



The North

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Men who stood nearest to Jesus were swayed by His personality. He was “full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). He had a charm about Him which persuaded and fascinated.

Children liked Him; publicans hung upon Him. He had the heart of a child, the tenderness of a woman, the strength of a man.

The three dimensions (body, mind, soul) of His life were complete. He had eyes that looked along extended lines running into eternity; He had sympathies wide enough to cover humanity to its outermost edge; He had a purpose that included all lands and ages. His kingdom is to be universal, and it shall have no end.

He pushed every good trait of human character to its utmost limit. His

forgiveness was unbounded; His generosity was untiring; His patience was inexhaustible; His mercy was immeasurable; His courage was illimitable; His wisdom was unfathomable; His kindness was interminable; His faith removed mountains; His hope had no shadow in it; His love was infinite.

And so, it is impossible to go beyond Him. We can never outgrow Him. He will be always ahead of us. We shall always hear Him saying, “Follow Me!” He is the ideal of the heart. He is the goal of humanity. It is this completeness of His character which accounts not only for His beauty but also for His perennial power. He is the lily of the valley, the fairest of ten thousand, and one altogether lovely.



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Minister: Bishop Josep Rossello

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Church Council: Bishop Josep, Julia Lowrie (Minister’s Warden), Jon Liggins (People’s Warden), Maggie Liggins and Simon Pike.



10 Reasons to bring Your Child to Shine

Have you considered the benefits of Shine attendance for your child? Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family.

1. **Age Targeted Teaching:** Where else can your children get Biblical instruction that's focused on their developmental abilities?
2. **Friends:** Your child will build positive friendships with their peers, by discovering God's Word together.
3. **It's Fun:** Shine is not Disney World, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible, in ways that are relevant and fun for children.

4. **Spiritual Mentors:** A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model, who supports you and helps, inspire the faith of your child.
5. **Bible Learning:** Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will know Jesus.
6. **Praying Teachers:** Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Shine, gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
7. **Big Reward for a Small Investment:** If you're already coming to church, just send your child to Shine. That one change will provide hours of additional

Christian teaching, before your child graduates.

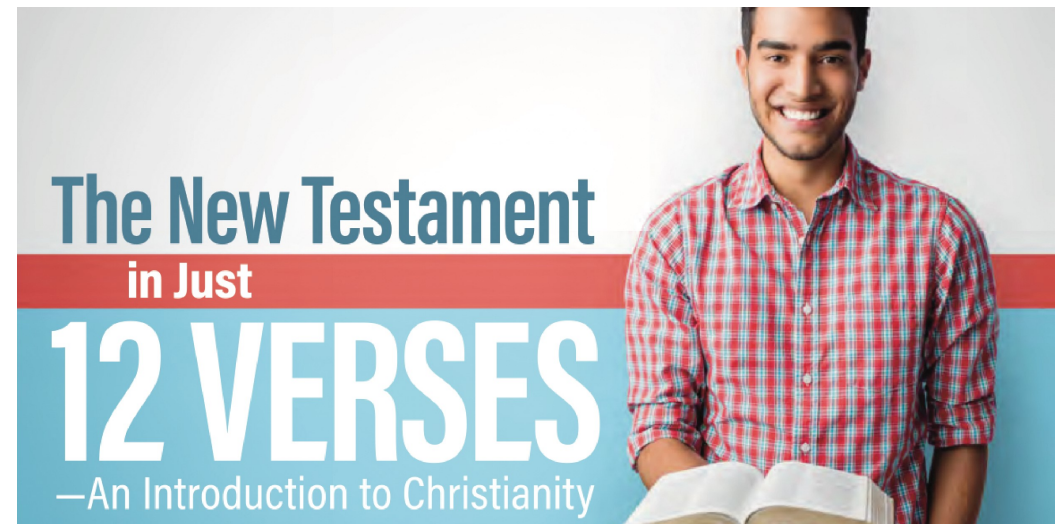
8. **Send the Right Message:** Making Shine a priority, shows your children that God really does matter, more than anything else.

9. **Serve:** Shine gives opportunities to serve and minister. Connecting with unchurched prospects, gives you and

your family the privilege of sharing your faith. You can show the love of Jesus, by ministering to others who have needs.

10. **You'll Be on Time:** Families who come to Shine, always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.

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SECOND PART

Luke 23:33

Jesus lived a good life (Acts 10:38), helping others, healing the sick, and teaching Christianity (Mat 4:17). He was popular with common people (Mark 12:37), but leaders were jealous of His popularity and wanted to destroy Him (Mark 11:18; 15:10-12).

Ultimately, they cooked up charges and ramrodded a case through the courts (Matthew 26). They arrested Jesus late Thursday night, tried Him before dawn, convicted Him early Friday, and a guilty verdict in hand, had Him on a cross by 9:00 a.m. They mocked Him as soldiers crucified Him

(Matthew 27:35–42). Six hours later, He was dead. By 6:00 p.m. Friday, His body was in a tomb donated by Joseph from Arimathea.

When Jesus cried, “*It is finished*” (John 19:30), He marked the completion of a long chain of events that took place by divine guidance. His death in this way, at this time, in this place, for this purpose, was not accidental nor incidental; it happened by God’s determination, counsel, and foreknowledge (Acts 2:23).

Matthew 28:6

Jesus’ enemies did not have the last laugh, though, for Jesus proved easier to kill than to keep dead.

Early Sunday morning—the third day—His tomb was found deserted. Some women came about daybreak to finish the burial process (Luke 24:1–2). They first thought the body had been moved (John 20:2), but angels confirmed His resurrection (20:11–12; Luke 24:4–7). Later, other disciples came to investigate, confirming the empty grave and noting His discarded grave clothes (24:12; John 20:4–7).

Over the next forty days, Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, His disciples, and others a dozen or more times. At least 515 people saw Him (1 Corinthians 15:1–6).

Upon the fact of the resurrection, Christianity stands or falls. Jesus did not appear in a fog or wave from a distance. The witnesses did not just hear His voice in another room. They watched Him eat—proving a bodily resurrection (a spirit cannot eat broiled fish) (Luke 24:41–43). He invited them to examine His wounds (24:39–40). The people who insisted fiercely that Jesus arose were those who knew Him best.

Matthew 16:18

The church was in God’s mind even before creation (Ephesians 1:3–6).

Daniel predicted a kingdom that would never be destroyed (Daniel 2:34–35, 44–45; cf. Isaiah 2:2–3; Joel 2:28–29). The church was promised by Jesus (Matthew 16:18; Mark 9:1; Luke 24:46–49), purchased with His blood (Acts 20:28), and is composed of those He saves (Acts 2:47).

Acts 2:38

Jesus had promised His apostles a guide (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13), so ten days after He left, the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost. Led by the Spirit, they preached to the large crowd about Jesus and His kingdom’s arrival (Acts 2:1–47).

Peter, using fulfilled prophecies and Jesus’ miracles, convinced them that

Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah (Acts 2:16–22). Feeling bad for having killed Him, these new believers asked what to do to be saved. Peter replied that they should turn from sin and be immersed in water (2:38). When about three thousand were baptized (2:41), the kingdom was here. The church was established. The mission had launched!

John 4:24

The church is essentially a worshiping, teaching society (Acts 2:42). The primary reason Christians meet is God. God blesses Christians all week. Christians worship God on Sundays (Psalm 96:2; 100:4). We honour His name (Psalm 29:2), praise His character and deeds (Psalm 145:5), and express gratitude for salvation by grace (Ephesians 2:8–9).

Worship involves a combination of right attitudes (spirit) and thought (truth). It includes singing, praying, giving, preaching, and remembering (1 Corinthians 11:23–28; 16:1–2). The early church worshiped on Sunday (Revelation 1:10)—every Sunday (Acts 20:7). During the week, Christians spent their free time together and taught others about Jesus and Christianity. The church today should follow all these examples, doctrines, and practices (2 Timothy 1:13).

The church grew rapidly (Acts 4:4; 5:14, 28; 6:1, 7; 9:31). In a single generation, it covered the Roman Empire (Romans 1:14; Colossians 1:23). Since then, it has filled the earth (Isaiah 2:2; Matthew 13:31–32).

Titus 2:12

The New Testament letters (Romans–Jude) give guidelines for living from the time of our spiritual birth (conversion) to our physical death. They instruct Christians to avoid sinful lusts (Galatians 5:19–21; 1 Thessalonians 4:3–4) and to live righteously—showing love to all, including the poor and vulnerable (James 1:27; 1 John 3:11).

Matthew 28:19

Jesus’ sacrifice and resurrection gave the world the best news it ever had. His departing words sent His disciples traveling the globe with His offer of salvation for every person (Mark 16:15–16; Romans 1:16). In every generation until He returns, His followers seek to share the gospel with every person in every place. This calls for everyone to make disciples of Jesus through baptism and sharing how to obey Jesus’ teaching.

Revelation 2:10

The final New Testament book gives Christians assurance. In it, Jesus

essentially says, “If you overcome, you can come over to live with Me.” Christians are often persecuted (Matthew 5:10–12; Luke 9:23). If necessary, they will die for their faith (unto death). It does not usually come to that, so they are faithful until death (Hebrews 9:27). They guard against letting faith slip and returning to sin (Hebrews 2:1–3; 2 Peter 2:20–22).

Matthew 25:32

As His disciples watched Jesus ascend, angels appeared to explain that Jesus had returned to heaven but would one day return (Acts 1:9–11).

That return visit is what Christians long for. He gave no date or signs to precede His coming. Instead, He instructed Christians to be ready always, for He will come unexpectedly (Matthew 24:44; 25:13). At that time, Jesus will take His people to heaven (1 Corinthians 15:24) and burn up the earth (2 Peter 3:7).

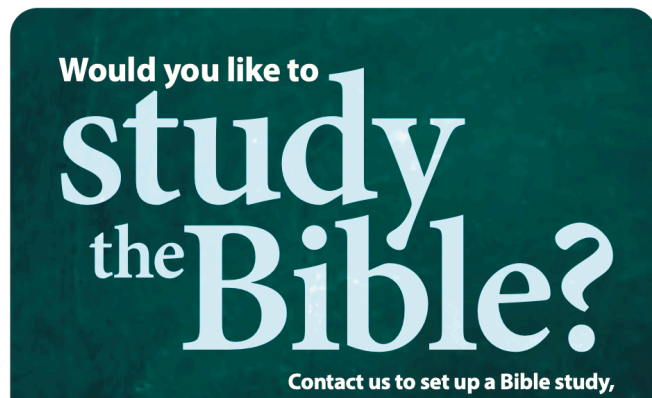
Judgment Day will follow the second coming. All who have ever lived—believers and unbelievers, sheep and goats—have a personal appointment set with Jesus at that time (Matthew 25:1–12; John 5:22; Acts 17:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

Then, a new heaven and a new earth will be recreated (Revelation 21:1).

John 14:3

Jesus will then welcome His followers into heaven. They will have immortal bodies (1 Corinthians 15:42–44), have every need met, face no sorrow, have no pain, and live forever with their heavenly Father, their Saviour, the Holy Spirit, angels, and all the saved from all ages (Revelation 21:1–4).

This offer is open to every person, any person—you! If you want to go to heaven, and avoid hell, simply become a Christian, live the Christian life, and trust God’s promises.



Several have shown differences between the covenants (a compilation of sources):

- The Old Testament commences; the New Testament completes.
- The Old gathers around Sinai; the New around Calvary.
- The Old is associated with Moses; the New with Christ (John 1:17).
- The Old begins with God (Genesis 1:1); the New with Christ (Matthew 1:1).
- The Old was given to Israel (1 Kings 8:9; Deuteronomy 5:1–3); the New to all nations (Matthew 28:19–20).
- The Old was given through Moses (Exodus 34:27–28); the New through Christ (Hebrews 9:15).
- The Old was dedicated by animal blood (Hebrews 9:18–19); the New by Christ’s blood (Hebrews 9:12).
- The Old had temporary sacrifices (Hebrews 10:3); the New has a permanent one-time sacrifice (Hebrews 10:12).
- The Old was unable to purge the conscience (Hebrews 9:9); the New purges the conscience (Hebrews 9:14).
- The Old could not take away sins (Hebrews 10:11); the New took away sin (Hebrews 10:12).

- The Old was done away (2 Corinthians 3:11, 14; Colossians 2:14); the New remains (2 Corinthians 3:11).

- The Old was abolished (2 Corinthians 3:13; Ephesians 2:14–15); the New is everlasting (Hebrews 13:20).

Many things changed under the New Covenant, including the following:

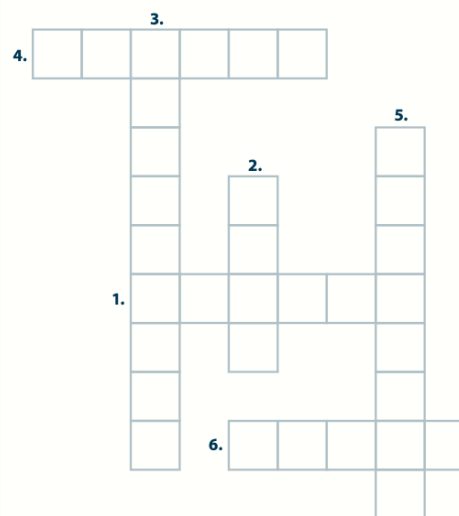
- ⇒ A new name was given (Isaiah 62:2; Acts 4:12; 11:26).
- ⇒ A new institution was established—the church (Daniel 2:44; Acts 2:47).
- ⇒ A new doctrine was taught—the gospel (Isaiah 2:3; Luke 24:47).
- ⇒ A new commandment became prominent—love as Christ loved (John 13:34).
- ⇒ A new priesthood of all believers was established (Hebrews 7:24–28).
- ⇒ A new Passover in which to participate—the Lord’s supper (Matthew 26:26–29).
- ⇒ A new day on which to worship—the Lord’s Day, the first day of the week (Revelation 1:10). Thayer comments on *kupiakos*: “the day devoted to the Lord, sacred to the memory of Christ’s resurrection.” The Gospel accounts record the resurrection was on Sunday.

“All things have become new” (2 Cor 5:17)

AGENDA

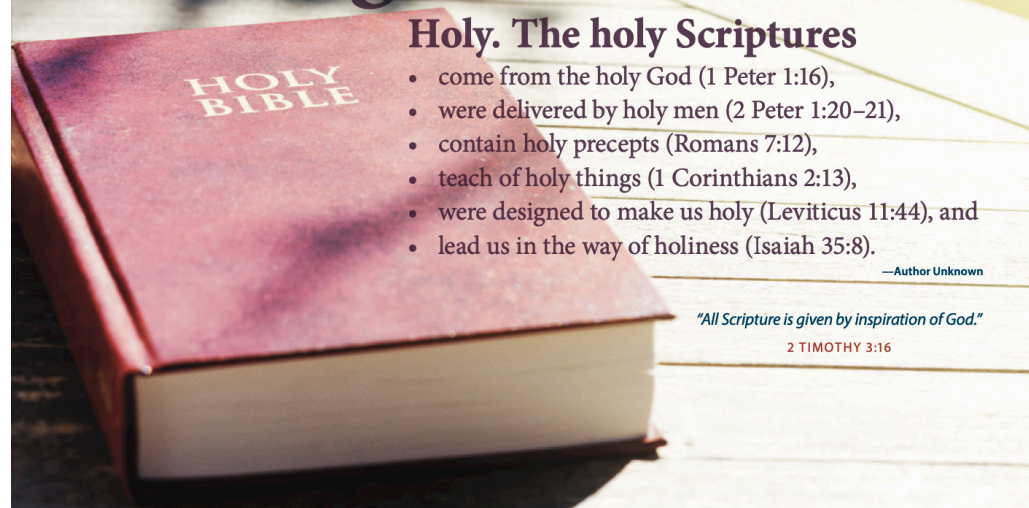
Saturday 1 October	Harvest Supper at 7 pm. Venue: Hall.
Sunday 2 October	Communion Service & Baptism at 10:30 am. Praise & Worship at 7:30 pm. Venue: Church.
Monday 3 October	Arise & Shine at 10 am. Venue: Church & Hall.
Thursday 6 October	Prayer Meeting at 9:15 am. Venue: Prayer Room.
Saturday 8 October	Envision Day at 10 am. Ministry/Team Leaders.
Sunday 9 October	Sunday Service at 10:30 am. Venue: Church. Communion Service (BCP) at 5 pm. Venue: Church. Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. Venue: Prayer Room.
Monday 10 October	Arise & Shine at 10 am. Venue: Church & Hall.
Thursday 13 October	Prayer Meeting at 9:15 am. Venue: Prayer Room. Movie Night at 7 pm. Venue: Church.
Sunday 16 October	All-age Service at 10:30 am. Church.
Monday 17 October	Arise & Shine at 10 am. Venue: Church & Hall.
Thursday 20 October	Prayer Meeting at 9:15 am. Venue: Prayer Room.
Sunday 23 October	Sunday Service at 10:30 am. Venue: Church. Communion Service (BCP) at 5 pm. Venue: Church. Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. Venue: Prayer Room.
Monday 24 October	HALF TERM
Thursday 27 October	Prayer Meeting at 9:15 am. Venue: Prayer Room.
Sunday 30 October	Sunday Service at 10:30 am. Venue: Church. Prayer Meeting at 7:30 pm. Venue: Prayer Room.

Just for Fun Acts 2 Crossword



- 1. Acts 2:36** "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."
- 2. Acts 2:3** "Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them."
- 3. Acts 2:1** "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."
- 4. Acts 2:38** "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"
- 5. Acts 2:41** "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them."
- 6. Acts 2:21** "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

It Says It Right on the Cover



Holy. The holy Scriptures

- come from the holy God (1 Peter 1:16),
- were delivered by holy men (2 Peter 1:20–21),
- contain holy precepts (Romans 7:12),
- teach of holy things (1 Corinthians 2:13),
- were designed to make us holy (Leviticus 11:44), and
- lead us in the way of holiness (Isaiah 35:8).

—Author Unknown

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God."
2 TIMOTHY 3:16

NEWS & UPDATES



Be a partner in the gospel. We are looking for Christians to join the Audio-visual Ministry (Media Desk, Camera, and Sound Desk) and Arise Ministries (children).

EVANGELISM TRAINING

Be equipped and inspired in how to share the gospel with others and fulfil the great commission. Host by Christ Church Exeter. On 13/14 October – 10 am – 16:30 pm.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

The Church Council has approved the repair and maintenance of the front of church and the stonework repairs. It will take two weeks. We apologise for the inconvenience of the scaffolding in the coming weeks.

WELCOME LUNCH

If you have been worshipping with us for the past year, you will be invited to a Welcome Lunch in the coming weeks. It is an opportunity to learn more about Christ Church, Exmouth, and consider whether you would like to be a part of this church family.

CHURCH CONVERSATIONS

As we did before COVID, the Leadership Team will organise Church Conversations once a month.

WARM WELCOME

If you want to be a part of this initiative. To assist people during the winter by providing a warm place to stay and have a coffee. Please speak with Maggie.

THANK YOU

We'd like to thank Peter J., Ivan, and Richard G. for all their hard work in making the church and Manse repair possible. They make an incredible team.

We would like to thank Dan for his work in the garden and painting. It took many hours to make it happen.

WORSHIP

in Spirit & Truth

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). Yet this week, many will enter church buildings and worship God in many different ways. How can these all be "in spirit and truth"?

Since God's word is truth (John 17:17), make sure your worship is in truth by studying what the New Testament teaches about worship.

FALSE WORSHIP



VAIN WORSHIP

"In vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines of men."

—MATTHEW 15:9



MOCK WORSHIP

"Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him. And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him."

—MARK 15:19–20



WILL WORSHIP

"Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh."

—COLOSSIANS 2:23, KJV



IGNORANT WORSHIP

"As I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you." —ACTS 17:23

TRUE WORSHIP



PREACHING & THE LORD'S SUPPER

"On the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight." —ACTS 20:7



SINGING

"Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." —EPHESIANS 5:19

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." —COLOSSIANS 3:16



GIVING

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also." —1 CORINTHIANS 16:1



PRAYER

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." —ACTS 2:42

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men . . . I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." —1 TIMOTHY 2:1–8