

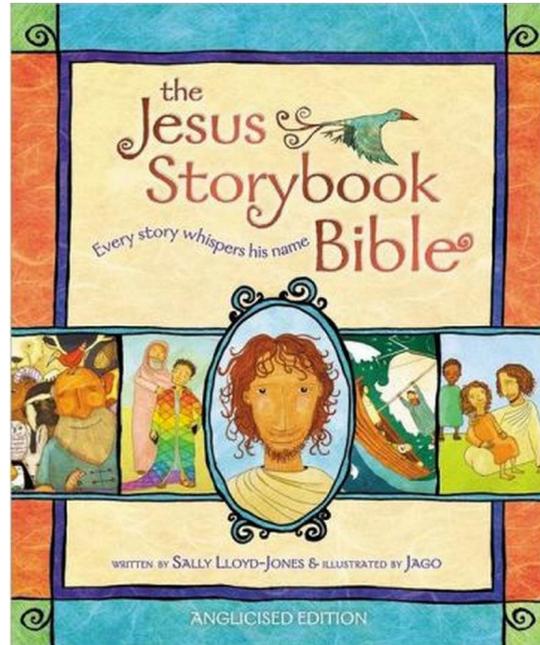
J is for ...

There are many characters in the Bible whose names begin with the letter J. Perhaps you can think of some of them. But the one person who is the central character of the whole of the Bible is JESUS. He is mentioned, though not by name, in the first book of the Bible. When Adam and Eve disobey God and eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God

says to Satan, who tempted them, "Her offspring will crush your head and you will bite his heel." God is talking about JESUS who came into the world as a human being and defeated the power of Satan by his death on the cross.

Moses who rescued the children of Israel from Egypt said, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you." This was JESUS.

JESUS was the great



rescuer because he came into the world to rescue us from the power and guilt of sin. Sin stops us from loving God and our other people as we should and only JESUS can set us free from its power. He did this by dying on the cross and taking our punishment so that we are no longer guilty before God for our sin.

The Bible teaches that one day JESUS is coming again to this world, not as a baby but as a judge. Everyone, it says, will bow to him on that day.

Question: - How many times is the name Jesus written on this page?

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health". Marriage is a legal union under the law of the land, but, as in the case of Harry and Megan, it is also before God: "Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate".

The Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle in May was a real feast of ceremony and tradition, with a generous helping of Harry and Megan's own style. We certainly know how to put on such an event and broadcast it for the world to see.

It was all to celebrate the joining together of a couple as husband and wife.

In a time when marriage is on the decline and divorce is on the increase (with proposals to make divorce even easier) it was good to be reminded that marriage can still be celebrated.

The Bible teaches that marriage is ordained of God and is for the joining together of a husband and wife in a life-long loving union: "for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in

The fact that the Royal Wedding was such a popular public event seems to signify to us that there is still a widespread sympathy and support for marriage.

The preacher at the wedding, the American Bishop Michael Curry, preached enthusiastically about love and the power of love. But real love is not about a warm feeling of attraction to another, it is more about a commitment to another which will withstand the times of testing, reflecting God's love for us.

It is great to see the love of a young couple being married but it is more wonderful to see an old couple celebrating a "large" wedding anniversary showing their love for one another.



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- To keep you informed
- To stimulate thought
- To invite you to our events

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Who is to blame?



The Grenfell Tower Inquiry has begun to explore the circumstances surrounding the terrible fire in the London apartment block a year ago. A question that will undoubtedly be raised is, 'Who is to blame?' Local Councillors, builders, the London Fire Service, central government, and residents may all be suspected of playing a part in what went wrong. It's probably safe to say that there were multiple wrongs committed by various parties that led to the disaster. A person who won't feature in the inquiry is the one who is actually ultimately responsible – Adam. It was because of his one big wrong that such tragedies occur: his single act of disobedience and rebellion against God in the Garden of Eden (eating the forbidden fruit) meant both sin and death have en-

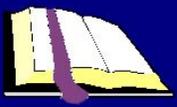
tered the human race and wreaked havoc down the centuries.

Before you dismiss that as some fanciful myth, do you have a better explanation for the corruption of human society? Why is it that people can be selfish, greedy, prejudiced, deceitful, and "senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless"? (Romans chapter 1 verse 31).

We have each inherited a fallen nature from Adam. It is this that ultimately lies behind the wrongs that contributed in one way or another to the Grenfell disaster and others like it.

But God has not left us to ruin. In Christ Jesus there is new life and a new nature, the renovation of the image of God in true righteousness and holiness, and ultimately a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness, not wrong.

Peter Rush



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Morning Worship - Every Sunday, 10.30am
MO Village Hall - suitable for all.

Evening Worship - Every Sunday 6.30pm except
All Age Service 4.30pm: 24 June, 5 and 26 August
Edmondthorpe Social Club

Midweek meeting - Most Thursdays, 7.30pm
MO Village Hall (but check website)

Coffee Hour - Friday, 10.30am:
8 June, 13 July, none in August
MO Village Hall

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How safe is the information about you?

In the last few weeks we have been inundated with letters and emails asking us to respond to organisations so that they can continue to send us information. This is because the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on 25th May and companies or organisations can only send out information to people who have agreed to be contacted.

Companies and organisations are also legally obliged to keep information about us safe and not pass it on to others. This is great news for us but it is a load of extra work for organisations who now have to change their ways of working and become more conscious of data security.

The amount of information "out there" about us is staggering. When we come out of a shop and our phone asks us if we want to write a review about our experience in that very same shop! On the other hand it can be useful to use our phone when we are lost to immediately know where we are.

Keeping our data secure is important for

us because, in the wrong hands, we can be exploited and defrauded.

**General
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Regulation**

But there is someone who knows every detail about us and he is not bound by the new data protection regulation. King David in the Old Testament of the Bible wrote: "You have searched me, LORD,

and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely." (Psalm 139). God is all seeing and all knowing, nothing can be hidden from him.

God knows all about us, yet we are told that, despite his complete knowledge of us, he loves us. We are told, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16).

That verse sums up the simple message of the gospel (good news). Knowing that we cannot fool God, we are forgiven only by trusting in Jesus who has paid the price (his own death) for our wrong doings.

That's good news which is worth sharing!



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