# VINTAGE ADVENTURE (4) HOME

# **Our Triumphant God**





#### Dear Friends,



This month we're looking at the themes from that wonderful hymn, 'Thine Be the Glory', which speaks of the hope we have through our Christian faith, the refrain reminding us that Jesus is risen from the dead and because of that amazing miracle, death has been conquered for evermore.

> "Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won."

As we have reached the five-year anniversary of Vintage Adventure @ Home, it's this eternal hope in Jesus that has motivated our team to offer monthly worship, reflections, and fun activities for those who are older, perhaps housebound, isolated or lonely. We all feel so privileged to be part of this growing community which now reaches over three hundred homes, and we want to thank you for being with us on this journey and for all the encouragements you've shared with us along the way.

God's love and faithfulness, which is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, helps us all to look ahead and face the future with hope, whatever our circumstances. As I write this, I'm particularly thankful for this security: after twelve years as the City Chaplain for Older People in Southampton, I've been called by God to move on. I'm not sure what the future will hold, but I am very much looking forward to moving nearer to family and I'm excited to see what God has planned for me in this new chapter.

Looking ahead and moving on also entails a series of losses and letting go. So as much as I trust God for all that lies ahead, I also know He understands my sadness at leaving behind good friends, a wonderful church family and all those I have had the privilege of serving alongside in Caraway. For those who don't know, I founded this charity in 2018, along with Dr Ros Simpson, a newly retired G.P., as a way of supporting the spiritual well-being of the older person in Southampton and beyond. Caraway has a committed core team supporting this important and growing work, some passionate Trustees who give of their time generously and a huge body of completely amazing volunteers, including our dedicated Anna Chaplains. We have seen the work evolve over the last seven years and we especially learnt much from our time during the pandemic, not least a deeper understanding of what it means to be isolated. Vintage Adventure @ Home, of course, emerged from that period and continues, we pray, to bless many of you in different ways.

We are an ageing society and although that brings many challenges, it also gives us an opportunity to find new ways of expressing care, love and kindness to each other as we all grow older together. I am confident that Caraway will continue to play a part in this over the coming years, partnering with others and confident in God's leading. In God's economy, we are all equally loved, precious and held by God whatever our age or capacity and I hope and pray that these Vintage Adventure @ Home booklets will help us grow in confidence as we come to understand more of God's promises and plans for each of us in our own older years.

With love and blessings Erica







### **Opening Prayer**

Risen Lord, we praise You and we thank You for all that is good in our lives. You fill us with joy and eternal hope through the message that You rose from the tomb and go ahead to prepare a place for us in Your heavenly kingdom. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

#### Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above: Edmond Budry (1854-1932)







#### Reflection

Written in 1884, by Swiss evangelist Edmond Burdy, '*Thine be the Glory*' was translated into English in 1923 by Baptist Minister, Richard Birch Hoyle.With a strong theology, based on the Bible accounts of Jesus' resurrection, it is set to a tune composed by George Frideric Handel.

In verse 2 we hear St Paul's words telling us how, by Jesus being raised from the tomb, death has lost its sting. *1 Corinthians 15:55*.

Verse 3 reminds how we can overcome our doubts; it gives us confidence in believing that through Jesus' victory over death we are saved.

The chorus joyfully expresses the central message of our Christian faith; the hymn displays the glory and brilliance of Jesus' resurrection, encourages us to shed all our fears and give thanks to God for Jesus, His Son, our everlasting Saviour.

### Bible reading Matthew 28:16-20 NIV



Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." After Jesus' resurrection Jesus made many appearances to the disciples. Before returning to His heavenly home Jesus gave the disciples '**The Great Commission'.** He commands us to share His good news - we do that believing Jesus' promise:

'I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

#### Hymn verses



We have a Gospel to proclaim, good news for all in all the earth; The Gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified; He sends His Spirit on His church to live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This Gospel message we proclaim: we sing His glory, tell His worth.



### **Closing Prayer**

Eternal risen Saviour: Thank You for Your mercy and saving grace. Thank You that You are always with us and will never leave us. Thank You for Your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Renew our spirits, fill us with Your peace and joy. We love You and we need You, this day and every day. We give You praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! Amen



Reflection Thine be the Glory

I have chosen this hymn for my funeral, it's such a wonderful celebration of God's victory over death. Ever since the first humans disobeyed our Creator, death has come in and dogged us; sin cuts us off from the One Who loves us. But God took the curse upon Himself by entering the world in Jesus His Son; in

some mysterious way, Jesus' perfect life and willing selfsacrifice have cancelled the curse. He has risen from the grave and death is defeated. By faith we can share in this victory.



The hymn doesn't simply look back and describe how Jesus revealed Himself to His disciples all those years ago, it tells us how Jesus meets us today; "*Lo Jesus meets us*". We are as close to Jesus now, in 2025, as were those disciples on the first resurrection morning. True, we can't see Him with our eyes, but nor could the disciples see Him all the time; Jesus came and went, for a period of 40 days, after which He went back to His Father. They, like us, had to get used to trusting Him even when He seemed absent.

*"Lovingly He greets us."* When Jesus appeared to the disciples on the evening of His resurrection He could have rebuked them for the way they had let Him down; they had all fled, and three times Peter denied he had even known Him.



Yet Jesus' first words were "Peace", "I'm not holding your failure against you". I find that very encouraging; when we mess up and accuse ourselves of hopeless failure, Jesus greets us lovingly, "peace". *"Lead us in Thy triumph to Thy home above."* The apostle Paul saw his mission to preach as a triumphant procession, led by the victorious Christ, a fragrance rising up to God. *"Thank God, He has made us His captives, and leads us along"* 

in Christ's triumphal procession" (2 Corinthians 2:14). In trust and obedience to Christ we too can be victorious over the sin in our lives, useful to God in His service, a fragrance of Christ; we are being led to the home God has prepared for us with Him in heaven. *David Corfe* 



# The Story of 'Thine be the glory'

Edmond Louis Budry, author of this month's hymn, *Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,* was born in Vevey, a tiny, picturesque town on Lake Geneva in Switzerland, in 1854. Edmond studied theology in Lausanne, where he acted as a free church pastor for several years. After this he returned to Vevey, becoming minister of the Swiss *Eglise évangélique du Canton de Vaud* for the next 35 years until retirement.



À *Toi la Gloire: To God be the glory,* is the most well-known of the hymns Edmond wrote. Composed in 1884 to accompany the rousing chorus *See the conquering hero comes* ...' from George Frideric Handel's oratorio, Judas Maccabaeus, (composed 140 years earlier), it is thought that it was the death of his first wife which inspired Edmond. In 1885 it was published in a French hymn book *Chants Evangéliques*, but not translated into English until 1923. Edmond died in 1932. The hymn takes us through the events of that first Easter Sunday over 2000 years ago. Jesus' friends were grief stricken, terrified of the brutal authorities who had crucified Jesus, Whom they had followed with such high hopes. In fact, they went into immediate hiding. All at once someone knocked on the



door and there was a distraught Mary Magdalene, who explained she'd come from the tomb, where the enormous stone at the entrance had been moved and the body had disappeared. So Peter and John ran to investigate, John arriving first but not going in. Naturally, Peter

impulsively rushed inside. But instead of Jesus' body, he found the burial clothes in which Jesus had been wrapped, folded neatly. What on earth had happened?!

As the day wore on, it became clear that Jesus' body hadn't been stolen but that He had risen.

'Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.'

However, no one was expecting a miracle. Peter and John left the tomb, puzzled and sceptical, but Mary lingered, becoming the first to encounter the risen Jesus. She didn't recognise Him, so when He asked why she was crying, Mary assumed He was a gardener who'd taken Jesus' body. But when Jesus tenderly spoke her name, Mary immediately knew Who He was.

> 'Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb, 'Lovingly He greets us...'

Jesus then asked her to tell the other disciples.

Luke reports that her story seemed like nonsense. So that evening the fearful disciples were still cowering behind locked doors. Jesus came and stood

among them with the words, "Peace be with you," scattering 'fear and gloom.'

Jesus didn't chide the disciples for lack of belief, (their first reaction was to think He was a ghost), instead showing them His hands and side, and asking for something to eat! Jesus knew they required more tangible evidence of seeing His wounds, hearing Him speak and touching Him.

Some of us resemble Mary, not sure what we are looking for, but aware that something is incomplete in our lives. Or we may struggle with faith like doubting Thomas, wanting concrete proof.

Edmond knew that Jesus' Resurrection is central to Christian faith. Indeed, Paul wrote that if Christ has **not** been raised, Christianity is meaningless. If Jesus really **did** rise on that first Easter day, the implications are staggering.

Jesus is not put off by our questions, but comes to find you and me just where we are, to call us by name, and gently invite us to believe and follow Him. God can be trusted, forgiveness through Jesus is possible, '*death has lost its sting*,' and eternal life can be ours. Knowing a risen Jesus transformed the lives of Mary and the disciples. As Edmond wrote,

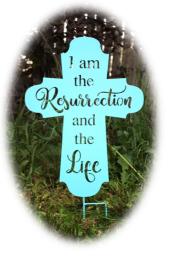
'Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife.'

Jesus promised that all who trust Him will share in His resurrection life.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:25

So if we trust in Jesus, with Edmond Budry, we can sing confidently,

'Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son!'



# Why Christians believe in Jesus' Resurrection

- We know from non-Christian historical accounts that without doubt, Jesus really did die on the Cross. Tacitus and Josephus mention Christ and describe how Christians endured torture, when simply renouncing Him would end it.
- **Diverse sources.** The Gospel writers included different details, and material from a variety of sources **all of which agreed** on the fact of the Resurrection.
- We have evidence from **contemporary eyewitnesses** that Jesus appeared in a real, transformed body to many people after His death. Paul spoke of how Christ appeared, alive, to over 500 at once and he was writing not long after the event occurred. So what happened in between?

• On Easter Day the tomb was found empty. An empty tomb is not proof of

a resurrection. However, the site of Jesus' tomb was well known to Romans, Jews and the new Christians. A movement founded on the belief that Jesus had risen, could never have started in the very city in which He had been publicly executed and buried, if the tomb was **not** empty.



- Indeed, no one disputed that the tomb was empty. The question was always, 'What has happened to the body?' In fact, it was the Jewish authorities who invented the story that the guards had fallen asleep, whilst the body was stolen. They did so, because they knew that the tomb was empty.
- The account of the empty tomb is **very early**, from before AD 37. A legendary story could never have been concocted in such a short time, whilst eyewitnesses were still living.
- The Gospel accounts about the women finding the tomb empty are extremely **straightforward and simple**, in contrast to fictional accounts from 200 years later, which contain unrealistic details typical of legends.

- The unanimous account that the empty tomb was discovered by **women** argues for this to be true, as legends would have made men (considered more reliable witnesses at the time) the discoverers.
- Jesus' friends had **no motive** to steal His body, hide it and then proclaim He had risen, since they knew this lie would plunge them into very grave danger.
- No early church debate: the raising of Jesus from the dead by God was the central belief of the new Christians. The early Church debated many fundamental issues, but not the Resurrection. They had to be quite sure it was true, since many went on to be martyred for refusing to deny the Resurrection.
- **Testimony of the twelve disciples.** Initially dejected and terrified, following Christ's death, they preached the gospel message, empowered by seeing Christ alive and receiving His Holy Spirit.
- **Transformation of Paul** who went from persecutor to believer after seeing Christ alive and was martyred at the end of his missionary journeys.
- **Centuries of world-wide martyrs**. Christians, from the Church's first days to our own, continue to be willing to die for their conviction that Christ rose from the dead.
- Jesus did not die again: Other resurrections are mentioned in the Bible, including that of Jesus' friend Lazarus who later died in the usual way, but Christ is unique as He rose never to die again.
- **Rise of a historical religion.** Christianity spread and grew even though, as Paul told Christians from the beginning, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain." 1 Corinthians 15:17
- If Jesus was not raised from the dead, Christianity falls apart. But Jesus meant it when He stated, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life.' So believers in Jesus are promised that we can die in the confident expectation



that we too will share in His eternal resurrection life.

# My Favourite Hymn

Chris Sinclair

### What is your favourite hymn?

It is a question I sometimes ask other people, but I don't have an answer myself. There are so many hymns I know and enjoy singing. I once came up with a list of 100 favourites. Different seasons and circumstances call for an enormous variety of responses. Sometimes we use traditional words, sometimes no words at all as we just enjoy the music.

The act of singing is good for body and mind. It is something which engages our whole being. At various times in my life I have sung my way through a hymn book and often my favourite hymn is the one I have just sung! You may catch me singing as I am walking in the street.

Singing is a way of praising God and when we sing I think God affirms us. If we are alone I think the angels often join in to keep us company. Of course singing with other people gives mutual encouragement.

It has been my privilege on a number of occasions to sing alongside people who have been dying. That has been very special.

So a hymn for today (by HW Baker)....

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise Him in the height, Rejoice in His word You angels of light. You heavens adore Him By Whom you were made And worship before Him In brightness arrayed. Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song To Him be outpoured All ages along. For love in creation, For heaven restored, For grace of salvation, Sing praise to the Lord.



### VE Day – 80 years anniversary

Some of our most senior readers may have childhood memories of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. And if you didn't experience the celebrations personally, perhaps you, like me, can recall your parents and other family members telling you about it.



On 8 May 2025 we shall be recalling that momentous occasion when the successor to Adolf Hitler, who had committed suicide on 30 April, signed the document in which Germany agreed to an unconditional surrender. This marked the end of World War II in Europe, (Japan did not surrender until 15 August).

More than one million people poured on to the streets of London, celebrating with great jubilation in Trafalgar Square, along the Mall and all around Buckingham Palace. Here, King George V, Queen Elizabeth and their two daughters, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, were joined on the balcony by Winston



Churchill, the Prime Minister, and Ernest Bevin conducted the crowds in singing 'For he's a jolly good fellow'. All across other towns and cities in the UK there were street parties and singing in the streets.

In the United States, President Harry Truman dedicated the victory to former President Franklin D Roosevelt, who sadly, had died of a brain haemorrhage on 12 April 1945. Flags remained at half-mast for the rest of the thirty-day period of mourning.

This year, 2025, marks 80 years since this significant date and many cities, towns and villages will be finding ways of paying tribute to that courageous and steadfast generation who fought for the freedom we currently enjoy.

If you have any memories, do please let us know.

### WORDSEARCH

As we remember VE day, 6<sup>th</sup> May 1945, can you remember some of these War time classics? Some of the song titles are spread around the board!

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Find the middle word that links the two words

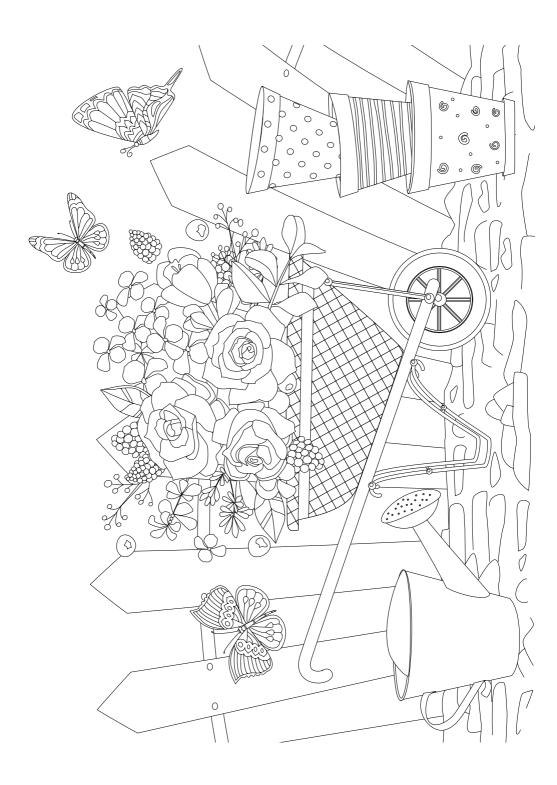
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5.	Fountain	Pal
6.	Save	Value
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8.	Alarm	Tower
9.	Mountain	Rover
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11.	Thunder	Trooper
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16.	Washing	Gun
17.	Quality	Freak
18.	Magic	Burn
19.	Tennis	House
20.	Roast	Wellington
21.	Soap	House
22.	Credit	Jack
23.	Double	Shooter
24.	Busy	Line



### **Flower Quiz**

- 1. What is the national flower of Australia?
- 2. Tudor Rose is the national flower of which country?
- 3. This flower has the same name as the coloured part of your eye.
- 4. The crocus flower gives us which expensive spice?
- 5. Phalaenopsis is the scientific name for which flower?
- 6. This flower shares its name with the vain Greek god.
- 7. Tulips are the national flower of three countries, name them.
- 8. What is the name for the small flower bouquet worn around a lady's wrist for a formal occasion?
- 9. Papaver is the scientific name for which flower?
- 10. Chrysanthemum and Cherry Blossom are national flowers of which country?
- 11. What is the name for the flowers that bloom at night and close during the day?
- 12. Lotus is the national flower of which country?
- 13. Orchids don't get their nutrients from the soil, they get them from where?
- 14. What is the study of flowers called?
- 15. What is an attractively arranged bunch of flowers called?
- 16. Which flower was considered a symbol of resurrection and eternal life in Ancient Egypt?
- 17. What is the male part of the flower called?
- 18. What is the most recognisable Christmas flower?
- 19. Which yellow flower symbolizes friendship and new beginnings?
- 20. An artichoke is a flower True or false?





# It Happened in May

- 1. Whom do Catholics honour in the month of May?
- 2. Which famous car race is held every May in the U.S.?
- 3. May in the Southern Hemisphere is similar to which month in the Northern Hemisphere?
- 4. Which female aviator flew solo across America in May 1932?
- 5. Which iconic US bridge was officially opened on 27 May 1937?
- 6. Which two countries formed a union in May 1707 known as the Acts of Union?
- 7. Which British explorer sighted Australia in May 1770?
- 8. Which country was declared a British colony in 1841?
- 9. Which European Emperor died in exile, aged 51, in May 1821?
- 10. Who defeated chess champion Garry Gasparov in May 1997?
- 11. Which volcano erupted in May 1980 in Washington, USA?
- 12. Which clock chimed for the first time in London in May 1859?
- 13. In May 1970, The Beatles announced their final album. What was it called?
- 14. Who landed in Moscow's Red Square undetected in May 1987?
- 15. Which worldwide hit did Bing Crosby record in May 1942?
- 16. Which Formula 1 driver was killed in San Marino in May 1994?
- 17. What went on sale for the first time in England in May 1840?
- 18. Who won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in May 1937?
- 19. What does Cinco de Mayo celebrate in Mexico?
- 20. Which former political prisoner was inaugurated as president of South Africa in May 1994?





### Some Facts about May you may not know!

- May is the fifth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and might have been named for the Roman Goddess Maia.
- 2. May never begins or ends on the same day of the week as any other month in the year.
- 3. May's flower is Lily of the Valley and its birthstone is the emerald.
- 4. Maypole dancing is thought to have started in Roman times.
- 5. Morris Dancing is a British custom, often seen in May and the dancers have their own local traditional regalia.
- An old tale says that first thing in the morning on 1<sup>st</sup> May, young girls

should wash their faces in the May dew. It supposedly had magic properties and would give them a beautiful complexion through the year!

- 7. Who remembers the phrase 'N'er cast a clout til May is out'? You should keep your warm clothes on until the end of May.
- The hawthorn is also known as the May tree.
  You can nibble the young leaves and their nutty flavour gives it the nickname of 'bread and cheese tree'.
- 9. 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1611, the King James Bible was published.
- In May, there is Stilton cheese rolling in Peterborough and a 7lb Double Gloucester cheese is chased by competitors in Gloucestershire.



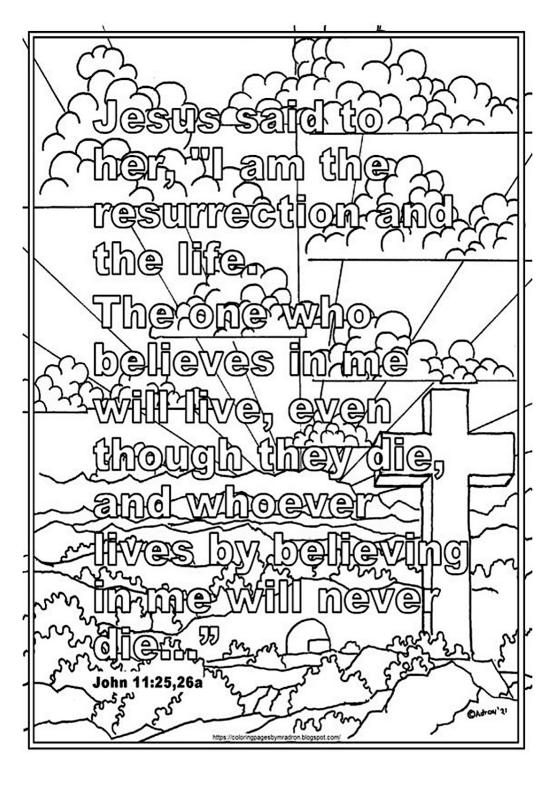




### **Spot the Differences**

Can you find the 10 differences in these traffic jams? Answers at the back of the booklet.



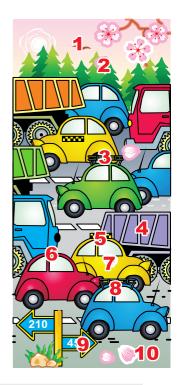


# Answers to Find the linking word

- 1. Tree
- 2. Root
- 3. Egg
- 4. Wall
- 5. Pen
- 6. Face
- 7. Board
- 8. Clock
- 9. Range
- 10. Table
- 11. Storm
- 12. Mouse
- 13. Guard
- 14. Split
- 15. Basket
- 16. Machine
- 17. Control
- 18. Carpet
- 19. Court
- 20. Beef
- 21. Opera
- 22. Union
- 23. Trouble
- 24. Bee

#### **Flower Quiz answers**

- 1. Golden Wattle
- 2. England
- 3. Iris
- 4. Saffron
- 5. Orchid
- 6. Narcissus
- 7. Turkey, Holland & Hungary
- 8. Corsage
- 9. Рорру
- 10. Japan
- 11. Moonflowers
- 12. India
- 13. Air
- 14. Botany
- 15. Bouquet
- 16. Lotus
- 17. Stamen
- 18. Poinsettia
- 19. Daffodils
- 20. True



#### Answers to It Happened in May

- 1. Virgin Mary
- 2. The Indianapolis
- 3. November
- 4. Amelia Earhart
- 5. The Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco
- 6. England and Scotland
- 7. Captain James Cook
- 8. New Zealand
- 9. Napoleon Bonaparte
- 10. IBMs Computer 'Deep Blue'
- 11. Mount St. Helens
- 12. Big Ben
- 13. Let It Be
- 14. A 19 year old West German youth called Mathias Rust flew from Helsinki to Moscow
- 15. White Christmas
- 16. Ayrton Senna
- 17. The Penny Black, the world's first postage stamp
- 18. Margaret Mitchell for Gone with the Wind
- 19. The Battle of Peubla in 1862 in which Mexican troops, outnumbered three to one, defeated the invading forces of Napoleon III
- 20. Nelson Mandela

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