

CROSSROADS

The magazine for
St George's Tuffley and St Margaret's Whaddon

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering



Growing God's Kingdom



ST GEORGE'S	Sunday	Parish Communion at 10.30am
	4th Sunday	(with prayers for healing)
	Tuesday	Parish Communion at 9.30am
	Wednesday	Morning Prayer at 8.15am
	1st Saturday	Messy Church at 10.00am

ST MARGARET'S

1st Sunday	Family Praise at 10.30am and
	Evensong at 5.00pm
	(with prayers for healing)
2nd Sunday	Parish Communion at 9.00am
3rd Sunday	Evensong at 5.00pm
4th Sunday	Parish Communion at 9.00am
Thursday	Parish Communion at 10.30am

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ST GEORGE'S TUFFLEY WITH ST MARGARET'S WHADDON

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Anyone who requires prayers to go on our Intercessions list for themselves or others could you please ring Linda Medwell on 01452 302590.

OUR CARING COORDINATOR WRITES...

Dear readers

I have often spoken with various folk about the beacons who have guided me throughout my life. The inspirational teacher, the boss who always encouraged me when I doubted my ability, the deaconess who cared for me when I was scared.

There have been many beacons in my life, too many to mention.

I am a bit of a dictionary nerd and love discovering new words and their meanings and definitions. The definition of a beacon is a strong light that can be seen from far away used to help guide our ships, aeroplanes and or indeed someone or something that guides or gives hope to other's.

God calls us all to be beacons of faith, hope and love and especially at this time of real anxiety and distress. So, let us try to focus on living as beacons in our daily lives and interactions.

A prayer

Lord help us to be a beacon of faith hope and love and to share your legacy with everyone we encounter and interact with this week.

Amen.

LINDA

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Our sympathies to the families and friends of:

Ian Baker RIP

Philip Parker RIP

Congratulations to:

Robert Share and Deborah Redfern

who were married at St George's Church in September

ST MARGARET'S 2020 APCM ELECTION RESULTS

Jonathan McKechnie-Jarvis and Hans Rackham were elected as Churchwardens

Lorraine Best was elected as Lay Member of the Deanery Synod

No one was elected as Secretary to St Margaret's PCC, so this position remains vacant

Pete Best, Jenny Watts and Mike Smith were elected as Members of the Parochial Church Council

After the APCM, a special meeting of the new PCC elected Hans Rackham as Treasurer

We also elected Hans Rackham and Jenny Watts as Parish Representatives

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We also elected Sylvia Evans and Derek Kingscote as Parish Representatives

CONFIRMATIONS AT ST GEORGE'S

Our prayers to Isabelle, to Lorraine and to Glenice, who were confirmed by Bishop Robert during our 10.30am service at St George's last Sunday. Thank you to all those involved in the candidates' preparation and to Bishop Robert who told us that this was first confirmation since lockdown and how pleased he was to be amongst us on Sunday. Friends and relatives of the candidates attended to provide support and to be part of this special day. It was especially pleasing to see Bruce and Rosie joining us, both of whom are involved in Isabelle's, Lorraine's and Glenice's journey towards confirmation.



Above left to right; Isabelle, Glenice and Lorraine



Above from left to right
Lorraine, Sylvia, Bishop Robert, Roger, Glenice, Mike and Isabelle

*"When you can't find the sunshine...
...be the sunshine"*

“WHERE ARE THEY NOW?”



When Rosemary retired from teaching and I retired as Archdeacon of Cheltenham at the end of 2009, we moved to Calne in Wiltshire where we have settled happily and made many friends. A few weeks later the then Bishop of Bristol asked me to cover as Acting Archdeacon during a vacancy, which I did for seven months, working roughly half time. I was ordained in Bristol, so it was interesting to be back more than forty years later. Although Calne is in Salisbury Diocese it is on the edge, so travelling from home was not an issue.

Shortly after I retired for the second time, the then Bishop of Oxford asked me to be Interim Archdeacon of Oxford while the post was reviewed. Oxford was my home diocese when I first considered ordination, and strangely I was interviewed by the then Archdeacon of Oxford, he was wearing a clerical frock coat and gaiters! Also, my second post was in the diocese, at Bracknell in Berkshire, which means that unusually I have served as archdeacon in each of the dioceses in which I was a parish priest. The Diocese of Oxford, the largest in the Church of England, covers the counties of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire and with a helpful assistant I worked approximately half time covering the area from Burford to Bicester and from Banbury to Henley on Thames, so there was a lot of travelling. It was an interesting time for almost three years, with many enjoyable occasions, including a few which both Rosemary and I attended in the Great Hall at Christ Church (familiar to Harry Potter fans) and the visit of Her Majesty the Queen for the distribution of the Royal Maundy at Christ Church Cathedral. How different things were from our first visit as a family to Christ Church in 1971, when Chris was a few months old and we couldn't take his pram into the quad because 'wheeled vehicles were not allowed' – forty years later I could drive in!

I also helped leading worship in our local churches, as well as in a few particular situations in the Bristol Diocese, including a ministry of oversight at Malmesbury Abbey for about a year. I have been doing much less following my second major surgery and treatment in 2018, but I continue as a Governor at Rendcomb College and at St. Mary's/St. Margaret's Schools here in Calne.

Over to Rosemary.

Life has become more relaxed in retirement with fewer rings from telephone and doorbell. Our large garden provides ample scope for projects and enables us to grow our own vegetables and fruit. I sing in a couple of choral societies, though no conducting church choirs these days, as I did at St George's. I played a piano duet in the Calne Music and Arts festival in 2013, a bit like producing a child, as I had to practice hard for nine months to be up to standard! Otherwise, when Covid restrictions allow, I play in a small Baroque group and am a member of the Calne ecumenical Open the Book team, bringing Bible stories to life in three primary schools in the town.

Some of you will remember our family. Chris is a director of a firm that invests in locally run businesses in Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Mozambique, where he provides financial and business advice. He, Kate and their two children live in Bourne End, Bucks. Emma, a professional oboist, lives in Vancouver with her three sons. She played for about six years with the BBC Philharmonic in Manchester but has been freelancing since moving to Canada. Louise is in communications and, after working in London for many years has now set up her own consultancy business. She and Matthew, together with Isabel (3) and two stepdaughters, live in Bedfordshire. Our family is a source of joy and pride to us; we love visiting them in person, but video calls provide a good alternative, albeit without the hugs!

So, to end from both of us, we, like you, look forward with hope to life returning to something more normal with fewer restrictions. Also, our thoughts and prayers are with you as you seek a new Vicar. We have many happy memories of our time at St. George's and St Margaret's and we know that he/she will be fortunate to come to join such a lively Christian family who seek to spread God's love in the community. With greetings to you all.

HEDLEY AND ROSEMARY

*"There is always blue sky...
...waiting behind the clouds"*

TIME TO REMEMBER

A celebration of those we love, but see no longer
St George's Church, Sunday 1 November at 4.00pm



Owing to Covid restrictions
you need to book a place at this service
if you are joining us

If you are coming to the service
and you would like us to mention a loved one,
please pass your loved one's name
to Helen, Derek, Jonathan, or a Churchwarden now!

*"Today, give someone one of your smiles...
...it may be the only sunshine they see all day"*

NOVEMBER RIDDLE-ME-REE

1 I can be crushed to pieces but only if I am given away first, I can be clogged and attacked but that's usually my own doing. No matter how many problems I have, you wouldn't dare let me go. What am I?

2 People say I put doctors out of business, sometimes I am sour, sometimes I am sweet, I can be eaten and can also be drunk. What am I?

3 How can you tell that Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune are about to get married?

4 What did the smelly feet and smelly shoes say to each before going to a long day walking?

5 What food is so funny that it can be a comedian?



During our 10.30am service at St George's with representatives of our Uniformed Organisations, we will be gathering around the cross outside at 11.00am for a special Remembrance ceremony.

Please share this with us, as an act of community solidarity



Questions based on the Gospel readings for September

1 When Jesus talked about another member of the church sinning against you, He mentioned there were up to 3 steps to get the matter settled. What was step 1?

2 If after taking step 1, 2 & 3 the person still refuses to acknowledge their sin how did Jesus say this person should be regarded?

3 Peter asked, "Lord, if another member of the church sin against me how often should I forgive"? What answer did Jesus give?

4 In the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, the servant who owed his master 10,000 talents could not pay. What action did the master first consider doing to this servant?

5 The Parable tells us this first slave was forgiven, but then he came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him money. How much did this slave owe?

6 According to the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard each time the owner went out whoever he hired he agreed to pay them. No sum of money was mentioned so what did the landowner agree to pay them?

7 What time of day was it when the landowner hired his last group of labourers?

8 Jesus completed this parable by saying, "the ___ will be ___ and the ___ will be ___". Can you fill in the missing words?

9 As he entered the temple Jesus was challenged by the chief priest and elders, "By what authority are you doing these things and who gave you this authority"? Jesus responded with a question of his own about the authority of a person who was known to these people. Who name did Jesus mention?

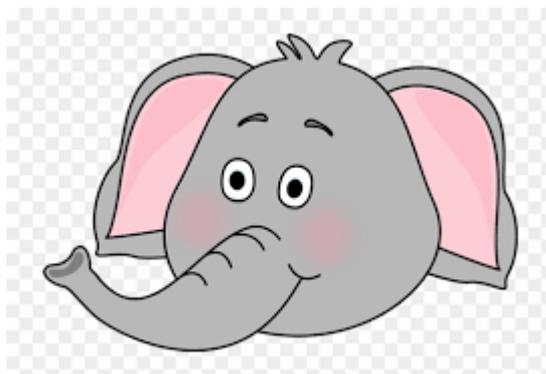
10 Jesus gave the Parable of the Two sons who were asked to work in their father's vineyard. One said, "I will go", but he didn't. The other said, "I won't go", but went into the vineyard to work. Which son went into the vineyard to work – No 1 or No 2?

The answers to this month's Bible Quiz can be found later in this issue of Crossroads

*"Some days...
...you just have to create your own sunshine"*

To have your
DECEMBER 2020/JANUARY 2021
CROSSROADS

ready for publication on
Sunday 29 November 2020



**ARTICLES NEED TO BE IN THE EDITORS'
HANDS PREFERABLY BY EMAIL BEFORE,
BUT NO LATER THAN...**

...FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

The earlier you can get your articles to the Editors
the greater chance of getting it published

Thank you for your help in this matter

PETER'S NOVEMBER posers



- 1 Which Latin phrase is used in English to mean 'and other similar things'?
- 2 Which Greek hero of the Trojan War had only one weak spot, his heel?
- 3 Which 'C' are the smallest blood vessels in the body?
- 4 Which British Formula 1 driver won his only World Championship in 2009?
- 5 The apse, altar and nave are areas within what type of building?
- 6 Which Scottish actor played Robbie Turner in the 2007 film Atonement?
- 7 Kigali is the capital city of which African nation?
- 8 The Channel 4 show 'Four in a Bed' focuses on owners of which type of establishment?
- 9 What type of animal is 'in the room' in the British idiom describing a controversial issue?
- 10 Which 'M' was the Roman goddess of wisdom and strategic warfare?
- 11 Which Irish actress played Hanna in the 2011 film of the same name?
- 12 How is London's Victoria & Albert Museum better known?
- 13 Which British Prime Minister sat as the MP for Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath?
- 14 Which UK racecourse traditionally holds The Royal Meeting in June?
- 15 In which year did The Battle of Hastings take place?
- 16 Which BBC children's tv show centres around The Squirrel Club?
- 17 Which 'C' is both a brand of perfume and a character from the Rocky film franchise?
- 18 Which 'T' is a Greek dish made from cured fish roe?
- 19 Which avenue is generally considered to be the heart of London's West End?
- 20 Which name links Coronation Street character Barlow and radio presenter Bruce?

A bumper bundle of questions to help you through until our next issue

ANSWERS TO PETER'S AUGUST POSERS

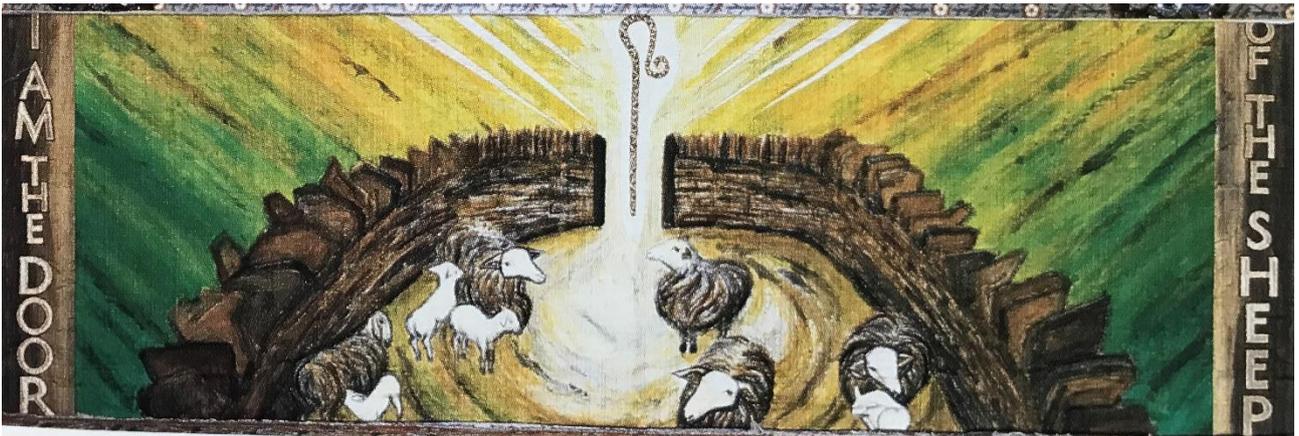
1 Black: 2 Goats: 3 A Squirrel: 4 The Police: 5 Pisces: 6 Spice Girls: 7 Asia: 8 World War 1: 9 Krypton: 10 Malta: 11 Royal Flush: 12 Hadrian's Wall: 13 U2: 14 King Midas: 15 Barley, Malt and Water:

RIDDLE-ME-REE ANSWERS

1 A heart: 2 An apple: 3 Because they all have rings: 4 This socks: 5 Crackers:

CIRENCESTER ALTAR FRONTAL

Following Jonathan's remarks and the article in the last magazine, I said I would send a photo of the altar frontal which was commissioned early in my time in Cirencester. It was designed and made by Belinda Scarlett, a well-known artist with work in several cathedrals and at Lambeth Palace. Her mother happened to live in Cirencester and the theme was chosen because it is one of the great wool churches.



HEDLEY

*"Wherever you go...
...no matter what the weather...
...always bring your own sunshine"*

PREPARING FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2020



Over the last few months, we have worked with dioceses and people across the Church of England on a new Advent and Christmas theme to reflect the current Covid context. We hope that Comfort and Joy will better enable us to reflect where the country is and will be by the end of this year. This builds on the success of #FollowTheStar, the theme of the 2018 and 2019 campaigns.

Comfort and Joy holds together the hope that Christmas will bring joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year with an acknowledgement that, for those who have lost loved ones or livelihoods, or who are potentially still not able to be together with loved ones, it may be the Church's role, both nationally and locally, to provide consolation, rather than assume everyone will be ready to join in jubilation. We also have to anticipate there may be further spikes.

This Christmas the Church will need, in the words of St Paul in Romans 12.15, to 'Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep'. We will aim to celebrate where we can together in one place, but also embrace a wider community that wants to join in the celebration but may not be physically able, or emotionally ready to do so. We hope that Comfort and Joy will enable us to build a campaign that both enables us to reconnect with the rich and joyous traditions of the past and to offer God's consoling love in the present.

What are the key elements of the campaign?

As in previous years, the national Church will work with dioceses and churches to make a range of content available, branded with the Comfort and Joy theme:

Reflections

We are aiming to partner with a number of public figures to produce short reflections exploring the theme. Comfort and Joy: Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas will mirror the structure of a traditional carol service, exploring both biblical texts and the words of much-loved Christmas carols. The reflections are being edited by the Ven John Kiddle, Archdeacon of Wandsworth, author of the best-selling God With Us: Your Christmas Journey. They will be published

in booklet form by Church House Publishing and also made available freely via app, smart speaker, audio, and email. Working with the Archbishop of York's Youth Trust and the Evangelism & Discipleship team, we will also produce a series of youth reflections in December.

Online services and events

In collaboration with a range of Christian charities and organisations, we will produce nine online services throughout Advent and Christmas. This will include an online service for each Sunday of Advent, a Christingle with the Children's Society, nine lessons and carols and midnight services. Charities involved include Christian Aid, Church Army and Embrace. The online weekly services have been very well received on social media and continue to attract a diverse audience including regular churchgoers, people exploring faith and a younger age demographic.

We will also be encouraging churches to share either pre-recorded or live services, if possible, using AChurchNearYou.com and their own websites and social media accounts to promote.

Singing and music

For centuries, music has been integral to both Advent and Christmas and this year it will be even more important. We are exploring ways in which socially distanced and online choirs and worship groups may be able to share music from across the traditions. This will include providing music for churches to use as part of online and physical services and events, building on the success of the 220,000+ downloads of music over the first three months, thanks to the partnership with St Martin-in-the-Fields and RSCM.

Printed materials

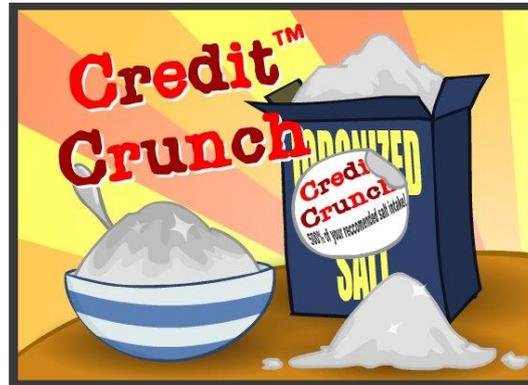
Bookmarks, Christmas cards, banners, flyers, posters, booklets, and other printed items will be made available for churches to purchase, as in previous years.

Daily Hope

Daily Hope is a free phone number (0800 804 8044) offering music, prayers, and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. We are delighted that the Comfort and Joy reflections, services and some of the music will also be available throughout

Advent and Christmas. This will enable as many people as possible to access the content we are developing.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND COMMUNICATIONS



THE CREDIT CRUNCH by Tony J

A Billion here, A Billion there
Funny money from thin air
When Jeremy suggested doing just that
He was considered to be a left-wing prat

Fill your pockets help yourself
There's plenty left on the shelf
Stamp Duty gone, a plus for sure
But who can afford a house anymore?

A cheap nosh on Wednesday when there's no cough
Must be when Covid has a day off
When interest rates rise and come over the hill
Time for us all to start paying the bill!!

*"Keep your face towards the sunshine...
...then any shadows will be behind you"*

JILL'S JOTTINGS

from St Margaret's

Well, here I am once again folks, the number one person doing the cleaning at St Margaret's along with Dianne and Marilyn keeping things up together. St Margaret's is looking really good at the moment; we've had some very positive comments from people who have seen us doing the cleaning. I'm afraid I do say that we are only a small team, but we are the best! To which one lady said we could clean at their church at any time. I said that we had more than enough cleaning to do in ours, but, thanked her for the compliment.

I must mention our volunteer gardener, Phil Bick. He has been doing sterling work all around our little church. There were two large trees which were almost blocking the door, these trees were dead in the centre and had to be felled so, it's looking really good now. So, thank you, Phil, for doing such a smashing job. It gives us time to think about what we are going to keep. It will be quite a surprise to see what comes up. I hear Kath in my ear when I'm weeding saying "Jilly, please don't try to exterminate the plants!" Makes me smile anyway, and I'll try not to.

On October 4, we had our APCM, it was not a long meeting. We elected Jonathan and Hans as our Churchwardens. Hans is our Treasurer too. Malcolm and I are deputy wardens. I remained as the Electoral Roll Officer for St Margaret's. We welcomed Jenny Watts as a member of our PCC. Hans and Jenny are also the Parish representatives when the time comes to choose a new Vicar. I can't really remember what it's called but, there, that's me, a head like a bucket!

We keep finding things in our church that really surprise me! On the lectern there is an inscription to someone. It's on the base, I can't remember what it says at the moment, but I will take some paper and a pen for when I'm next in church so I can tell you what it says next month. I wrote earlier that I had a head like a bucket, didn't I!

Well, my friends, that's about all for now as my bucket head is a little out of sorts. So, until the next time, its bye for now...

JILL PONTER

THE BIBLE ACCORDING TO KIDS... part 2

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no Cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them his 'Top Ten Commandments'. These include don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbour's stuff. And honour thy father and thy mother.

After Moses came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom always says 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

During His life, Jesus had arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Republicans and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminium. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

SUPPLIED BY HANS



Maya, Maya, where are you, Maya! Oh, you're on the machine. Who, you talking to Maya? JoJo, hiya JoJo, what do you mean get off the table. I only want to say Hello. Trixie you are becoming a pain in the rear end, now shut up and let me talk to JoJo. OK, carry on, I'll just sit on the chair and have a sulk!!

What do you mean JoJo, my Mum took you to that place again? She did what? No! Never that JoJo, well what did you do next then? She never! just like that! She carted you off and your Mum told you to be a good girl. Is that what she kept saying? Well didn't my Mum go in with you? She didn't! She took you to the door and left you with your Mum and another lady took you to be booked in. What's that JoJo? That's just so they know your Mum had booked you in. I think that your Mum is very brave to keep taking you to that pace JoJo. You never quite know if they will let her take you back home.

What did you say? You had to keep taking your horse pills! You didn't have to have an injection JoJo, Not this time. But when will you have to go back? You're not going back ever, ever, ever again. My Mum hasn't said anything about us having to go to that place. But I bet if she decided that we had to, we would be in that cage thing as quick as that! We don't like going there either, but when our Mum has made up her mind; into that box thing we go. Oh, JoJo your Mum has come back, what you gonna do then, shift her out of her seat on the settee and get in there yourself. Oh, JoJo aren't you the one. OK JoJo speak to you again soon. Yes, I'll do that, bye for now.

What she say, Maya? What she say? She said she will speak to you soon, her Mum was coming and wanted to get onto the machine. What, we going to do now then Maya? I don't quite know Trix! How about we go over the cul-de-sac and see if we can find the Gingers? Ok Maya, come on then let's go. Oh, Maya here they are. Nice to see you boys, we just come over the fence into Luna's

garden, not bad is it, there's a man that lives there as well, don't know if it's permanent, Luna hasn't said.

How are things with you two these days? Still causing havoc, I see. Well you see Trix, it's like this, we keep seeing Harry through the window as he's still confined to the house. He's rid of the lampshade round his neck though. His Mum told my Mum that he's got to go back to the doctors for a check-up. What on earth is a check-up, Ging? Don't know, Maya, but that's what she said. Oh no, there's that big tabby from down the alley. What's she doing hanging around here? She's always around here, she keeps nicking our biscuits whenever our back door is open. Our Mum gives her short shrift when she sees her, she ain't half a pain, keeps spitting at Trix and me and we're in our own garden. She keeps having a go at Little Ging and me, we can't walk down the alley if she's around. I've had a few run ins with her myself, she doesn't back down easily, but I hold my own.

I looked out for Little Ging, I don't want her having a go at him as he's too little. A bit like you Trix. I know Ging, I keep well out of her way and so does Maya. How long will Harry have to stay indoors, Ging? Not for too much longer now Trix, he's crawling up the wall as it is. So, I think that his Mum will be glad to see him back outside as soon as possible.

Well, let's go felines and have ourselves an adventure! Won't take too long as it's starting to get dark and our Mum will be wanting us inside. Maya, don't we have to say bye for now? Yes Trix. We do!

So, it's goodbye from me, Maya and me, Trix until the next time.

TRIXIE AND MAYA PONTER

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Talk privately one to one: 2 As a Gentile or tax-collector: 3 Seventy-seven times: 4 Selling him and all he possessed: 5 100 denarii: 6 The usual daily wage: 7 5 o'clock: 8 last, first, first, last: 9 John the Baptist: 10 No 1:



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hello everyone,

Here I am again bringing you my news. Firstly, I've had to go to that horrible place again. The doctor wanted to see how I was doing. My mum told her I needed my toenails cut; I didn't think I did, even though I kept catching my nails in things. I told my Mum that I could chew them, but I still had to have them cut; never mind they'll grow again, no doubt.

I still haven't seen anyone at my Mum's house for ages. What's going on! I don't see anyone anyway because it's getting very cold now. I still go outside, but not for long. I get told off because I'm in and out like a flea. Well I like to be nosey and see what's going on. It gets a bit breezy, so I need to be back inside. I don't like the wind! Almost as much as I hate the rain. When the two come together. Wow! I can't wait to be back in the warm.

When my Mum and Auntie Jill are out, then I can have a chat to Maya and Trix. Trix doesn't like the rain either but they both go and find shelter somewhere. I can find lots of bushes to hide under and when the door opens the I can fly inside again,

There's usually biscuits in my bowl, so I do have a bit of comfort food until I get my bowl of wet food. My Mum gives me a good variety but sometimes I don't eat it. Then I'm told off and told it's either that or nothing! So just to please my Mum I eat it, 'cos I don't know if anything else will be forthcoming.

I haven't seen other felines in my garden, there are two just down the road. My Mum hasn't seen them yet either, so, I don't know if they are still around. One of them tried to come into my house to finish my food, but now my Mum keeps the door closed. Well it is colder out now.

That's all for now...JOJO WHITTLE

SPEED by Tony J

I recently had a letter to say I drove too fast
Which really was a surprise when electric scooters were flying past
Even Lycra clad cyclists seemed to take a chance
Accelerating down the road as if in the Tour de France

It seems the camera caught me at 36 miles per hour
I didn't know 'til then my Polo had so much power
But at the time I had to get back to my nearby abode
Which would not have mattered so much if my seat was a commode

Now I'm facing a penalty, perhaps a fine or some points
If that's the case, I'll start walking more - that might ease the joints
Perhaps a mobility scooter might be a better bet
Or combine it with a skateboard – that's as cool as it can get!

The travesty of my case, I normally don't do speed
Not even having a habit that requires a regular feed
I'm just an elderly gent that's now scared to use the bus
So, the only thing left to do, is create a bloody fuss!!



OCTOBER

Sun 25		NOVEMBER Crossroads available	
	9.00am	Parish Communion	*
	10.30am	Parish Communion	
Tue 27	7.00pm	Karate Club	MH
Weds 28	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Z
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm	MH
	4.00pm	Vacancy Steering Group.	Z
Thurs 29	10.30am	Parish Communion	*

Fri 30	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	
Sat 31		ALL SOULS' DAY	
	11.00am	Karate Club	MH

NOVEMBER

Sun 1		ALL SAINTS' DAY	
	10.30am	Parish Communion	
	10.30am	Family Praise	*
	4.00pm	Time to Remember at St George's	
	5.00pm	Evensong with prayers for healing	*
Tue 3	1.00pm	Bluebird Care	MH
	7.00pm	Karate Club	MH
Wed 4	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Z
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm	MH
Thu 5	10.30am	Parish Communion	*
Sat 7	11.00am	Karate Club	MH
Sun 8		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
	9.00am	Parish Communion	*
	10.30am	Parish Communion	
Tue 10	1.00pm	Bluebird Care	MH
	2.30pm	Mother's Union	church
	7.00pm	Karate Club	MH
Wed 11	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Z
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm	MH
	4.00pm	Vacancy Steering Group	Z
Thu 12	10.30am	Parish Communion	*
Fri 13		DECEMBER/JANUARY CROSSROADS DEADLINE	
Sat 14	11.00am	Karate Club	MH
Sun 15	10.30am	Parish Communion	
	5.00pm	Evensong	*
Mon 16		St Margaret's Patronal Day	
Tue 17	7.00pm	Karate Club	MH
	7.30pm	Centre Management Committee tbc	
Wed 18	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Z
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm	MH
	7.30pm	Refresh	Z
Thu 19	10.30am	Parish Communion	*
Sat 21	11.00am	Karate Club	MH

Sun 22	9.00am	Parish Communion	*
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by prayers for healing	
Mon 23	3.15pm	Advent Group	Z
Tue 24	7.00pm	Karate Club	MH
	7.30pm	Advent Group	Z
Wed 25	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Z
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm	MH
	4.00pm	Vacancy Steering Group	Z
Thu 26	10.30am	Parish Communion	*
Fri 27	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group at St George's	
Sat 28	11.00am	Karate Club	MH
Sun 29		ADVENT 1 – White Box day	
	9.00am	Parish Communion	*
	10.30am	Parish Communion	
Mon 30	3.15pm	Advent Group	Z

DECEMBER

Tue 1	1.00pm	Bluebird Care	MH
	7.00pm	Karate Club	MH
	7.30pm	Advent Group	Z
Wed 2	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Z
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Joint PCC with Archdeacon Hilary	Z
Thu 3	10.30am	Parish Communion	*
Sat 5		Advent Messy church tbc	church
	11.00am	Karate Club	MH
Sun 6	10.30am	Family Praise	*
	10.30am	Parish Communion	
	5.00pm	Advent Service of readings & hymns	*

M = Main Hall: S = Small Hall: SL = Softley Lounge: Z = by Zoom:
* = St Margaret's

THE ABOVE ARE PROVISIONAL DATES ONLY

Editors' note: Please note that events may be moved, added to, or cancelled, any changes will be noted in our newsletter.

Should you know of anything missing from the above listing of dates please let us know so we can update our information for the future. Many thanks

LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

Why should you never watch fireworks on the TV? Because it's a dangerous place to light them!

A doctor tells a woman she can no longer touch anything alcoholic; so, she gets a divorce.

What's the best salad to serve on Guy Fawkes' Night? Rocket salad!

"Doctor, there's a patient on line 1 that says he's invisible." "Well, tell him I can't see him right now."

What happens when the firework sequence gets muddled? They're bang out of order!

My doctor told me that jogging could add years to my life; he was right, I feel ten years older already.

What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with a firework? Dinomite!

A woman says to the dentist "I don't know which is worse having a tooth pulled or having a baby." The dentist says, "Well make up your mind I have to adjust the chair!"

The police arrested 2 men for stealing batteries and fireworks; they charged one and let the other one off!

My doctor told me I needed to break a sweat once a day, so I started lying to my wife.

What's a firework's favourite food? Bangers and mash!

Why was the nurse asked to walk past the pills' cupboard quietly? So, she didn't wake the sleeping pills!