

VILLAGE LIFE

at Dalton Piercy, Elwick and Hart



September
2015



*Isaiah 25:6 The Lord Almighty will
prepare for all nations a feast
of the finest foods.
Luke 13:29 People will come from
everywhere to enjoy the feast in
the Kingdom of Heaven*

**Produced for the Villagers
by Hart and Elwick Churches**

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Dear friends,

As you might see, when you read the page titled, 'From the Registers', we've celebrated a good number of baptisms recently. They're all a joy and of course most of them are babies and youngsters.

What with thoughts of the new school term soon to begin and noticing how the 20mph signs in Hart (which the children have helped to design) bring a smile to passers-by, and, hearing of teenager Alex Moriaty from Hart with Amy Kirby from Hartlepool being part of the Black Diamond crew who won their section in the Tall Ships Race, it seems like celebrations for our youngsters are definitely called for! But there's more, there's the big rise in exam results for Hartlepool pupils and our joint Church Youth Club is ready to meet again on September 13th at Hart Village Hall; young people are good news. Last time the Youth Club met we had a treasure hunt in the church yard which was good fun as we used our maps and collected our clues.

All the churches in Hartlepool are preparing to refresh our deanery plan, where each church is to focus on **growth**, addressing **poverty** and **encouraging our young people**. In a recent meeting of clergy we were asked to describe our childhood. Most recalled television programmes or music that was popular at the time or cars that took their fancy. I was somewhat mystified by their responses but let's leave that aside for now. How would you describe your childhood? I often wonder whether our education system knows how to prepare our youngsters for a future that none of us really can imagine, as technology moves on and changes our way of living at a pace we can't keep up with? I'd describe my childhood as being free. Free to roam, free to make mistakes, free to learn for myself how to stay out of harm's way and it was a time when friendships meant meeting up with *people* rather than using emails, texts, tweets or any of the limited ways of communicating with each other that kids use today. How anyone can learn to read body language or use eye contact through these methods I do not know, yet these are important to relationships and learning how to communicate within them.

So much for youth - how might we address that other aspect of poverty in our area? Our churches collect for charities, they give to the Hartlepool Food Bank and some of us invest in the Community Bank. I'd like to address the issue of isolation better than we can at present as whilst we may not class isolation as poverty it is a sort of 'being without'. In Hart and Elwick parishes there are approximately 9,000 people and houses are still being built. How the church helps all the people of all ages who feel isolated is a major challenge. Partly isolation is because of the technological age we live in but there are many other factors we know all too well, where people feel cut off from relationships far too often.

Christianity was never meant to be understood or experienced in isolation but in community. The more isolated people are the harder Christianity is to understand or grasp in a real and meaningful way. It is a real challenge to know how to help when there are so many people. We do what we can knowing it's never enough. If you know someone isolated do let us know.

Every blessing ~ Revd. Janet

Regular Church Services
ST PETER'S, ELWICK HALL

1st Sunday in the month:

10 am ~ Family Service with Holy Communion. A service for all ages.

6 pm ~ Holy Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer). A quiet service lasting half an hour.

All following Sundays:

9.30 am ~ Holy Communion. A traditional service with hymns and a short address.

1st Thursday in the month—3rd September

2.00 pm ~ Holy Communion in Elwick W.I. Hall. A quiet short service

ST MARY MAGDALENE, HART

1st Sunday in the month:

8 am ~ Holy Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer) A quiet service lasting half an hour.

11am ~ Family Service with Holy Communion. A service for all ages.

All following Sundays:

11 am ~ Holy Communion (Sunday school is during this service).

A traditional service with hymns and a short address.

Also every 3rd Sunday:

4pm ~ Family Service. [3@4](#) A relaxed style of worship with a hint of fun!

CELEBRATE HARVEST

A Celebration Harvest Supper

A joint Service in Hart Church on Friday 2nd October at 7.00pm with Harvest Supper

Hart Church

October 4th. Sunday 8-00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival service.

Elwick Church

October 4th **10.00 am Harvest Festival Service**

6.00 pm Holy Communion

Church Web Sites

www.elwickchurch.org.uk

www.hartchurch.org.uk

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churchofenglandhartlepool.org.uk

HART VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

Sunday.....	BIODANZD: 7.30—9.30 pm
Monday.....	SEWING CLASS 10.00 am — 12 noon
Tuesday.....	PARENTS and TODDLERS: 9-30-11.00 am
	SEQUENCE DANCING: 1.30-3.30 pm
	ZUMBA: 5.45pm—6.45pm
	ARGENTINIAN TANGO 7.30—8.30.pm
	YOGA & MEDITATION: 8.00pm-9.00pm
Wednesday.....	TAI CHI: 9.30-11.00 am
	HISTORY CLASS: 10.00-11.30 am
Thursday.....	PILATES: 6.30pm-7.30pm
	TAI-CHI: 7.45-8.45 pm
Friday.....	FRENCH CLASS: 10.00 am-12 noon
	TAI CHI 7.00—8.30 pm
	WHIST GROUP: from 7.00--8.30 pm

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ELWICK WI HALL ACTIVITIES

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:	1st Monday of the month	from 7-9.30 pm
PAINTING CLASS:	Tuesdays	from 9.30 am-12.30 pm
COMPUTER CLASS:	Tuesdays	from 2.00pm—4.00pm
YOUNG FARMERS CLUB:	Tuesdays fortnightly	at 7.30 pm
CRAFT MORNING:	Wednesdays	from 10 am-noon
WHIST:	Wednesdays	at 7 pm. New members welcome

ST PETER'S CHURCH

A Service of Holy Communion will be held on
Thursday 3rd September at 2.00 pm in Elwick W.I. Hall.

ALL WELCOME

VILLAGE LIFE DEADLINE

Will contributors to *Village Life* please note that the deadline for articles is the 21st of the month to enable editing and printing to be completed in time for distribution on the last Sunday of the month.

Items should be sent to Sylvia Jobson (275 340) and Joe Wood (273531)
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ELWICK PARISH COUNCIL REPORT
SUMMER 2015

Stones round Green. Following feedback from residents, it was decided to paint the stones Masonry White.

It had been suggested that a mirror be placed on Church Bank near the church. H.B.C. says this is not possible as the type of mirror required may cause an accident.

Computer Club now owns 10 laptop computers, is connected to broadband and has 15 members; everyone, particularly beginners, are welcome to come along to the WI hall on Tuesday's between 2.00 - 4.00pm.

Work is progressing on the refurbishment of **wildlife garden**, and it is already a riot of colour. A wildlife Arts project with the children of the village is to start in mid-September – the children will be carving a wooden bench, creating wildlife habitats and interpretation boards for the garden.

The **Bus Service** has now been secured until March 31st 2016.

Church Steps and Path. An anonymous donor has agreed to make a substantial contribution to the refurbishment of the path and steps up to the Church, which will be undertaken over the summer.

Stones on Green. Some residents have placed stones on the green areas near their homes. This is causing problems for the Grass Cutting Contractors. Residents are asked either to remove the stones or maintain the grassed areas themselves.

Manor Close. The small triangular area (where the P.C hut used to stand) and the adjacent parking area which is designated for “Medical and Caring Staff”, has been confirmed by H.B.C as being leased to the Parish Council. This area is **not** for public or residential parking.

Outstanding is still the paving around the Notice Board and the repair to the graveyard wall.

The Parish Council has noted with concern that one of the trees on The Green outside Village Farm was pruned this summer without authority.

Residents are asked to please note that **all trees** within the village boundary, not on private land, are the responsibility of the Parish Council. **In particular, any work on trees within the conservation area of the village requires formal planning permission from the Borough Council.** This may only be applied for by the Parish Council.

Next meeting Sept. 28th in Elwick School.

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Church Bank Steps

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that, with some financial support from a local businessman, the refurbishment of the steps up to the church is to be undertaken within the next few weeks. The aim is to make the steps altogether safer and less slippery in inclement weather, with the number of steps increased and the platforms between the short flights levelled. A handrail is also to be installed on both sides.

Please note: whilst the work is being undertaken, pedestrian access to the church will be available only at weekends.

COFFEE MORNING

Barbara would like to thank everyone who supported the Coffee Morning held on the 10th July. Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes, baked cakes and who helped out on the day.

We raised £315 which has been forwarded to The British Heart Foundation.

Thank you all once again.

Barbara Irving.

ELWICK MILLENNIUM ASSOCIATION

The Annual Summer Fete will be held on Sunday 13th September from 2-5pm. Please let us know if you would like a stall – there are still some places left either in the marquees or on the Greens.

As usual, we've the Hartlepool Hawks coming to entertain us – they've had rave reviews in the press this year and are getting ever more popular. The Fairground and Bouncy Castle will be here and this year, we're hoping to welcome back the GT Silver Band.

Something new is our bake-off competition where we're inviting the MEN to sweep us off our feet with their culinary skills! Details out probably by the time you read this.

Our Committee will be asking for help on the day with the teas, the cake stall, the dog show, barbecue etc and also setting up and clearing away at the end of the day. Please consider whether you can spare an hour or two sometime through the day to assist our small team to put on this big event!

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200 Club Draw for July done at Craft Club

Drawn on 23rd July

£30 Mrs. R. Footitt	180
£25 Mr. J. Wood	174
£15 Mrs. I. Sutch	124
£10 Mrs. P. Dickson	24
£10 Mr. & Mrs. C. Ward	105

200 Club Draw for August done at Craft Club

Drawn on 23rd July

£30 Mrs. M. A. Fanthorpe	106
£25 Mrs. M. West	148
£15 Mr. C. L. Carswell	61
£10 Mrs. M. Self	129
£10 Mr. B. Henderson	70

ELWICK CHURCH CHARITY NEWS

Our charity jar at the back of the church raised £20.84 in May for Age UK,. In June the total was £23. 63 for St Dunstan's Blind Veterans UK and in July it contained £51.60, which was given to the Great North Air Ambulance charity. We are collecting donations for Help the Heroes during the month of August.

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ELWICK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members were welcomed to the meeting on Monday, 6th July. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted and the financial statement given. Final numbers were taken for the trip to Harrogate on 3rd September to the NFWI Centennial Fair, with its exhibitions, workshops, demonstrations and stalls, all a wonderful showcase for the W.I. Movement.

As we had just enjoyed a day at Thornton Hall Gardens, near Darlington to see their beautiful gardens and colourful display of mainly perennials and roses it was decided not to arrange any activities during the month of August.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr Neville Tate with his talk "Flight of a Thousand Eyes". He told us how he answered an advert for a pilot and ended up on a light aircraft with two fellow pilots, including the lady who owned the plane, flying from the UK to Australia. Their well planned route took them over Europe, across the Middle East to the Indian continent, then on to Singapore and Bali before landing in Darwin and finally to Sydney, the end of their adventure. All went well although they had a problem with refuelling in Saudi Arabia as all their small aeroplanes had jet engines, which used a different grade of fuel, and in the Far East a saucepan was used to fill up the tank. How did they get the aeroplane back to England? The wings were removed and it was shipped back in a crate, at great expense!

The competition for a decorated pair of spectacles was won by Sandra O'Connor, Joan Carroll was second and Sylvia Stockdale third. The raffle was won by Emily Graham.

Next meeting 7th September
Speaker: Barbara Beveridge—Dairy Preserves
Competition—A Fancy Jam Pot



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ELWICK LADIES FELLOWSHIP

In June we had what has become an annual fixture on our programme - an Afternoon Tea Outing. Thank you to the drivers who managed to transport us to Shincliffe where we met up in the cafe.

Although we had an enjoyable time most agreed that the tea was not up to the standard that we have enjoyed there on previous occasions.

In July we had a joint meeting with Hart Ladies Fellowship. It was held in the W.I. Hall in order to accommodate the increased number. After welcoming our guests Mary asked Sylvia to open the meeting with our Fellowship Prayer. She then introduced our speaker, Michael Walsh, who gave an interesting talk about "Water Aid". He explained that the projects were well supported by volunteers, most of them Venture Scouts, in the Teesside area. His slide show was not what we expected as they were mostly facts and figures not photos of the work being done. Iris who is profoundly deaf struggled to hear what he was saying and Marion, sitting next to her, could barely discern the information on the screen— but between them they did manage to follow most of his talk!! A donation to Water Aid was given from our funds.

We then tucked into an afternoon tea (another one!) which had been prepared by our members. As we enjoyed this there was time to chat to our visitors and catch up with local news, Thank you to everyone for their contributions of food and also to Sylvia Stockdale for the beautiful floral table decorations. At the end of the meal these were raffled and the money raised given to Mr Walsh to add to the donation to Water Aid.

NEXT MEEING: Monday 14h September at 3 North Lane.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Our October meeting will be held in the W.I. Hall and we are asked to take an item to be donated to the Food Bank. If anyone else would like to contribute please do so.



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Sonia Dobbie, 28 The Green, also has a few copies of the original history book – 'Elwick: A Thousand Years in the Life of a Village' also at £5.00.

FRIENDS OF ELWICK SCHOOL

RACE NIGHT

Friday 11th September in the Marquee on The Green

Free admission 7.30 pm

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SATURDAY 28th November on the Village Green

2.00pm—4.00pm

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OUR CHARITY NEWS.

We have sent £55-00 to the **AIR AMBULANCE** Many thanks for your support. Our next charity collection will be donated to **UNICEFF CHILDRENS' & MCMILLAN NURSES.**

We are seeking donations of food and produce to decorate the church for harvest festival. These gifts will be sent to the Hartlepool Food Bank after the Harvest Festival services.

OIL TANK.

The old steel oil tank which was highlighted in our last Quinquennial report has had to be replaced with a modern bunded tank, and this work has now been completed. A security fence is to be erected to protect the new tank.

MEMORIAL GARDEN.

This has never looked so well, and we thank all those who have given their time to tend it

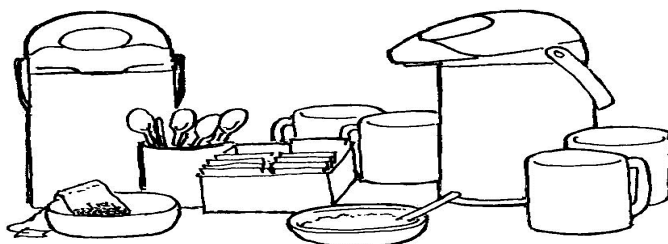
PICNIC AREA.

The car park has been tidied and new picnic tables are to be installed on the raised area at the east end.

The old industrial gates to the Moat Field are to be replaced and an information board erected for the benefit of visitors.

200 CLUB.

£50-00	number 196	Mrs S. Blades.
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Report for June 2015

Almost half way through the year yet again and the weather is trying to be summer!

A fruitful meeting with the Countryside Officer was held and he has in hand the proposed path from the car park to the village field. Also the improvement to the access from North Hart Lane. In addition he indicated his intention of forming a wildlife area near the bridge behind the Blue Stone and at the same time alter the steps leading onto ROW 6. The back lane behind Mill View was examined and the fencing, overhang of growth and lighting along the lane was discussed. The fencing and over growth is actually the responsibility of the house owners.

Along Green Lane a gate which has been stolen will be replaced and the area tidied up.

The 20 speed limit came under discussion and it was pointed out that while we had made enquiries about Speedwatch, we need to get a large number of volunteers who can be available at the difficult times, namely when the school runs are in operation. The PC will ask the school prior to the start of the next school year to again ask parents to take on board their driving and parking habits, both of which leave much room for improvement.

The footpaths to Nine Acres and Burns Close are once more reduced from their $\frac{3}{4}$ m width to $\frac{1}{2}$ m and while some work has been voluntarily done HBC need to sort it. The amount of fly tipping particularly along Naisberry Lane is annoying and HBC are tardy in following up our reports on this. At last count there were seven black bags which have been dumped, spaced out along the length of the lane. Keep your eyes open and if possible record the vehicle plate number and the date/time it is seen dropping rubbish off.

There is no sign yet of Front Street receiving the LED lighting; HBC are looking into our request to re-examine the level of lighting in Clevecoat Walk.

A screening application has been received for a solar farm at Thorpe Bulmer. It lies in an area frequented by visiting walkers and ramblers, quite close to Hart Bog, hence the PC were concerned to find the developers wish to put a 2m high fence around the whole complex which will be something of an eyesore. There was also discussion on an application for fifteen houses off The Fens and our comments will be provided on both these applications.

Our new web site will shortly go live. There is hope that it will be better received than the previous one. It is a learning curve for both the provider and the users. Try it in a few days' time at <http://www.hartparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Ron Gray
Clerk to Hart Parish Council



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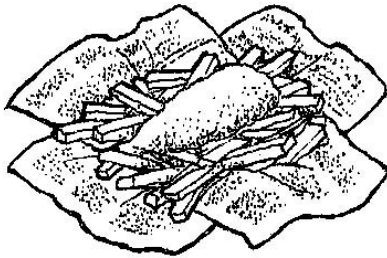
HART LADIES FELLOWSHIP

It was a great pleasure to join with Elwick Ladies Fellowship for our July meeting in the W.I. Hall.

The meeting opened with prayer led by Sylvia Sadler then Mary Scott introduced our speaker, Mr Michael Walsh who told us about his experiences as a representative of Water Aid formed in 1981 to assist people across the world who have no access to safe, clean water supplies.

Over the years Water Aid has worked with local people to transform millions of lives by improving provisions for the supply of safe water, sanitary and hygienic facilities. The organisation also trains local people to make efficient use of improved resources.

Mary thanked Mr Walsh for his talk which made us aware of how many basic amenities we take for granted and only appreciate if we have to cope without them.



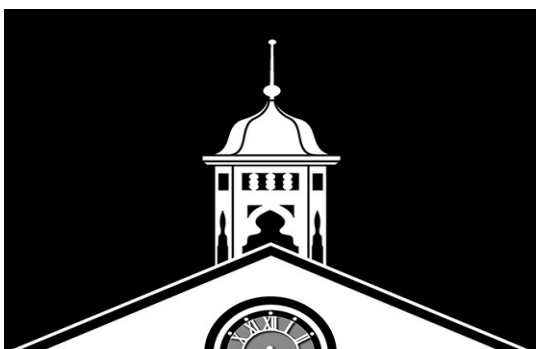
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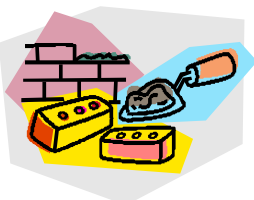
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Directed by Kate Bramley and Paul Smith
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28 th June	James Michael Binns
12 th July	Oscar Graeme Burton
18 th July	Sophia Rose Flounders
1 st August	Hugo Best Allen

We warmly welcome these new members into the family of the church.

Weddings
at St Mary Magdalene, Hart.

4 th July 2015,	Dominic Swinbourne and Leonie Whitelock
19 th July 2015,	Henry Tones and Jill Campbell
26 th July 2015,	Adam Thurston and Emma Louise Watson
29 th July 2015,	Christopher Spargo and L Donaghy
1 st Aug 2015,	Ian Robinson and Deborah Ann Kenny
3 rd Aug 2015,	Tyrone Church and Faye McIntosh
8 th Aug 2015,	Damien Phillips and Laura May O'Connor

at St Peter's, Elwick

27 th June 2015,	Andrew Scanlon and Catherine Turnbull
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We wish them every blessing for their new life together.

Funerals
at St Mary Magdalene, Hart

25 th June 2015	Linda Chapman
13 th August 2015	June Alice Nicholson

at St Peter's, Elwick

29 th June 2015	Phy Trotter
4 th August 2015	Ingie Hutchinson

May they rest in peace.

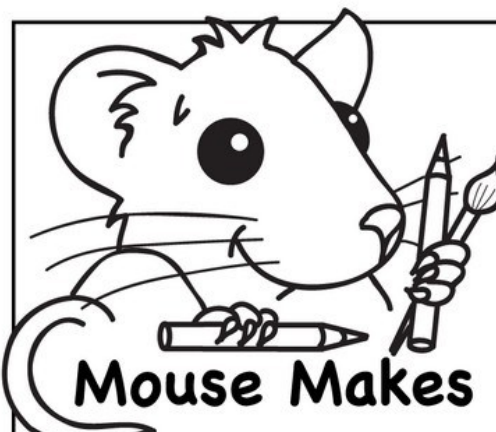
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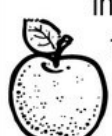

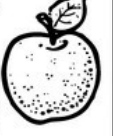







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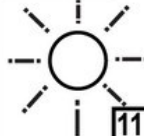
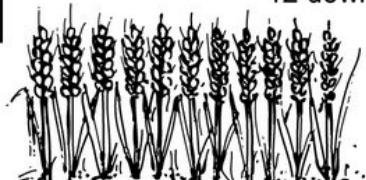
"Shout out praises to the **Lord** all the **earth!**
Worship the Lord with joy! ...
Acknowledge that the Lord is **God** ...
... Enter His gates with **thanksgiving**
and His courts with praise!
Give Him thanks! **Praise** His name.
For the Lord is good, His loyal love endures
and He is faithful through
all generations."
- from Psalm 100





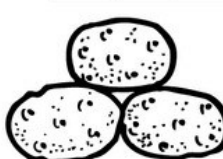




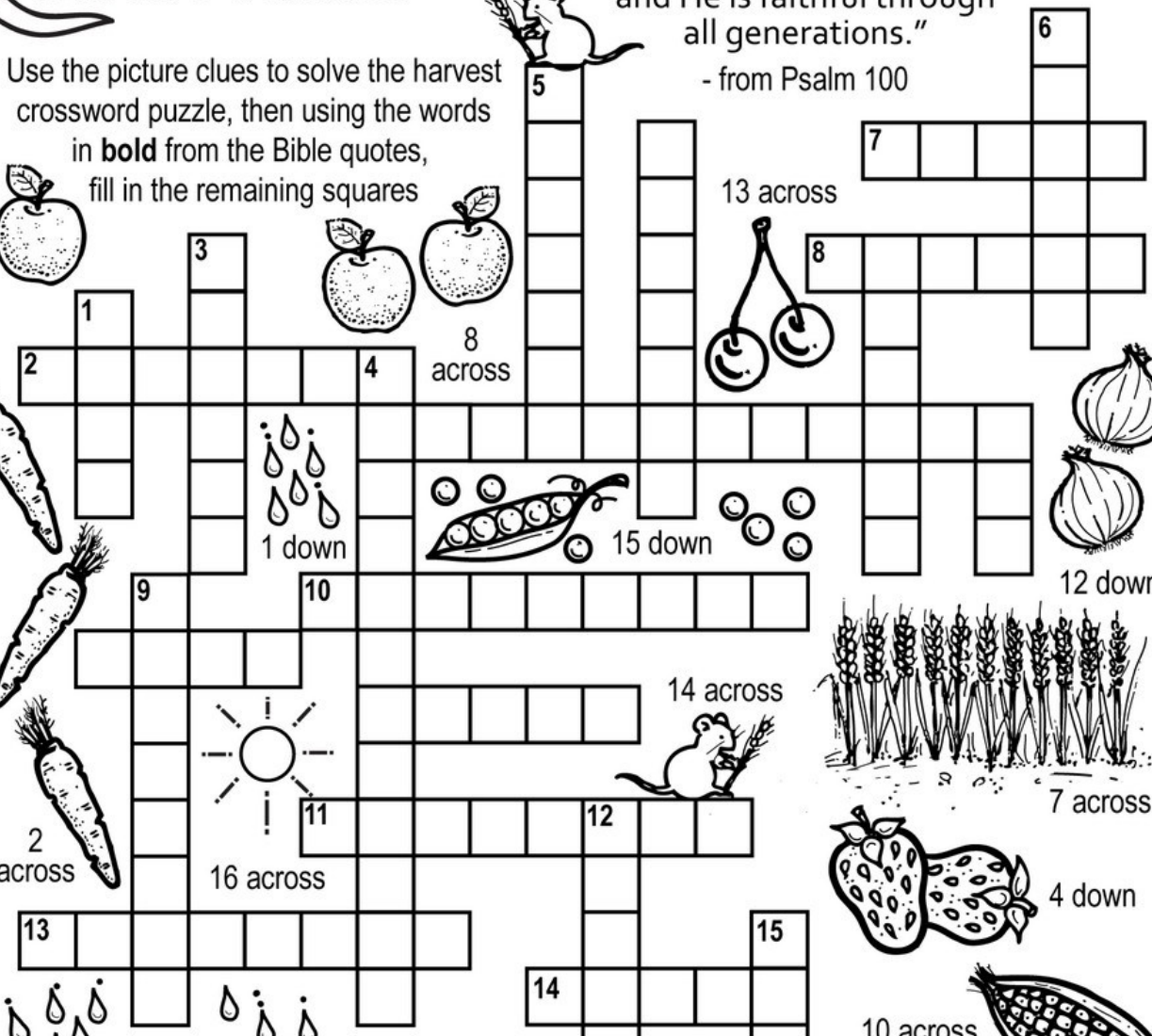
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