

# CROSSROADS

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

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering**



**OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR WORSHIP ONCE AGAIN!!**  
**PLEASE KEEP TO THE COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS**

**ST GEORGE'S Sunday**  
**ST MARGARET'S**

**Parish Communion at 10.30am**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

**Family Praise at 10.30am and  
Evensong at 5.00pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

**Parish Communion at 9.00am**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

**Evensong at 5.00pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**Parish Communion at 9.00am**

**Thursday**

**Parish Communion at 10.30am**

**St George's Centre is currently still closed to all users**

**APRIL 2021**

**50p**

# **ST GEORGE'S TUFFLEY WITH ST MARGARET'S WHADDON**

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## **ASSOCIATE PIONEER WRITES...**

Dear Friends,

Wow! It's April already. Where does the time go? I'm preparing this article in March when the daily increase in daylight is, amazingly, 4 minutes a day. So, by the time you read this introduction, the sun will be rising at about 6.45am and setting at 7.45pm.

The great news for us, of course, is the Son of God never sets. He is with us 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

No sooner are we into April and Easter bursts upon us. We'll be reflecting, during Passiontide, on the events that took the sinless Son of God, from a triumphant entry into Jerusalem on an ass, to a wretched piece of wood to die the most horrendous death outside the city walls.

Praise God, events didn't end there. The curtain in the Temple was torn from top to bottom; signalling Christ had achieved what he had come to do - 'Fulfil the law', giving us 'A New, superior Covenant' with open access to His Father.

Earth Day occurs on the 21April, focusing peoples' attention on the desperate needs of planet Earth.

Today, our attention should be focused on the desperate need of people for the Saviour.

**"HE IS RISEN, HALLELUJAH"**

Happy Easter, God bless you, abundantly  
Pete Best

### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

Our sympathies to the family and friends of: -  
Margaret Price



In response to the Government's latest Covid 19 announcements, St George's Church and St Margaret's Church re-opened but St George's Centre remains closed until after 21 June 2021.

The Church Office is open on a Friday morning for the printing of Signpost but, Glenda continues to work from home until further notice; please use the contact information at the front of Crossroads should you need to get in touch.



## **COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**

Following the success of Tuffley Christmas Windows we are decorating windows for Easter. Sign up on our Facebook Page, Tuffley Easter Egg Hunt, to appear on the map, or just decorate your window anyway. Window decorations will be up from Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April. Make sure you include an Easter egg!

The map will be available on the Tuffley Easter Egg Hunt and our own church Facebook pages very soon. See how many you can find. For further details contact Helen McGeoch 07729615993.



**28 March 2021**

**PALM SUNDAY**

No processions, but Palm Crosses will be available

- 9.00am Parish Communion at St Margaret's Church
- 10.30am Parish Communion at St George's Church
- 10.30am Family Praise at St Margaret's Church

**1 April 2021**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

- 10.30am Parish Communion at St Margaret's Church
- 12.00noon St George's Church will be open for individual Stations of the Cross.  
Open until 3.00pm

**2 April 2021**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

- 12.00noon St George's Church will be open for individual Stations of the Cross.  
Open until 3.00pm

**4 April 2021**

**EASTER DAY**

- 9.00am Parish Communion at St Margaret's Church
- 10.30am Parish Communion at St George's Church
- 10.30am Family Praise at St Margaret's Church

*It's not about the bunny; it's about the lamb*



## **ANGLICAN PRAYER FOR EASTER SUNDAY**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer, 1979 version, Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA.*

*From The Messenger* [www.gloucester.anglican.org](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org)

## **HAPPY EASTER**

With the promise of warmer weather in the air and the gradual lifting of lockdown restrictions, this Easter feels like it is heralding in dramatic change.

Stories of how Christian generosity and initiative is making a difference in the world are everywhere. Over 1,200 Easter meals were sponsored and delivered to people across the Diocese through our Comfort and Joy Easter project. Delicious shepherd's pies or gardener's pies cooked by The Long Table, with a freshly baked hot cross bun were delivered to doorsteps across the area, as a way of showing our neighbours that they are cared for and loved.

Huge amounts of money are being donated to Christian Aid in thankfulness for vaccinations; at the time of writing, in early March, over £7,000 had been given in this Diocese, in collaboration with the local Methodist Circuit. This money will be used to support those for whom Covid restrictions have had other significant impacts.

In this month's edition we're including an extract from a special edition of Growing Together which you can share with your worshipping community. To download the full edition and lots more family friendly resources to share locally, please visit [www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/children-youth-and-families/growing-together](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/children-youth-and-families/growing-together)

### **Events and training**

Churches across the Diocese of Gloucester will be worshipping together for Easter, whether online or in person. If you want to find out the latest information from your local church, visit [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

### **Maundy Thursday Eucharist**

(Live stream only from Gloucester Cathedral) Thursday 1 April at 11.00am  
Open to all. This service will see members of the clergy from across the Diocese of Gloucester renew their ordination vows. The oils for use in services will also be blessed for the coming year. To join us go to...  
[gloucestercathedral.org.uk/worship/services/services-live-stream/](http://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/worship/services/services-live-stream/)

### **Easter Day Eucharist**

(Live stream from Gloucester Cathedral) Sunday 4 April at 10.15am  
This is a traditional Easter morning service with Bishop Rachel, the Bishop of Gloucester. All are welcome via Zoom.

**EcoChurch Zoom Seminars – The Next Steps** Thursday 22 April from 11.00am until 12:30pm and again from 7.00pm to 8.00pm  
If you're working on your EcoChurch award, either Bronze or Silver and are not quite sure how to progress things, this seminar will be helpful to you. Visit [shorturl.at/bxK39](http://shorturl.at/bxK39) to book.

**The Language of Spirituality** Saturday 15 May from 10.00am until 12.00noon  
The disciples understood there was something in Jesus' relationship with God that they couldn't grasp. They needed a new language, a new approach and so they asked Jesus how to pray. Debbie Helme and Jo Wetherall have developed a language of Spirituality to help describe our understanding of who God is and how that effects our everyday lives – to people who don't have an experience of faith.  
Book at [gloucester.anglican.org/event/the-language-of-spirituality](http://gloucester.anglican.org/event/the-language-of-spirituality)

## Have your say...

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## Dearly loved friends

Greetings as we celebrate this glorious season of New Life!

I'm thrilled to learn that interviews for the new vicar are to be held in April. Rosie and I join you in expectant prayer for God's person to come and lead you on in God's mission in Tuffley.

You may find helpful this prayer from a church in Lincoln:

*"Please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Amen."*

And a prayer adapted from Thomas Cranmer in the Book of Common Prayer:

*"Give grace, O heavenly Father...to thy servant [N]. our vicar-to-be, that she or he may both by life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments ..."*



I'm also thrilled that you're opening the churches again for worship – what a joyful moment! Yet restrictions remain; and not everyone will be confident yet to come. So I'm delighted that you'll be continuing to send round service sheets so all may be included.

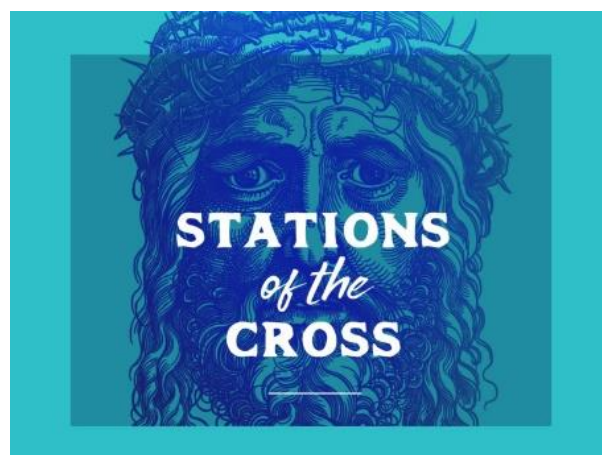
Finally I want to thank everyone who's been 'standing in the gap' and, from all I see from afar, doing such a sterling job!

As we celebrate the resurrection life together – 'both now and not yet' – may you all be filled with joy and expectation for the new 'season' in Tuffley.

To God be all the glory..

MUCH LOVE FROM BRUCE AND ROSIE

*Easter egg hunts are proof that children can find things when they really want to!*



Come and spend some time in prayer and reflection at our Stations of the Cross event in St George's Church 1st & 2nd April. Stations will be set up around the church with Bible readings, prayers and something visual to accompany the reflection. The church will be open between 12.00noon and 3.00pm for private prayer and reflection. Please adhere to the social distancing guidelines.



## **MARCH DRAW WINNERS**

Our winners for the first 100 Club draw of 2021 were: -

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £30.00 Sarah Kingscote

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £20.00 Neil Stevens

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10.00 Mike Clift

Congratulations to our winners, better luck in June to those who didn't win this time. Should you be finding it difficult to see your collector to pay your dues do contact me and I'll see what I can arrange to help.

Thank you  
Darrell

*Spring adds new life and new joy to all that is*

An illustration of a stylized owl with large eyes and a yellow ribbon around its neck, positioned on the left side of the reminder box.

**Just a  
reminder...**

To have your **MAY 2021 CROSSROADS** ready for publication on Sunday 24 APRIL 2021

**ARTICLES NEED TO BE IN THE EDITORS' HANDS  
PREFERABLY BY EMAIL BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...  
...TUESDAY 13 APRIL**

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**



**REVs DAVID and ANGELA SMITH**  
**A LETTER FROM NORFOLK**

Dear Friends

As many of you may recall, after leaving Tuffley, we spent a brief time in Prestbury, before moving to our current benefice in Norfolk, nearly five years ago now. Norfolk diocese is similar in some ways to Gloucester, being mainly rural with just 4 sizeable towns. It is, however, about 50% larger than Gloucester diocese, with some 650 churches, over half of which are Grade 1 listed, and some really ancient, with the maintenance proving quite a challenge to the overall church community.

I now serve as the Rector of the Benefice of St Benedict, comprising the six parishes of Ashmanhaugh, Beeston St Lawrence, Barton Turf, Horning, Irstead, and Neatishead, in the heart of the North Norfolk Broads, covering some 13 square miles, but with a total population of barely 2000. For those of you who know the Broads, we are bounded by the River Bure, the River Ant, and Barton Broad. It's an area we have known over many years of boating holidays, and having now acquired a small boat of our own, we can cruise over 17 miles without leaving the benefice, as well as venturing farther afield.

Our churches are all 'listed', with the oldest being Ashmanhaugh, a saxon round tower church, now over 1000 years old. Although they have now been archived for preservation, I found that the earliest entries in the current baptism and burial registers both pre-dated the Battle of Waterloo! We are not entirely devoid of facilities, but three of the churches still have no mains water or toilets. We do have a small church hall in the very centre of Horning village (but again no toilets) for coffee mornings and other functions, though we do recall wistfully sometimes the facilities and fellowship afforded by Coffee Pot in St George's Hall. That said, Horning does have three comfortable, attractive, and well-supported riverside pubs, though trade has obviously been very limited during the pandemic lock-downs.

Further down the River Bure from Horning village, but still in the parish, is the site of the ancient St Benet's Abbey, now only a ruin, maintained by the church and the Norfolk Archaeological Society. The original Benedictine abbey has its origins in a grant of land from King Cnut (or Canute) in 1019, which provided both land for the abbey itself, and also title to surrounding lands which then also provided an income to build and maintain the abbey. Accordingly, 2019 was a festival year where we celebrated the millennium of the abbey's founding with services, festivals, and an open-air community theatre production on the abbey site. The abbey flourished for some 500 years, but was rather less prosperous by the time Henry VIII set about appropriating the wealth and power of most of England's abbey's and monasteries. However, St Benet's was the one abbey which Henry never dissolved – probably too remote and inaccessible. Instead, because he was having other difficulties with the bishop in Norwich, Henry sacked the bishop and allowed the then Abbot of St Benet's to retain his abbey provided he also became Bishop of Norwich, and sorted out the problems there. To this day, the abbey site remains consecrated ground and the Bishop of Norwich is also Abbot of St Benet's in perpetuity. Much later, in the 20th century, a small group of men from Horning parish gathered to follow some of the Benedictine traditions of prayer, worship, and service to the community, and became the Brothers of St Benet's, with the rector of Horning (now me) as their Prior, ie the Abbot's deputy. More recently, we have expanded that group to include ladies, becoming now the Community of St Benet's. In better times, we meet several times each year to eat, worship, and pray together, and the group also organises the annual open-air service at the Abbey. By tradition, this is on the first Sunday of August each year with the Abbot and the Prior arriving by river on a Broads wherry sailing boat, and attended usually by a congregation of 300-400, of both locals and holidaymakers.

During the last year, this part of North Norfolk has been spared the worst of the COVID infections, mainly I suspect by being so sparsely populated. That said, we suspended worship in church on Mothering Sunday last year, and have been providing a weekly worship service by video on YouTube ever since. You can find our channel by searching YouTube for "Benefice of St Benedict" or going to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTk-OHfMJUuUiTRIKZ4DUYg>

We hope now to be back in church for Easter Sunday, and thereafter we shall have short weekday communion services in each church each week, but it will

probably be May or June before we return to anything like a normal pattern of Sunday services across the benefice.

It was good to see Mike and Laura when they visited last year; there's a warm welcome for any of you who venture this far East!

With love and blessings  
David and Angela Smith



- 1 How many seconds are there in one year?
- 2 You have three stoves: a gas stove, a wood stove, and a coal stove, but only one match. Which should you light first?
- 3 How can you make seven even?
- 4 If a rooster laid a brown egg and a white egg, what kind of chicks would hatch?
- 5 When can you add two to eleven and get one as the correct answer?

*We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates  
the dark moments of our existence*

*That is one good thing about this world...*

*...there are always sure to be more springs*



## **GOSPEL QUIZ**

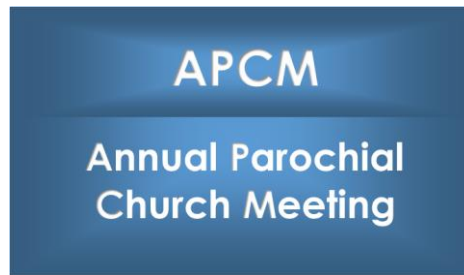
Questions based on the Gospel readings for February

- 1 "In the beginning was the \_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_ was with God, and the \_\_\_\_ was God". What are the 3 missing words?
- 2 "To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave \_\_\_\_ to become children of God". What was it "he gave"?
- 3 It is believed Jesus was transfigured on Mount Tabor. Peter, James and John were with Jesus at that time. Who else appeared to Jesus?
- 4 In what condition were the three apostles?
- 5 According to Mark's account something else occurred. What happened next?
- 6 As Jesus rose out of the River Jordan, having been baptised, a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_; with you I am well pleased". What 2 words are missing?
- 7 In Mark 1 he tells us, "Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God," After what event does Mark say Jesus' ministry began?
- 8 Jesus told his disciples he would be killed by the Pharisees and would rise again three days later. Having been rebuked by Peter, Jesus turned on him and said, "You are setting your mind not on \_\_\_\_ things but on \_\_\_\_ things. What are the 2 missing words?"
- 9 Jesus told the crowd, "They should deny themselves and \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ \_ and follow me". Can you complete the statement?
- 10 In this same passage from Mark's gospel who did Jesus say would be with him when, "he comes in the glory of his Father"?

Answers

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

*Blossom by blossom the spring begins...*



We have been advised that APCMs can take place at any time before 31 July 2021. No dates have been decided regarding ours yet, but we will let you know via Signpost and future issues of Crossroads when the date is confirmed.

Many thanks  
DARRELL

## **PCC AND OTHER ELECTIONS**

Our 'annual meetings' have to take place before the end of July. This is the time when we will elect our Parish Church Councils, Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives. Please think about who you would like to nominate for the privilege and responsibility of sharing the leadership of our two churches in this way; and whether you yourself might be willing be part of deciding the direction our churches take under the guidance of a new Vicar.

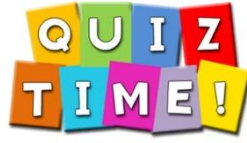
There are forms pinned to the noticeboard in the porch of church which you can get completed and handed to Roger, the Lay Chair of St George's or Hans, the Lay Chair of St Margaret's.

If you can't find any forms please ask a Churchwarden.

Thank you

*A flower blossoms for its own joy*

# PETER'S APRIL



- 1 Who sang about 'My Green Tambourine' in 1967?
- 2 Which group got to number 2 with Daydream in 1966?
- 3 Roger Daltrey was lead singer of which group?
- 4 2 groups had a hit with Ob-la-di, Ob-la-di in 1968, one was the Beatles, what was the name of the other group?
- 5 Who sang Lady Willpower in 1968?
- 6 "I'm heading home again, 'cause it still seems I don't fit in" are the opening lines of which Love Affair song?
- 7 In 1965 who topped the UK charts with 'It's not unusual'?
- 8 What was the name of the park that the Small Faces sang about in 1967?
- 9 Who sang the 1969 number one 'Something in the Air'?
- 10 Complete the title of this 1968 hit for The Foundations; build me up...

## **ANSWERS TO PETER'S MARCH QUIZ TIME!**

1 Jules Verne: 2 Davis Cup: 3 The Beatles: 4 Halley's Comet: 5 Tom and Jerry: 6 Beat a reigning world chess champion: 7 Barack Obama: 8 Mary, Queen of Scots: 9 a) 1990: 10 Pope Benedict XVI:

## **GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS**

1 Word, Word, Word: 2 power: 3 Elijah and Moses: 4 They were terrified:  
5 They were overshadowed by a cloud: 6 the beloved: 7 Arrest of John Baptist:  
8 divine human: 9 take up their cross: 10 The holy angels:



## JILL'S JOTTINGS

### from St Margaret's

Well, Hello folks; it's me again that person who does the cleaning with her two mates, Dianne and Marilyn at St Margaret's. I said last time that I would let you know how we got on taking the Christmas tree down. That was an experience and a half, there was only the three of us to start with, but we managed after a struggle! We were all trying to make sure that we got as many baubles as possible off, those that we could reach! Then we got the tree down, well it almost fell on us really, but down it came. There were needles everywhere, in my hair, inside my clothes; it looked as if I'd been pulled through a hedge backwards.

Jonathan came to help but was a little bit late. So, while Marilyn, Di and I got the tree sorted, Jonathan got the big ladder out and took all the trimmings off the coronas in the nave. Getting the lights off was a bit of a pain but we did it, and we put them in the 'lights' box. It doesn't take long to get them onto the tree but forever to take them off. Marilyn and I took the tree outside and put in the churchyard, we took all the greenery out as well, it seemed much more than what we had put up in our Church.

When the tree and all the greenery had been removed, we had to give the Church a good clean; we do have a cleaner (of the vacuum type) at St Margaret's, but it was down to getting out of the broom, dustpan and brush to clean up. There was so much dirt, it was unbelievable, but we completed the whole task after three hours of hard graft. Jonathan commented that it was a job well done; but we'll still have to get the vacuum out at some point to give it a good another clean.

More about that next time, so for now it's goodbye and stay safe everyone.

Best wishes,  
JILL PONTER

*Blessed are those who have not seen and have yet believed*

## **RIDDLE-ME-REE ANSWERS**

1 12 of them: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 The match: 3 Remove the letter s: 4 Roosters don't lay eggs:  
5 When you add two hours to eleven o'clock, you get one o'clock.

## **EASTER**

by Estela Canama

Let every heart be filled with joy,  
A joy of thankfulness to our Saviour and King!  
He is victorious over sin and death.  
He conquered death to give us a new life.

A life blossoms through His unending love.  
It is for a cause and without condition  
The love that brings healing and reconciliation,  
A pure love that creates in us real peace.

Peace that springs from his sacred heart,  
A heart that bleeds for our affliction.  
It is full of mercy and compassion,  
A heart wounded for our sins and vainglory.

Rejoice! Jesus is truly risen from the dead  
For us to live once again,  
To live without blemish of pride,  
And live a life unselfishly for others in need.

*He knows the way because He is the way*



## **OVER THE GARDEN FENCE**

Maya, Maya, are you upstairs? Trixie, I'm just having a look round, I thought that I saw a big bird at the window, Was it a bird, Maya? I don't think so, Trix. I think it was a shadow or something, but I was just looking out this window and it ain't half blowing outside. I know, Maya, do you think we should venture out? Of course, Trixie, we are not a pair of silly billies. We are brave and totally superlative. Oh Maya, you say the loveliest things you know. Maya, what's superlative mean? I think it means we are the very best! Oh, that's me to a tee!!

Trixie. Now what's the matter! Maya, it was our Mum, she smacked me. What for, Trixie? I don't know, Maya, I was just sitting on the new rug and I went to have a bit of a scratch and she shouted at me and smacked my nose. Well, Trixie, she did the same to me. Why did she smack us, Maya? Well, could it be that we scratched her brand new rug, Trixie. Well, she shouldn't smack our bums or our noses, Maya. Maybe she was telling us we have been naughty, Trix. Well, you could be right there, Maya. I think I will have a word with our, JoJo, I bet her Mum doesn't get all shouty and smacky with her.

Hiya, JoJo, how are you these days, I was just telling Maya about our Mum. She was getting all shouty and smacky with us, yes she was, just because we were going to scratch her brand new rug. I had a smack on the nose and Maya had a smack her bum and she shouted at us as well. She didn't, my Mum did that to you, what did you do? You never? You turned your back on her and just stomped off up to bed. I bet your Mum told her off, JoJo. She didn't! What did you Mum say then. She agreed with our Mum and she laughed. I bet you was so upset, JoJo. Just because you licked your tail. Well, our Mum helped your Mum to shove a pill down your neck! What was that pill for? For your tail. I just don't understand. Neither do I Trixie, but between the two of them, my life at times is the pits! JoJo Whittle, I don't believe you, your Mum lets you go out all the time and she worries about you when you don't come back in. Oh, oh, JoJo,

my Mum has just come back in, so I'll let you go, give us a ring sometime soon, bye.

Trixie are you OK? You seem to have been on that machine for ages. How was JoJo anyway? She was fine, Maya, but she said that her Mum told her to shut up. She was very shouty at her at times. I thought that her Mum never shouted at her or smacked her, but I was wrong. Maybe it's the way we wind our Mum up, because if we don't want to do something, we just hide. Trixie, you could be right, we do sometimes drive her up the wall. But never mind, where are we going today? I've just seen the Gingers coming over the fence. We could go up the cul-de-sac and see if Harry and Yasmin are about. You know what they are like. I know, Maya, one minute they are all over one another and the next Yasmin is having a go at him. Ahh, look, it's Star. She seems to be getting around alright these days, doesn't she? Yes, she's had the help of the two Gingers. You know that Harry does like Star as well, Maya. I know Trixie, so come on, say tata to everyone, then we can all meet up at the cul-de-sac. Tata, everyone, until the next time and it's goodbye from me, Maya.

TRIXIE AND MAYA PONTER

## **CELEBRATE EASTER with Gloucester Cathedral**

An Easter message from Dean Stephen:

*"Easter is our time, the time our faith is seen and believed. The Cathedral joins in this worldwide celebration with joy. Although things are a little different this year, you can join in too as we bring Easter to you, read on, and celebrate!"*

**Live-streamed services - Holy Week: 28 March to 4 April**

Each day in Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, at least one service of worship will be live streamed from the Cathedral. Further details to be announced but we hope to include:

<b>Sunday 28 March</b>	10.15am: Palm Sunday Eucharist
<b>Thursday 1 April</b>	7.30pm: Maundy Thursday Eucharist
<b>Friday 2 April</b>	2.00pm-3.00pm: Good Friday Hour at the Cross

Sunday 4 April

10.15am: Easter Day Eucharist with Bishop Rachel  
5.30pm Evensongs every day during Holy Week

We highly recommend that you regularly check our website for upto date information regarding services for Holy Week. This page will be updated with links to services as they are confirmed. We thank you for your patience.



## **THROUGH THE WINDOW**

Hello everyone, here I am again to bring you up to date with what's been going on in my neck of the woods. It's getting warmer now and my Mum is letting me go outside more in the sunshine. It's still a bit cold first thing in the morning and white stuff on the grass which my Mum calls frost. I don't know about that but boy were my paws cold. I'm glad that we don't have any of that soft white stuff as I didn't like it at all, not even my Mum went out in it. She doesn't like it either and by all accounts Auntie Jill doesn't either. I don't know about Maya and Trixie; I wouldn't mind betting that they had very cold paws too.

I had a chat with Maya and Trixie the other day and Trixie was complaining that her Mum had smacked her bottom. She couldn't understand why! Auntie Jill told my Mum that she had bought a new rug for the living room and they thought they would test it out by digging their claws in it. Apparently, it went down like a lead balloon! So, they had a smack and were turfed outside. I must confess I do it to the carpet on the bottom stair, but I wasn't the first because my Mum had another cat called Daisy and she started it. I suppose she was told off, but it didn't stop her. I do get a smack because I keep on licking my tail making it raw, so I scoot up the stairs. I go in a huff and don't speak to my Mum. I do love her lap though.

I don't see many people at the moment because nobody comes, I don't even see many felines either, not that I want to, because all they ever want to do is fight. I'm getting too old for that now. This is all for now.

Bye, for now, JoJo Whittle

*The story of Easter  
is the story of God's wonderful window of divine surprise*



**MARCH**

Sun 28		<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
		Clocks go forward	
	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am	<b>April Crossroads available</b> Parish Communion Parish Communion Family Praise	St M's St G's St M's
Mon 29	7.00pm	CiT Lent Group	Zoom
Tue 30	7.00pm	Benefice Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 31	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

**APRIL**

Thu 1	10.30am 12.00noon	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Parish Communion Individual Stations of the Cross until 3.00pm	St M's St G's
Fri 2	12.00noon	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Individual Stations of the Cross until 3.00pm	St G's
Sat 3		<b>EASTER EVE</b>	
Sun 4	9.00am	<b>EASTER DAY</b> Parish Communion	St M's

	10.30am 10.30am	Parish Communion Family Praise	St G's St M's
Mon 5		<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	
Wed 7	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thu 8	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 11		<b>EASTER 2</b>	
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
Tue 13		<b>Article deadline for May Crossroads</b>	
	4.00pm	Vacancy Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 14	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thu 15	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 18		<b>EASTER 3</b>	
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Wed 21	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thu 22	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Fri 23		<b>ST GEORGE'S DAY</b>	
Sun 24		<b>EASTER 4</b> <b>Crossroads available</b>	
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
Tue 27	4.00pm	Vacancy Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 28	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thu 29	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's

## **MAY**

Sun 2		<b>EASTER 5</b>	
	10.30am	Family Praise	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's

**Editors' note:** Please note that events may be moved, added to, or cancelled, any changes will be noted in Signpost our weekly newsletter and in the calendar on our website.

*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 is going to church like a helicopter? If you get too close you run the risk of getting sucked into the rotas!!! Provided by Rev David Russell

Once upon a time I was accidentally made a priest. It was a clerical error.

Where in the Bible is the first tennis match mentioned? When Joseph served in the Pharaoh's court.

A teacher was testing her students on the "Knowledge of Words, ANTONYMS". She asked, "What is the opposite of go?" A student answered, "Stop." "Very good," the teacher replied. "What is the opposite of adamant?" Another student said, "Event."

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocaine during a root canal? His goal was transcendental medication.

Three nuns walk into a bar, the fourth one ducks.

My youngest granddaughter asked me the other day, "Why does it rain? Is God sweating or crying?" I said to her that God makes it rain to water the plants and make them grow. She replied, "Why does it rain on the pavement then?"

Forgive me father, pastor, vicar, padre, priest. For I have synonymed.

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "Because white is the colour of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today." After a while, the little girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

I went to a Halloween party where everyone was dressed like a sore thumb, not me though, I stuck out like a vicar.

Six-year-old Ned's mother was looking through an old family Bible when an oak leaf fell out. Ned said, "I guess that must be Adam's shorts."