

The North Cumbria Pastorate of United Reformed Churches

# BRIDGE



13th - 20th May

## May 2018

Bewcastle

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Carlisle

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When there is a fifth Sunday in the month

the Service is for the whole Pastorate

Usually at 10.45am at St George's

(Check the North Cumbria Pastorate Services list)

## From the Minister

**Dear Friends,**

The month of May has three significant events from both a spiritual and practical point of view to celebrate. The first being the week beginning the thirteenth of May namely the start of Christian Aid Week. This is the key week in the Christian calendar for us to show how Christians do have a practical as well as a spiritual side to their work. When we see the terrible suffering of human beings in so many parts of God's created world we realise how important the work of Christian Aid is. Envelopes will be distributed at St George's and Brampton on the 13th and collected in the following Sunday the 20th at St George's and at Brampton on the 20th. Being Christ in our daily lives is to me a real part of the ethos of the work of Christian Aid. It is an organisation which doesn't ask whether the victim is a friend or foe but merely whether they are in need. Christian Aid was founded after the Second World War to help war ravaged Europe. Now its remit is the whole world. Like Mission Communities it partners with other Charities and Non Government Organisations to make effective use of what each contribute. It is a great opportunity to celebrate in our giving how we both pray for the world and effectively show in practical terms God's love for others less well off than ourselves.

It is appropriate that Christian Aid week ends on the 20th of May because that is the day when we celebrate Pentecost. The Church as we know it was born when the Apostles were equipped to reach all faiths, all races, all countries with the saving love of Jesus. Following the Moving Mountains weekend all the churches in the Pastorate are considering how we can fulfil the task of God For All of reaching every human in Cumbria by 2020 with the story of Jesus and how the love of God shown in Jesus can transform their lives. Moving Mountains showed that that task is far from impossible and is reachable provided we try. Pentecost is not just a date in the calendar but the opportunity to both celebrate what God did that day and to remember it is not just a commemoration but a service

of renewal to re-enthuse each one of us. If your church doesn't have a service that day why not go to another church in the pastorate?

The last Sunday in the month is Trinity Sunday when we remind ourselves of how God works through both Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I was reflecting the other day on the 20th anniversary of the Good Friday agreement in Northern Ireland and thinking how the work of the Holy Spirit achieved so much through the politicians for many of the key players in that agreement like Tony Blair and Bill Clinton are practising Christians. The Trinity is without a doubt a complex issue but its work is vital in the way we as Christians seek to help others find the joy of being part of the three communities I have the privilege of serving in the North Cumbria Pastorate.

With every blessing

**Nick Mark**

## **North Western Synod of the URC**

*Highlights from the Synod Meeting*

*Saturday 17th March 2018*

*at Blackburn*

### **Cumbria Area appointments**

Synod appointed the following to serve as members of Cumbria Area Pastoral Committee until March 2021:

Revd Alistair Smeaton (Area Convenor), Nick Andrews and Revd Jennet McLeod.

Pam Dent (Lay Preaching Commissioner) until March 2019.

### **Synod Manse Scheme - Revised Proposals**

A further resolution was submitted which supersedes Resolution 4 passed by the meeting of Synod on the 14th October 2017. The purpose remains the same - as approved by Synod several times i.e. to get all manses into the Synod Manse Scheme.

A very robust discussion took place, with a very impassioned plea from the Moderator to embrace the scheme. What he was basically saying was that, without the money generated by the scheme and the ability to supply a manse, Synod will not be able to call ministers to places of real need. Also they feel that the money which would have been set aside for the churches taking part in the scheme would be lost to them, and a great opportunity to pursue local projects would also be lost.

The Resolution was passed with a substantial 'yes' vote and a small number of 'no' votes and abstentions. The churches who have still not agreed have until the end of September to do so.

### **Reports**

Reports from the following were accepted en bloc:

- Safeguarding Reference Group
- Keld Resources Centre
- Candidate report
- Cumbria area pastoral committee
- Lancashire area pastoral committee
- Central area pastoral committee
- South area pastoral committee

If anyone wishes to delve more deeply into the details of these reports, a booklet compiled specifically for the meeting at Westbury Gardens URC will be made available on our information table at St George's.

### **Service of Ordination and Induction**

The ordination of Daleen ten Cate, a young lady from South Africa, took place during our meeting, with many family and friends in attendance. This was a very uplifting experience, the rafters were indeed ringing for this young lady whose face exuded belief and faith which she will need when she takes up her role as Mission Discipleship Mentor for Lancashire Area.

**George S Murrin**

## From the Churches

### Brampton

#### Services at Brampton in May

Our service at 9.30am on Sunday 13th, the beginning of Christian Aid Week, and on 27th May will be led by the Revd Nick Mark.

#### Report on Walk of Witness Good Friday 30th March

There was mixed weather this year for this event which was led around the other churches in the town by our Minister after a short service here. There was a very good turn-out giving good witness in Brampton that day. At the end refreshments were served in the Moot Hall after a short service outside.



#### Fundraising - Coffee Mornings

Our Coffee Morning in Church on the 28th March, raised £92.50. Thanks to all who contributed in any way.

#### Christian Aid Week 13th - 19th May

"Together we are stronger than the storms". Any happenings during Christian Aid Week will be given out in Church notices.

#### Coffee Morning in Church on Wednesday 30th May

As always the proceeds of this coffee morning from 9.30am to 11.30am will go to Christian Aid. There will be a Bring and Buy stall and raffle.

#### News of the Fellowship

We congratulate Bill Stewart who celebrated his 86th birthday on the 19th of April.

#### Brampton Duty Rotas for May

Stewarding: Mrs Barbara Laird and Mr John Salton

Flowers: TBA

**Shirley Brown**

## Carlisle

### St George's Services

May 6th	10.45am	(Worship Group)
May 13th	10.45am	Join with Methodists at Tithe Barn (NM)
May 20th	10.45am	(Revd Sarah Moore)
May 27th	10.45am	Communion (NM)
June 3rd	10.45am	(Revd Iain Mackenzie)

### Communion Duty

May 27th

### Preparation

Moira Wales

### Serving

Trevor Irwin

Olive Cronie

### Readers

May 6th	Maureen Bewley
May 13th	Marjorie Lawson
May 20th	Olive Cronie
May 27th	Kathleen Murrin
June 3rd	Elizabeth Mackenzie

### Duty Rota

May 6th	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Steward</u>
May 13th	Trevor Irwin	Kathleen Harris
May 20th	Moira Wales	Valerie Barlow
May 27th	Marjorie Lawson	Pamela Martin
June 3rd	Ian Moonie	Jessie Overs
	George Murrin	Deborah Usher

### Flowers

May 6th	Maureen & David Bewley
May 13th	Tithe Barn
May 20th	Kathleen & George Murrin
May 27th	Jean Frizell & Deborah Usher
June 3rd	Elizabeth & Iain Mackenzie

### Saturday Coffee Morning

May 5th	Kathleen Harris & Moira Wales
May 12th	Spring Fayre
May 19th	Elizabeth & Iain Mackenzie
May 26th	Mavis Hall & Rosalind Fearon
June 2nd	Valerie Barlow & Pamela Martin

## Cleaning - Week Commencing Dates

May 4th	Jessie & Michael Overs
May 11th	Valerie Barlow & Pamela Martin
May 18th	Elizabeth & Iain Mackenzie
May 25th	Mavis Hall & Maureen Bewley
June 1st	Valerie Barlow & Pamela Martin

## June/July Edition Magazine Photocopying and Collation

Week commencing Monday 21st May  
Kathleen & John Harris

## **From St George's Secretary**

### News of members

We are greatly saddened to learn of the death of Amy Lambert who was a long-standing member of St George's. Amy has been housebound in recent years but many will remember that she used to play an active part in church life, especially in the Guiding movement.

We are pleased that Jean Graham has been able to join us at worship once more. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are still unable to join us, Muriel Drinkall, Alan and Jennifer Burgess, Betty and Ron Anderson, Irene Paterson, Brian Walker, David Bewley, Margaret Bell and Bill Macdonald. We miss meeting them in church on a Sunday but we have not forgotten them. We also keep Peter Day's wife Sue in our prayers as she continues to seek diagnosis and treatment.

### Afternoon Tea Service 14th April

Many thanks to Deborah Usher who organized a most enjoyable afternoon at which we were entertained by the Carlisle U3A choir. Their motto is that they sing for pleasure, and they certainly gave us a lot of pleasure. Thank you also to everyone who helped to make it such a success, raising £295 for church funds.

### Dementia Tea Service 2pm Tuesday 15th May at St George's

Please put this date in your diary and come along if you are able.

**Thanks** (*John Ware, Church Treasurer*)

St George's greatly appreciates the generous financial support shown by members of the Congregation, and the tremendous enthusiasm in organising and supporting numerous fund-raising events during the past year, and it is hoped this may continue into the future.

We send our very best wishes to you all for 2018/19.

**Spring Gift Day** (*Pamela Martin, Gift Aid Secretary*)

Many thanks to all Members of the Congregation who so generously contributed towards the Spring Gift Day, held on Sunday 18th March, when the excellent sum of £2,100.00 was raised. Your support in reaching this total was greatly appreciated.

**Fundraising and Social Committee** (*Deborah Usher*)

The committee would like to thank all who supported the U3A Singers and Afternoon Tea. We had a great afternoon of entertainment, and a fantastic £295 was raised. Also thank you to all who helped with preparation and clearing up at the end.

**St George's Spring Fayre**

Our next fundraising event is our Spring Fayre on Saturday 12th May 10am-12noon. Please put this date in your diary.

**AGM 18th April - Election of Elders**

John Ware was elected and the following elders were re-elected: Olive Cronie, Marjorie Lawson, Moira Wales and Rosalind Fearon.

**Margaret Dowell Penny Jars**

These are now officially for the Blood Bikes Charity in 2018.

**Christian Aid Week - 13th to 20th May**

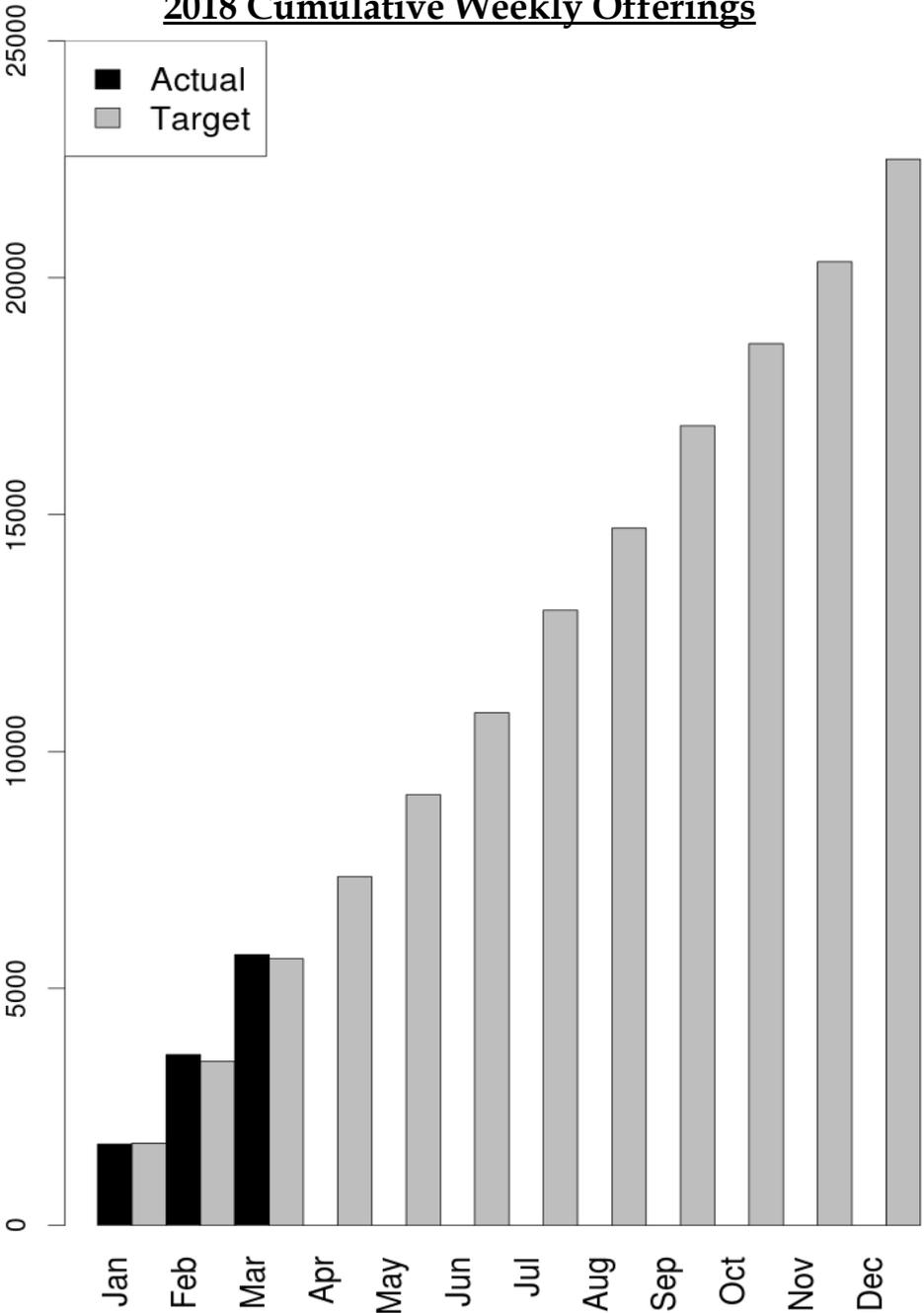
Envelopes will be distributed in Church on Sunday 13th May and collected on Sunday 20th May.

**Rosalind Fearon**



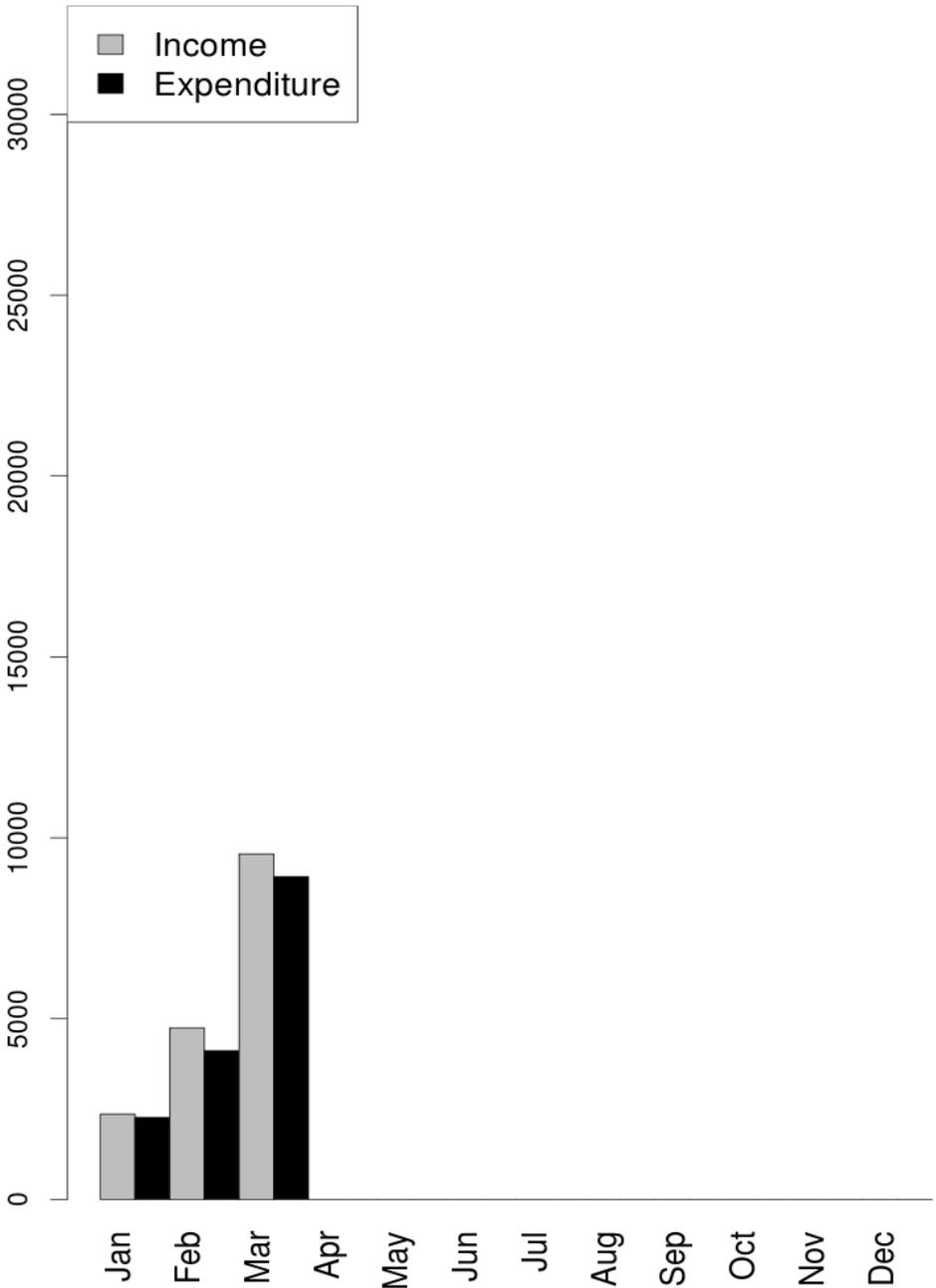
# St George's URC Carlisle

## 2018 Cumulative Weekly Offerings



# St George's URC Carlisle

## 2018 Cumulative Total Income/Expenditure



## 'Sweets' Quiz Answers

There were 17 correct entries out of the 31 received. Amanda Mattocks was the winner pulled out of the hat by Michael Overs. £74 was raised for Church funds. Thank you to all who participated, especially to those who had photo-copied their own copy and sold on to friends.

1. Known to be black & white yet these are brown (9): Minstrels
2. Softly Spoken, we hear (5): Wispa
3. Not before IIX VIII (5,6): After Eights
4. LENTROBOE (Anagram) (9): Toblerone
5. Mr. Kellog's corn! (5): Flake
6. Sounds like mother's inn (4,3): Mars Bar
7. Apparatus for moggy, we hear (3,3): Kit Kat
8. Standard, climbing & rambling (5): Roses
9. RANAMOTH (Anagram) (8): Marathon
10. Old European lawn game (8): Skittles
11. Pirouette (5): Twirl
12. MGM's 1962 mutinous film (6): Bounty
13. Sounds like raw bread behind Mr. Flinstone (6): Freddo
14. Jollifications (6): Revels
15. Eros, Venus and Cupid, for example (11): Matchmakers
16. Mouse-like bites (7): Nibbles
17. Mode of transport with what sounds like a coat! (7): Caramac
18. Precedes dynamic, plane & space (4): Aero
19. Batman & Superman, for example (6): Heroes
20. Half room partition with squirrel's stash beat to a froth (6,4):  
Walnut Whip
21. Baron Hardup's servant (7): Buttons
22. Festivities (12): Celebrations
23. Wobbly newborns (5,6): Jelly Babies
24. King of the jungle's inn (4,3): Lion Bar
25. RUSHKIT LEGDITH (Anagram) (7,7): Turkish Delight

**Elizabeth Mackenzie**

## Commitment for Life

### Prayer Partners

*Prayer Partners 2018 echo the words of Jesus in John 10:10  
'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'*

### May

We pray for the world of instant news and  
instant judgement.

New situations every hour of people in need can  
become overwhelming

We pray for those who are helping, many of whom are  
dealing with their own struggles, please continue to  
give them your strength and guidance.

We pray for Commitment for Life, and its partners  
as they continue to work with existing situations  
that have unfortunately not been resolved,  
just because the media has  
moved on to the next story.

We pray for tolerance and understanding to prevail  
over prejudice, stereotypes and preconceptions.  
An open dialogue where we value our difference  
and respect each other's views,  
not forcing our views on each other.

We pray for you Lord as you attempt to  
lead all of us in your ways.

It must break your heart to see the world sometimes.  
Hopefully the good that is in this world  
will win out and give you as much hope  
as it will give us.

In Jesus name, we pray.

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## Commitment for Life

El Salvador

### *Advocacy and Governance*

There have been great achievements in Perquin, so says Vilma Argueta. Training from a Christian Aid partner in El Salvador has helped her community work with the local municipality. They have been shown how to organise, plan and manage meetings, as well as understand local municipal formalities. This has given them the opportunity to update the women's policy and take part in some social auditing which has made a difference to the budget for women's groups.



It was suggested by that group that they should have a budget from the local council. The training given, allowed them to access papers to aid transparency. They would like to see more publicity on what the budget covers, as they feel strongly that civil society should have a voice on the budget.

Municipal committees have arranged a round table with youth, women, and environmental groups to look at entrepreneurship and violence. For Vilma a huge advantage, she says, is that the Perquin mayor is a woman who understand our concerns and abilities.

“We are women entrepreneurs. We want to sell better coffee. Perquin has large coffee growing areas so we want to grow our own bushes and harvest them. The Christian Aid partner will help us with a business plan to see if this can happen.”

The Perquin municipality is not so greatly affected by gang violence as the larger cities but it is something they are all concerned about as they have not always involved young people in community schemes. This is an area in which they want to build their work, so are looking to develop a programme to work with the younger generation.

*IMAGE © Commitment for Life: Vilma Argueta*

### ***Determination***

Jacobo Rivera fought in the civil war in El Salvador. Following the Peace Accords he was part of a group of combatants who were given land they thought would provide them with work and income into the future. Here is his story of how, from difficult beginnings, he is now part of a cooperative that benefits the whole community.

“In the beginning when we were trying to harvest the salt from the land, we got in touch with the old locals. They had spent their lives working for the land owners and so gave us some technical assistance but we could not make it pay. We were hungry and could not work hard so the project faltered. Previously El Salvador had signed a free trade Agreement with Mexico and we could not compete with this. Their salt was coming in and being sold for less than we could do it.

“We thought about what we could do and rearranged our structure. We came up with the idea of shrimp farming. We made the walls of the old salt ponds higher and the water deeper. To start with it was very basic as we used wild spawn, but we soon realised that it would be no good because we were only getting 300 pounds per hectare. So, we responded and found another method. We sent people to see what else was in the area. Our production area is a biosphere and is protected by international law. So we found ourselves in a difficult position as we needed to feed our families. However, we found we could put oxygen into the ponds which gives you a higher density of product.

Now we farm in a semi intensive way with 10 shrimp per square metre. Intensive farming is around 160 shrimp per square metre. We have had technical help from Christian Aid partner, PROCARES in the form of a micro biological lab kit which we use to monitor the water. When there is not enough algae we make adjustments. We make every effort to be good producers but it is still difficult. We constantly worry about warming waters and climate changes.



We adjusted our systems to include women as we are aware we must look to the next generation. With our profit share we have built the day care centre so women can work in the cooperatives. The care is not only for small children but also those wanting to go to university, as we think this is most important. We are currently looking to have an agricultural accredited degree. Most of us did not have formal education so we want to make sure our children do. We believe in handing the torch over to the next generation.

*IMAGE © Commitment for Life:*

*Jacobo Rivera and other co-operative members*

### ***Changing a Machismo Society step by step***

Beatriz Claros is a confident woman, part of the growing number of women working and taking their full part in society. She works at the Ministry of Economy and gives technical support to small cooperatives on business and agriculture. When I met her, she was visiting the shrimp cooperative supported by Christian Aid partner PROCARES.

She explained: “Women have earned the opportunity to be in this cooperative. When it comes to fishing and agriculture they would earn about 60% less than a man doing the same job. In the cooperative, they get the same share as the men. They are learning to be more active and confident citizens.”

When asked if things are changing in the home, she laughed, “In most households, Mum still gets up first to get breakfast and then goes off to work. She comes home to prepare a meal and then returns to work. She returns in the evening to start more cooking and washing etc. Whereas the man, he has his meals ready for him when comes home and everything is done for him. However, in this rural community, the women generally are more empowered because of education and training from PROCARES and this has resulted in less domestic violence.”

Beatriz, her partner and their two and a half year old son, live in San Salvador where they have a small business together. She is a fully trained agronomist, who studied at the National Agricultural College. Her mother and father were both guerrillas and she was born in exile in Nicaragua. She remembers that people then trusted

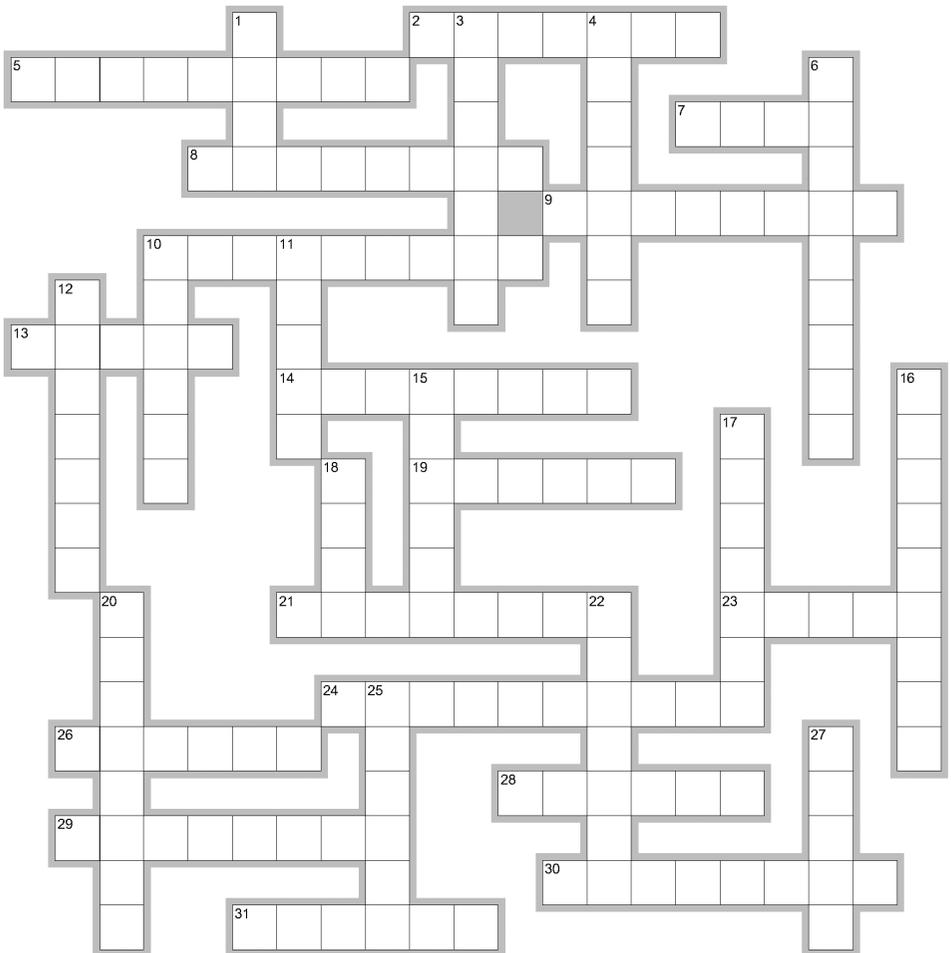
you more and there was less violence. Today, she said, there is much more violence. The first time she was robbed was in San Salvador. She was on a bus and, although she made a noise, everyone just backed away down the other end of the bus and did not help. She could not



understand this but has realised that most people are fearful. From an early age, her mother taught her to work.

“I sold products on a little stall when I was 7 years old. I worked whilst I was at high school. I started studying biology but could not pay. However, I managed to get a scholarship to pay my way. The war changed my mother. I come from a long line of matriarchs so I am bringing up my son differently from many of my compatriots. My partner originally saw men as superior but now he understands gender inequality much more and is happy to take care of our son when I need him to. He sees the social inequality and the injustice women face and understands.”

IMAGE © *Commitment for Life: Beatriz Claros*



## Locations in the New Testament

### Across

2. Home town of Mary, Martha and Lazarus
5. City where Jesus made his triumphal entry
7. Paul was imprisoned in this important city
8. In Revelation, the church in this city was admonished not to be lukewarm
9. The "Place of a Skull," where Jesus was hung on the cross
10. City where the centurion's servant was healed from a distance
13. Dorcas, the kind and generous seamstress, was healed here
14. Paul and Silas were miraculously freed from a prison in this city
19. Samaritan city where Jesus met a woman at the well
21. Saul was on his way to this city when he was blinded
23. Peter healed a paralytic in this town
24. Jesus prayed in this garden shortly before his crucifixion
26. Island home of the Apostle John when he wrote Revelation
28. Jesus was baptised in this river
29. The pool at Jerusalem where a man lay for 38 years
30. City built by Herod the Great, home of Cornelius
31. Saul's home town, mentioned in Acts

### Down

1. Where Jesus performed his first miracle
3. Paul's letter to the church in this city includes a passage about the full armour of God
4. Believers were first called Christians in this town
6. City where Jesus was born
10. Barnabas and Paul first sailed from Seleucia to this island
11. Country where Joseph and Mary fled with Baby Jesus to escape Herod
12. Paul wrote 2 letters to this church; one contains "the love chapter"
15. Paul healed a man who had been lame from birth in this city
16. "Woe to Chorazin! Woe to \_\_\_\_\_!"
17. Jesus first met Peter and Andrew fishing in this Sea
18. Philip met an Ethiopian eunuch on this road
20. Where Jesus lived as a child
22. Region between Judea and Galilee where Jesus travelled
25. Village to which two disciples were walking when they met the risen Christ
27. Region containing Jerusalem and Bethlehem

Answers  
next  
month

## North Cumbria Pastorate Services

### The Knowe Church, Bewcastle

May 6th 2.15pm (NM)

June 3rd 2.15pm (NM)

### Brampton URC, Main Street, Brampton

May 13th 9.30am (NM)

May 27th 9.30am Trinity Sunday (NM)

### St George's URC, West Walls, Carlisle

May 6th 10.45am (Worship Group)

May 13th 10.45am With Methodists at Tithe Barn

May 20th 10.45am Pentecost (Revd Sarah Moore)

May 27th 10.45am Trinity Sunday Communion (NM)

June 3rd 10.45am (Revd Iain Mackenzie)

## Dates for your Diary

### May

12th 10.00am St George's Spring Fayre

13th Start of Christian Aid Week

14th 2.00pm St George's Elders Meeting

15th 2.00pm Dementia Tea Service at St George's

20th Pentecost

27th Trinity Sunday

28th 2.30pm Croftfield Service

30th 9.30am Coffee Morning for Christian Aid (Brampton URC)

## Bridge

Please note that material for the June/July issue of Bridge should be in the hands of the editor by

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