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Friends of Wimborne Minster Valentine's Coffee Morning **Saturday 10th February 10 am – 12 noon Church House Lounge** **To include a Raffle.**

The Friends of Wimborne Minster recently sponsored the special story books for the Crib Service and have made a generous grant available for new choir robes.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race, Tuesday 13th February

The venue is as always, outside the main north porch entrance to the Minster and the first race will commence at 11.00am as the Pancake Bell is tolled. Competitors will be required to run around the Minster tossing their pancakes at each of the four corners of the church. All competitors please report to the north porch by 10.30am to enrol, complete with frying pan and ready-cooked pancake. Anyone can enter, and all are most welcome. The adult (over-18) winner becomes the Minster Pancake Champion 2024 and wins the John Loader Memorial Cup, presented by Martyn and Kathy Curtler. They will also receive a prize from the Dorset View & Viewpoint Magazines, to whom we are very grateful. Races for the under-18s will be split into three age ranges, 4-9, 9-13 and 13-18 years, with races for pre-school children and toddlers, and those using wheelchairs. This year the race falls during school half-term. Collect an entry form from the Minster or the Parish Office, or just turn up on the day!



Help with stewarding and collecting for Minster funds would be very welcome; please contact Anthony Oliver, 01202 888703.

Donate to the Minster

If you would like to support the work of the Minster, you can scan this QR code, which will take you to our giving portal. You can also make donations in the Minster, using the Gift Aid envelopes or as a contactless payment on the terminal by the porch door. Thank you.



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Services at the Minster

Sundays

8.00 am
9.30 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Communion (Common Worship)

*with prayer for healing on the 4th Sunday
of the month*

Minster Praise with Communion on
the last Sunday of the month

11.15 am

6.30 pm

Choral Evensong

Weekdays

Holy Communion

11.00am, Wednesday (in the Minster)

Morning Prayer

8.30 am, Monday to Saturday (on Zoom)

Evening Prayer

5.00pm Monday to Saturday (on Zoom)

Services at St Margaret's Chapel

11.00 am

3rd Thursday **Holy Communion (BCP)**

We continue to stream the 9.30 am services at the Minster. Look for the
'Wimborne Minster official' Youtube channel for live and recorded services.

In January

22nd Funeral of Len Pearce aged 98 years

Dates for your diary - February

Thursday 1st	9.30am-11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	12 noon	Oasis lunch (Church House)
Friday 2nd	12 noon-1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 3rd	10.30am-12 noon	Muddy Church: 'Birds' (Forest Garden)
	From 12 noon	Shared Sudan lunch (Church House Upstairs)

Sunday 4th, Candlemas

Tuesday 6th	10.30am-12 noon	Forest garden Toddlers
	11.45am	Mothers' Union Service
	3.30pm	'Tea at Church' family activities (Church House)
	8.00pm	Bellringers' AGM

Wednesday 7th	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 8th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	11am	Blandford Signals Regiment medal ceremony (Minster)
Friday 9th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden for Home- schooling families
	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 10th	10am – 12 noon	Friends of the Minster Valentine's Coffee Morning (Church House)
	10.30 – 12 noon	Messy Church: 'Birds' (Minster)
Tuesday 13th, Shrove Tuesday		
	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
	From 11am	Pancake Race around the Minster
	3.30pm	Tea at Church' family activities (Church House)

Wednesday 14th, Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent

	11am	Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes
	1pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes
Thursday 15th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union meeting (Church House)
Friday 16th	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Tuesday 20th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
	3.30pm	'Tea at Church' family activities (Church House)
Wednesday 21st	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Meditation Group (Minster Crypt)

Thursday 22nd	7.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 23rd	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden for Home- schooling families
	12 noon – 1pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Sunday 25th, First Sunday in Lent		
Tuesday 27th	10.30am – 12 noon	Forest Garden toddlers
	3.30pm	'Tea at Church' family activities (Church House)
Wednesday 28th	7pm	Lent Course (Church House)
Thursday 29th	9.30am – 11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)

We are very privileged to be having a visit from **Archbishop Samuel Peni Enosa**, the Bishop of Yambio, and Archbishop of Western Equatoria, South Sudan, who is visiting Wimborne at the end of January. During the week he will be visiting St James' First School and St Michael's Middle School where he will chat with the pupils and take part in Collective Worship. He will be meeting with members of the Salisbury Sudan Medical link who fundraise and support the people in South Sudan and meet the congregation of Wimborne Minster and others who support Sheila when she travels to Yambio. All are welcome to come to meet him at the 9.30am Eucharist in Wimborne Minster on Sunday 4th February followed by coffee and tea in Church House.



Donations always welcome

A reminder that there are boxes in the Minster for your donations to both these vital organisations. The Community Food Supply is at the back of the Allendale Centre, and distributes food, including cooked meals, to anyone in need. The Food Bank is able to supply debt advice as well as food parcels and other help.

Praying for the Minster and the Northern Villages, Wimborne and the world

Prayer cycle for February

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| 1 Our Associate and Assistant Priests | 14 The Minster Green Fair: organisers and helpers |
| 2 Lay Pastoral Assistants | 15 The Minstead Training Project |
| 3 Families and children at the Minster | 16 Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell |
| 4 Claire, our children and families worker | 17 East Borough Housing Association |
| 5 The Children's Society | 18 Social workers |
| 6 Bishops Stephen, Karen and Andrew | 19 Dorset Wildlife Trust |
| 7 Wimborne Library: staff, volunteers and users | 20 Queen Elizabeth's School |
| 8 Local MPs | 21 PCC secretaries |
| 9 Amnesty International | 22 Minster guides and welcomers |
| 10 Bournemouth & Poole Hospital Chaplaincies | 23 The Minster Governors |
| 11 Our Licensed Lay Minister | 24 The Minster Environment Group |
| 12 Our Organist and Director of the Choirs | 25 Mission Aviation Fellowship |
| 13 The servers | 26 Our neighbouring churches |
| | 27 The Tivoli Theatre and Allendale Centre: volunteers |
| | 28 Refugees and migrants |
| | 29 The Armed Forces |

*Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers.
In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.*



Candlemas

Forty days after Jesus' birth, Mary and Joseph took the baby to the Temple in Jerusalem to 'present him to the Lord'. This was the moment when the aged Simeon and Anna both recognised who that baby really was – the Light of the World. In the medieval church it became a tradition for everyone to bring candles to church on this day for them to be blessed. Candlemas marks the end of the Christmas and Epiphany season.

In between

'In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan' may seem quite applicable at this time. Cold, frost, wind and rain; a world that seems to be getting more chaotic, violent and confrontational. February is a bit of an 'in between' month. The season of Christmas and Epiphany are behind us with Candlemas just celebrated on 28th January. It is the third month of winter, but in the southern hemisphere it is the last month of summer. It is the only month where it is possible to go the whole time without a full moon. It is the only month which changes its length every four years.

The name of February comes from the Latin word "februum" which means purification. It's a month to prepare for spring: bringing the promise of longer days in the Northern hemisphere. This year Lent begins on 14th February, the season when we are encouraged to 'spring clean' our lives. Countries around the world have many different traditions – Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating rich, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season. It also relates to the carnivals that happen between Epiphany and Lent in Europe, USA. They are a celebration of life, sometimes to excess, nearly always involving elaborate masks and costumes made by participants, in vibrant colours of purple, green, and gold. Shrove Tuesday is traditionally when the call, in some places by ringing church bells goes out to remind people to use up the rich foods, hence the

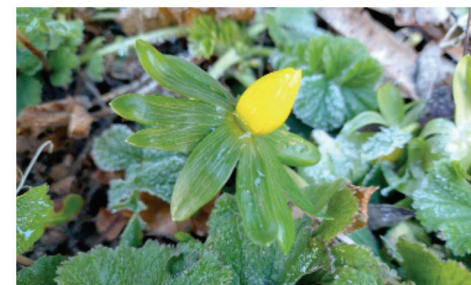


pancakes, and to go to church to get their spiritual houses in order. A time to reflect on our lives and consider what we need to say sorry for, and what needs to change in our lives. An opportunity to ask God to help us to become better people and to put others before ourselves. Even though this time of year may seem rather dreary it does not have to be. There are already signs of new life. The bulbs are breaking through the ground, the aconites (see photo below), snowdrops and hellebores are braving the weather. For as we read in Genesis, God said:

*As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night,
shall not cease.'*

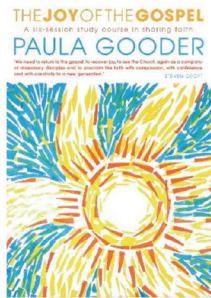
Perhaps this year, Lent can be an opportunity to consciously try to live more sustainably and healthily, caring for God's earth and each other.

- Heather Waldsax





A Season of Preparation. Through the six weeks of Lent, we prepare to celebrate God's redemption of the world in Jesus at Easter. One way to help us focus on our relationship with God is through prayer and fasting (or giving something up, like coffee). And there's a range of ways you can study and discuss in a group through Lent.

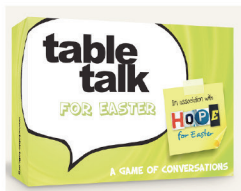


The Joy of the Gospel **Wednesdays at 2pm, St Michael's Church, Colehill** **from 19th February**

This joint course for Wimborne Minster and St Michael's, Colehill, uses Paula Gooder's book, which is itself based on Pope Francis' reflections on sharing the good news of Christ.

The Community Café at St Michael's serves light hot lunches from 12 noon, so why not come along for refreshments beforehand as well?

For more information, please contact Revd. Suzanne Pattle (01202 883721), vicar.stmichaels.colehill@gmail.com.



Easter Table Talk **Wednesday evenings at 7pm Church House Lounge**

An informal Lent discussion course, led by Revd. Suzie Allen, covering a theme each week such as Hope, Evil, Suffering and Justice, Forgiveness and Death. In the first week, for example, we'll discuss questions such as 'What would you give up to pursue your dreams?' or 'Are some things we put our hope on meaningless?' Come from 6.45pm for hot drinks and cake and we will finish at 8pm each evening. We will meet every Wednesday from 28 February until Easter.

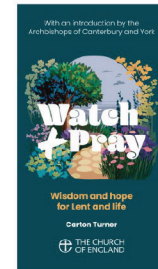
Please let Revd. Suzie know if you are interested.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches

The popular Wimborne Christian Aid Lent Lunches will once again provide an opportunity to meet in an informal atmosphere over a simple lunch of bread, cheese and fruit. They will be at Wimborne Methodist Church on Tuesdays in Lent, starting on 20th February and ending on 26th March and we hope you will be able to join us - come any time from 12.30 to 1.15pm. There will be a short 'Thought for the Day' around 12.50pm.



These booklets both offer a daily Bible reading and short reflection, and an action of different kinds. Both have versions for children as well as adults.



Watch and Pray (the Church of England's Lent theme for 2024) invites us all to wait expectantly for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials we all face. We are encouraged to draw on the wisdom of Black Spirituality, particularly the practice of "tarrying" (waiting) as a community to draw closer to Jesus and to each other. It invites us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places this Lent: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.



Live Lent: Care for God's Creation uses themes and prayers shaped around the first Genesis account of creation. It explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created, and offers an action to help you live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature.

Christian Perspectives on General Election Issues

Salisbury Cathedral has a series of thought-provoking Lent talks, with speakers are from churches across the city. The talks start at 7.30pm and end with a short service of Compline.
<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk>

19 February, The Environmental Crisis

Revd Dr Mark Cheetham, Superintendent Minister, Salisbury Methodist Circuit

26 February, Health and Social Care

Pastor Pete Orphan, Salisbury Baptist Church

4 March, Education, Education, Education

Katie FitzSimmons, Diocesan Director of Education

11 March, Immigration and Refugees

Revd Deacon John Proctor, OBE, Salisbury Catholics

18 March, Just Economics

Revd Dr Kenneth Padley, Canon Treasurer, Salisbury Cathedral

Looking for a book for individual study? Don't forget to visit **Keith Jones Christian Bookshop** in Bournemouth, <https://www.keithjones.co.uk>, or **Church House Publishing**, <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk> There are also some resources on the bookcase in Trinity Chapel, which you are welcome to borrow freely.





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New Family Activities at the Minster

During Minster Praise, children now have the opportunity to take part in 'Kids in the Crypt.' During this time they will be able to enjoy a snack and activities that follow the general theme of the service. Parents are welcome to join us or remain in the main service.

At the end of January we are launching 'Tea at Church' in Church House. Families will be able to take part in crafts and activities that relate to a religious theme before enjoying a simple meal such as

wraps, jacket potatoes or pasta followed by cake.

This group will also include 'Mini Choristers'; in the weeks leading up to seasonal events such as Mothering Sunday and Easter, children too young to join the Choristers will be able to practice a simple

song that they can sing at the 9.30 service. Looking further ahead, following on from the success of social events such as the skittles night, craft fair and Cream Tea we will be launching a regular programme of social events that will be known as 'Living Life Together.' This will include a quiz night, Easter wreath-making workshop, skittles, bake-off and garden games.

Claire Lehmann,
Families Worker



Saturday 16 March 2024

7.30pm at

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A prayer for the Hamas-Israel War

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We cry to you in the midst of the pain and the trauma
and violence which prevails in the Holy Land.
Be with those who need you in these days of suffering.
We pray for people of all faiths, Jews, Muslims and
Christians and for all people of the land.
While we pray to you O Lord for an end to the violence
and the establishment of peace, we also call to you to
bring justice and equity to the peoples.
Guide us into your kingdom, where all peoples are
treated with dignity and honour as your children.
For to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

By Most Revd Hosam Naoum, Archbishop in Jerusalem



How you can help

Both Christian Aid and Embrace have special appeals for the Gaza crisis, and suggestions for taking action. You can donate to Christian Aid in special envelopes in the Minster.

Embrace is a Christian development charity working across the Middle East, with 50 local partners. You can read their regular news updates online at: <https://embraceme.org/embrace-iopt-partner-updates>

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Seven “new” books for the Chained Library

On Sunday 3rd December 2023, Canon Andrew Rowland, Rector of Wimborne Minster, presented seven books to the Chained Library during the Parish Communion service. These included two historic bibles, a Geneva Bible dated 1582 and a King James Bible dated 1648, which had been given to Canon Rowland in trust from the late Mr Cyril Beecher, who had in turn received them from Mr Theodore Veevers-Thompson, Catholic scholar and antiquarian. Also given were a John Brown Self- Interpreting Family Bible c1876 (see photo), an 1866 copy of Foxe's Book of Martyrs (edited by Rev Bramley-Moore) and a facsimile copy of The English Hexapla from 1841.



Canon Rowland also presented an 1897 exposition of The Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England by E C Gibson, and the Prayer Book, dated 1858, which was last used in the Priest's stall at Holt Parish Church which, sadly, closed in 2020.

Mrs Judith Monds, Head Librarian, accepted the books on behalf of the Chained Library as a huge and invaluable contribution to the Library's catalogue. The Library was founded in the Minster in 1686 and was a public reference library from 1695.

Canon Andrew said “I was given these books to preserve and treasure

them as their original owners had. I can think of no finer place for their future than our Chained Library, under the stewardship of our volunteer custodians, where they will be displayed and looked after for future generations to come.” These books will be in the Chained Library from the start of next season - from Monday 1st April 2024, Monday

to Friday mornings and afternoons and the first Saturday morning in the month.

**Mike & Jayne Twomey
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Planet Wimborne Green Timeline for February

	Feb	Show-the-love. People will use the power of green hearts to show decision makers that we want to see urgent action to tackle climate change, protect nature and bring down bills. https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love
	Feb 2nd	World Wetlands Day – Aim is to draw attention to the vital role of wetlands as a natural solution to cope with climate change. https://www.worldwetlandsday.org
	Feb 4th 1pm – 3pm	Wimborne Tree Planting - Come and help plant native trees next to the Bridleway by Ainsley Road. http://planetwimborne.org/node/265
	Feb 10th 10.30 – 12 noon	Wimborne Win on Waste - Save your waste and help good causes! Take items to Wimborne Methodist Church Hall, Kings Street.
	Feb 14th – 21st	National Nest box Week. Time to mend, clear out and put up nest boxes. https://www.nestboxweek.com
	Feb 17th 12.00 – 14.00	Wimborne Repair Café – Wimborne Methodist Church Hall, Kings Street. https://www.facebook.com/wimbornerepaircafe/
	Feb 17th	Random Act of Kindness day - Become a RAKtivist@! short for ‘Random Acts of Kindness activist’. They’re the people that end up brightening what otherwise would be ‘just a normal day’. https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/rak-day
	Feb 18th	Wimborne Tree Planting - Come and help plant native trees next to the Bridleway by Ainsley Road. http://planetwimborne.org/node/266
	Feb 29th 7pm	Wimborne Community Theatre Quiz night - Colehill Sports and Social Club, 108 Wimborne Road, Colehill, BH21 2QR https://www.wimbornecommunitytheatre.co.uk/quiz-night-on-february-29/
	Mar 3rd	World Wildlife Day - This year, World Wildlife Day (WWD) has been celebrated under the theme - Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration. https://wildlifeday.org

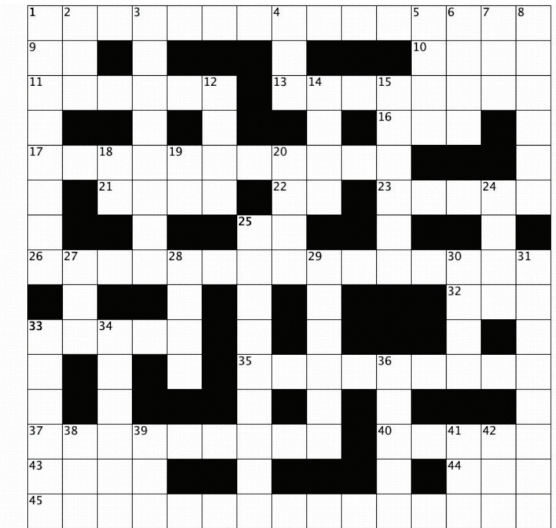
February Crossword set by Bruce Jensen

ACROSS

1. 1939 US Civil-war drama film (4,4,3,4)
9. Battery type, not too small
10. Shown in cartoons as a lightbulb over the head (4)
11. Must be done immediately (6)
13. That age when we become teenagers (8)
16. With 'oohs', sounds emitted by a fireworks audience (3)
17. In grammar, not me, not you, but he or she (5,6)
21. Achy (4)
22. 'once!' (immediately) (2)
23. Lettuce, tomato, greenery on a plate (5)
25. 'eye for _ eye' (2)
26. 1965 Musical film about the von Trapp family (3,5,2,5)
32. 'Much _ About Nothing' (3)
33. Eco-friendly and healthy means of transport (5)
35. Where to buy a new frock (5,4)
37. Educated guesses for unmeasured numbers (9)
40. Employ again (5)
43. When with pistols, it's 10 paces, turn and fire (4)
44. Unwelcome rodent (3)
45. 1968 animated fantasy film w/ the Beatles, from their song (6,9)

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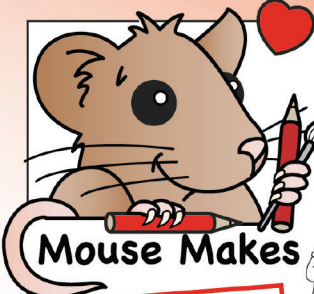
1. Knightly armoured glove, thrown down in a challenge (8)
2. Tool for rowing (3)
3. They sit near the top of face and express emotions like surprise or sympathy (8)



4. How we like our drinks in January (3)
5. "I'll have my coffee _ milk" (4)
6. 'Beware the _ of March' (4)
7. Originally known as (Fr. 'born') (3)
8. What Cinderella did at the ball (6)
12. Sticky strip to put up a poster (4)
14. The one who welcomes guests (4)
15. Money demanded by kidnappers (6)
18. I am, you are, he _ (2)
19. A medical man or woman (abbr.) (2)
20. South African currency (4)
24. Dry climate, as a desert (4)
25. Sometimes amusing stories told by sometimes non-bores (9)
27. Dried grass, fed to horses (3)
28. The reverse of the CLOSED sign (4)
29. Aquatic mammals, sometimes seen in the River Allen (6)
30. Strip of cloth worn from shoulder to waist (4)
31. Finished, having all necessary parts (8)
33. A film to cheer us up and make us laugh (6)
34. A group of suppliers that band together to control prices, eg OPEC (6)
36. Its capital is Damascus (5)
38. Short for Susan (3)
39. Poorly (3)
41. _ Geller, famous spoon-bender (3)
42. _ Francisco, US coastal city (3)

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Answers to January's crossword



Mouse Makes

Who were the first couple?
_____ and _____
Genesis 2:22-25

Who's wife became a pillar of salt because she disobeyed the angel's warning?
_____ Genesis 19:26

Which of Laban's daughters did Jacob love?
_____ Genesis 29:18

Who was Moses' wife?
_____ Exodus 2:21

Who married Boaz to become King David's great-grandmother and a distant relative of Jesus?
_____ Matthew 1:5

Which couple helped the Apostle Paul in his ministry?
_____ and _____ Romans 16:3

FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

XIBU HPE IBT
KPJOFE UPHFUIFS,
MFU OPU NBO
TFQBSBUF.
NBSL
UFO WFSTF
OJOF

CONNECT THE BIBLE COUPLES

ADAM	ELIZABETH
ABRAHAM	MARY
ISAAC	HANNAH
JACOB	PRISCILLA
BOAZ	EVE
ZECHARIAH	RUTH
ELKANAH	REBEKAH
AQUILA	RACHEL
JOSEPH	SARAH

DID YOU KNOW?

King Solomon had **700** wives! They were princesses of royal birth and he loved them all, but his wives caused him to turn away from God
See 1 Kings 11:1-3

ABRAHAM
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BOAZ • ELKANAH
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REBEKAH • RUTH
SARAH
ZECHARIAH

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R E B E K A H O J R A O Q N O
U I S A A C A S A A Z P R N S
T H A Q N H Z E C H A R I A H
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