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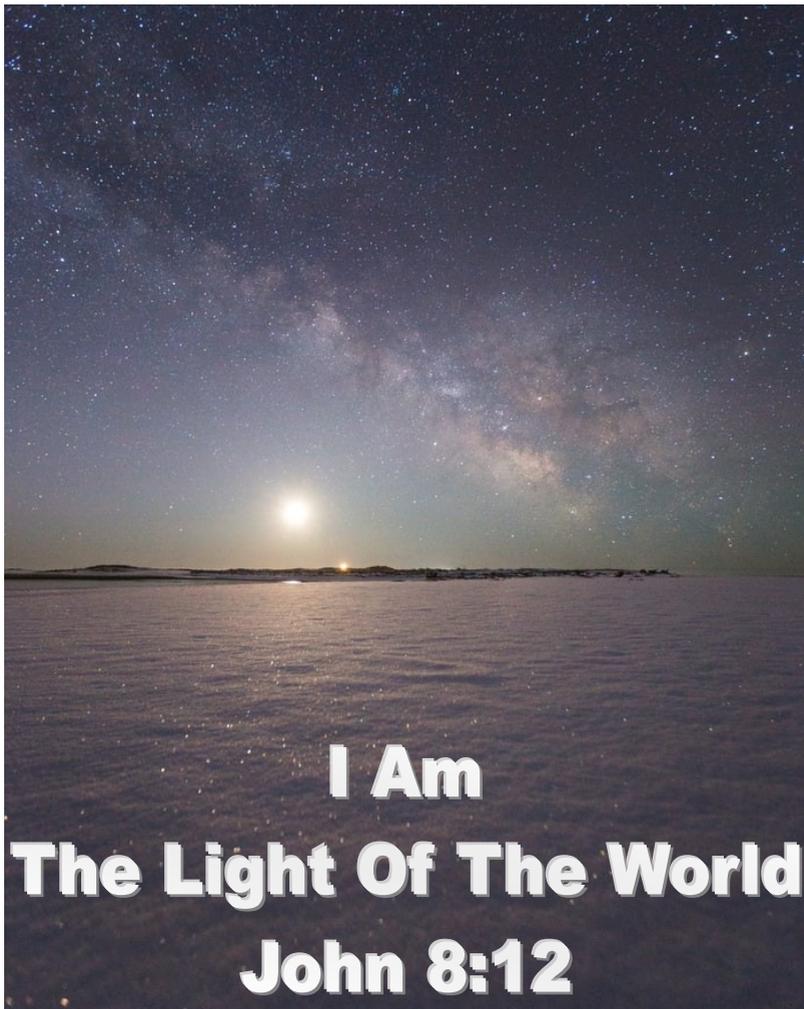
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John 8:12

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You are very welcome to join us for our Zoom services – please contact the office or one of the clergy for the link

The Minibus is running for Sunday services – please contact us if you would like a lift.

Sunday 6th

1st Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist (in church)

Weds 9th 5.00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Thurs 10th 7.30pm Bible Group (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 13th

2nd Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist (in church)

Weds 16th 5.00pm Evening Prayer (via Zoom)

Thurs 17th 7.30pm Bible Group (via Zoom)

SUNDAY 20th

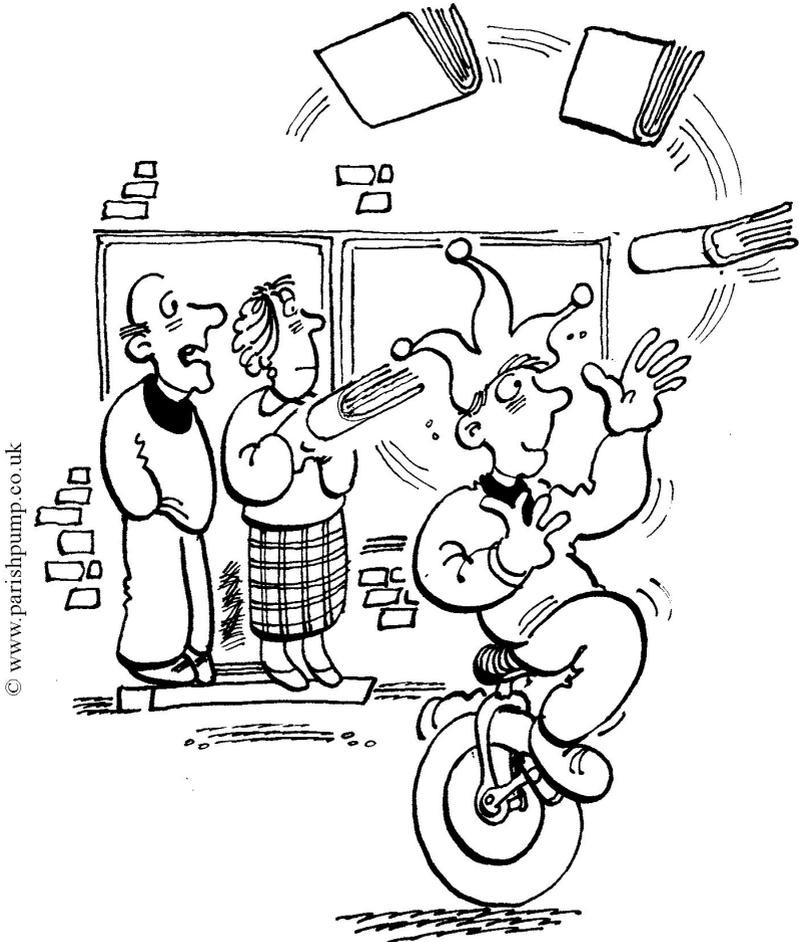
3rd Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist (in church)

SUNDAY 27th

4th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist (in church)



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*...I think I must have missed that module
when I was at theological college!*

We are looking forward to worshipping together again. But Covid is going to remain a risk for the foreseeable future. Help us to keep everyone safe during Sunday services:

1. Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.

2. Wear a face covering during the service. Sadly we won't be serving refreshments initially.



3. Use alcohol gel on your hands when you enter the building.

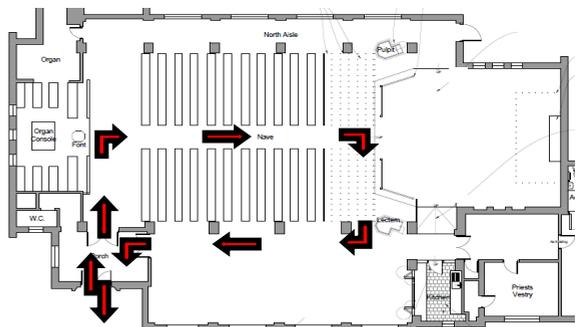
4. Stay at least 2m apart from anyone who is not in your own household or bubble. This is why some pews are not in use.



5. Sadly we won't be able to include sung worship at the moment

6. There will be some changes to the way that we take communion: We will not be able to shake hands during the peace, communion will only be taken in one kind (wafer). These will be kept covered until they are distributed. Tina will use alcohol gel and drop the wafers onto your palm to avoid physical contact.

7. Follow the new one way system as you move around the building



Contact deficit?

‘It takes a village to raise a child,’ according to a traditional Nigerian proverb. The thought is a rather lovely one, I think. Parenting is, of course, the primary route for children’s development, but it’s clear that even at their very best, parents need other people too. To a greater or lesser degree, bringing up children is a communal effort.

Naturally, grandparents often figure strongly in this, aunts and uncles too, as well as siblings, friends, neighbours, and more. To the list, I’d also add teachers and other kindly professionals, innumerable volunteers in all kinds of organisations, and those individuals prepared to share their time, enthusiasm, and expertise with interested youngsters.

Looking back across the years, as a child I remember fondly the farmer I accompanied as his

sheepdog gave birth, the railwayman who let me help with the signals, the uncle who taught me how to raise plants, the granny whose quiet reading time became my life’s inspiration, and the playmates with whom I spent hours and hours.

For my own children,



I delight in what they received from child-minders and teachers, countless genial churchgoers who gave them time and attention, and volunteer coaches who with dedication and affable persistence taught them physical skills that were beyond me. These things are mutual responsibility and shared care that literally makes us as people.

How sad it was then to see reports in the news that the lack

of these influences over the months of lockdown is discernible in children now in the first year of school. It seems that for many youngsters the strangely restricted life of pandemic safety has negatively impacted their language development. As well as the likely consequences of this for children's learning, it also impacts individuals' self-esteem and confidence.

Implicit in 'it takes a village to raise a child' is contact and stimulus from people outside a child's immediate household. Despite the best efforts of parents to overcome the contact deficit, the possible damage from the lack of it is worrying. Something vital to a child's well-being is denied in its absence.

News reports also pointed out that many schools are responding by implementing strategies to overcome these developmental issues. The government has said it appreciates the significance of language development in the

early years and that targeted support is being offered to children. According to the opposition this is a 'catch-up' that falls far short of what is needed.

Whatever the politics of the matter, this in my mind is one of the crucial deprivations of the past months. If it really does 'take a village to raise a child' then we all have a part to play in the development of all children. By listening, talking, and sharing with our youngest neighbours, and those who are their direct carers – when appropriate opportunities come up – we can help to make good what has been missed.

Whether in organised volunteering, or simply interested good neighbourliness, we can encourage the children of our community. That is surely what the Saviour who taught with a child at his side, insisting that welcoming the child was welcoming even God (Mark 9:37), would have us do.

Christopher Burkett

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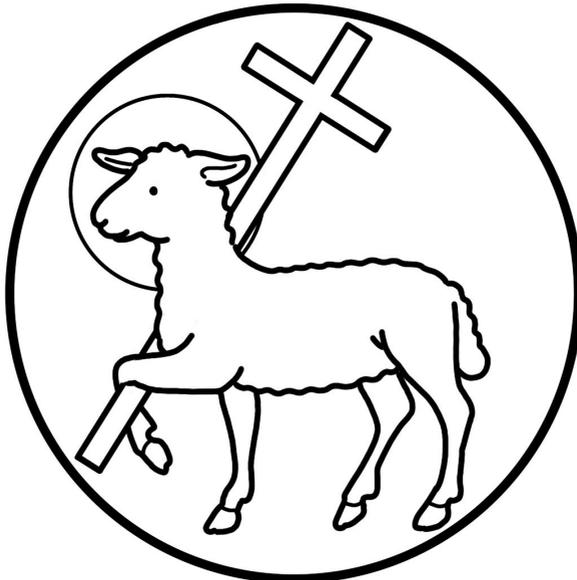
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We are wondering whether anyone would be interested in receiving those monthly instead of weekly?

We will be continuing the weekly ones, we are just wondering whether to obtain some monthly ones.

If you are interested in that, or to start receiving envelopes to plan your giving, please contact Linda in the Parish office (01244 376085 or office.htblacon@btinternet.com). We are also happy to receive giving directly from bank accounts, and if you would like to set up a Standing Order, Linda in the office can also help you with that.



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Lynn Wakefield—PCC Secretary

Su Colly—PCC Member

Also

Tricia Hughes—Deputy Church Warden

Ken Pemberton—PCC Member

Please pray for your PCC and for a new Treasurer (this position is currently vacant)

PRAYERS FOR USE AT THIS TIME

from the Church of England website)

O God, our sovereign and our shepherd,
who brought again your Son Jesus Christ
from the valley of death,
comfort us with your protecting presence
and your angels of goodness and love,
that we also may come home
and dwell with him in your house for ever.

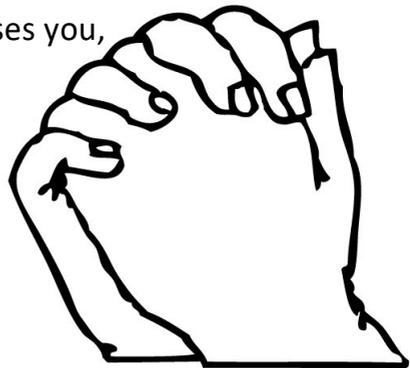
Amen.

Loving God,
your Son told his disciples
to become like little children.
Lead us to work for the welfare
and protection of all young people.
May we respect their dignity
that they may flourish in life,
following the example of the same
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord, you are ever watchful
and bless us with your gifts;
as you provide for all our needs,
so help us to build only what pleases you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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A READER IN A CARE HOME

During the past grim year, I'm sure I am not the only one to have asked, "Where is God in all this?" Working in a care home, this question has seemed all the more poignant, particularly at the beginning of the Covid 19 crisis, when the disease came back to us with a resident who had been admitted to hospital. Several dear residents were lost to us, due to Covid and/or the isolation we had to impose upon them in their rooms. What with the fear of the unknown, together with the need for strict observance of the use of PPE (personal protective equipment) and heightened vigilance of infection control, the extra shifts required to cover several staff who were off sick (some with Covid), we battened down the hatches and prepared ourselves to ride out the siege. Thankfully, restrictions are being lifted, visitors are being allowed to see their relatives,

all of whom have now been vaccinated. Staffing levels are still low but morale is beginning to change and there seems to be the sniff of hope.

Where does a Reader fit into all this? To be honest, at first, work took over my life completely. Having to do 10, 11, 12 shifts in a row left me exhausted. From being privileged to care personally for the dying and comfort the bereaved, my work was stripped down to the basics of care – keep them clean, comfortable, warm and fed.

Then things changed.

The position of Kitchen Assistant came up. I had already done numerous shifts in the kitchen so I knew the job and thoroughly enjoyed it.

When I was offered the role officially, I nearly bit their hands off! Although still working extremely hard and rushing around cleaning as well as preparing drinks trolleys and sending out meal trolleys,

followed by collecting said trolleys and washing everything up, I am much more comfortable. It is again not a job I would have looked for, but I truly believe God had his hand in it, with his ever immaculate timing.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you; plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". This is my personal verse and I have relied upon it heavily for several years. I firmly believe God sent me to the care home to work and gave me the opportunities and experiences I have had since I started there in December 2018. Now that my shift rota is static, God has enabled me

to have time to reconnect with him, through my prayers (I can now stay awake) and also to recommence my duties at Holy Trinity. Drafting my first sermon in a year was an unnerving exercise but I was very happy to be back, preaching and teaching. I am so grateful that we are able to meet each other again in Church (socially distanced, of course!)

God Bless,
Sarah Dutton



Monday morning Art class

Every Monday morning a group of people gather to make art and craft. Coffee is served and the company is cheerful. Over the years the group has created small individual pieces to take home and larger communal works often representing the community spirit of Trinity.

My name is Alison (Ali) Pitt and I've had the great pleasure of guiding folk through a multitude of art projects ,first through West Cheshire College courses now as a self employed community art teacher. Each season often brings inspiration; Spring brings Easter crafts, in the summer we make art for our gardens ,in the Autumn we often look towards making a communal project and of course Winter is cacophony of Christmas creations.

Although there is usually a main theme ,people can follow it quite loosely. So around the table(or tables in our new socially

distanced society) people can paint, sew, bead or collage....whichever they fancy. Monday mornings need to be enjoyable!

We never miss opportunity to decorate the church ...so after a new toilet was built some of the group painted individual canvas's to go on the far too blank, white walls. With a sea theme obviously!

Around the walls of the cafe area are tree paintings. Our 'orchard' is painted in acrylic paint and some of the trees have beads and sequins sewn into the canvas.

As you enter the church, above the main door is a star. This star was painted and decorated by the group as part of a project being held across Blacon (it was supposed to be just over Christmas ,but 2 1/2 years later it's still there...which is great!)

Just inside the foyer is a textile wall hanging made up of little

square pictures. Each square represents an activity and group that takes place in the church. Each member of the art class had their own square(s) and using a combination of sewing ,collage and painting created a representation of the activity. It was like being in an art factorysomeone was on a sewing machine making the canvas backing, someone was manning the glue gun, someone else was sweating over the iron, and everyone else frantically sewing and painting...I think it's a fab piece of art.

At Christmas its time to make angels/fairies. To be honest from October onwards we are thinking

Christmas decs! I try and design a new fairy each year for us to make but you cannot beat the old fave of pipe cleaner and netting...its only at this time of year that I feel the need to use the word 'ruched' as I demonstrate how to create a fairy skirt.

In more normal, non covid, times we share the space with the "knit and natter" group and people popping in for teas , coffees(and cake obviously!). At 11.45 the place is packed as Sue wheels in the soup, which I'm told is incredibly delicious but sadly the arrival of the soup indicates its time for me to cycle off to my next class!



-John 15:3

Cleansed by The Word

What I did and what I said,
What you hear and all you've read,
That I offer; freely give
That my blessed Church should live.

Though you may not understand
See my ever outstretched hand,
Long as earth may turn and spin
Blessed church will welcome in.

Cast away your inner doubt,
I have poured my loving out
Deep within in you where I dwell
That my blessed church should tell.

At the evening, at the dawn;
Each new day and hopeful morn,
We together both shall rise
Blessed church will be my eyes.

Colly 2021

Blacon support group. Hospice of the Good Shepherd

Due to Covid restrictions for over 12 months our group of 11 has been unable to hold our usual fundraising events.

We have kept in touch as a group fortnightly on Zoom meetings. We have been able to raise a much smaller amount than usual. This has been by selling items on eBay, one member making masks and selling them and by donations. We recently paid in the sum of £1,200. We still have a funeral donation to be added to this and we will continue to do our best until hopefully we can resume our fundraising activities.

Thank you for your support and interest in the past.

Celia Gifford

Chairman.

Blacon support group



Sabbatical Research

As you all know, Tina and Clive both have projects that they are working on during their sabbatical. They have asked for everyone's help.

Tina's survey is available online, you can access it at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G2L53N3> and it should take no more than five minutes to complete. Answers will be anonymous and will be treated in confidence.

Clive: Jesus promised that wherever two or three are gathered together in his name, there he is in the midst (Matthew 18.20). In these circumstances - whether in church buildings or in home settings:

- what is Jesus wanting to do?
- how can we best cooperate with him?
- what can we learn from the Bible about this?
- can you share anything from your own experience or from the life of your church relevant to this?
- have you any further comments or questions?

Please send your reply to Louise at louise.htblacon@btinternet.com and she will forward them to Clive

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13 June Hatton Road, Pulford Road, Leaside Road, Fernhill Road

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20 June Harthill Road, The Parade, Tomlin’s Terrace, Carlisle Road

27 June Durham Road, Canterbury Road, Lichfield Road, Warwick Road

*Prov 11:11
The Message*

The **July issue** of the Parish News will be available on or about Sunday, 27th June 2021. All contributions should be submitted to the Parish Office by **Thursday, 10th June 2021**. Thank you.

If you would like to subscribe to our magazine please contact the Church Office on 01244 376085 - annual cost is £4.00.

Easy

Sudoku

Medium

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Crossword

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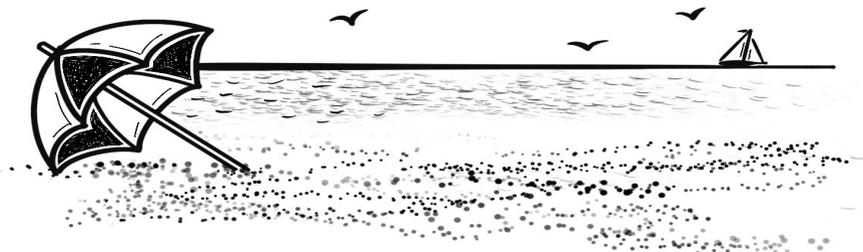
- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)

Crossword Clues

- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)



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which welcomes all and provides opportunities
for refreshment, to meet others, to grow and develop,
and so together to build community.

Holy Trinity Church Blacon

PLEASE PRAY FOR HOLY TRINITY OUTREACH PROJECT



Sunday - For spiritual growth
among all who come to us

Monday - Give thanks for the
people who work here

Tuesday - That God will draw those
who need us most to our Outreach
Project

Wednesday - For provision of all
the resources and volunteers

needed for growth

Thursday -For all the work of food
charity Blacon Beacon

Friday - Relationships with
different agencies across Blacon to
grow strong

Saturday - for growing work with
children and young people

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

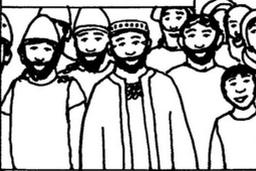
It can be read in the Bible in
2 Sam 6: 1-10, 2 Chron 13, 15:1-28

Copies of God's Laws for the Jews were kept in a special holy chest - the Ark. It had been stored at Keriath Jearim for 20 years...

When King David made Jerusalem his capital, he decided to bring the Ark there.



David brought his soldiers and a huge crowd came too



They put the Ark on a new cart and set off down the hill.



The oxen stumbled, and Uzzah thought the Ark might fall off the cart.



He forgot the Ark was holy and held on to it.



David was very angry with God that Uzzah had died

Then he thought of God's power and was very afraid.

So he left the Ark stored at the house of Obed Edom.



David realised that they had not treated God's Ark with respect.



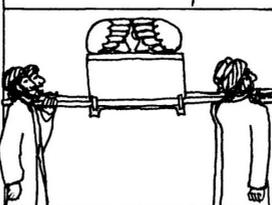
He talked to the Levites, the tribe that God had chosen to be His priests.



They organised musicians and trumpeters, and people to carry the Ark.



God's holy Ark was treated with respect.



Everyone cheered and sang as the Ark was carried into Jerusalem.



Sudoku Solutions

Easy

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After months of lockdown, the Sunday procession probably needed some practise.



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