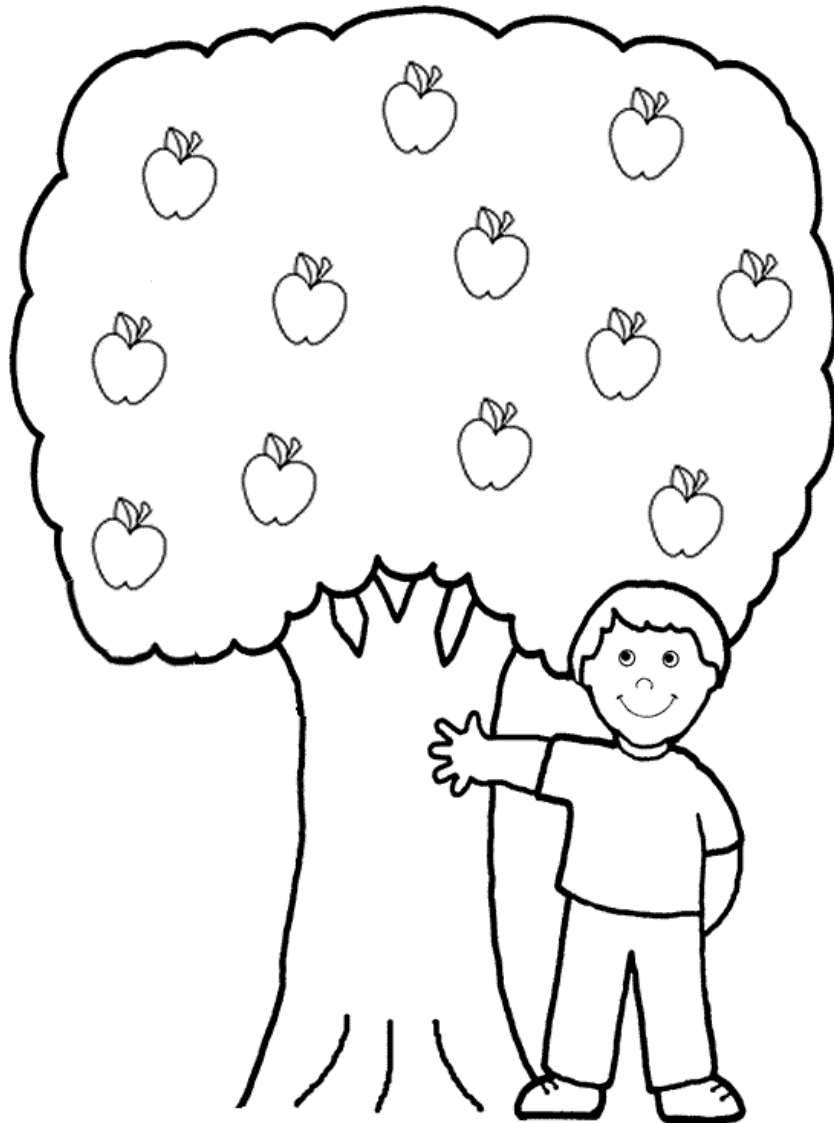




## Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie  
welcomes

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to Mass today.



God wants us to bear good fruit!

*Luke 6:20*

### A Tree & Its Fruit

***Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C.***

Do you like to eat fruit? If so, which are your favourites? Do you know which fruits grow on trees, and which grow on thorny bushes? Perhaps your favourite fruit just grows on a much smaller, green plant! In the part of the world where Jesus lived, figs are a popular fruit. Figs grow on trees, but unfortunately, it is too cold in the UK to grow fig trees successfully.

We don't have any fruit trees at home, but we do have some fruit bushes. I have one blackcurrant and one redcurrant bush in my garden, but I often forget which one is which until the fruit comes out. Last year we had the biggest crop of redcurrants ever, but hardly any blackcurrants; I need to work out how to look after my blackcurrant bush better, so that this year, it will produce more fruit.

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares us to fruit trees. Just in the way you can tell a fruit tree (or bush) apart by the fruit it produces, Jesus tells us that you can tell what type of person someone is by the things they say and do. A person whose heart is full of love and goodness will reflect this in the kind words they use, and the loving things they do. If a person's heart is empty of love, then their actions and words are loveless too.

Thankfully, God is a much better gardener than I am! While I am scratching my head, trying to work out what my blackcurrant bush needs, God knows exactly what we need to produce good fruit! Since our baptism, God's Holy Spirit has lived inside us to help us to grow strong and true. By allowing Jesus to fill us with his love and life, we too will be able to bear good fruit!

# Word Search

This week's word search is based on Luke 6: 43-45

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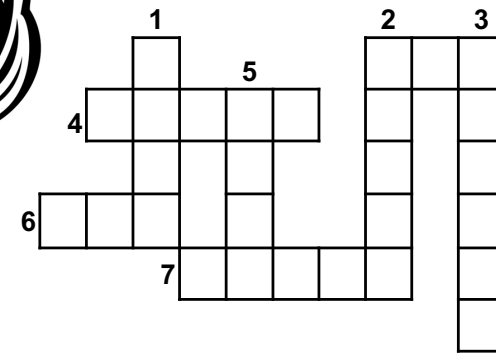
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FRUIT	EVIL	PEOPLE
GOOD	MOUTH	TREE

“Different fruits grow on different trees, and everyone knows which fruit belongs to which type of tree.

In the same way, a person's actions and words flow from what is in their hearts. Goodness will flow from what is good, and wickedness from what is bad.” (Adaptation of Luke 6: 43-45)



# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

2. A fruit that was common in the area where Jesus lived
4. The opening on our body where we take in food and drink
6. Something unpleasing; fruit that is not good
7. The centre or innermost part of something; the organ in the body that pumps blood

## DOWN

1. Something that is pleasing; the opposite of bad
2. The product that grows on a plant which we eat for food
3. A fruit from which wine is made
5. A tall plant with a trunk and branches

Mouth	Heart	Good	Tree
Fig	Fruit	Bad	Grapes

# Children's Prayer

Loving Father, Creator of all life, may our lives be pleasing to you, and bear the fruits of your love in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

