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This is a Church Near Us!

How a Vicar's TikTok Meant for Seven Teenagers Reached 1.7 Million!

What began as an amusing way to keep up with the seven teenagers in her congregation is now serious outreach for the Revd Anne Beverley of Christ Church in Wesham, Lancashire.

When the coronavirus pandemic struck, the first lockdown brought with it a need to stay in touch with the teenagers in her congregation, so Revd Anne Beverley filmed on the social media platform, TikTok - but she did not expect what happened next.

In three days, her video on her TikTok account @ChristChurchWesham was seen not just by the seven local teenagers, but by 1.7 million people around the world.

"We just sat at home watching the numbers go up every time we refreshed our phones," said Revd Beverley, "it was ridiculous."

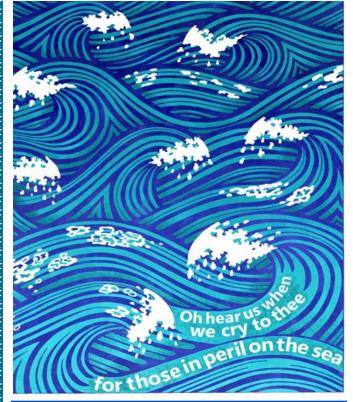
Today, five or six videos are posted each week, which range from dances and singing, to short sermons while walking the dog.

The church has more than 66,000 followers and receives around a thousand comments and questions about God each week.



Christ Church, Wesham





Sea Sunday ~ 11th July 2021

On Sea Sunday Christian churches remember, pray and give thanks for the more than 1.5 million merchant seafarers worldwide. Seafarers may seem irrelevant to your daily life, but think again because 90% of everything you buy in the shops comes to you by sea.

The seafarers are isolated from family, loved ones and friends, for up to nine months at a time. They work under harsh conditions and life on board ship is tough and dangerous. Weather conditions can be extreme, particularly during the cold winter months; and there is always the possibility of piracy and shipwreck.

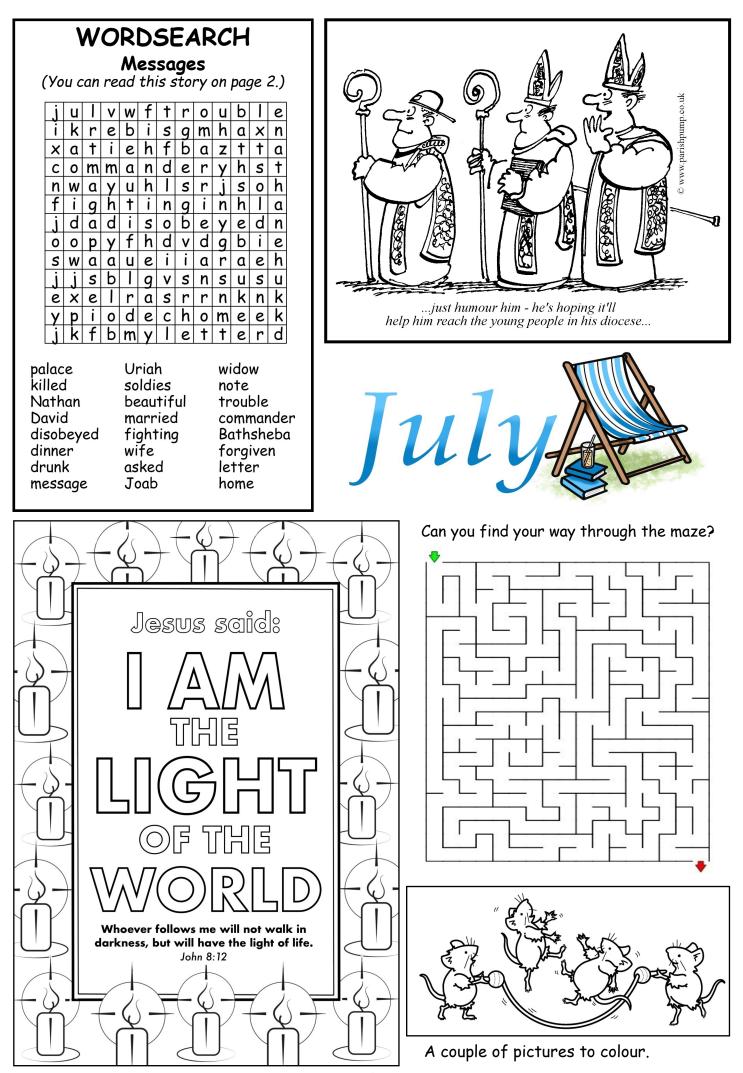
To help the seafarers, a worldwide network of port chaplains has sprung up. They offer hospitality and friendship, as well as practical, emotional and spiritual support, providing almost a 'home from home' in more than 200 ports, in more than 50 countries.

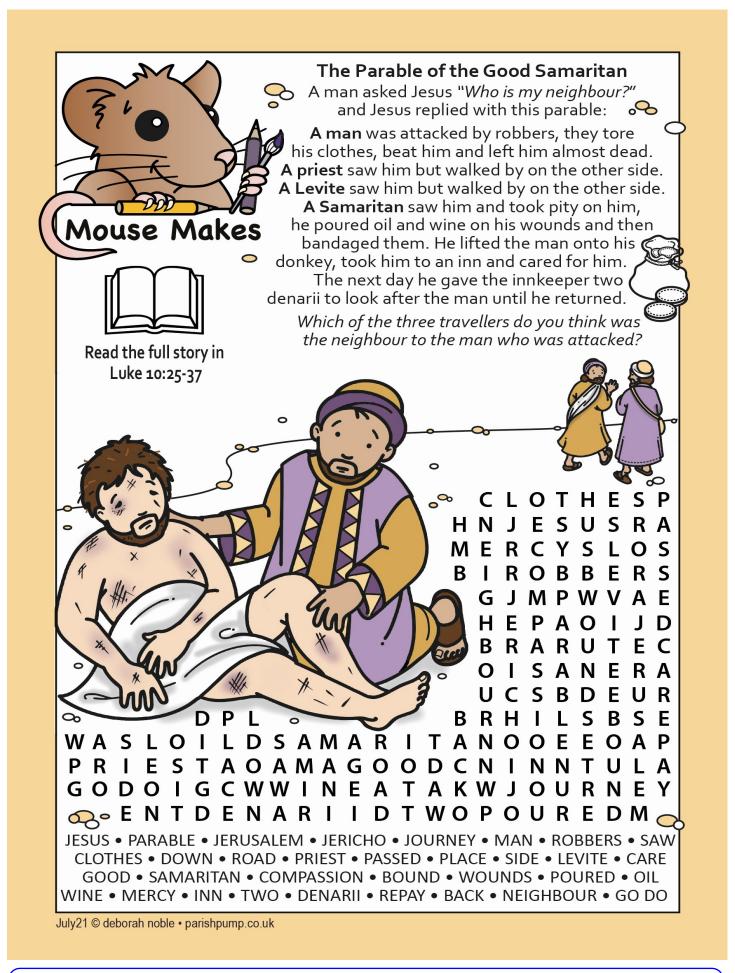


It can be read in the Bible in 2 Samuel 11:1-12:25 A short story from the Bible

Kings normally led their armies to battles but David had sent his army with his commander, Joab, to fight the Ammonites.









Kid's Zone

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