

CROSSROADS

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

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

Growing God's Kingdom



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

ST GEORGE'S Sunday
ST MARGARET'S

1st Sunday

2nd Sunday

3rd Sunday

4th Sunday

Thursday

Parish Communion at 10.30am

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

Parish Communion at 9.00am

Evensong at 5.00pm

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

ST GEORGE'S TUFFLEY WITH ST MARGARET'S WHADDON

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ASSOCIATE PIONEER WRITES...

Brothers and sisters

It is many years since the TV programme "The Darling Buds of May" was on our screens. Many remember with fondness the Larkin family headed up by "Pop" played by David Jason. The lovely countryside with sun that always seemed to be shining and the prevailing impression that any problems could be righted by simply gathering everyone together around a large table overflowing with good food. This series really enjoyed a "feel good" factor. (Apologies to anyone too young to remember it!)

By May, many seeds and young plants have been sown in the countryside and in our city garden vegetable plots. The crops have started to grow but the harvest is still some time away. All we can do is watch, water, protect and wait. Many of Jesus' parables use the natural cycle of planting and harvest as illustrations. One of the simplest is in Mark 4:26-29 where the mystery of God's Kingdom is compared to how wheat grows, first the stalks, then the ears, then the full grain in the ears. Grain which can then be harvested. A harvest which in a good year will provide both bread for present needs and seed for future planting.

This month, we can start to see some green shoots of progress, not only in our gardens, but Covid restrictions are easing and clergy interviews have taken place leaving us one step closer to a new Vicar being appointed in the Benefice. We have many reasons to be thankful. Our heavenly father delights in providing good things for his family. We need to rejoice because we are deeply loved and truly blessed.

LORRAINE BEST

From Jeanne Wilson...

My thanks to all the kind people at St George's, who sent me Easter Cards and special thanks to Sylvia Evans and to Linda Medwell who between them make it possible for me to get to church each week. Thanks to Anne Humphris for phonecalls and visits'. With Love...



In response to the Government's latest Covid 19 announcements, St George's Church and St Margaret's Church has re-opened, and the opening of St George's Centre is currently under review for opening later this month.

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

NATURE, DURING LOCKDOWN HERE IN TUFFLEY

When we had a fall of snow in January, I found large footprints in it, they were of a baby fox looking for food!

We had a couple of Ravens visit the garden as I have a bird table for a few days and rested on my roof and those of our neighbours, just like the ones you see in London. A parcel man noticed in the tree by the railway bank about ten magpies, we had both counted them. They say magpies bring good luck apparently. Quite a sight but I'm still waiting for the luck!!

We also have two grey squirrels visit the garden doing acrobatics including somersaults on the bird table and running along the fence, pinch nuts. They are delightful and fascinating to watch.

So, it's been nice to enjoy the outdoors recently, when the sun is shining. With Spring being here, showing the snowdrops, daffodils and early tulips, a real display of colour!

SUE WINTER



AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED?



After 5 years ministering in Tuffley and Whaddon as Associate Minister (I think that was eventually my 'title'), in December 2004 I was asked by Bishop Michael to move to a group of parishes near Gloucester where a benefice of five churches was being expanded to seven and where the vicar was new to rural ministry. I say rural, because, although the parishes lie just north of the city, they are nearly

all deeply rural. I enjoyed my time there but, for reasons that I will not elaborate upon, I found that more and more of the running of the parishes was falling to me and our hard-pressed admin lady, and I was driving up and down the M5 twice and sometimes three times a week. However, one of my new experiences in these parishes was ministering to the traveller community and this I valued hugely.

After three years life settled down in the parishes, but I was pretty exhausted and I asked to step back. I took a year out of parish ministry. Then in 2008 I was asked to go to the Bisley Benefice (four churches) as Associate Minister, working with the Vicar, but this time with another NSM (now SSM) colleague as well. Part of my brief was to try to help the integration of the parishes into a more coherent ministry across all four churches. I suggested the idea of the Agape meal, that had been so successful in Tuffley and in the parishes north of Gloucester but was new to the Bisley Benefice, and this proved an ideal vehicle for gathering members of the four churches together in the week before Easter. We also began the idea of a single service on the 'fifth Sundays' with each church in the Benefice taking it in turn to host the service. Then we undertook, together with the local Methodist Church, to raise money for the training of a Youth Worker and this young man is still an active minister. Oh, and we began a meditation group that is still going. Good times.

In 2011 I was sixty five and I decided to retire from full SSM ministry, although as many will know the church has a very different view of retirement to most

organisations. So now I am a PTO (Permission to Officiate) minister in my home parishes working with a Team Rector, two team vicars, several readers and one or two other 'retired' clergy in the Stroudwater team area – fifteen parishes west of Stroud that stretch from the Cotswold edge to the river Severn.

I still love leading worship and, because I am retired, I do not have to go to many meetings – so I enjoy the best of both worlds.

Beyond ministry, Carolyn and I still run our business – Past Historic – designing and coordinating the printing and binding of archaeology and history books and journal. We aim to keep this going for as long as we are able to, and happily we are both fit and well.

We have also found time to do some research. In 2005 our daughter, Gemma Fowlie, and I recorded (drew) the tomb of Edward II in advance of conservation, and in 2007 we published a short book. In 2015 we published a much more detailed description of the tomb. In 2006, 2008 and 2015 I published, with others, work on 9th- and 10th-century paintings and sculpture at Deerhurst church. In 2012 I produced a volume on Anglo-Saxon Stone Sculpture for the British Academy and Oxford University Press. The book covers all the counties of the Western Midlands – Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire and Carolyn and I spent many weekends exploring the area, looking for sculpture and staying in rather nice hotels. Also in 2012 we led excavations at Deerhurst Church in advance of liturgical alterations, and, with a colleague, I recorded the geological details of the south wall of the church – proving at the same time that much of the fabric was 9th century.

Last year Carolyn and I published a book on the Romanesque (Norman) phase of Gloucester Cathedral (available from the Cathedral Bookshop when it is able to open). The core of this book was derived from Carolyn's 30 years as Cathedral Archaeologist.

So, we have been enjoyably busy. Somewhere in all of this we became grandparents (to Marcus) and celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary. Covid restrictions are a pain, but for us, with our office and study on the side of the house, many things have gone on as normal. We are aware that we are hugely fortunate.

RICHARD BRYANT



1 A group of campers have been on vacation so long, that they've forgotten the day of the week. The following conversation ensues. Don: What's the day? I don't think it is Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Tracy: Well, that doesn't narrow it down much. Yesterday was Sunday. Melissa: Yesterday wasn't Sunday, tomorrow is Sunday. Ben: The day after tomorrow is Saturday. Adrienne: The day before yesterday was Thursday. Susie: Tomorrow is Saturday. David: I know that the day after tomorrow is not Friday. If only one person's statement is true, what day of the week is it?

2 A beggar's brother died, but the man who died had no brother. How could that be?

You are as welcome as the flowers in May.
Charles Macklin

**Just a
reminder...**



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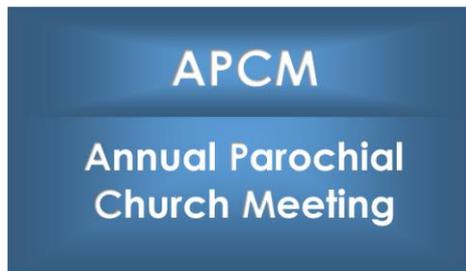
Ever graceful cumulous cloud
Your beauty's for all to see
But your courtship with the wind I fear
Will be the death of thee

I'd like to ride your snowy slopes
And nestle in some way
Beneath the cotton wool Everglades
I'm sure where Angels must play

And as I sit here gazing
Awed by the shapes you make
Your undersides darken with thunder
And I see the lightning break

Ever graceful cumulous cloud
Your beauty's for all to see
And your courtship with the wind I fear
Will be the death of thee.

SYLVIA EVANS



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



GOSPEL QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for March

- 1 Jesus cleared the Temple of Money Changers and people selling animals for sacrifice. What festival had Jesus travelled to Jerusalem to attend?
- 2 To help Him clear the Temple Jesus made a whip. What was the whip made from?
- 3 Jesus cried out, "Stop making my Father's house _ _ _ _ _ . What were these traders making His Father's house?
- 4 Jesus stated, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." In their reply the Jews said, "This Temple has been under construction for XX years." How many years does XX stand for?
- 5 When Simeon met Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus he said, "This child is destined for the _ _ _ _ _ of many in Israel." What are the missing words?
- 6 Some Greeks approached Philip saying they wanted to see Jesus. Who did Philip go and talk to?
- 7 Who then went and spoke with Jesus?
- 8 Jesus then said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be _ _ _ _ _ ." What is the missing word?
- 9 As Jesus approached Jerusalem there were two villages whose name began with the letter 'B'. Can you name either of these villages?
- 10 On entering Jerusalem where did Jesus go?

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 a form please ask a Churchwarden.

Thank you

PETER'S MAY



WHAT'S THE YEAR?

1 The film 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' was released into movie theatres. Space Shuttle Columbia was launched and returned from orbit 2 days later making it the first reusable manned spacecraft. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was assassinated.

2 Concorde made its final flight when it travelled from Heathrow to Bristol Filton Airport. The Iraq war starts when Iraq is invaded by US and Allied forces. MySpace was launched which for a few years later was the largest social networking site in the world.

3 The first Compact Discs (CD's) are produced. The Flagship of Henry VIII, the Mary Rose, which sank in 1545 is raised from the Solent. Channel 4 was launched with Countdown being the first programme broadcast.

4 Fred and Rose West are arrested and charged with multiple murders. Manchester United beat Chelsea 4-0 in the FA Cup Final. South Africa holds its first multi-racial election with Nelson Mandela sworn in as the first democratically elected president.

5 The Winter Olympics are held in Sarajevo. A bomb intended to assassinate Margaret Thatcher and the British Cabinet was detonated in the Brighton hotel they were staying at, killing 5 people and injuring 31. Band Aid recorded 'Do they know it's Christmas' to aid famine relief in Ethiopia.

6 The first Glastonbury Festival was held. The FIFA World Cup is held in Mexico. The Miss World beauty contest hosted by Bob Hope at the Royal Albert Hall was disrupted by Women's Liberation protests

ANSWERS TO PETER'S APRIL QUIZ TIME!

1 The Lemon Pipers: 2 Loving Spoonful: 3 The Who: 4 The Marmalade:
5 Gary Puckett and the Union Gap: 6 Rainbow Valley: 7 Tom Jones:
8 Itchycoo Park: 9 Thunderclap Newman: 10 Buttercup:

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Passover: 2 Cords: 3 A market place: 4 46: 5 falling and rising: 6 Andrew:
7 Andrew and Philip: 8 glorified: 9 Bethphage or Bethany: 10 the Temple:

HOME

Home Sweet Home - is what we often say
Even more so, when we go away
Its where the heart is, part of our soul
All the memories held within, a very precious wall
Whether it be a childhood, or a first place of your own
It is your personal castle, where seeds are often sown
A haven and sanctuary, where you shelter from life's storms
Where in your younger years, your future often forms
It could be a house, a bungalow or flat
Shared with something special - perhaps a dog or a cat
A place that's secure, during these dark and dismal times
With perhaps a friendly doorbell, that plays musical chimes
You relax in the knowledge, possessing the key of the door
When you enter or exit, it's the same as before
You made it yourself, cosy and full of charm
Where once you fall asleep, you don't come to harm
So be blessed, when you wake up every day
That you have a Home to cherish, full of love in every way

TONY J

JILL'S JOTTINGS

from St Margaret's

Well folks, it's me again, that person who with her mates cleans at St Margaret's. We have had to do quite a bit of extra cleaning after the Christmas tree thing, there were a lot of needles still in the carpets so, I had to get the dustpan and brush out. I was glad that we had our little vacuum cleaner with us otherwise I'd still be on my knees now with the brush in my hand.

There always seems to be the odd person in the churchyard when we are cleaning, who wants to know what we are doing and when we do it! I say that we are doing our bit for the Lord, that usually floors them for a bit, but I say it with a big smile on my face. Then they go away happy.

We have been lucky to have started our Thursday services again. We started on the 18 March and it was so wonderful to meet with our friends and Jonathan gives such wonderful sermons with the services. We had a bit of a change in our Palm Sunday service, instead of palm crosses we had sprigs of laurel and we couldn't have our Psalm Sunday walk. The laurel reminded us all of that time when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. We managed to celebrate Easter with all the joy of the season. Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar was with us. She's a very joyful person to be around for an Easter service; her enthusiasm for the people around her was very uplifting. It was such a joy to be in church enjoying the whole atmosphere of Easter Day.

We had Family Praise after our service, but I was not there, and I hope that everyone enjoyed their time at St Margaret's as much as I did. Well folks that's about it for now, so until the next time, it's goodbye from me.

Best wishes,
JILL PONTER

*May, more than any other month of the year,
wants us to feel most alive.*

Fennel Hudson

May can be a month of sneezing, itchy eyes, and runny noses.

Ellen Jackson



NEWS FROM THE BIRD TABLE

A few months back I wrote a little piece about our new bird-table, and the feathered friends. That was back in the hard days of January – remember the “Beast from the East”? Now the sun is shining, and spring is sprung, but as I write there are still frosts overnight. So, here’s an update from our bird sanctuary.

I mentioned the marsh tit, which was appearing among the far more common blue tits, great tits and long-tailed tits. He has been joined by another rather shy fellow, the coal tit, with a distinctive white strip down the back of the head. Cautious, and definitely gets pushed around by the other tits.

There have been some subtle changes at the Feeding Hub, as we are now calling it. (If it’s not an Outlet, everything has to be a Hub nowadays, for instance the bus station in town is now the “Transport Hub”!) For example, Mrs Blackcap is evidently on domestic duties, and her place is taken by Mr Blackcap. With his black crown (hers is chestnut brown) the male blackcap is rather similar in colour to the marsh tit, but a touch bigger, and the shape and behaviour are more streamlined.

The nuthatch I mentioned has been seen once again on the oak tree at the back, but only once. And there was the goldfinch... I have spent many pounds over the years on special food and feeders, and everyone else seems to have them in their gardens – so why not us? Well, I have lately been using sunflower hearts in the seed feeder, and once – only once so far – there was the unmistakable goldfinch. And the binoculars were to hand, for a marvel. I had a wonderful view for all of thirteen seconds!

The feeders cause quite a lot of nutty debris on the paving below. The larger birds usually deal with this, but the other evening a vixen fox came along and licked up every bit. She was there for about eight minutes in the evening sun.

The great spotted woodpecker has been much shyer this year but did have a go at the feeding post once. Not eating the food provided but enlarging a hole in the side of the post!

What about the table? Well, the larger birds were a nuisance at first, so I have fixed a piece of plastic netting wired together in a cylinder form. Small birds can get through the opening, but large birds would have to resort to vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) and they have given it a wide berth.

The wood pigeons sometimes perch on the weathervane. which is on top of the feeder post. The weathervane is well-oiled, so when they fly off, it spins round several times. It must feel odd to the pigeons as they take off: possibly the nearest they get to a fairground ride.

Recently we have been visited by a collared dove. Here is a bird which has made massive inroads into Europe over the last century, and about thirty years ago we were seeing them all the time. For some reason they have not been around our area for some years, and it's nice to see one again. Their colour is cream and grey, with a dark collar round part of the neck.

As in the past, I am concerned about behaviour at the feeding hub. Smaller birds are getting bullied. I have been drafting a sign to be pinned to the post and have hit on the brilliantly original idea of heading it "POLITE NOTICE" so that a bird in a hurry will think it is a Police Notice. As to text, Carol tells me it must be kept simple because a word like "Curtaiment" may convey little to a blue tit. What I want to get over is that aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in suspension of facilities.

One thing I never want to hear from anyone is the expression "bird brained". Not only is this potentially very offensive to the bird community, but it is also quite untrue, as anyone who feeds the birds will tell you. Just one example... the bigger birds have learned to jiggle the feeders so that bits drop out to the floor where they can gobble them up.

I could go on, but I'm well over the editor's limit. I'd love to hear your bird stories some time.

JONATHAN

RIDDLE-ME-REE ANSWERS

1 It is Wednesday. If it was any other day of the week, more than one statement would be true. To solve the riddle, evaluate each person's statement and write down what day it could be according to the statement. David's statement indicates it could be any day of the week except for Wednesday. When you list the days that it could be according to everyone's statement, it turns out Wednesday is the day mentioned only one time. Darryl: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday Tracy: Monday Melissa: Saturday Ben: Thursday Adrienne: Saturday Susie: Friday David: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday

2 The beggar was his sister!



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya, you down here Maya? What do you want now Trix, lost one of your toys again? No Maya, I found one at the side of the sofa. Well, what has gone wrong now then Trix? Well Maya, it's like this, our Mum has been talking to Auntie Marg and do you know what she said? No Trix, I don't know what she said as I wasn't there! It's like this maya, our Mum said something about an appointment somewhere. An appointment, Trixie? I wonder what that was for? Anyway, let's not worry about that for the moment, we have people to see, places to be and things to do. So come on...

Maya, Oh Maya, what's our Mum doing to us now? I don't know Trix, but I bet that we are going somewhere nasty. We always go to somewhere nasty when we are in here together. Trix? Is that our JoJo coming with us? I think you maybe right Maya. Blimey doesn't she make a lot of noise. Auntie Marg is trying to

calm her down. Oh my, she's really giving it her all, isn't she! Do you know where we are then Maya? I think that I do Trix and don't think we are going to like it at all!!

Maya, Maya, what are they doing to me, Maya? I don't know Trix, I can't see very much from where I'm sitting. Maya, why are you sitting at the back of the box? It's because, if I'm at the back here I can't see too much. Maya, I think that you are being a real meanie! If I close my eyes, I won't be able to see anything at all. Oh, Oh, I felt that, that was a pin, Maya! Oh, the gobstopper is next, I didn't like that either! Maya. I think that they are going to cut my toes off. I've shut my eyes, so I don't see the blood. Maya, it's your turn now, just shut your eyes and think of our Mum. And then what Trixie? Well, we can just turn our backs on her. Oh Maya, they are feeling you all over, they did that to me, you know. Oh Maya, I felt that for you, and the gobstopper, Maya, they are going to chop your toes off next. Oh Maya, they just chopped your toenails off There's no blood, Maya, none at all!!

Do you know something Trixie, you do make such a song and dance about all this, you know. We have come here when we need our toenails cut and the rest of it is just to make sure that we don't get anything nasty. Such as, Maya? I don't know Trix, anything that gives us the screaming abdabs. We will be OK until the next time. Well, Maya, I'm not coming back again, I'll hide out of the way so our Mum can't find me. Yeh, alright Trixie. Oh blimey! Can't you tell that our JoJo has just had the same treatment. She makes such fuss, I bet when she gets home, she will be all over her Mum like a rash. Somehow, I don't think so Maya, I can tell that she has the hump with Auntie Marg. I shall be glad when we get home because I am absolutely starving. And me Trix! Well, we are off, our Mum is making out that this is OK with us coming here, but it's a pain really. Oh JoJo, do shut up, you're giving me a headache. Say tata to Auntie Marg, Trixie and of course to JoJo, well we are on our way home now Trixie. I shall be so glad, a bit of a sleep after a bite to eat and it's off to another adventure. Say tata, to everyone. Oh, OK Maya, its tata from Trixie and tata from me Maya, until the next time.

TRIXIE AND MAYA PONTER

*Another May new buds and flowers shall bring:
Ah! why has happiness no second Spring?
Charlottz Smith*



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hello everyone...

Thought that I'd bring you up to date with all my news.

You'll never guess what my Mum and Auntie Jill did to me. First of all, I was shut up in my Mum's bedroom; I thought uh-oh! Something's not right here. It wasn't. I was grabbed by Auntie Jill and shoved into a box and taken to that place of torture. When I was in that vehicle, I could sort of hear that someone else was in there as well. It was my two cousins, Maya and Trixie. I didn't feel so bad then. I just had to wait a while. Honestly, when I did go in my Mum didn't come with me; I was carted off and had things done to me, I didn't like. I thought my toes were being cut off, but it was only my nails. I had stuff squirted on me and a pill as big as a cannon ball shoved down my throat. I get shouted at, then my Mum smacks me, so she's both shouty and smacky at the same time!

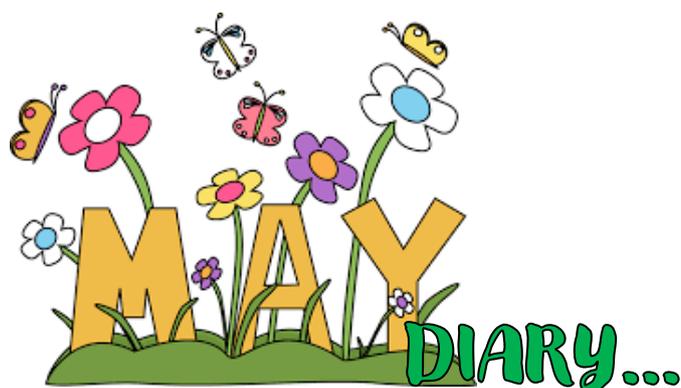
Well, when I have an itch, I have to lick the base of my tail; it does get a bit sore, so my Mum grabs me and puts some cream on it. I don't like the cream so I licks it all off and so I get shouted at all over again. I can't win; whatever I do is wrong. I heard my Mum telling Auntie Jill that I have to go again later on to have more pins stuck in me!

I don't think that Maya and Trix were overjoyed about their trip either. They'll probably turn their back on their Mum to show their disgust, just the same as I did with my Mum. Mind you they didn't make as much noise as I did!! Well, I had to show off, didn't I? Make my voice heard and I still have a cuddle up with my Mum, just to show there's no bad feelings on my part!!!

That's all for now...

Bye, JoJo

*As full of spirit as the month of May,
and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer.
William Shakespeare*



APRIL

Sun 25		EASTER 4 Crossroads available	
	9.00am	Parish Communion with Sandra Millar	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Sandra Millar	St G's
Wed 28	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thu 29	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's

MAY

Sun 2		EASTER 5	
	10.30am	Family Praise	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Mike Parsons	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 3		May Bank Holiday	
Tue 4	4.00pm	Benefice Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 5	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thu 6	7.00am	Centre in use for Elections until 10.00pm	
	10.30pm	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 9		EASTER 6	
		CHRISTIAN AID WEEK STARTS	
	9.00am	Parish Service with Jonathan and Helen	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Service with Jonathan and Helen	St G's
Tue 11	7.00pm	PCC meeting	Zoom
Wed 12	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thu 13		ASCENSION DAY	
		Crossroads' deadline for June	
	10.30pm	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 16		EASTER 7	
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Sandra Miller	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Wed 19	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

Thu 20	10.30pm	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 23		PENTECOST	
	9.00am	Parish Communion with Andrew Frearson	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Andrew Frearson	St G's
Mon 24		Crossroads' printing week	
Tue 25	4.00pm	Benefice Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 26	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thu 27	10.30pm	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 30		TRINITY SUNDAY	
		June Crossroads available	
	9.00am	Parish Communion with Mike Parsons	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Mike Parsons	St G's
Mon 31		SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	

JUNE

Wed 2	9.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thu 3	10.30pm	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 6		TRINITY 1	
	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

*And after winter folweth grene May.
Geoffrey Chaucer*

*It's May, the lusty month of May
That darling month when everyone throws self-control away.
Alan Jay Lerner*

LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Same middle name.

I was horrified when my wife told me that my six-year-old son wasn't actually mine. Apparently, I need to pay more attention when I pick-up from school.

What is the opposite of a croissant? A happy uncle.

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.

Which branch of the military accepts toddlers? The infantry.

Did you know you can actually listen to the blood in your veins? You just have to listen varicosely.

Though I enjoy the sport, I could never date a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.

What's the opposite of irony? Wrinkly.

I was kidnapped by mimes once. They did unspeakable things to me.

Got a new laptop for my little brother. Best trade I've ever done!

I finally decided to sell my vacuum cleaner. All it was doing was gathering dust!

When you die, what part of the body dies last? The pupils...they dilate.

A friend of mine went bald years ago, but still carries around an old comb. He just can't part with it.

What do you call a woman who sets fire to all her bills? Bernadette.

A guy goes to a pet store to buy a goldfish. The salesman asks him, "Do you want an aquarium?" The guy responds, "I don't care what star sign it is!"