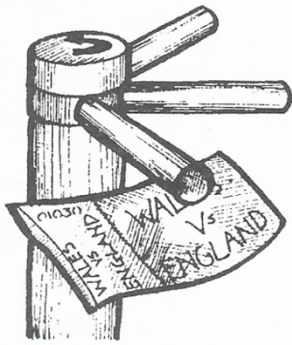




CBC NEWSLETTER



ALL-AGE DEVOTIONAL: USING A TURNSTILE

If you've ever been to a big football or rugby match, you'll know how exciting it is before the game starts - crowds gather, fans sing, and everyone wears their team's colours. But before anyone can sit down in the stadium, there's one thing they must do first: get through the turnstile. A turnstile is a special gate. It only lets one person through at a time, and only if that person has a valid ticket.

Now picture the scene at the National Stadium in Cardiff before a big rugby match. One very excited fan shows up. He's wearing the team scarf, knows all the chants, and has even brought the match programme. He's clearly a true supporter. But when he gets to the gate, the attendant stops him. 'Sorry,' they say, 'you don't have a ticket.'

The fan is shocked. 'But I love this team! I follow every game. I know all the rules. I came with friends who have tickets!' Still, the answer is the same: 'You can't come in without your own ticket.' That might sound unfair, but the rule is clear - no matter how passionate or well-prepared you are, you need a ticket. There's no other way in.

This story reminds us of something far more important than a rugby game. A lot of people think they'll get into Heaven because they've lived a good life, gone to church, given to charity, or come from a Christian family. But Jesus said, **'I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.'** (John 10:9)



After scoring as Liverpool secured the Premier League Title, **Cody Gakpo** removed his shirt to reveal a message reading, 'I belong to Jesus.' A committed Christian, Gakpo has shared, 'I try to read the Bible every day, I pray every day, and I like to go to church.'

During the 2022 FIFA World Cup, he, along with Memphis Depay, led a Bible Study attended by fifteen of their Dutch teammates.

Ladies Prayer Chain

Any requests, general or confidential to phone Christine on
01252 659249 or 07957 568545

Speakers & Leaders for Sunday mornings in May

4th: Pete (*Word of Life – 1 John 1:1-4*) speaking, Tim leading

11th: Rev D Bishop (*Walk in the Light – 1 John 1:5-10*) speaking, Patricia leading
[Communion]

18th: Alastair (*Let your Light Shine - 1 John 2:1-14*) speaking, Ali leading

25th: Alastair (*Facing the Enemy – 1 John 2:15-27*) speaking, Loise leading

Advance Notice: Church Walk

Our next church walk will take place on Saturday 7th June at South Hill Park.
We'll be meeting at CBC at 1:00pm. Lifts can be arranged, but please let us
know in advance if you'll need one.

Service at Lavender Lodge



25th May
@ 3pm



Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday @ 8pm
via Zoom



Bible Study

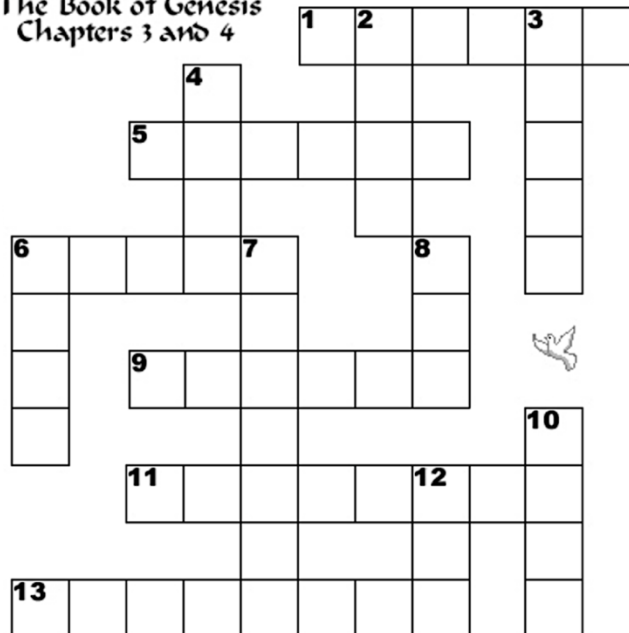
Every Thursday @ 8pm
in-person at church & via Zoom



Morning Service

Every Sunday
@ 10.30am

The Book of Genesis Chapters 3 and 4



Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen. 4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen. 4:2)
- (5) The ____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes (Gen. 3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was ____ (Gen. 3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen. 4:2)
- (13) Cain became a ____ and a vagabond (Gen. 4:12)