thanks to Simon and the Deacons for their leadership and guidance at the start of this new year. Our thanks also to Ray and the team that look after our property and David our caretaker.

We pray for young people growing up in an unstable and confusing world.

Please remember the following friends in our prayers—Sheila Fricker, Elspeth McKenzie, Cyril Taylor, John Luck, Jo, Geoff and Alison Ashmore and Pip Lyall.

Pastoral Team
The BFG

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DRILLING HOLES THE HARD WAY

The drill whined on and on, I sat at my desk working on a quotation, but I was distracted because something did not sound quite right out in the plant. I probably drove my staff crazy because I could hear the slightest problem with all of my machines, as I had built, modified and operated most of them. One wrong noise from the plant and I was out there like a shot to see what had gone wrong.

The enterprise was a small magnet fabricating company and I was in my element surrounded by machines, being more comfortable with the hands on stuff, rather than the administration.

Back to drilling holes. The sound of a Black and Decker AC drill is quite distinctive and this one just kept going on and on. Drill and tap two 3/8-16 holes in a press bed, a simple enough task, I thought, but it seemed to be taking forever. I commented to my office manager that something wasn’t quite right with that drilling operation. She said, “Oh Gord you’re micro managing, sometimes you just have to leave people to do the job on their own.” Okay, I’ll give it a bit more time, and went back to working on my quotation.

I had just hired the young man the day before and he claimed to have lots of mechanical experience, as his most recent job was in a welding shop. “Do you know how to drill and tap holes?” I had asked him. He replied, as if it was a silly question, “Of course”.

The drill whined on and on and on. The press bed, cast iron, should be soft like butter so there was definitely something wrong and I finally went out to the plant to check what was going on. The drill was laying on the floor, smoking, too hot to touch. The grease was dripping out of the gears. The hole was oval shaped and went through the cast iron at an angle of
About 5°. The hole was surrounded by extremely fine black powder. Have you guessed the punch line yet? Oh yes, he had worn his way through the cast iron press bed with the drill in reverse.

This happened about 20 years ago, and I’ve been retired for almost 15, so I honestly cannot remember what happened next. I am quite sure I did not lose my temper, nor did I fire him on the spot, but I think, after a few weeks of mediocre production work, he just wandered away on his own volition.

Southern Federation of Model Engineering and Societies Newsletter

What is the difference between Complete and Finished

How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand. Some people say there is no difference.

Here is the astute answer:

When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. When the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED.

The person who answered this in a linguistic competition won a trip around the world and a case of Scotch.

Anecdotes sent in by John Mills taken from The Southern Federation of Model Engineering and Societies Newsletter.
I am so sorry that the magazine is so late this month. I’m afraid I had a technical mishap and my laptop is no longer functioning. I consulted various people but came to the conclusion that I had to bite the bullet and buy a new one. Unfortunately I then caught the current virus going around before I could get to John Lewis! I made it last Friday and then had to go through all the reloading and downloading that is necessary when you get a new pc. Unfortunately the key number that JL gave me to download Microsoft office was not recognised so I then had to get that changed. Nobody said it would be easy!! Finally I managed to get it together yesterday but for some reason getting onto the internet is extremely slow so, I think, another visit to JL will be necessary. But I am determined to get the magazine finished and sent to the printers by this evening (Monday). I realise now that I am not that computer literate! I really thought that I wasn’t too bad! I’ve obviously been working on my own for too long and am losing touch!

Christmas and New Year have been and gone and spring is on its way because I have daffodils sprouting in the garden and my friendly blackbird is back pecking on my door for scraps! The next nice day I am out with my fork and trowel and will have a tidy up. It’s also nearly time to put the fertiliser on the grass and start some seeds off on the windowsill.

My family in Australia are talking about coming to the UK for a holiday in April. I am looking forward to that, but I don’t know how much I will see of them as I will have to share them! But it will be lovely to see my grandson, Freddie, as he is really growing quickly and is now talking as well!! (well, not in sentences or anything like, but you know what I mean—he calls me ‘Madge’ which makes me smile). It will be nice to see him in the flesh as I have seen him grow on Facetime on my ipad which is not the same as seeing him face to face and giving him a cuddle.

Thank you to everybody who sent contributions for this months
Magazine, great as always. Please send anything you like—a favourite poem, piece of writing, something interesting you have seen, a nice picture or something special you have done. Don’t worry about format anything can be transformed to fit.

Hope the rest of February treats us well!

_Glynis_
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glynis.gibson_1@btinternet.com
Acrostic poems use the first letter of a word to start a new line.
## Book Alphabet Challenge

Can you come up with a book themed word for each letter of the alphabet?

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What, When and Where February 2017

Wednesday  1  Free Church Service in the Abbey
  11.00am The Rev’d Geoff Colmer
  Regional Minister, Central Baptist Association

Saturday  4  Prayer Hour
  10.00am Cross Street Room 5

Tuesday  14  Bible Study
  10.30am Cross Street Centre, 8.00pm at the Manse

Tuesday  14  Scrabble Club
  2.30pm Cross Street Centre

Saturday  11  Who Let the Dads Out?
  10.00am – 12.00pm Lower Hall

Thursday  16  Baptist Fellowship Lunch
  12.30pm Cross Street Centre

Thursday  16  Deacons’ Meeting
  7.45pm Room 5 Cross Street Centre

Tuesday  21  Knitting Group
  11.00am – 12.30pm Cross Street Centre

Tuesday  28  Scrabble Club
  2.30pm Cross Street Centre

Regular Events

Mondays: Table tennis & Games Club 10.30am – 1.30pm Lower Hall
Tuesdays: (term time) Daycare 10am – 2pm Age Concern St Peters Street
Wednesdays: (term time) Toddlers 9.45am – 11.15am Lower Hall
Fridays: (term time) TFN 6.30pm – 8.30pm Lower Hall
Fridays: (term time) TFN Seniors 7.00pm – 8.30pm Cross Street Centre

Sunday Services

10.30am and 6.30pm, with groups for children at the 10.30am service
6.30pm services in January and February will be held in Cross Street Centre