



One Day at a Time

As summer fades to autumn, and the lush greens of our forests become ablaze with color, our thoughts begin to turn to the upcoming Holidays. Even though in modern times "Holiday" refers to any day of celebration, the word originates from the religious "Holy Day".

We all know the upcoming holidays of Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, but what are the Holy Days and what are they for?

All Hallows' Eve and All Saints Day

All Hallows' Eve falls on 31st October each year, and is the day before All Hallows' Day, also known as All Saints' Day in the Christian calendar. The Church traditionally held a vigil on All Hallows' Eve when worshippers would prepare themselves with prayers and fasting prior to the feast day itself.

The name derives from the Old English 'hallowed' meaning holy or sanctified and is now usually contracted to the more familiar word Halloween.

Originally a day dedicated to Saint Mary and the Martyrs, it became All Saints' Day, a day to honor all the saints, and later, at the behest of Pope Urban IV (d. 1264), a special day to honor those saints who didn't have a festival day of their own.

In the 8th century, on 1st November, Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel to all the saints in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Gregory IV then made the festival universal throughout the Church, and November 1st has subsequently become All Saints' Day for the western Church.

The Christian festival of All Saints Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth and reminds us of our connectedness as Christians. Remember what the Bible teaches us about Saints. Who is a saint? You are. That is if you're a follower of Jesus. God calls a "saint" anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation. See Acts 9:13, 26:10, Romans 8:27, and 1Corinthians 1:2.

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 where we are always finding ways to reach out to our community and to come together united in Christ.

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All Souls Day

All Souls Day is primarily a Catholic Holy Day. It is when the Church commemorates and prays for the souls in Purgatory, the faithful departed undergoing purification before entering heaven. All Souls Day is celebrated on November 2nd, the day after All Saints Day.

Christ the King Sunday

Christ the King Sunday celebrates the full authority of Christ as King and Lord of the universe. Officially called "The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King," it is celebrated on the Sunday before Advent. In 2019, the feast falls on November 24th. Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925, to be celebrated throughout the universal church. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism and non-Christian dictatorships throughout much of Europe. The Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was needed most.

Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast to them, he connected his role as king to humble service, and commanded his followers to be servants as well. *Psalm 23; Matthew 25:31-46; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Mark 10:42-45; John 18:33b, 36-37.*

Saint Andrew's Day

Though Scotland shares custody of Saint Andrew with Greece, Russia, Amalfi and Barbados, the Scottish people celebrate their saintly icon on 30 November in a style all of their own. And so, as the autumn leaves fall to the ground and the wind sharpens to a frigid bite, the Scots commemorate their national saint by welcoming the winter season with extra doses of their renowned good cheer and hospitality.

According to Christian teachings, Saint Andrew was one of Jesus Christ's twelve disciples. He and his brother, Simon Peter (today venerated as the first Pope of the Roman Catholic Church) were fishermen in Galilee, now modern-day Israel, when they met Jesus Christ and became his first disciples. Like Jesus, he was ultimately martyred for his beliefs, but Andrew is said to have refused a T-shape cross, deeming himself unworthy to be crucified in the same manner as Jesus Christ. Instead, he was nailed upon an X-shaped cross on 30 November 60AD in Greece, and thus the diagonal cross of the saltire was adopted as his symbol, and the last day in November designated his saint day.

Advent

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming". Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6th century Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had

in mind was his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.

Today, the season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Advent 2019 begins on Sunday, December 1 and ends on Monday, December 23. For the first two Sundays in Advent we look forward with eager anticipation to Christ's second coming, and the last two Sundays we look backward in commemorative celebration remembering Christ's first coming.

St. Nicholas Day

St. Nicholas Day (aka Feast of St. Nicholas) is observed annually on December 6 and celebrates the third-century saint who sold all his possessions and gave his money to the poor. Raised to be a devout Christian, his whole life was dedicated to serving the sick and suffering. There are several legendary stories about St. Nicholas which later become part of the inspiration for the modern-day Santa Claus. While St. Nicholas Day traditions include leaving gifts in shoes (or stockings) or the exchange of small gifts, it is not to be confused with Christmas.

St. Nicholas is the patron saint of a great many causes including sailors, travelers, clergy, school children and thieves just to name a few. Buried in a tomb in Myra, water believed to have healing powers formed in his grave. It is called the Manna of Saint Nicholas.

Christmas

From its modest beginnings, Christmas has evolved into the biggest celebration in the world. Early Christians, however, did not celebrate Christmas. There was disagreement about when Jesus was born and some early Christians opposed celebrating his birthday. In the fourth century Christmas was added to the Church calendar as a feast day.

Some scholars suspect that Christians chose to celebrate Christ's birth on December 25 to make it easier to convert the pagan tribes. Referring to Jesus as the "light of the world" also fit with existing pagan beliefs about the birth of the sun. The ancient "return of the sun" philosophy had been replaced by the "coming of the son" message of Christianity.

In the American colonies, Puritans, Baptists, Quakers, and Presbyterians opposed the festivities, while Catholics, Anglicans (Episcopalians), Dutch Reformed, and Lutherans approved. Christmas celebrations became more common in America during the mid-1800s. The introduction of Christmas services in Sunday schools reduced religious opposition, while the Charles Dickens novel *A Christmas Carol* popularized the holiday as a family event.

Holy Innocents

Holy Innocents - also known as Childermas, Innocents' Day and Feast of the Holy Innocents - is a holiday which falls on December 28th in Western churches. The purpose of this holiday is to commemorate the massacre of children by King Herod as he was attempting to kill baby Jesus (*Matthew 2:1-18*). These children have been regarded as the first martyrs of the early church.

Watch Night

Watch Night, which takes place on the night of New Year's Eve, is a church service and is a time of deep

reflection and introspection. It provides Christians the opportunity look back over the year that has passed, make confession and prepare for the year ahead.

These services originated through John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church. They were also referred to as Covenant Renewal Services. Watch Night services gave Methodist Christians a godly alternative to the drunken madness that occurred in the secular community on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

While the Watch Night service has its roots in the Methodist church, these services have a particular significance in the African-American community and black churches. For African-Americans, it is a celebration of Emancipation. Many slaves gathered in churches on New Year's on Dec. 31 1862 to await confirmation of their freedom through the enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln. On that first Watch Night, abolitionists and others waited for word via telegraph, newspaper or word of mouth that freedom had been issued. For many African-Americans, the night symbolizes not only freedom, but also real hope and change.

"Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." Deuteronomy 15:10 (NIV)

We know emergencies do not always happen on the third Saturday of the month. If you have a need for clothing, household articles, toys, or prayers please reach out - don't wait for the third Saturday of the month!

Give and Take
East Calais Church
From 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
The third Saturday of each month.
Clothing, household items, toys, and more.
For more information Call:
Sandy Luce at 456-8809 or
Calais Woodbury United Church
at 232-1013



Upcoming Events and What's Happening

Governing Board Meeting - The Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM
 Huddle Bible Study - Every other Wednesday at 7:00 PM. - next meeting is October 2nd.
 Communion Sunday - The first Sunday of every month

<p>Our Famous Chicken & Biscuit Dinner!</p> <p>October 12th from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Bring your friends and family!</p>	<p>Chicken, biscuits and all the fixings!</p> 	<p>Rock for God! October 19. 5:00 - 7:00 PM</p> <p>Visit our website for future dates! www.calaiswoodburyunitedchurch.com</p>	 <p>East Calais Woodbury United Church on R Come as you are to praise and worship w "Contemporary Christian Rock Music" in an Audio/Video format. All welcome</p>
<p>Winter Clothing Give Away</p> <p>November 2nd. Taking donations throughout October</p>		<p>Operation Christmas Child</p> <p>Pack baskets for needy children on November 17th at 12:30 PM</p>	
<p>Christmas Candlelight Service.</p> <p>Sunday December 22nd.</p>		<p>Movie Night!</p> <p>Check our website at www.calaiswoodburyunitedchurch.com for dates and offerings!</p> <p>Free! Popcorn & Beverages!</p>	 <p>MOVIE time</p>

Congratulations to Nijha Peloquin (Bill and Susi's Granddaughter)! Boot Camp Graduation at Lackland Airforce Base, Texas on October 4th.

Our condolences and prayers to friends and family of Michael Schafer who passed away suddenly on September 23, 2019.

Birthdays:

- Mary Ormsby October 15
- Ray Yordan November 6
- Susi Richardson November 10
- Michael Ormsby November 23
- Ed Sevene December 13

Heart Gifts

This poem by Helen Steiner Rice helps me to truly care about those around me and remember that others come first sometimes, and that I care about them more than I care about my own needs. This poem is a good example to follow when others' needs are put before yours. - Geri Gilman

It's not the things that can be bought that are life's riches treasure,
It's just the little "heart gifts" that money cannot measure...
A cheerful smile, a friendly word, A sympathetic nod
Are priceless little treasures From the storehouse of our God...
They are the things that can't be bought with silver or with gold,
For thoughtfulness and kindness and love are never sold...
They are the priceless things in life for which no one can pay,
And the giver finds rich recompense in giving them away.

Helen Steiner Rice



**And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.
(Luke 12:29-31 ESV)**

Woodbury Calais Food Shelf and Joanne Eldred Elder Care Program

Woodbury/Calais Food Shelf is open the 3rd Saturday every month from 9 to 11 a.m. and the following Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. serving the towns of Woodbury, Calais, and Cabot regardless of income but the restrictions for USDA Commodities, for a family of 4 is \$45,510. We are located off Rt. 14 in Woodbury Village at 49 Valley Lake Road. We are at the bottom of the driveway to the Woodbury Elementary School.

Food Stamps

The State of Vermont raised the level of income allowing more people to become eligible for food stamps. For anyone in need of services in the Woodbury area who can't drive to apply, Faye will come to your home and help you fill out an application for food stamps. If you need help, please don't hesitate to call her.

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flongo@vtfoodbank.org
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Senior Resources

Senior Adventures:

The Senior Adventures Program is provided by Faith in Action and is located in Cabot at the Masonic Lodge. It is free for seniors and generally takes place on the 3rd Tuesday morning of every month. Lunch is included. This is an opportunity for meeting people and having fun. You never know where you are going to go until you sign up for the program. There's nothing to bring but yourself and a friend. No adventures in inclement weather.



Twin Valley Senior Center:

The mission of the Twin Valley Senior Center is to facilitate the social, emotional and physical wellbeing of independent senior citizens in our service area of Marshfield, Plainfield, Cabot, Calais, Woodbury, and East Montpelier by providing access to community resources, services and activities that maintain senior citizens' independence and wellness to remain in their communities.

Open 3 days a week from 9am until 2pm. Lunch served at 12:15pm those days with an asking donation of \$5.00 age 60+ and all others \$6.00. No one is turned away regardless of ability to pay. All is confidential.

Check the website for a calendar of activities and events.

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Rita Copeland, Executive Director

A Yale Scientist Ditches Darwin

This article taken from the American Family Association makes a scientific case against evolution.

He's an internationally known computer scientist at Yale University - the New York Times dubbed him a "rock star" - but he no longer believes in evolution.

David Gelernter - whom the Unabomber tried to blow up in 1993 - was [disabused of Darwin's theory by science and not religion](#). "The origin of species," says Gelernter, "is exactly what Darwin *cannot* explain." (Emphasis in original. Quotations, unless otherwise marked, are from Gelernter.)

The first major problem is the utter absence of fossils right where you need them. There are simply no "missing links," no fossils that are somewhere between one form of life and the next more complex form.

The Cambrian explosion was an "explosion" of new life forms, like umpteen geysers all going off at once. These Cambrian forms should have been preceded by layers and layers of intermediate pre-Cambrian fossils. Instead, "the incremental development of new species is largely not there."

The total absence of transitional forms is what Harvard's Stephen Jay Gould, one of the world's leading paleontologists at the time of his death in 2003, referred to as "the trade secret" of paleontology. What he meant by that is paleontologists know there are no transitional forms and are hoping against hope the rest of the world doesn't figure it out.

To explain the unlimited gaps in the fossil record, one scientist suggested that at one point a reptile laid an egg and a bird hatched. I arf you not. Gould had his own variation of the "hopeful monster" scheme, suggesting that life on earth has typically existed in a steady state - everything ticking along uneventfully - until this "equilibrium" was "punctuated" by sudden and inexplicable bursts of evolutionary advance that happened so quickly it left no trace.

This is surely an oddity for the ages - a Harvard scientist and scholar arguing for a theory on the grounds that the only evidence for it is an utter and complete lack of evidence.

Gelernter observes that Darwin himself was troubled by the enormous gaps in the fossil record but believed that more digging would solve that problem. Well, here we are, 160 years out from *Origin of Species*, and there are actually fewer missing links today than there were in Darwin's day since so many have been debunked. "Those missing pre-Cambrian organisms have still not turned up."

So rather than an uninterrupted and gradual climb from the primordial ooze to man, there is instead the reality that "most species enter the evolutionary order fully formed and then depart unchanged." **(Almost as if an omnipotent Creator was responsible for the whole thing!)**

The fossil record is fatal for evolutionary theory, but so is, Gelernter observes, molecular biology. The problem here is that advances in evolutionary development require genes that must be developed by mutations that occur through the random collision of atoms. But random mutations, the ones that occur in nature, are invariably fatal to the organism. They don't advance life, they kill it. "Evidently there are a

total of *no* examples in the literature of mutations that affect early development and the body plan as a whole and are *not* fatal."

Deliberately trying to engineer these mutations doesn't work either. "If you tinker with a valid gene, you will almost certainly make it worse -- to the point where its protein misfires and endangers (or kills) its organism."

Scientists have been doing genetic mutation experiments on *Drosophila*, the common fruit fly, since 1910. It's perfect for genetic tinkering - it only has four pairs of [chromosomes](#), breeds quickly lays boatloads of eggs (a hundred a day), and a generation only lasts about 10 days. Over the last 109 years, these fruit fly Mengeles have produced blind flies, flies with red eyes, flies with white eyes, flies with brown eyes, sterile flies, flies with extra wings, flies with miniature wings, and flies with no wings.

What they have never produced is anything but a damaged and non-viable fruit fly. They started with fruit flies, and that's where they're going to end.

They've inserted foreign genes into the fruit fly genome (they've used genetic transformation techniques since 1987). Two German geneticists won a Nobel Prize for "an exhaustive investigation of every observable or inducible mutation of *Drosophila melanogaster*." They said, "We think we've hit all the genes required to specify the body plan of *Drosophila*." But not one, they go on, is "promising as raw materials for macroevolution"—because mutations in them all killed off the fly long before it could mate.

Distinguished scientist Douglas Axe has calculated the chances of getting a single beneficial randomly occurring mutation at only 1 in 10^{77} , "which "is no different, in practice, from saying that they are zero." (There are only 10 to the 80th power atoms in the entire universe.) Says Gelernter, "Neo-Darwinian evolution is—*so far*—a dead loss. Try to mutate your way...to a working, useful protein and you are guaranteed to fail. Try it with ten mutations, a thousand, a million—you fail. The odds bury you. It can't be done."

The chance that random processes could turn up even one mutation that could push evolution forward is zero. "Zero odds of producing a single promising mutation in the whole history of life. Darwin loses."

Gelernter reluctantly winds up where the Bible begins. "The exceptional intricacy of living things, and their elaborate mechanisms for fitting precisely into their natural surroundings seemed to cry out for an intelligent designer long before molecular biology and biochemistry...An intelligent designer might seem more necessary than ever now that we understand so much cellular biology, and the impossibly long odds facing any attempt to design proteins by chance."

So from a scientific point of view, as well as a theological point of view, you can't do any better than, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." If it's good enough for a world-renowned scientist from Yale, it ought to be good enough for us.

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WORD SEARCH

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² "Listen to the terms of this covenant and tell them to the people of Judah and to those who live in Jerusalem. ³ Tell them that this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Cursed is the one who does not obey the terms of this covenant— ⁴ the terms I commanded your ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt, out of the iron-smelting furnace.' I said, 'Obey me and do everything I command you, and you will be my people, and I will be your God. ⁵ Then I will fulfill the oath I swore to your ancestors, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey'— the land you possess today." I answered, "Amen, Lord." *Jeremiah 11:1-5*

JEREMIAH 10:1-11:23



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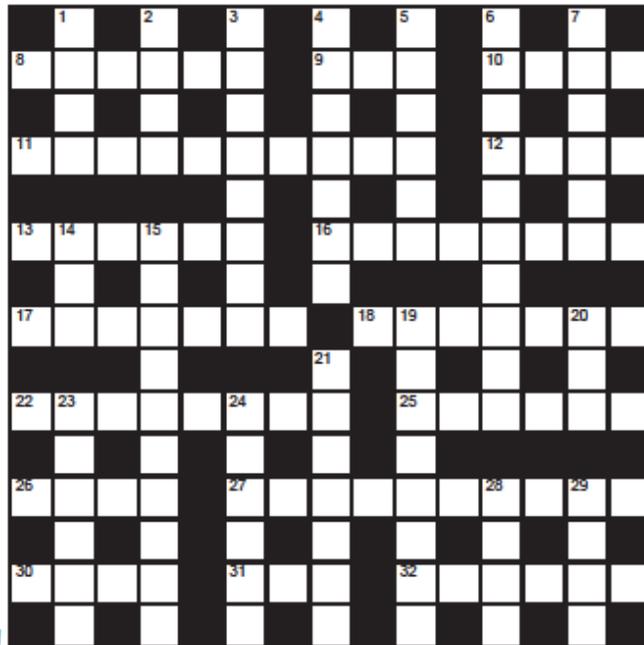
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Crossword Puzzle

BIBLE CROSSWORD II

Across

- 8 Religious service (6)
 9 Vessel (3)
 10 Drive forcibly (4)
 11 Christ does this for us (10)
 12 Bethesda was the name of this (4)
 13 Servant of a prophet (6)
 16 One who leaves the straight and narrow path (8)
 17 Check the money (7)
 18 Fragrant offering; make angry (7)
 22 Come out from among them (8)



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- 25 Works with clay (6)
 26 Main part of text (4)
 27 Chucked it too far (10)
 30 Treachery sealed with this (4)
 31 Simon washed his (3)
 32 Migratory grasshopper (6)

Down

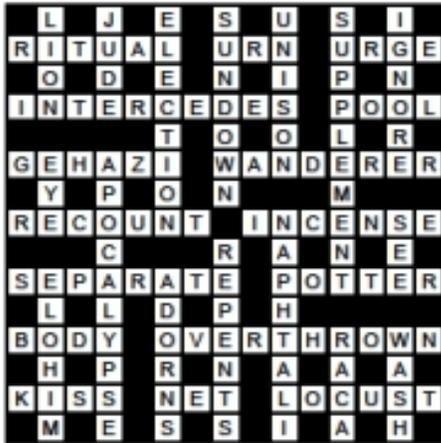
- 1 Standard for the tribe of Judah (4)

- 2 Brother of James; Hardy book (4)
 3 Choice by vote (8)
 4 Evening glow (7)
 5 All sing the tune (6)
 6 To reduce deficiency (10)
 7 Take no notice of (6)
 14 Look at (3)
 15 Alternative Revelation (10)
 19 Son of Jacob (8)

- 20 The blind will (3)
 21 Regrets; Serpent (anag) (7)
 23 Angels by another name (6)
 24 Decorates (6)
 28 Say it and you will be in danger of the council (4)
 29 Cleanse (4)

See answers on next page.

BIBLE CROSSWORD II - SOLUTION



Across: 8 Ritual, 9 Urn, 10 Urge,
11 Intercedes, 12 Pool, 13 Gehazi,
16 Wanderer, 17 Recount, 18 Incense,
22 Separate, 25 Potter, 26 Body,
27 Overthrown, 30 Kiss, 31 Net,
32 Locust.

Down: 1 Lion, 2 Jude, 3 Election,
4 Sundown, 5 Unison, 6 Supplement,
7 Ignore, 14 Eye, 15 Apocalypse,
19 Naphtali, 20 See, 21 Repents,
23 Elohim, 24 Adorns, 28 Raca,
29 Wash.

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Who We Are

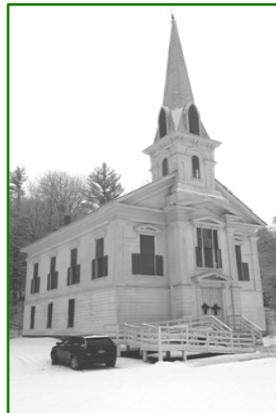
We are a non-denominational fellowship of Christian believers established for the purpose of maintaining a place for the worship of Almighty God, our heavenly Father; to provide for Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith where the Holy Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony; to assume our share of responsibility and the privilege of propagating and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both at home and abroad. To live in His will and to share His love for all through Kingdom opportunities.

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible authoritative Word of God; There is one God eternally manifested in the three person of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; In the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, in His vicarious and atoning sacrifice through His shed Blood, in His Bodily resurrection, in His ascension, and in His personal return in power and glory upon the earth; In regeneration and conversion through faith in Jesus Christ absolutely essential for the salvation of all; In the resurrection of believers at the end time, and the judgment of all mankind; and in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Bill Richardson

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An Invitation to Church Services



Come Worship

With us for
Sunday Service

at 10:15 AM.

Invite a friend
to the big white church
on Rt. 14
in South Woodbury

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