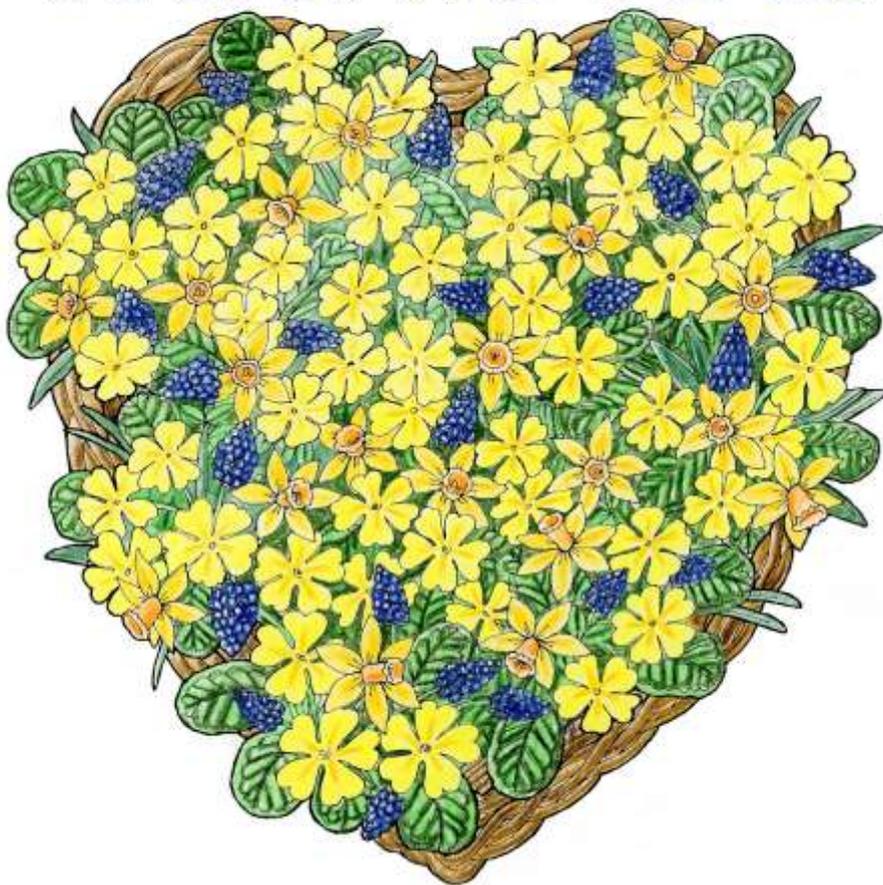


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A message from Revd David Jones

Shutdown and restart?

Writing the message this month has been a bit of a nightmare. Firstly, I forgot and needed a reminder 2 days before the due date. On looking at my diary for a space there was not any room, at all.



So, knowing that I am going on holiday the day it is due, I sit in bed secretly trying to type the message without waking the wife. I glance at the clock 11pm. Not too late, the alarm isn't going to sound until 3:45am. Just one problem, what am I going to say? I spent 25 minutes typing a reflection asking you to think about what you might have given up this Lent, encouraging you to make it something of worth, something that will require God's help, something that will draw you into closer relationship with the creator, redeemer and sustainer. Also, what you have taken up, are giving back that you might grow in relationship with neighbour. It was alright, not my best, a bit predictable. That'll do.



Great, send to the administrator.... Connected, no internet!



I don't have time for this now! Disconnect, reconnect, disconnect. Shut down, restart. Same issue. Now, I know that if I go downstairs and refit the router it'll probably work. But it is late, I'm tired and I'm getting up early in the morning. I'll quickly send it tomorrow.

The plane has touched down in Norway, I connect to the outside world and there is that WhatsApp. "Did you write that magazine



article?" I sat there in the plane like Kevin's mum when I realised what is forgotten... Yes, I did write it.

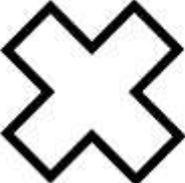


So here is the point, during Lent we often go half way to a reset, a soft reset. Christ didn't do soft resets. He died in pain on a cross. Perhaps this lent we need to do a hard test. Perhaps we really have to push a little harder to make sure we are drawing close to God and neighbour. But alternatively, maybe we need to get out of the habit of overwork and reset our balance to assess our priorities. Maybe even think about what God is asking you to do.

Praying we will all grow in faith, hope and love.

Blessings
Dave

LENT

 <p>REPENT - say sorry to God for the wrong things you have said, thought or done</p>	 <p>FAST - go without</p>
 <p>REFLECT - think about God</p>	 <p>FORGIVE other people</p>
 <p>READ the Bible</p>	 <p>PRAY</p>

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCHES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

1st Sunday 4pm St Michael's Community Centre
ALL-AGE WORSHIP



2nd Sunday 10.30 St Michael's Church
PARISH COMMUNION

3rd Sunday 10.30 St Michael's Community Centre
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4th Sunday 10.30 St Michael's Church
PARISH COMMUNION



Also in St Michael's Church

4th Sunday at 4pm - Pause for Thought or Café Church

1st Sunday at 8am - Holy Communion



See page 17 for details of special events
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SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30

1st Mar	Rev Leigh Maydew (Holy Communion)
8th Mar	Songs of Praise
15th Mar	Mrs Brenda Isherwood
22nd Mar	Mr David Carter
29th Mar	Mrs Chris Leese



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Spring on the way?

I imagine that most of us have found the weather so far this year pretty depressing. Day after day of leaden grey skies and it never stops raining for long enough for the roads and pavements to dry, let alone the fields and our gardens, which are absolutely saturated. The weather forecast for the rest of February is not much better either. The reason for it all apparently is that we are stuck in a blocking weather pattern that keeps the rain clouds



over us for weeks at a time. There is some evidence that blocking weather patterns are becoming more common with climate change: they can result in never ending rain as at present, or equally extended periods of drought like last Spring. Certainly, the intensity of rainfall events is increasing as global temperatures rise: warmer air holds more water vapour, so when it rains there is more of it to fall.

There are signs of renewal, Spring is on the way. I find the lighter mornings and evenings uplifting, even when they are grey. I recently visited Cricklade on the one sunny day and it was a joy to see the new green shoots emerging in the fields. The town sits on a rise beside the River Thames and there are acres of water meadows around the river here. The amount of water present was evidence of the amount of recent rain, but the meadows looked beautiful in the sun and I was reminded that in a few months' time these meadows will be host to literally thousands of fritillaries, a sight to behold.



Closer to home, have you walked round the old churchyard recently? The snowdrops and crocuses are spectacular, primroses are coming up everywhere and daffodils are coming into bud.



By the time you read this we will have a Spring-cleaning session in the church, getting rid of unwanted clutter, removing hard to reach cobwebs and generally cleaning in all those corners that get forgotten. Perhaps you do the same thing at home?



Spring is a time of renewal and an opportunity to get rid of all the rubbish, not just in our homes and church but in our lives too. How many issues and worries do you have at the back of your mind, that keep emerging into your consciousness and getting you down? Are they all really things to worry about or are some of them fit to be cleared out? Lent is a time of reflection so maybe we could all use it to tidy our minds up and prepare for the greatest renewal of them all, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter.



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rich man was about to go on a journey...'

He gave his servants money
to look after, depending on
what they could do.



He gave 5 bags of coins to the
first, 2 to the second, and 1 to the third.

As soon as he had gone,
the first two servants
started to work.



The one with 5 bags of coins
used them to earn 5 more,



and the one with 2 bags
used them to earn another 2!

The third servant dug a
hole and buried his bag.



When
the master
came back,
he called
his
servants
to him...



The first two showed him they
had doubled his money, and he
was very happy with them.



You are a hard man
who expects us to work. I
was afraid so I just hid it.



If you knew what I
expected, why didn't
you do it?



Get out of here!



TOGETHER **4** FROMESIDE

Lent Soup lunches 2026 Fridays 12 -1pm

20th Feb St Michael's Community Centre, Winterbourne

27th Feb St Saviour's Church, Coalpit Heath

6th March Bethesda, Winterbourne Down Methodist
(following the World Day of Prayer service @ 11am- all welcome)

13th March Zion United Church, Frampton Cotterell

20th March St Peters's Church, Frampton Cotterell

27th March All Saints, Winterbourne Down

All very welcome



Two donkeys

Two donkeys were walking the streets of Jerusalem. One said: "Just a few days ago I came down that hill carrying Jesus, and the people were all singing and shouting and throwing down their cloaks and palms for me to walk on. But today they don't even recognise me."

The other donkey replied: "That is how it is, my friend. Without Jesus, none of us amounts to much."

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK TOGETHER...

Monday 30th March

7pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All Saints', Winterbourne Down



Tuesday 31st March

7pm TENEBRAE

St James, Iron Acton

Wednesday 1st April

7.30pm AGAPE MEAL

St Saviour's, Coalpit Heath



Thursday 2nd April

7pm MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGIES

St Peter's, Frampton Cotterell

Good Friday 3rd April

9.15 COMMUNION OF THE CROSS All Saints'

10.00 STATIONS OF THE CROSS - St James

10.30 COMMUNION OF THE CROSS

St Peter's & St Saviour's

2pm THE CROSS OF CHRIST - St Michael's

Saturday 4th April

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What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the Bible: Exodus

This month we are looking at Exodus, the second book of the Old Testament. Its name means departure, reminding us that Israel's flight out of slavery in Egypt is the major focus of the book.



Exodus is a book of two halves! The first part (chapters 1-19 & 32-34) is the story of an oppressed people who are delivered from slavery into a life of freedom. The second half (chapters 20-31 & 35-40) consists of detailed instructions about the life and worship of God's people. The book introduces us to their *salvation* or deliverance, as *story*. God's promises to Abraham are fulfilled as the people journey to the Promised Land. He also renews His covenant with them at Sinai, expressed in the Ten Commandments (20: 1-17).



At the heart of Exodus is the person of God Himself. In chapter 3 God reveals His name as YHWH or *'I am who I am'* (3:14) to Moses. This is the name by which God is known throughout the Old Testament, expressed in the title *'the LORD'*. To know God's name is to know Him, as well as His character ie His justice, truthfulness, mercy, faithfulness and holiness. He is the God who controls history, delivering the people out of Egypt, while the death of the Passover lamb points us to Jesus' death on the cross (1 Corinthians 5:7).



God's promises of help remain true for us today: *'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today'* Exodus 14:13.

'This Exodus story continues to be a major means that God uses to draw men and women in trouble out of the mess of history into the kingdom of salvation.' (Eugene Peterson).

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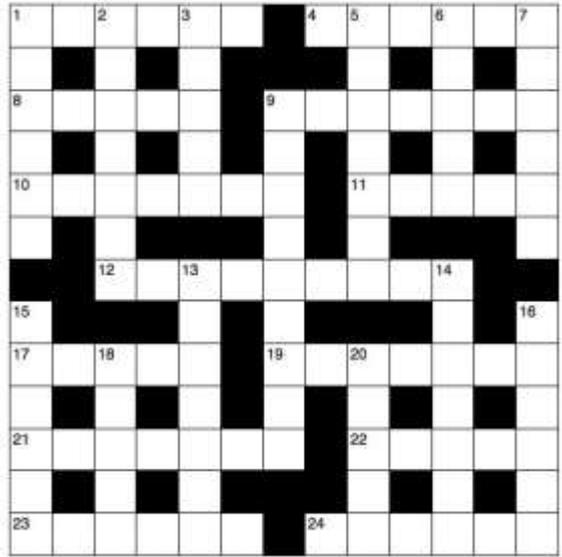
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CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
 8 ““They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!”” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
 10 Jewish (7)
 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
 19 ‘Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature’ (Galatians 5:13) (7)
 21 ‘As you can see, he has done nothing to — death’ (Luke 23:15) (7)
 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
 23 ‘All the people — — one man, saying, “None of us will go home”’ (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham’s side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)



Answers on page 27

Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
 2 ‘In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea’ (Acts 27:30) (7)
 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
 5 ‘But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!’ (Luke 12:50) (7)
 6 ‘Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ’ (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
 9 ‘For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings’ (Hosea 6:6) (9)
 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob’s well (John 4:5) (7)
 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
 16 One of Paul’s first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
 18 Donkeys (5)
 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

Salem Diary

There has been a lot of illness among our church members, and so we are all looking forward to Spring and a bit of sunshine. Time seems to pass so quickly and we are already in Lent.



The Lenten Cross will be built each Sunday as a reminder of the road Jesus took—a road of pain and suffering, but the path of self-giving love. This cross will become the cross of flowers on Easter Day.

Our Lent Study group will run on Wednesday evenings at 7.30p.m. in the Hall. All are welcome.



The Annual Church meeting will take place on Sunday March 22nd at 4 p.m.. Holy Communion will be celebrated and a tea will follow. It is an opportunity for all in the congregation to learn more about the workings of the church and to offer any suggestions as to what they would like to see happen.

Please join us at any of our regular events

Wednesday 4th at 10 a.m. Coffee morning

An opportunity to meet together with friends for conversation as well as enjoy your coffee



Tuesday 10th at 2 p.m. Film afternoon.

ALL ARE WELCOME



Saturday 21st at 10 a.m. Bacon Butty coffee morning

Another opportunity to socialize and enjoy refreshments



Tuesday 24th at 2.30p.m. Women's Fellowship

All ladies are welcome to join us for an hours fellowship



Special events in & around St Michael's

Sunday 1st March at 4pm
PRAISE
in St Michael's Community Centre



Friday 6th March at 11am
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
at Winterbourne Down Methodist Church
see back page



Saturday 7th March from 3.30-5.15
MESSY CHURCH
in St Saviour's Church Hall



Sunday 15th March at 10.30
CELTIC WORSHIP
for MOTHERING SUNDAY
in St Michael's Community Centre



Sunday 22nd March at 4pm
PAUSE FOR THOUGHT
in St Michael's Church



FOR OTHER EVENTS
IN LENT AND FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES
SEE PAGES 10 11 and 19

The Way of the Cross

'Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.' (Luke 9: 23)

These words of Jesus are spoken at a turning point in the gospel. Jesus challenged the disciples about His identity and their commitment to Him: *'who do the crowds say I am?'* (Luke 9:18). It is at this point that He *'resolutely set out for Jerusalem'* (9:51). On our journey through Lent, as we look to the events of Good Friday and Easter, what are our priorities as Jesus' disciples?

To deny ourselves: this means to saying *No* to ourselves and *Yes* to God, as we humbly submit our will to His. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane *'not My will but Yours be done.'* (Luke 22:42). It means putting Jesus first in everything: our work, family, ambitions, possessions, marriage, finance and future. We will not be guided by self-interest, but by allowing God to show us how to live in His way.

To take up our cross: this reminds us that the disciple is not immune from suffering, as we follow Jesus along the way of the cross. Just as He carried His cross to Golgotha, we cannot avoid experiencing suffering in a fallen world. Every day we are to live in way that demonstrates to everyone that we have died to ourselves, our selfish ways and ambitions, and seek to live for God. It means breaking old selfish habits and ways of thinking, as we allow God to renew us by His Spirit.



Perhaps that is something we should learn—to wait for Jesus our Master, to be always obedient to Him, to serve Him with all our hearts, and to bear the mark of His grace in our lives.

In all of this we cannot lose, because like Jesus, it is only through death that we find God's new life. *'He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose.'* (Jim Elliot).



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Wednesday 18th March at 10am and 1pm

Fused Glass Workshop

Join local glass artist, Rachael Durkan from The Glass Cabin at 10am or 1pm for one of her popular fused glass workshops.

Saturday 21st March at 7pm

Ceilidh at the Barn

We are delighted to welcome back Sargent's Mess who will once again be providing the rousing tunes with Ann on accordion, Naomi on violin, and Nick on guitar. The man in charge of proceedings for the evening is caller Rob. Normally seen at The Barn for one of our sell-out summer barn dances, this time Sargent' Mess will be guiding us through a Ceilidh...just in time to help celebrate a certain Irish patron saint too.

Sunday 29th March at 10.30

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A message from Revd. Leigh Maydew

Already we find ourselves almost a quarter of the way through 2026, it doesn't feel like it's been that long since we were opening Christmas presents, and now, here we are waiting patiently for the Easter Bunny to arrive with our stash of chocolate in early April.

This month we find ourselves in the deep throws of Lent, the period that started with Shrove Tuesday, when we emptied our pantries and ate lots of pancakes back in the middle of February, and concludes with the celebrations of Easter at the beginning of April.



The idea behind Lent comes from the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry. Jesus's time in the wilderness was about preparing himself for the work that was ahead of him. Lent is about us preparing ourselves for the events of Easter, and for me this year, preparing myself for three months off from Circuit Ministry from April to June.

People use Lent in different ways, some give things up, a chance to forego the chocolate or alcohol for a few weeks, whereas others do something new, committing to help a charity for example.



We may well already be in Lent, but if you've not started something yet to help you prepare for Easter, there's still time.

May this Lent period be a time of blessing for you as you look towards Easter and all that brings, whether that's time with family, or a chance to celebrate the life of Christ.

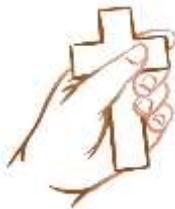
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Reflecting Faith: Togetherness

Last month we began our Lenten journey with ashes on Ash Wednesday, reminding us of our beginning and our ending; soon we will conclude that time with Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Such a relatively short time for so great a distance. I'm reminded of this by the opening words used in Church of England services at some Palm Sunday services:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters His own city to complete His work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with Him in faith and love, so that, united with Him in His sufferings, we may share His risen life.



It's all about togetherness. Together as a small group of people in that one church where we worship. Together with 'the' Church across all denominations and throughout the world. Together with Christ Himself.



It's one of the reasons that we process on Palm Sunday. Ideally it will be a joyful and noisy procession with banners and rejoicing – reminding us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as much as into our own lives.

This month

It's in this joy wherein lies the contrast with our solemn and silent procession on Good Friday. We need them both. One on its own doesn't tell the full story. Just like a play on Good Friday without its follow-up on Easter Sunday leaves you hanging.

We all know that social media tends to only show happy occasions but that underneath all those meals and holidays and smiling faces there can be great heartaches and sorrows. It's the togetherness of both of those emotions where the true depth of joy is to be found and not on the surfaces.

How do we greet Christ anew on Resurrection Sunday without the devastating loss of Good Friday, or that long week travelling in and out of the city walls? May you find real joy in togetherness this Eastertide!





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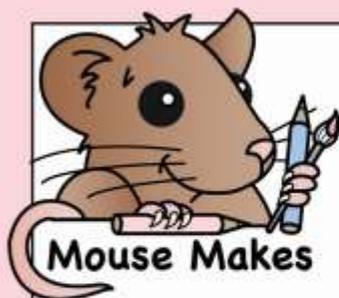
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Mouse Makes

The Bible has many stories of mothers who had great faith in God. With their love, care, encouragement and prayers their children grew up to be great people of God.



Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

*Exodus 2:1-3
and 6:20*

Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?
Genesis 17:19



Across

3. **Obed's** mother
Matthew 1:5
4. **John's** mother
Luke 1:57-60
7. **Reuben's** mother
Genesis 29:32
8. **Joseph's** mother
Genesis 30:22-24
9. **Jesus' mother**
Acts 1:14

Down

1. **Boaz's** mother
Matthew 1:5
2. **Solomon's** mother
1 Kings 1:11
4. **Timothy's** mother
2 Timothy 1:5
5. **Ishmael's** mother
Genesis 16:15
6. **Jacob and Esau's** mother
Genesis 25:21-26

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?
1 Samuel 1:20

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?
Genesis 4:1-2



Answer the questions then put them into the crossword

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A scientist considers...

A Bucket of Tadpoles:

Springtime, Curiosity, and the Theology of Science

When I was nearly three, I knocked a bucket of tadpoles all over the patio. Those unfortunate creatures must have been collected to educate my brother and I on where frogs came from, but a toddler can't just stand by and watch. Can I see up close? Or maybe I was 'helpfully' moving it to another place. I just remember doing something I shouldn't have done, and tadpoles on the ground. I was sad that I wouldn't get to see those creatures grow up.



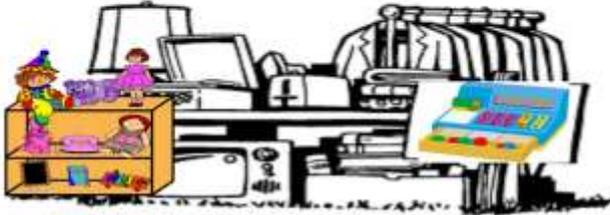
I might have been great at destroying things when I was a child (my family would probably say I still am), but I absolutely love watching living things up close. The more I learn, the more my sense of wonder grows. For a tadpole to become a frog, large sections of its gut, salivary glands and muscles must die, as well as the gills. The cells in those tissues are programmed to curl up and disintegrate, and are then swallowed up by a specialised kind of white blood cell. Legs grow from small sacs of cells on the tadpole's body, and one of my textbooks says that 'The nervous system is also remodelled' - which I suspect is a bit of an understatement.

This knowledge removes a little of the mystery of how a tadpole turns into a frog, but there is plenty more to discover. These few details also reveal the cleverness of the process. Metamorphosis is surprisingly common in the animal kingdom. How is that an efficient way to grow up, or is efficiency not the most important thing for an animal?

Scientists are essentially grown-ups who are still very much in touch with their inner two-year-old. They refuse to stop asking questions, even when finding an answer becomes decidedly more awkward than opening a textbook.

Many scientists are people of faith, and this also drives their questioning. They believe that God created a world that was very good, that the purpose of all Creation is to praise Him, that we are made in God's image, and that we are tasked with looking after Creation. So Christians, of all people, should be enjoying and investigating our surroundings. These are the bones of a theology of science which serves some of us very well, and keeps us looking into things like buckets of frogs – that is, until a two-year-old comes and knocks them over.

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DOWN: 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.



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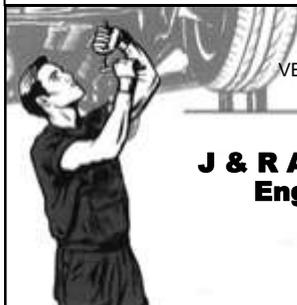
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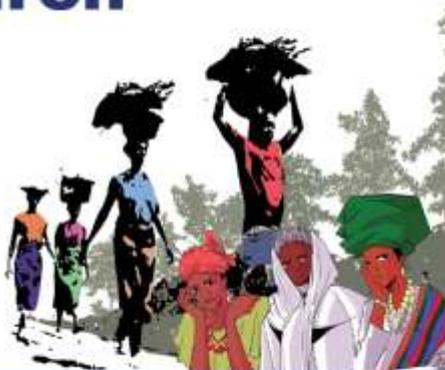
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