

Steve's Puzzles and Stuff—92

"It is more blessed to give..." (Axts 20:35)



Sadio Mane, a Senegalese soccer star who plays for Bayern Munich and the Senegal national team, earns approximately \$10.2 million (£8.4 million) a year. He surprised some fans when they saw him carrying a cracked iPhone 11. His response was :

"Why would I want ten Ferraris, 20 diamond watches, and two jet planes?"

I starved, I worked in the fields, played barefoot, and I didn't go to school. Now I can help people.

I prefer to build schools and give poor people food or clothing. I have built schools and a stadium, provide clothes, shoes, and food for people in extreme poverty.

I also give 70 euros (£62) per month* to everyone in a very poor Senegalese region in order to contribute to their family economy. I do not need to display luxury cars, luxury homes, trips, and even planes. I prefer that my people receive some of what life has given me."

Quora

(*Average monthly income in Senegal = £116. Average UK = £1,950. Basic UK state pension = £802 pm.)

Mane built a £455,000 public hospital, which includes a maternity care unit. Mane's father died when he was a child and the lack of health services in his home region has become a big cause in his life. "I remember my sister was also born at home because there is no hospital in our village. It was a really, really sad situation for everyone. I wanted to build one to give people hope," he told the *Guardian*.

The Aahhh! Zone

I need to change my Christmas cards! This really is a pink/purple Robin found in Australia!



A puppy was brought to a shelter, paralyzed with fear. A sweet lonely pup Lucy who was also waiting for a home took to her immediately.

They formed a bond and clung together. One of the volunteers fell in love with them, refused to separate them, and gave them both their new forever home.



A large koi fish named Falstaff swims over to the pond's edge for another meeting with his golden retriever friend named Chino in a backyard in Oregon.



Proud Parents

County Sheriff Jerry Marr got a disturbing call one Saturday afternoon. His 6-year-old grandson, Mikey, had been hit by a car while fishing with his dad.



JESUS And The MUD PUDDLE

The father and son were near a bridge when a woman lost control of her car, slid off the bridge and hit Mikey at a rate of about 50 mph.

Sheriff Marr had seen the results of accidents like this and feared the worst. When he got to the Hospital, he rushed through the emergency room to find Mikey conscious and in fairly good spirits.

'Mikey, what happened?' Sheriff Marr asked.

Mikey replied, 'Well, I was fishin' with Dad, and some lady runned me over. I flew into a mud puddle, and broke my fishin' rod and I didn't get to catch no fish!'

As it turned out, the impact propelled Mikey about 500 feet, over a few trees and an embankment and in to the middle of a mud puddle. His only injuries were to his right femur, which had broken in two places. Mikey had surgery to place pins in his leg. Otherwise he was fine.

Since all the boy could talk about was his broken fishing rod, the Sheriff went out to Wal-Mart and bought him a new one while he was in surgery so he could have it when he came out.

The next day the Sheriff sat with Mikey to keep him company. Mikey was enjoying his new fishing rod and talked about when he could go fishing again as he cast into the rubbish bin.

When they were alone Mikey, just as matter-of-fact, said, 'Grandad, did you know Jesus is real?'

'Well,' the Sheriff replied, a little startled, 'Yes, Jesus is real to all who believe in him and love him in their hearts.'

'No,' said Mikey. 'I mean Jesus is REALLY real.'

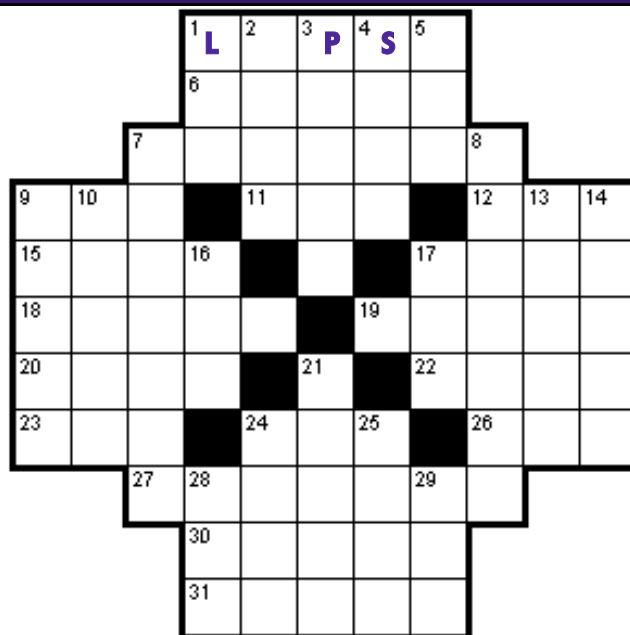
'What do you mean?' asked the Sheriff.

'I know he's real 'cause I saw him,' said Mikey.

'You did?' said the Sheriff.

'Yep,' said Mikey. 'When that lady runned me over and broke my fishing pole, Jesus caught me in his arms and laid me down in the mud puddle.'

Missing Vowels Crossword



All the vowels have been missed out of the crossword answers below., but the consonants are in the right order. See if you can complete the puzzle. I find it helps to go for the longest words first. One word shows where the consonants should go.

Across

- 1. L*PS*
- 6. RN
- 7. DCT
- 9. WT
- 11. MP
- 12. CB
- 15. HD
- 17. TM
- 18. RRR
- 19. PLR
- 20. LN
- 22. Z
- 23. P.
- 24. ST
- 26. GT
- 27. LTRRY
- 30. DRY
- 31. DRN

Down

- 1. LD
- 2. RM
- 3. PCN
- 4. SNP
- 5. T
- 7. TRNL
- 8. CLGY
- 9. WHLP
- 10. R
- 13. MZ
- 14. BRT
- 16. D.
- 17. T
- 21. PT
- 24. STR
- 25. TRN
- 28. DD
- 29. RY

SUDOKU

Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

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**BEWARE OF
TRAINS GOING
BOTH WAYS AT
ONCE**

Notice at Durham level crossing

Ouch!

"A 30-ton house will be dropped tomorrow on the ferryman on the remote island of Easdale..."

(Daily Mail)

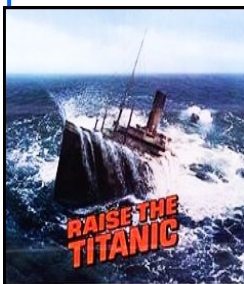
"BLOODHOUND IN CHILD HUNT FOUND PICKING BLACKBERRIES."

(Daily Express)

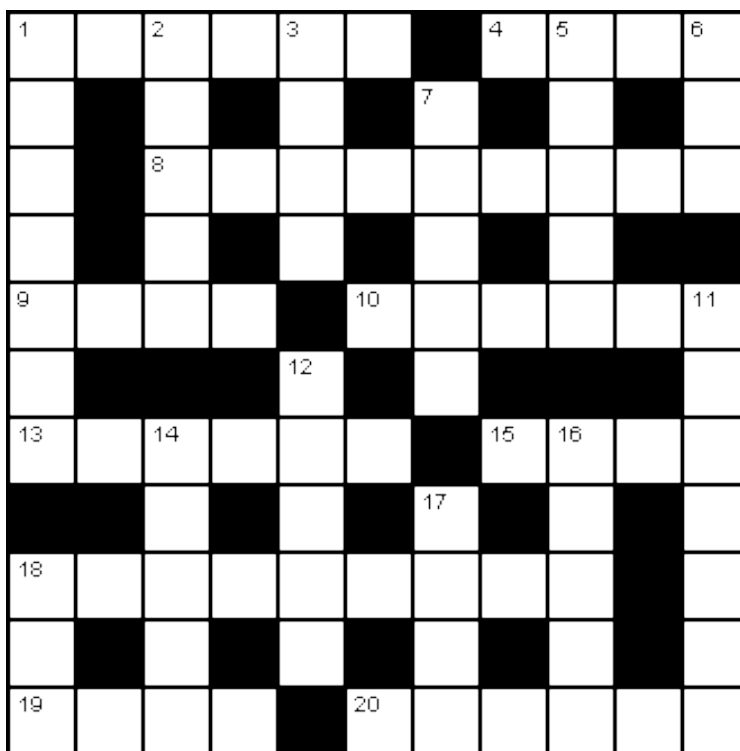
'Sheer luck' to get these right! Quiz



- In the novels, **Sherlock Holmes** is often described as having an 'aquiline' profile or silhouette. What does that mean?
- Dr. Watson** frequently 'expostulates' with Holmes over some issue. What does 'expostulate' mean?
- The actors** at the foot of the page have all played Holmes. Can you name them—and how many of them were knighted?
- Who wrote the novel *"Where Eagles Dare"*?
- What world is **Terry Pratchett** famous for writing about?
- Lord Grade who produced the film *"Raise the Titanic"* based on the book of the same name said afterwards, *"It would have been cheaper to lower the Atlantic!!"* Who wrote the book on which the film is based and who is his lead character?
- Who created the fictional character of Tarzan?
- Who wrote the series of books featuring *The Borrowers*?
- With which book would you associate the ship *"The Hispaniola"*?
- In Henry Williamson's famous book what type of animal was *"Tarka"*?
- What was the name of the school boy created by Richmal Crompton?
- What was the name of the book written by Oscar Wilde featuring a picture that aged instead of its owner?
- Where did Peter Pan take the Darling children?
- How many Arabian Nights were written about?



Quick Crossword –5



Across

- Elementary (6)
- Sort (4)
- Made known (9)
- Scintilla (4)
- Season (6)
- Fluent (6)
- Unguent (4)
- Reptile (9)
- Bed on a ship or train (4)
- Conflict (6)

Down

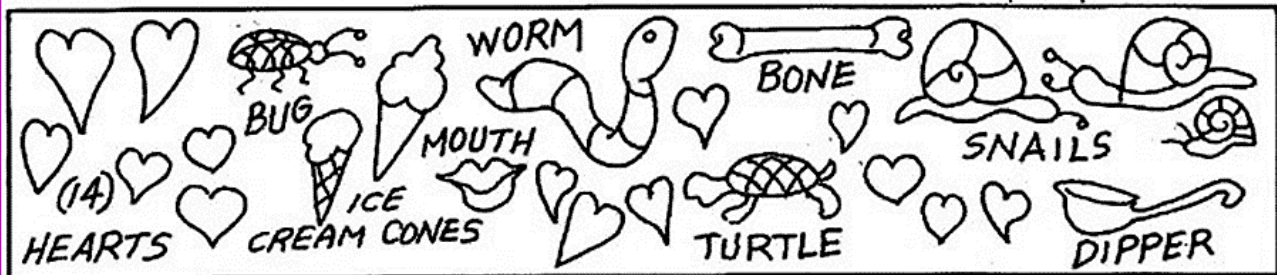
- Law officer (7)
- Intended (5)
- Solitary (4)
- Watercraft (5)
- Conclusion (3)
- Sound (5)
- Violent disorder (7)
- Flower (5)
- Diadem (5)
- Obviate (5)
- Passport endorsement (4)
- Young mammal (3)



Valentine's Day Hidden Object Puzzle

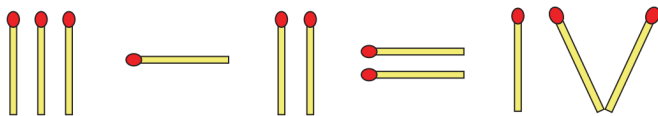


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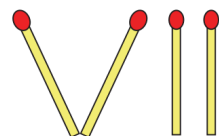
Matchstick Puzzles

Move ONE matchstick to make a true equation:



This is extremely devious! Think maths.

Move ONE matchstick to change the VALUE of the Roman 7 to 1.



This Lent lets think about the Environment

Lent is a time when many of us reflect and spend time thinking about what we can change about ourselves and our daily habits to bring us closer to God. We may attend a Lent course, or we may spend more time in prayer or bible study.



For many it is simply a case of thinking of the one thing they can 'give up' for the season.

This discipline of giving something up for Lent goes back to the traditional dietary requirements of the church, starting of course with every child's (and a lot of adults too!) favourite festival, Shrove Tuesday, when all the eggs and fats in the house would be used up before embarking on the Lenten fast. Whilst today we remember that Jesus released us from the most arduous of these dietary requirements saying 'it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth' (Matthew 15:11), many of us still go without luxuries during the Lenten period to mirror Jesus' fasting in the desert. With more and more of us being aware of the impact of what we eat on the environment, perhaps this year we could consider combining these two ideas together?

One of our current focuses is our environmental pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030. This is central to our Christian faith as stewards of God's creation and crucial in making sure that we are doing all we can to address the current climate crisis. Perhaps this Lent is a time for us to focus on the

environment, think about what we can do to help reach this target and discuss within our churches what that might look like for our community?

Cambridge University has recently published a study indicating that not eating meat one day a week could 'bring about a major reduction in global carbon emissions', maybe this Lent is the time for more of us to adopt the traditional practice of meat-free Fridays? I am planning to give this a try and hope it will both help the environment and respond to the prayerful abstinence of the season.

With my prayers and best wishes,

+John

Bishop of Brixworth &
Acting Bishop of
Peterborough

Our Alpha Course for those wanting to know more about Christian faith basics is now running on Mondays.



It's not too late, to join.

If you have any questions do have a chat with Kevin.

Also our **WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP/BIBLE STUDY GROUPS** meet each Wednesday at 10.30am with a repeat at 7.30pm. Come to either, switch when needed. Dig deeper into the Scriptures.

For times—see below.

Curious Signs



It belongs, of course, to a New Zealand firm that sells blinds!

Then there's the US firm called:



(I wonder how they collect it?)



Anyone caught EXITING thru this door will be asked to LEAVE!

Weekly Services

Sundays at 10.30am at St. Columba's

Rockingham Services 9am monthly.

Occasional services at other times.



Details in the Vicar's weekly email and website. Services are available online on YouTube via

<https://stcolumbascorby.org.uk/>

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Other Activities (* = in the Hall)

MONDAYS 10.30-11.30 am: Sweat Shop* (Zumba)

5.30-8.30 pm: Katrina's School of Dancing*

7.00pm ALPHA Course (learn about the Christian faith)

TUESDAYS 1.00 Line Dancing*

5.30-8.30 pm: Katrina's School of Dancing*

WEDNESDAYS 10.30am & 7.30pm Fellowship Groups

11.00 am-1.00 pm: 'Get, Set, Goers' *

(Ladies Group—2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

5.30-7.00 pm: St John Ambulance cadets*

(in term time)

7.15-8.45 pm: Judo*

THURSDAYS 6.30-7.30 pm: Sweat Shop* (Zumba)

FRIDAYS 3.00 Ladies' Afternoon Tea*

(2nd Friday in month)

SATS. Men's Group—Next Mtg. 9am 11th March*.



























SUNDAY 2.00-4.00 pm: Viking Re-enactment Group*

Two Alcoholics Anonymous groups also meet. For obvious reasons we don't say when or where. Ask Vicar.

+ Mon. 20th 7.30 Deanery Synod + Wed. 1st March 7.30 PCC (both in church)

Fer T'Kidz—Decode these Farm Jokes














The Code

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





What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?

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



What is a horse's favorite sport?









What do you call a horse that lives next door?

What do you get when a chicken lays an egg on top of a barn?

Where do cows go on dates?

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Say what



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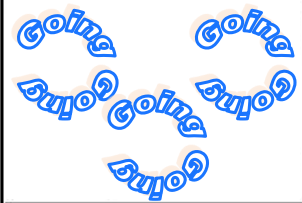
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ALWAYS listen to that 'still, small (or LOUD) voice'!

ON May 24th, 1985 at 1.00 am, Elaine Cunningham lay tossing and turning in bed, in Washington, unable to sleep while over and over into her mind came the command, ***"PRAY! Pray for your son, John, and his family...!"***



... and, suddenly wide awake, Elaine did as she was told, and prayed fervently that God would protect her missionary son John, and his family if they were in any kind of danger.

At the same time, hundreds of miles away in South Africa, at 10 am, local time, John, his wife Sandy, and their little girls Sara (5) and Jessica (3) were having a day out in the car looking for elephants! It was 100°F (38°C).

Dust billowed behind their car as they bumped along a dirt road.

Eventually, seeing a herd of elephants by the river, they drove down an embankment into a clearing, where they parked.

"I'm going to walk nearer, so I can get some better photographs," said John.

"Well, we're staying here!" said his wife, and locked the car door firmly after him, as he set off carefully towards the elephants, looking out for poisonous snakes.

He stopped about 100 feet from the car photographing the elephants as they sucked up the brown water in their trunks and sprayed it over their backs. A large bull elephant stood guard, watching over the cow elephants and their calves.

Suddenly, John heard a deep rumbling sound. looked up and saw a terrifying sight!

200 huge, dusty, dry, thirsty elephants had been running for miles through the bush and were heading straight for the river.

.... and right in their path were John - and his family!

Remembering a missionary telling him never to put himself between elephants and their source of water, because they can get violent if you get in their way, John forgot about the snakes, and ran as fast as he could for the car!

He just managed to get there and leap in as the herd arrived.

Immediately, the car was engulfed in a mass of blinding dust and bellowing elephants passing on either side, rocking it violently as they bumped against it.

Inside the car the little girls screamed, John gasped for breath and Sandy sat there her mouth open, unable to speak!

The elephants flattened everything in their path - but eventually the herd was past, and while the elephants gulped in huge quantities of water... with one voice, John and his family thanked God for saving their lives.

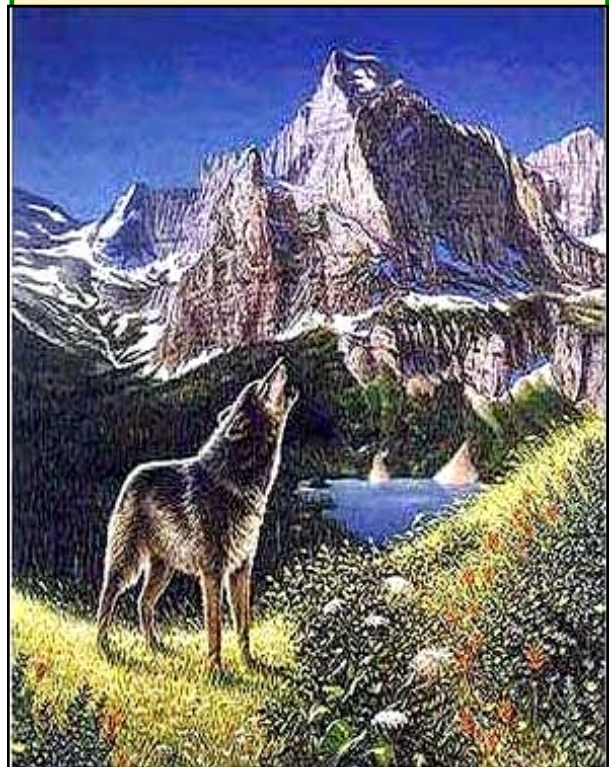
"Someone must have been praying for us!" he said... as thousands of miles away, at 2 am Washington time, his mother's unease left her as she knew God had answered her.

"Thank you, Lord," she said, ***"I know John and his family are safe in your hands."*** - and promptly fell asleep.

Three years later ... telling the elephant story in his home church, John asked, ***"What were YOU doing at 1am on May 24th, 1985?"***

His mother smiled, remembering that urgent voice that had woken her and told her to pray. She at last knew why! It can be a long time before you discover why God told you to pray, or what happened. You may need to ask Him when you meet!

How many Wolves can you see?



Puzzle Answers

"Sheer Luck" Quiz

1. **Aquiline** means having an eagle-like nose.



2. **Expostulate** means to express strong disagreement – e.g. "Holmes," / *expostulated, "this is no time for research; this is the time to act!"*
3. **Row 1:** (Sir) Michael Caine; (Sir) Basil Rathbone; Peter Cushing; (Sir) Christopher Lee; (Sir) Roger Moore; Tom Baker.
Row 2: Jeremy Brett; Rupert Everett; Robert Downey Jr.; Benedict Cumberbatch; Jonny Lee Miller (US TV Series *Elementary*); (Sir) Ian McKellen. (So: 5 Knights)
4. Alistair Maclean.
 5. *Discworld*.
 6. Clive Cussler; Dirk Pitt.
 7. Edgar Rice Burroughs.
 8. Mary Norton.
 9. *Treasure Island*.
 10. An otter.
 11. *[Just] William*.
 12. *The Picture of Dorian Grey*.
 13. *Neverland*.
 14. *1001*.

Dingbats

1. Toucan. 7. Mixed greens.
 2. Square Dance. 8. No Left Turn.
 3. Leftovers. 9. Tutu.
 4. Going round in circles. 10. Archangel.
 5. Day in-day out. 11. Helpline.
 6. Count Dracula. 12. Suspended animation.

Quick Crossword

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SUDOKU

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

Coded Farm Jokes

1. Straw-berries 3. An Egg Roll
 2. Stable Tennis 4. Moo-vies
 3. A Neigh-bour



When I moved into my new igloo my friends threw me a surprise house-warming party. Now I'm homeless!

"God, I'd like to talk about my sins."

"What sins? When you put your trust in my Son Jesus Christ and committed yourself to following Him, I distinctly remember forgetting them!" (Hebrews 8:12)

Hidden Objects



How many Wolves?

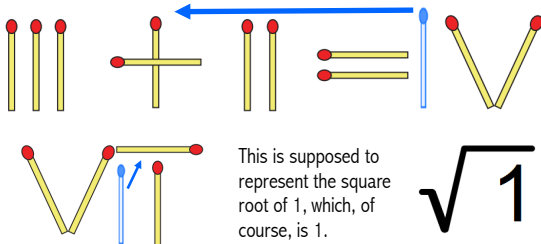


I believe I have found seven wolves (including the one in the foreground). I suspect there may be more. I'm not sure about that object sticking up in the water. Is it a nose?

Missing Vowels

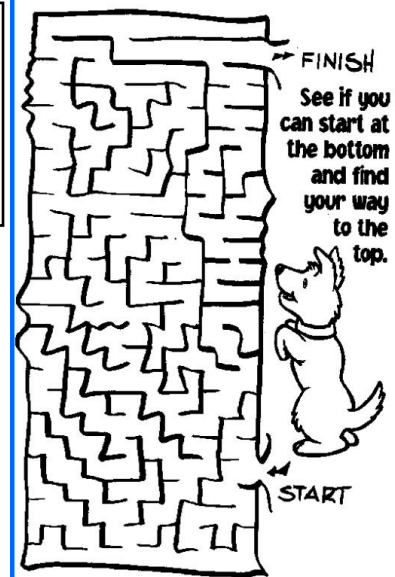
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Matchsticks Puzzles



This is supposed to represent the square root of 1, which, of course, is 1.

$$\sqrt{1}$$



FINISH
 See if you can start at the bottom and find your way to the top.

START