

**Mission Statement - To Know** the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, recognising His calling and purpose for our individual lives. **To Show** the love of God to the Church, the family of God and to the family He has given to us. **To Go** into our community, country and world sharing the Gospel message by word and by deed.

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Elim is part of the world wide Pentecostal movement that traditionally emphasises the foursquare Gospel. This is a commitment to sound preaching and teaching that proclaims the Lord Jesus Christ as 'The Saviour', 'Healer', 'Baptiser in the Holy Spirit', and 'The Coming King'.

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## Thought for the Week:

### Are You Ready To Be Poured Out As an Offering?

*"If I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all" (Philippians 2:17).*

Are you willing to sacrifice yourself for the work of another believer—to pour out your life sacrificially for the ministry and faith of others? Or do you say, "I am not willing to be poured out right now, and I don't want God to tell me how to serve Him. I want to choose the place of my own sacrifice. And I want to have certain people watching me and saying, 'Well done.' "

It is one thing to follow God's way of service if you are regarded as a hero, but quite another thing if the road marked out for you by God requires becoming a "doormat" under other people's feet. God's purpose may be to teach you to say, "I know how to be abased ..." (Philippians 4:12). Are you ready to be sacrificed like that? Are you ready to be less than a mere drop in the bucket—to be so totally insignificant that no one remembers you even if they think of those you served? Are you willing to give and be poured out until you are used up and exhausted—not seeking to be ministered to, but to minister? Some saints cannot do menial work while maintaining a saintly attitude, because they feel such service is beneath their dignity.

### NEW BUILDING - LATEST NEWS!!!!

PRAISE GOD! Our offer to purchase the old school has been accepted and we are in the process of exchanging contracts; we expect to have the keys by the middle of March. Thanks to everyone for your prayers but keep praying that we will sell our current building.

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**Welcome:** if you are a visitor to Bont Elim we would like to extend a warm welcome to you; - so that we can keep in touch please complete the following, tear it off, and pop it into the box by the front door or hand it to Pastor Jason;

**Full name:** ..... **Telephone:** .....

**Address:** ..... Please turn over

## Jesus Loves Me - This I know Norma Lee Liles - The very first Christian song most chil-

dren learn is "Jesus Loves Me." If there were a best-seller hit list among the preschoolers, this very simple but precious song would have to be at the top of the charts. Yet few people know that "Jesus Loves Me" began life not as a song but as a part of one of 1860's best-selling novels. Anna Warner was well aware of the coming of the war between the states. She lived with her father and sister on Constitution Island. Their home was practically next door to the United States Military Academy at West Point, and from her front porch she constantly heard the rumours of war. Yet even in the face of uncertain times, every Sunday Anna taught Bible classes to the cadets. She realized that if the southern states made good on their threat to withdraw from the Union many of the boys she knew could be killed or wounded in the war that would follow. While it broke her heart to consider the dismal fate for those too young to have experienced the many blessings of life, she also fully comprehended the importance of leading each of them to Jesus now. With an urgency brought about by a nation on the brink of dividing, sharing Christ's love became her mission in life.

Besides her teaching, the forty-year-old Anna also wrote. With her sister Susan she had written several novels, using the pseudonym Amy Lothrop. In 1860 the sisters' *Say and Seal* became the country's best-selling work of fiction. Written for the masses and the moment, not fuelled by timeless struggles or epic writing, the book would quickly pass from the public's fancy, lost with thousands of other period pieces of the time. Yet, thanks to one very special scene on but a single page, the essence of the book and of Anna's faith would live for decades after *Say and Seal* and Anna herself had been forgotten.

In one chapter a child lay dying. Nothing could be done to ease his pain or give him a second chance at life. As his ultimate fate grew nearer, the novel's focal character, Mr. Linden, attempted to comfort the small boy. Looking into the child's eyes, he slowly recited a poem that began, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." The words of the poem made the boy's last moments of life much easier. These simple lines also moved thousands of readers to tears. Hauntingly beautiful, composed straight from Anna's faithful heart, "Jesus Loves Me" quickly sprang out of her book's pages and became one of the most beloved poems of the era. No one can even begin to calculate how many times it was said on the battlefield, in the homes of children whose fathers were engaged in the Civil War, from pulpits and in Sunday school classes, and even at the White House itself. Ringing so clear and true, Anna's sixteen short sentences had touched the hearts of millions with verses meant only to calm the soul of a dying fictional character.

One of the scores of readers who memorized the poem was William Bradbury. A teacher of voice and organ, in 1854 Bradbury had formed a piano company with Ferdinand Lighte and Henry Newton. Besides heading up his business, the noted musician also continued a practice of setting his faith to music by composing his own songs. By the beginning of the Civil War, Bradbury had built his own music company to publish and distribute his works. It was during the time when his music business was taking off that he first read and fell in love with "Jesus Loves Me."

Although an accomplished composer of what many think of as high-church music—he had already lent his talents to such hymns as "Sweet Hour of Prayer, ... He Leadeth Me," and "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"—Bradbury was moved in a much different fashion when he decided to add a melody to Anna Warner's poem. A lover of children's voices, as well as a proponent of music education in both school and church, Bradbury allowed the child in his own heart to spring forth when writing the simple musical notes for "Jesus Loves Me." Then, to fully complete the work, he added the following chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

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**Welcome continued: e-mail address:** -----

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| I would like to be contacted as I have an issue for prayer    | (please tick) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like to be contacted as I need someone to talk to     | (please tick) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like to be contacted to learn more about Bont Elim    | (please tick) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like to be contacted about opportunities for ministry | (please tick) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The marriage of Warner's words and Bradbury's music was one of the most beautiful gospel efforts of all time. Yet the song "Jesus Loves Me" might have been as quickly forgotten as the novel *Say and Seal* if Bradbury's music company hadn't published it. Through the publisher's established distribution network, the new children's song quickly worked its way across the North and South. In the face of the most horrible fighting this nation had ever known, both sides were singing about a Saviour who died, yet had risen and still watched over everyone with equal love and compassion. It was an ironic message for a very ironic time.

Almost a hundred and forty years after this song was first published, few know of the writings of Anna Warner or recognize the name of William Bradbury. But even though the writer and the composer have been forgotten, everyone knows their song. Children and adults of all races and even millions outside the Christian faith can sing "Jesus Loves Me." How many millions have clung to this message on lonely nights or rocked babies to sleep while singing this song is unknown. But what can be most assuredly stated is that "Jesus Loves Me" is the foundation on which many children not only first come to know Christian music but also come to know the love and sacrifice of the Lord who inspired it. And this message is what keeps them singing the gospel throughout their lives.



## Some of the History of Our New Home:

This was the first school built by the Education Board in the Bont. It was built (believe it or not) in the 1870s by a Mr Thomas Jones of Cross Inn.

The school was opened to pupils on Thursday June 27th 1878 and the first headmaster was a Mr John Roberts.

*from "Hanes Pontarddulais" by E Lewis Evans*

## Prayer Warriors - because prayer matters!!

**A fellowship who pray together, stay together. Please pray:-** that God will have His way in every part of our lives.

### Throughout this week please uphold in prayer these specific people/things...

- † Please pray for Ieuan who has been unwell this week.
- † Please pray for Anthony and Penny, that the Lord will meet their needs at this time.
- † Please pray for Christine who has had a fall and broken her shoulder.
- † Please pray for Sue Cole's sister who needs the Lord's help.
- † Please continue to pray for Annice Lewis who is still in hospital.
- † Please pray for Simone and the family, that the Lord will touch them.
- † Please pray for Peter and for the night shelter programme in Swansea.
- † Please pray for Euan that his job application will be successful, despite the setback.
- † Please pray for Fiona in Australia who is having treatment for breast cancer.
- † Please pray for Jo's neighbours David and Rebekah at this time of bereavement.
- † Please pray for Gail who is unwell and finding things difficult at the moment.
- † Please pray for Matthew's business, that he would get more painting work.
- † Please pray for our fellowship, that we will be open to the Lord's prompting and that we will be a blessing to those He has asked us to serve and love.
- † Please pray for those people who are struggling with addiction, that the Lord will break the chains that hold them and set them wonderfully free.
- † Please pray that our purchase of the school will go through without a hitch and that we sell our current home quickly. **Finally – let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!**

# Bible Wordsearch

## Prodigal Son #2

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle #165

Luke 15:21-31

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- ALWAYS
- ANGRY
- ASKED
- BACK
- BEST
- BRING
- BROTHER
- CALF
- CALLED
- CELEBRATE
- DANCING
- DEAD
- DISOBEYED
- EVEN
- EVERYTHING
- FATHER
- FATTENED
- FEAST
- FEET
- FIELD
- FINGER
- FOUND
- FRIENDS
- GAVE
- GLAD
- GOAT
- HOUSE
- KILLED
- MUSIC
- NEVER
- OLDER
- ORDERS
- PLEADED
- PROPERTY
- REFUSED
- REPLIED
- RING
- ROBE
- SAFE
- SANDALS
- SERVANTS
- SLAVING
- SON
- SOUND
- SQUANDERED
- YEARS
- YOUNG

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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Psalm 31

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### What's on This Week:

Coffee Pot Community Lunch	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Ladies Fellowship
Community Lunch	<b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Prayer meeting
Community Lunch	<b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5.50 pm</b>	'The Zone' kids club
'Little Treasures' Mums n Tots	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6.15 pm</b> <b>8.00 pm</b>	'The Jam' & 'Lifers' teens club Discipleship group
Community Lunch	<b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>Friday</b>		
Communion service Kingdom Kids	<b>10.30 am</b> <b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b> <b>6.00 pm</b>	Traditional Gospel service Contemporary Gospel service

**Tailend:** One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time. *Andre Gide*