



Wesley Methodist Church Weeke

Wesley Somborne Link

One Church on two sites

4th September 2026



King's Somborne Methodist Church

Chaplaincy Motivation



As we are focusing this Sunday on Outreach at Wesley, we thought we would share with you the origin of Chaplaincy, taken from the Induction Preparation Workbook produced by the Winchester City Chaplaincy (Engine House Training July 2020). The Methodist Church in 'Chaplaincy Everywhere' further explores the idea of Chaplaincy based in John 4:1-42 where the story of the Woman at the well epitomises breaking down social barriers. Jesus crosses cultural, ethnic, and religious lines. Jews and Samaritans did not get along, and Jewish men did not speak to women in public. Jesus ignores these rules to talk to her.

Here is the story of St Martin of Tours (316 – 397 AD), a fourth century bishop and former soldier, who is credited as the founder of Christian chaplaincy.

At fifteen Martin was forced to join the army of the occupying Roman Empire. He became an officer and eventually was assigned to garrison duty in Gaul (present-day France). One day Martin was on duty when he noticed a beggar, freezing in the cold. Moved with compassion Martin went to his aid. He took off his thick army cloak and cut it in two with his sword. One piece he wrapped around the beggar and the other he kept for himself.

That night Martin had a dream in which he saw the beggar with the piece of his cloak on his shoulders. But in his dream the beggar was Jesus, saying to the angels, "Here is Martin, the Roman soldier; he has clothed me." This vision of Christ as the beggar transformed Martin, convincing him leave the army and to give his life in service to the poor and neglected in his society as a monk, and later as a bishop. He had a desire to serve, and saw the face of Jesus in all he met.

Martin was a fierce advocate for the powerless to whom injustices were easily done. His activism for the poor and love of people was matched by his commitment to solitude and prayer. He developed regional spiritual communities as places of hospitality for anyone, regardless of their background, who sought direction or sanctuary. He instituted the practice of the bishop making pastoral visits to each of his communities at least once a year. This visitation was significant at a time when authorities, who lived in the towns and cities, often neglected country people.

When he died, at his request, Martin was buried in the Cemetery of the Poor. The Frankish Kings kept Martin's half of the cloak he had shared with the beggar as a precious relic. The guardian of this cloak became known as the 'capellanus', in Latin (derived from the word cappa meaning cloak or cape), which through use in old French, then English, became 'chaplain'. The place where the relic of Martin's torn cloak was kept was known as the 'chapel'.

Prospective Chaplains are asked to consider the following:

What is your cloak? What do you have to offer? What are you good at? What skills and special knowledge do you have? What do other people appreciate about you?

Following on from Elizabeth's service last Sunday, God is talking, are we listening? How can we best use the gifts and resources we have to further God's Kingdom, at Wesley and beyond?

There will be a retiring collection on Sunday for our work in support of Outreach and Chaplaincy, more will be explained during the service on Sunday.

Blessings

Brenda and Paul

On Sunday 6th September at 10.30am, the Service will be led by Mr Paul Yarrien
On Sunday 13th September at 10.30am the Service of Holy Communion will be led by Revd John Archer
These services will be live streamed, the link to which can be found via the Wesley Website at:
www.wesleychurch.org.uk

Dates for Your Diary:

4th September: Friday Fun Club (5.00-7.00pm) Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm) at Wesley

6th September: Service led by Mr Paul Yarrien at Wesley 10.30am

6th September: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Catherine Bowstead at King's Somborne 10.30am

8th September: Local Preachers and WL Meeting at Wesley 7.30pm

10th September: Mini-Marvels 9.00-11.00am at Wesley

10th September: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm at Wesley

13th September: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd John Archer at Wesley 10.30am

13th September: Harvest Festival led by Mr Tom Belshaw at King's Somborne 10.30am

14th September : Worship and Fellowship Meeting at Wesley 7.30pm

16th September: Messy Church at King's Somborne 3.30-5.30pm

17th September: Mini-Marvels 9.00-11.00am at Wesley

18th September: Youth@Wesley Meeting at 3.00pm at Wesley

18th September: Friday Fun Club (5.00-7.00pm) Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm) at Wesley

20th September: Service (Bible Month) led by Revd Kate Cambridge at Wesley 10.30am

23rd September Outreach Meeting at Wesley 7.30pm

24th September: Mini-Marvels 9.00-11.00am at Wesley

24th September: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm at Wesley

26th September: Café Wesley (supporting Relief Work for Nepal) 10.00am-12noon and Lego Church 10.00-11.30am at Wesley

27th September: Harvest Festival Refresh Service led by Mr Nick Langham at Wesley 10.30am

27th September: Service led by the MWiB Team at King's Somborne 10.30am

1st October: Mini-Marvels 9.00-11.00am at Wesley

2nd October: Friday Fun Club (5.00-7.00pm) Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm) at Wesley

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF WESLEY CHURCH

Some time ago all Wesley Church members were invited to indicate if they were able to be present at the Service and the Tea on Saturday 24th October.

Many of you have replied, but It would be a great help to have all your replies so that we can then invite other people from other churches to join us.

Many thanks
Richard, Paul and Hilary

The funeral of Joan Charret will take place on Wednesday 9th September at 2.30pm at Chesil Street. All are welcome to attend. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends at this time.

A message from Christine Briggs (Marie's Daughter-in-Law):

Marie (Briggs) was taken into hospital on June 26th. She since has recovered and is now in a nursing home called Home Park in Eastleigh. It's a very caring home. Visiting can be at any time of day but sadly she is not very communicative. If you require further details please see Paul or Brenda.

The next edition of the WSL will be on **Friday 18th September**, we will need any items for inclusion to be sent to Paul and Brenda, by **Wednesday 16th September 2026**.

Email: brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com or by phone on 01794389153.

ADVANCE NOTICE – 26th AND 27th SEPTEMBER

The next Café Wesley will be on Saturday 26th September and donations will be given towards the relief effort following the flash floods in Nepal.

The retiring collection on Sunday 27th September will also be for Nepal.



Sunday 27th September is also Harvest Festival, led by Nick Langham. If you wish to make a contribution to a collection of food and other items for the Winchester Food and Basics Bank, please bring them to Church on Sunday 27th September. They will be placed on the altar rail at the front of the Church, and we will take them to the Food and Basics Bank during the following week.

Below is a list of items the Food and Basics Bank need most, and you can find further information about this on their website www.winchesterbasicsbank.co.uk

Food most needed

We are in need of donations of most grocery items. In particular the following:

Tinned pears and pineapple (in juice)
Tinned sweetcorn and mixed veg
Tinned big soups with meat
Tinned macaroni cheese and ravioli
Tinned meat (mince, chili , corned beef, curry)
Custard or rice pudding
Raspberry, blackcurrant jam or marmalade
Honey, marmite, peanut butter
Rice, pasta, noodles
Cooking sauces and condiments
Squash & fruit juice, cereals & porridge



Wesley Walks



**Discovering trails from
South Wonston to the
Worthy Down Museum
and enjoying the beauty
of St Cross and the Test
Valley.**



Message from Margaret Billington:

It's that time of year again to think about shoe boxes. I enclose the leaflet about the school boxes if people are happy to do one or happy to give me a small donation, I'd be happy to do the shopping. Shoeboxes need to be back to me by half term, 22nd October.

On behalf of Rotary thank you very much.

Thanks Margaret

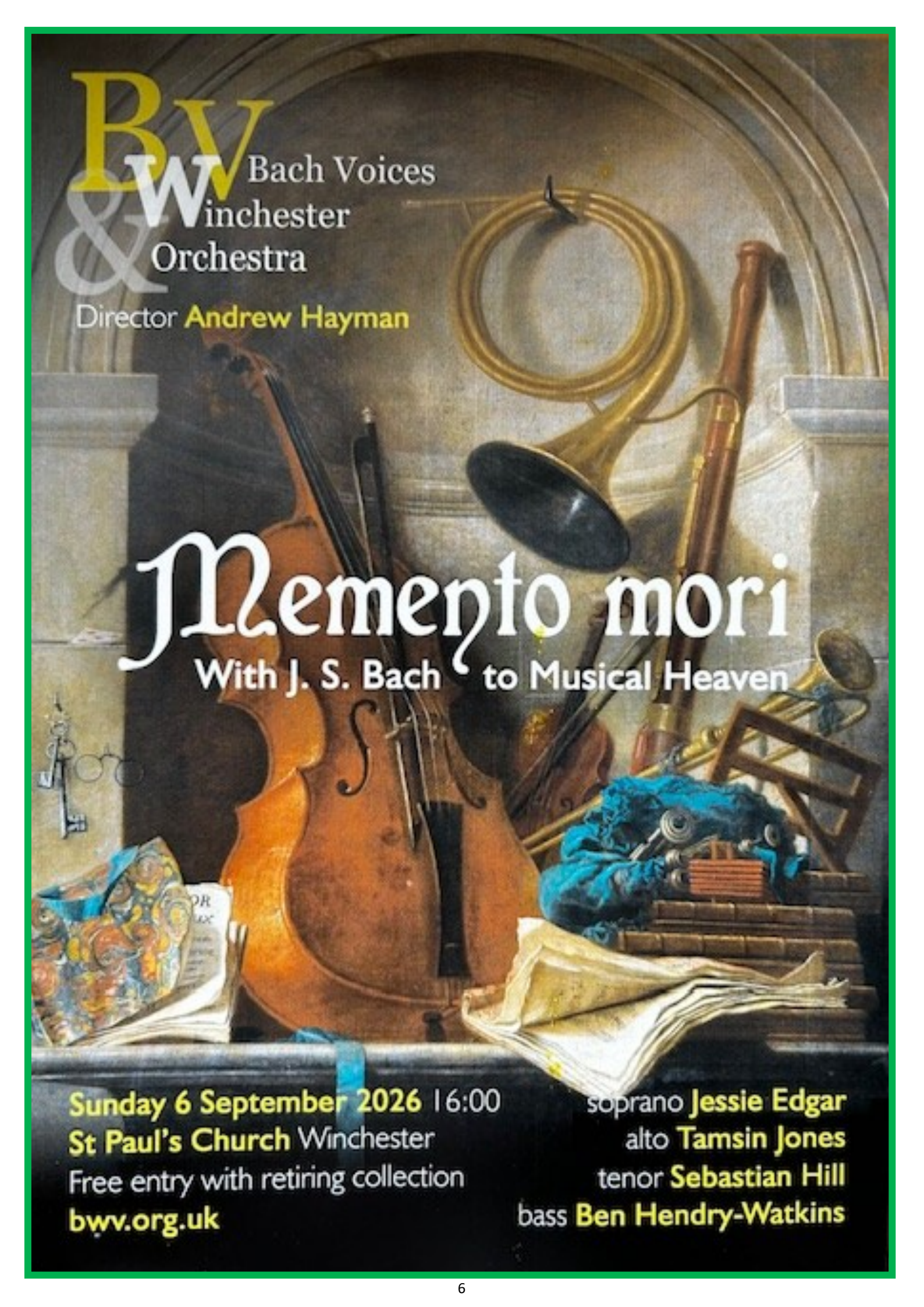
A blue leaflet for the Rotary Shoebox Scheme. At the top, the word "Rotary" is written in white, followed by the Rotary logo. Below this is a photograph of a person in a Santa Claus costume standing next to a large, pyramid-shaped stack of white shoeboxes. The person is holding a small box. In the background, there is a sign with a red cross and some text. Below the photograph, the text reads: "For disadvantaged & displaced children we now deliver in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, - Ukraine via Poland." The next line is "Wessex Rotary Shoebox Scheme" in bold white text, followed by "(Wessex Rotary CIO Trust Fund)" and "Reg Charity No 1183094". At the bottom, there is an orange rounded rectangle containing the text: "For more information contact:", "TEL/EMAIL:", and "Final date for receipt of shoeboxes: by the 18th of October".

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BWV Bach Voices
Winchester
Orchestra
Director **Andrew Hayman**

Memento mori

With J. S. Bach to Musical Heaven

Sunday 6 September 2026 | 6:00
St Paul's Church Winchester
Free entry with retiring collection
bwv.org.uk

soprano **Jessie Edgar**
alto **Tamsin Jones**
tenor **Sebastian Hill**
bass **Ben Hendry-Watkins**

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH EASTLEIGH

Blenheim Road, SO50 5SD

7pm Saturday 19th September 2026

~All Aboard with The Madding Crowd~

Tales of smuggling, conditions at sea, battles, press gangs
and life at home



Bringing our history to life with the authentic music of the old village bands and choirs



Entry £10 including refreshments

Payment by cash or card will be taken on the door

Book tickets in advance by emailing
standrews775@gmail.com

Also available on the night at the door.

In aid of St Andrews 2.0 Project

www.maddingcrowd.org

<https://wgma.org.uk/>

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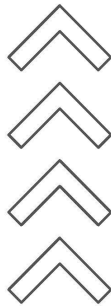




A LONG WAY ROUND TO ROME



IN THE TRACKS OF ST. PAUL BY MOTORCYCLE



16th OCTOBER, 7:30 - 9PM

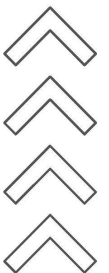
(DOORS OPEN 7PM)

ROMSEY METHODIST CHURCH

**Coffee, cake, and a
conversation that
matters!**

Revd. Tom Benson will present his recent 15,000 km motorcycle ride from Braishfield to Rome and back the long way round, calling at many of the places visited by St. Paul.

romseymethodist.church/events



Romsey Methodist Church
building a community for Christ



Southampton District Synod – Saturday 12th September
Hosted at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church (CFMC)

Call for Volunteers

Earlier this summer, we shared the exciting news that our Circuit is hosting the upcoming District Synod on Saturday 12th September. As this is a Circuit-wide responsibility, we are reaching out once again to ask for your help.

Synod is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our hospitality to Methodist friends and colleagues from across the District. To make the day a success and ensure the workload is shared fairly, we need a large team of volunteers. Whether you can give a couple of hours or help behind the scenes, your support will be greatly appreciated.

While Synod officially begins at 10:30 am, attendees will begin arriving from 9:00 am. The day concludes around 4:00 pm, followed by afternoon tea, after which we need help clearing away, and resetting the church for Sunday worship.

How to sign up:

Please look at the roles below and contact **Hilary Evans** directly at **hjfe49@gmail.com** (or ask one of your Church Stewards to contact her on your behalf). Please confirm which role(s) and time slots you are able to cover.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Rev. Andrew de Ville and Hilary Evans

Volunteer Roles and Timings

Time	Role	Details & Responsibilities	Volunteers Needed
Prior to Synod	Cake Bakers	Bake cakes for the afternoon refreshments. Please contact Hilary for specific requirements.	Multiple
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Car Park Stewards	Ensure safe parking and direct attendees to the church. Stationed at CFMC, King's Court Masonic Hall, and Merdon School.	Min. 6
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Welcome Stewards	Offer a warm, positive welcome at the church front and back doors. Direct people to the Lobby.	2
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Sign-In Stewards	Manage the sign-in tables in the Lobby. Hand out lanyards and labels.	2
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Morning Refreshments	Set up, serve, and clear down café-style refreshments in the church. <i>(Note: Clear-up must be quiet as Synod starts at 10:30 am).</i>	4
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Lunchtime Refreshments	Help manage the lunch period (Lunch is 12:50 pm – 1:45 pm) across the Church and Dovetail. Set up, serve, and clear down refreshments. People bring their own lunch.	4 in Church 2 in Dovetail Kitchen
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Afternoon Tea	Serve tea and cakes in Dovetail after Synod closes (approx. 4:00 pm).	3 in Dovetail Kitchen
3:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Clear Down	Help clear away and prepare the church for Sunday worship.	Many hands!



God of love and all life, we have glimpsed something of your glory. Your glory in creation, your glory in Jesus. Your glory in re-creation, your glory in us. We thank you for your unconditional love for us. For the abundant life that you offer. You satisfy our deepest longings for living water. You equip us for service: to love as you love, beyond our comfort zones. In those places, you are with us. We thank you for your faithfulness and an invitation to be with you. We praise and worship you, the one who delights in us. Amen.

(Taken from: Chaplaincy Everywhere, Session 4 The Methodist Church)

The Woman at the Well

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 4:5-26 (NIV)

1. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

A	F	X	V	C	K	G	I	F	T	P	U	S	S	D
M	Z	Y	M	R	S	C	V	Y	H	R	I	R	O	Z
V	N	Q	P	J	B	C	M	E	I	O	W	T	U	E
R	B	F	G	Q	N	F	U	F	R	P	O	N	H	O
M	P	M	A	L	I	F	E	E	S	H	M	J	C	K
L	F	C	H	M	U	K	Q	Q	T	E	A	R	H	G
D	S	P	R	I	N	G	H	Z	Y	T	N	R	X	O
W	E	L	L	L	I	V	I	N	G	D	R	I	N	K
I	M	U	M	T	U	I	G	B	D	U	P	E	B	H
V	E	R	K	T	M	Z	Y	U	V	D	O	T	E	W
J	S	S	A	M	A	R	I	T	A	N	N	E	F	A
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S	H	Z	U	M	R	Y	P	H	D	E	Q	L	Y	F

PROPHET
LIVING
THIRSTY

WELL
WATER
LIFE

GIFT
ETERNAL
SPRING

DRINK
JESUS
SAMARITAN

MESSIAH
WOMAN
HUSBAND