

**St David's Anglican Parish of Burnside
Children's Church**

Activities

Second Sunday in Advent

John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus



Long before Jesus was born, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah to tell how He would spread the news of the coming of the Messiah. This is what God said through Isaiah, **"I will send my messenger to prepare the way. He will be a voice of one crying in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the coming of the Lord! Clear the road for him.'"**

John the Baptist was the messenger that God chose to bring this good news to His people. John was a very unusual man who wore clothes made of camel hair with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. John travelled around in the desert preaching that people should repent of their sins and turn to God. Repent means to tell God when you know you have done wrong and stop doing those wrong things. When people listening to John the Baptist confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River.

John the Baptist was very popular and had a great following, but he always told the people about Jesus. **"Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am," he said. "He is so much greater that I am not even worthy to stoop down and untie the straps on His sandals."**

It's been more than 2,000 years since God sent His Son Jesus .

This year, as we celebrate our Savior's birth, we can be God's messengers

We can share the good news with others.

Prayer

Dear God, we thank You for this very special time of year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. There are many who don't know about Jesus. Help us be Your messengers and share the good news. In Jesus' name, amen



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

LOCUSTS	PATH	GOSPEL	VOICE	PROPHET
CALLING	HONEY	STRAIGHT	CHRIST	JOHN
REPENTANCE	PREACHING	RIVER	JESUS	DESERT
JORDAN	SANDALS	BAPTIZE	MESSENGER	CONFESS

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
W	Q	D	F	R	T	Z	U	X	B	A	N	M	J	P	O	Y	G	C	L	S	I	K	H	E	V

1. 3-25-21-25-5-6 _____
2. 14-16-5-3-11-12 _____
3. 21-11-12-3-11-20-21 _____
4. 14-16-24-12 _____
5. 10-11-15-6-22-7-25-3 _____
6. 5-22-26-25-5 _____
7. 1-11-17 _____
8. 18-16-21-15-25-20 _____
9. 20-16-19-8-21-6-21 _____
10. 26-16-22-19-25 _____
11. 24-16-12-25-17 _____
12. 15-5-25-15-11-5-25 _____
13. 14-25-21-8-21 _____
14. 15-11-6-24 _____
15. 21-6-5-11-22-18-24-6 _____

JESUS	JOHN	DESERT	GOSPEL	VOICE
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 S S O U S V J O E U P H P M S
 B J C E C O B N N S E I I T N
 U I D A Z L A E G T N N K C K
 J B T K L Z P Y E S T G Q H C
 O H Z E A L T Y R V A K F R A
 H V O I C E I Y E W N I I I N
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Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)

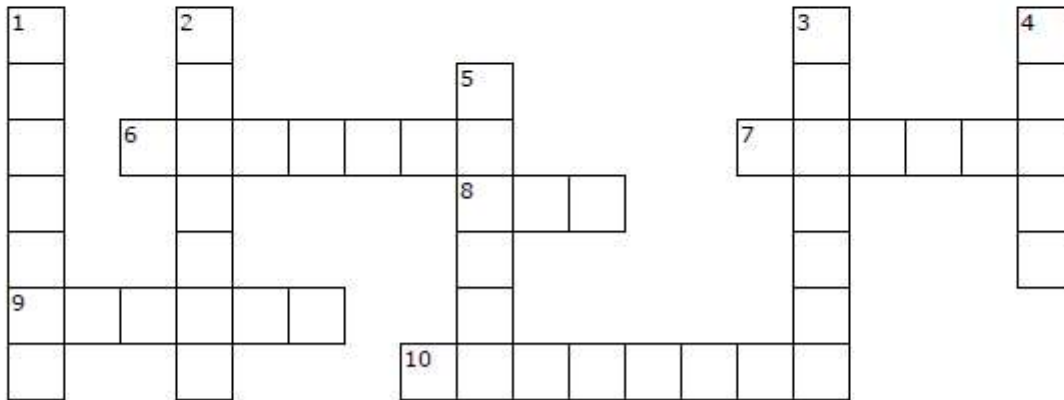


- ___ 1. The river where John the Baptist baptized people
A. Nile B. Jordan C. Danube D. Amazon
- ___ 2. Having many bends and curves
A. smooth B. long C. crooked D. straight
- ___ 3. Having no bends or curves
A. long B. straight C. crooked D. smooth
- ___ 4. A dry region with very few plants
A. oasis B. forest C. river D. desert
- ___ 5. A sweet, sticky substance made by bees
A. locust B. milk C. honey D. candy
- ___ 6. To confess and turn away from sin
A. repent B. crooked C. sin D. prepare
- ___ 7. To make things ready
A. repent B. prepare C. forgive D. sin
- ___ 8. To do something that is against God's law
A. repent B. prepare C. sin D. forgive
- ___ 9. To pardon someone who has done something wrong
A. sin B. forgive C. repent D. prophet
- ___ 10. A person who speaks for God, or one who tells what will happen in the future
A. straight B. forgive C. prophet D. desert

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ACROSS

6. To pardon someone who has done something wrong
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DOWN

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3. A person who speaks for God, or one who tells what will happen in the future
4. A sweet, sticky substance made by bees
5. A dry region with very few plants

PREPARE	REPENT	DESERT	HONEY	PROPHET
SIN	FORGIVE	CROOKED	JORDAN	STRAIGHT