

Livewires 1st November 2020

Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts are special abilities given to Christians by God. Different people are given different gifts so that together they can do God's work. Some of them are listed in Romans 12 v 6–8, below.

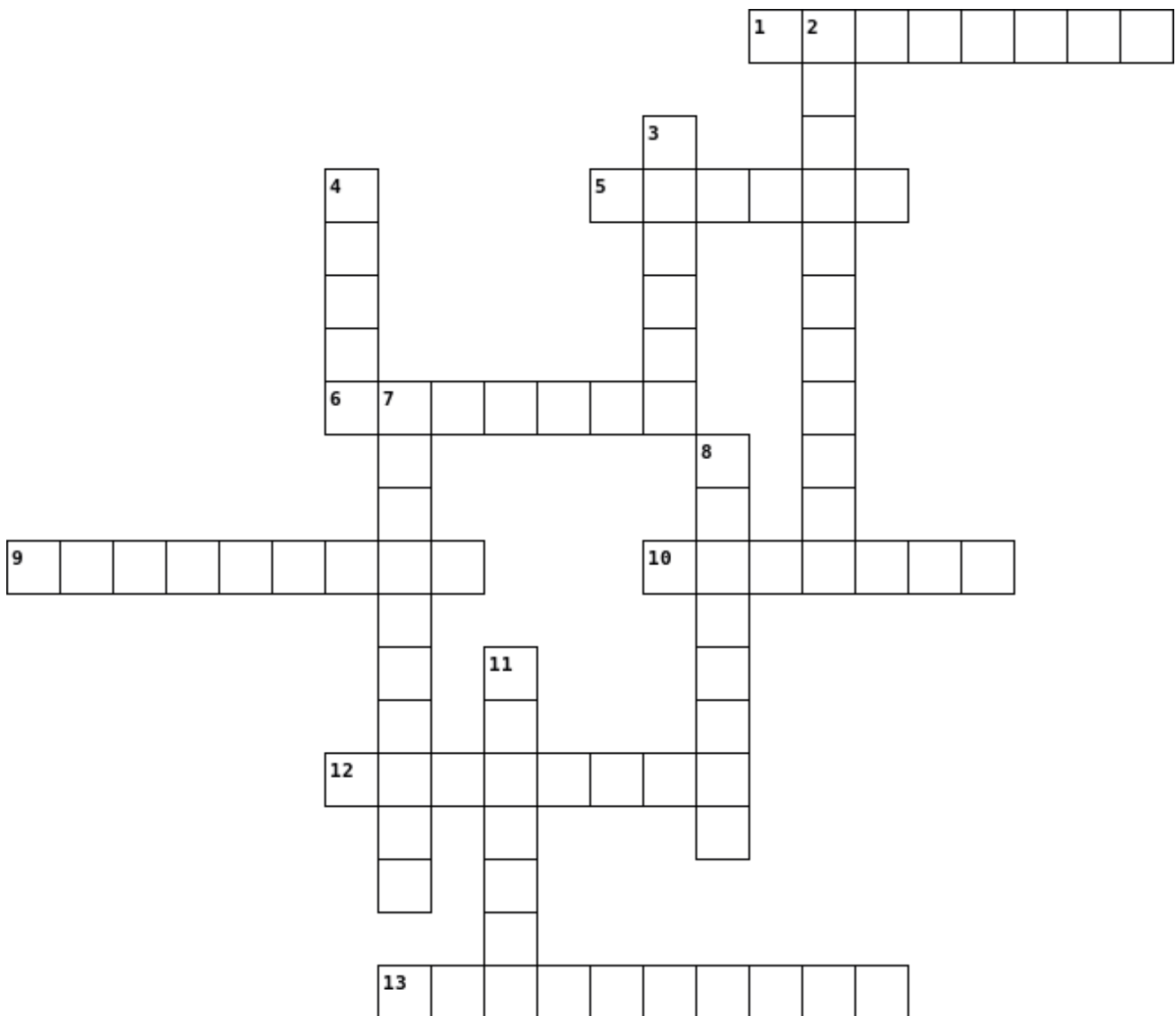
Serving God Together

*We all have different gifts. Each gift came because of the grace that God gave us. If one has the gift of **prophecy**, he should use that gift with the faith he has. If one has the gift of **serving**, he should serve. If one has the gift of **teaching**, he should teach. If one has the gift of **encouraging others**, he should encourage. If one has the gift of **giving to others**, he should give freely. If one has the gift of **being a leader**, he should try hard when he leads. If one has the gift of **showing kindness** to others, that person should do so with joy.*

(Romans 12 v 6–8)

Solve the crossword puzzle on the next page to find the spiritual gifts mentioned in this passage, and to discover and some more.

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. To help other people learn from the Bible
5. To understand how God would want things to be done
6. To notice people's needs and try to meet them
9. To speak God's message in sermons
10. A special prayer language
12. To ask God to use his power to do amazing things
13. To help people work together to do God's work by assigning a job to each person

Down

2. To see other people's abilities and encourage them to use them
3. To share money and other things to help in God's work
4. To trust in God
7. To tell people who aren't Christians about Jesus
8. To speak to strengthen, encourage and comfort people
11. To ask God to make people healthy

Questions

1. Many people from our Church take food to donate to the FoodBank in Loughborough. They have the spiritual gift of...

2. Maria is asking people to bring a meal for Ben, Toni and their new baby. She has the spiritual gift of...

3. Saul likes to talk to his friends about Jesus. He has the spiritual gift of...

4. Martin helps us understand what the Bible says. He has the spiritual gift of...

5. Emily holds the door open for other children at school. She has the spiritual gift of...

(Answers are at the end)

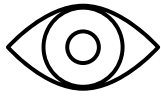
What's it all about?

It is important for people with different spiritual gifts to work together in the Church, just like the different parts of your body work together as one.

Read 1 Corinthians 12 v 15–16 and circle each body part that is mentioned.



hair



eye



ear



mouth



hand



foot

Sometimes the Church is called the "Body of Christ". The Bible says:

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it."

(1 Corinthians 12 v 27)

You have spiritual gifts too. Your role in the Church is unique and important!

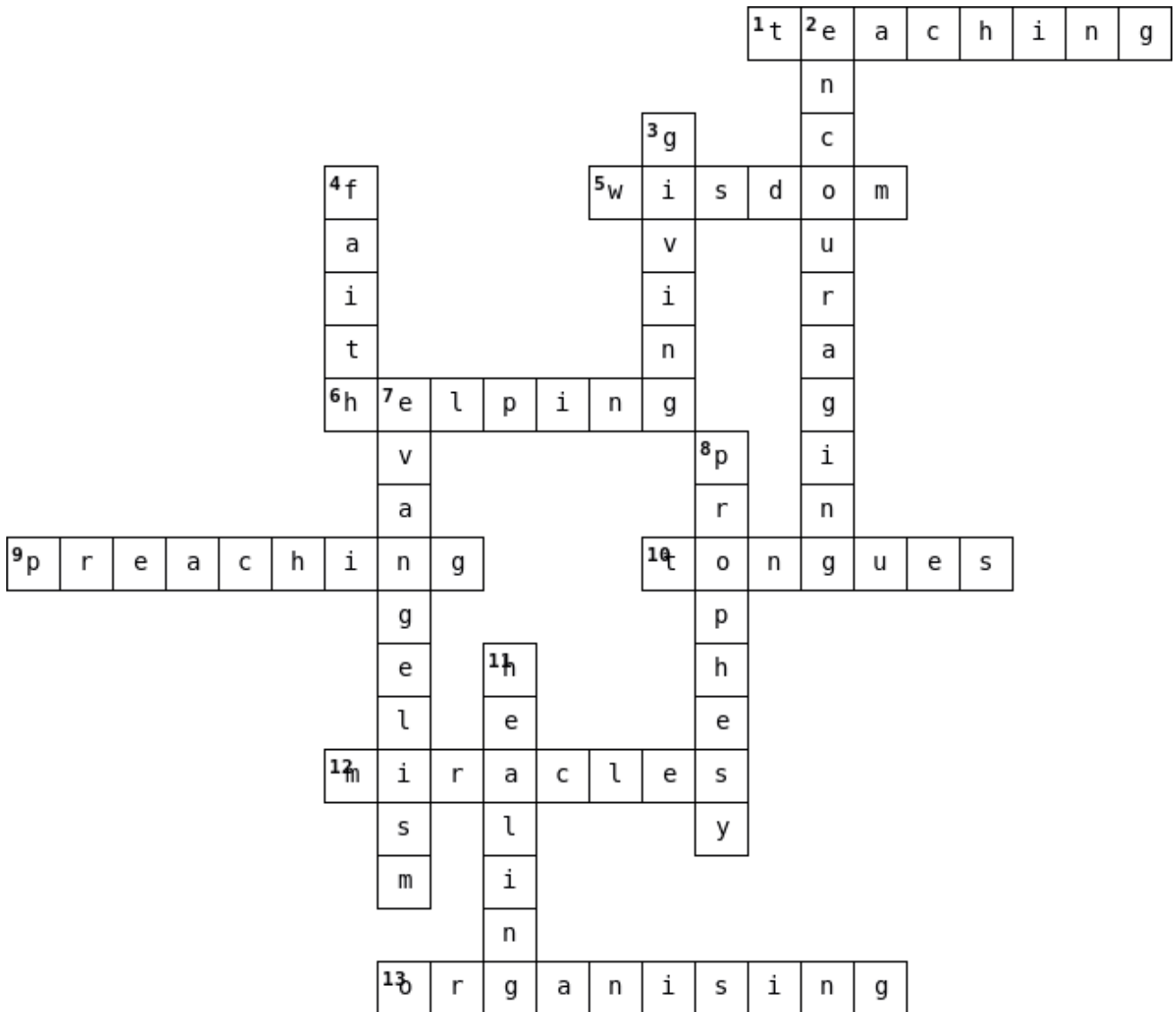
What abilities do/could you use to help do God's work?

Prayer

Father God,
Help me to recognise and grow in my spiritual gifts so I can use
them to do Your work.

Amen.

Answers



1. Giving
2. Organising
3. Evangelism
4. Preaching
5. Helping