

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	Parish Communion at 10.30am
ST MARGARET'S	1st Sunday	Family Praise at 10.30am and Evensong at 5.00pm
	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

St George's Centre has started to welcome back users

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50p

ST GEORGE'S TUFFLEY WITH ST MARGARET'S WHADDON

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OUR NEW VICAR



The Rev Rachel Beck is delighted to have been invited to be our next incumbent of this benefice and she is really excited about being with us on our journey of Worshipping, Caring and Pioneering.

Originally from Sheffield, Rachel has been in Lincoln for nearly twenty years. Rachel worked as a primary school teacher before exploring a vocation to priesthood, and also had a few years working in the Lincoln Diocesan Office along the way.

Rachel recently married Paul, and they are both really looking forward to joining us on Monday July 26th for her licensing.

SYLVIA & HANS
Lead Parish Representatives

OUR PIONEER WRITES...

'It's nearly summer already! How did that come around so fast?'

You can almost hear it in every conversation.

Things tend to do that don't they? They creep up on us when we think we still have much time before they are due. It's happening for me right now. June is here and I can't believe it's just weeks before I leave my place in Tuffley and start a new position in Barton and Tredworth. Each day welcomes me with a fresh bunch of mixed feelings – sadness at leaving here but excitement for my new place... but I suppose the dominant feeling is that I want to leave well.

I am actually writing this on Ascension Day. I would say that Jesus left his place on earth well. He had told everyone he was going, and his going was pretty spectacular. The disciples watched in awe as he was lifted into the clouds. That must have been an incredible event to witness. Jesus ascended into heaven to be with his Father. Though the disciples must have been heavily disappointed at Jesus leaving them again, they were aware of the promise of the coming of the helper that Jesus had told them about. The helper arrived at Pentecost – the helper being the Holy Spirit.

the great new titles we had in over the last few months or use a computer. We're also happy to arrange home deliveries to anyone who doesn't feel up to being out in public yet – ring us during opening hours or on a Thursday when we are here for arranged pick up only, and we'll sort something out.

See the website:

<https://gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME>

Also remember to check the library catalogue for eBooks that you can download free of charge.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/ebooks-eaudiobooks-and-emagazines/>

As the weather improves here's hoping we can organize some outdoor events for the summer – watch this space!

STEVE BIRT
Library Assistant

HEDLEY REMEMBERED...

I remember way back in July 1987 when Hedley invited me to be the administrator for St George's Church. Having accepted the offer, I went to work with Hedley in his study in the Vicarage for a few weeks whilst he organised the transformation of the cloakroom opposite the Ladies' toilet in the church hall, (as it was then) into a cupboard/office for me to work in. In the small space, we managed to fit in a desk, two chairs and a filing cabinet. Hedley also set up a Wednesday evening office in the church vestry for interviews and the arranging of baptisms and weddings. We worked together for about a year before he moved on; he was obviously setting things in motion before he left to ease the new incumbent into parish life here in Tuffley.

I also remember, the year after Hedley had left St George's, the day that Darrell and I went to the parish church in Cirencester for a funeral when a colleague of Darrell's lost his wife, daughter, and grandchild in a car accident. Hedley walked down the aisle with tears in his eyes... A man loved and remembered by all who knew him.

GLEND A STEVENS

It is thanks to Hedley that our family started attending St. George's. My Aunt, who lived in the next village in Oxfordshire to where Hedley was born and who had kept in touch with him, told him that we lived in his new Parish. He visited us and invited us to St. George's and the rest as they say is history. Hedley baptised both Sally and Simon and at the party following Sally's he managed to virtually clear the room of men when it was mentioned that he was just recovering from mumps! We have some very fond memories of the time he and his family spent in Tuffley and of subsequent meetings. There was the time in the Cathedral just before he retired as Archdeacon of Cheltenham when we asked him why he never seemed to look any different, his reply was red wine!

It is largely due to Hedley that this Benefice and St. George's are in their present position. It was during his time with us that St. George's and St. Margaret's became a United Benefice, and it was because of his vision and tenacity that St. George's was re-ordered to its present form. He was also responsible for obtaining a lot of the furnishings and ornaments for the Sanctuary, including the reredos of the last supper, all using local artisans. There are many, many other things during his ministry with us for which we should be thankful as he was very much a Parish Priest who cared for his flock.

It seems more than coincidental that one of Hedley's favourite hymns which was played at his funeral was included in the service at St. George's on the Sunday immediately following his sad departure.

ROGER AND BRENDA MEADOWS

Not long after we had taken up residence in the Ryelands, (in the seventies), Hedley and his growing family moved into the vicarage, becoming our near neighbour and vicar of St. Georges. That was the start of a long friendship.

In those early years, our family was often at the vicarage, and on one particular evening occasion, both my girls fell asleep so Hedley and I each carried them home. I distinctly remember Marian having to push Hedley up the stairs because he was carrying the heavier child.

Hedley was a man of the world and was quite happy to be told the occasional risqué/rude joke (when away from the church of course!)

After moving to Cirencester and then on to Cheltenham, Hedley said to me one day that he missed being a proper 'parish' priest. I thank Hedley for being the

inspiration behind the start of the Thursday Day Centre, to which both he and Rosemary attended the 40th birthday luncheon, five years ago.

Speaking on the phone last Christmas, Hedley told me the devastating news he had then just received from his consultant, that the cancer had spread everywhere, and the prognosis was not good. I thank God that I managed to briefly speak with Hedley just two weeks before he passed away.

Such a wonderful man to have known and will be greatly missed.

May he rest in peace.

HANS RACKHAM

One evening in early 1983 a knock at our door brought Hedley into the house, to be told by him that he had a problem, Tony Goscombe from the farm in Grange Road (where the Persimmon houses are built now) had gone off to Ilfracombe and left him without a Churchwarden. As I had been a deputy for several years he asked if I would take it on for a temporary period whilst he get someone else. That temporary period lasted 35 years until I put the stave back into its place in 2018.

MALCOLM MARTIN

My first encounter with Hedley will always stay with me as a lasting tribute to a charismatic, kind, and welcoming minister.

I was a newly married young woman living in a rented bungalow in Windsor Drive. I decided to go to church and chose the nearest one. It was an "ordinary" Sunday, no special festival or occasion. The church was packed, and everyone seemed very friendly. I was quite surprised by the size of the congregation. Hedley was at the door of the church at the end of the service, and he actually stopped me as I left, saying " Hello, we haven't seen you here before. Have you just moved into the area? It is lovely to see a new face. I hope we will see you again" What a welcome! No wonder then that I became a member of St. George's. In time we moved to Oaklands Park, which is really in the parish of St. Barnabas, but I felt so happy at St. George's I decided to continue to worship there. Hedley baptised all three of our sons and always made the services very special. Hedley was an inspirational priest and will be sorely missed.

SYLVIA CHAMBERLAIN

HEDLEY, MAN OF LAUGHTER

Many fine and well-deserved words will have been said about Hedley Ringrose. What can I add?

I would just say that he had a super sense of humour. I worked closely with him during his time as Archdeacon of Cheltenham, and together we tried to untangle some of the complications and crises which so often crop up in a CofE Diocese. With Hedley it was always made easier as we both saw the funny side: usually, but gently I hope, poking fun at the people concerned.

About that time someone put me onto a very naughty book of hoax letters to Co E bishops and other senior figures. The letters and the replies were hilariously funny, especially if one knew the victims who had fallen for it. I was a bit doubtful about mentioning the book to Hedley, thinking he might just have disapproved, but I needn't have hesitated. He knew all about it, and thought it was absolutely priceless.

I was thinking about this a few days ago, while wondering what I might say about Hedley the humourist. The snag was I hadn't kept a copy of the book and had forgotten its title. I tried in vain to do an internet search along the lines of 'spoof fake letters senior clergy bishops' etc, etc... but not a hint could I find on Google. Then I thought I'd ring Michael Garland, our Area Dean. Someone else with a good sense of fun! Yes, he well remembered the book, but like me, had no clue for tracing it. But unlike me, he wouldn't let it beat him, and he rang back half an hour later with the title. From then on it was a moment's work to order a copy for each of us.

The book appeared in 1994 under the title "The Spiritual Quest of Francis Wagstaffe". (No wonder we couldn't remember it). The proceeds from its publication went to a homelessness charity. An odd coincidence is that its author died just a week after Hedley. He was a retired parish priest, the Revd David Johnson.

I think Hedley would have relished this little yarn, and Michael's clever rediscovery of the identity of the book. Maybe if I can find an extract that would sit well in Crossroads, the Editor will allow me to share of a sample of David Johnson's work so you can judge for yourself.

JONATHAN

OUR APCMs
will take place on
Sunday 11 JULY 2021

To all of our lovely congregations, do you have an unfulfilled desire to find out what is happening behind the scenes at St George's and St Margaret's? If so, would you like to join our PCC? It's not an onerous task. we meet three times a year, for a couple of hours of an evening. More members would be very welcome. As we are about to welcome a new Vicar, you might want to work with her and help her in her first incumbency.

If you feel you'd like to join our PCC, speak to Lay Chairs Roger and Hans or to Churchwardens Mike, Sylvia and Jonathan or any of our lovely members. If you feel you could be a Churchwarden, or a deputy, please let us know. It would be nice to have deputies that are in church regularly, so if there was an unforeseen problem, there is someone to ask to step in. Please give it some thought.

SYLVIA



- 1 After a train crashed, every single person died. Who survived?
- 2 A boy and his father are involved in a car accident. When they arrive at the hospital, the doctor sees the boy and exclaims "that's my son!" How can this be?
- 3 I am so simple, that I can only point yet I guide men all over the world. What am I?
- 4 What goes up but never comes back down?
- 5 When things go wrong, what can you always count on?

RECEIVING COMMUNION

As you will all know, since the Covid situation started, we have been unable to share the communion cup. Following national C of E guidance, the priest has received this on behalf of everyone, and the congregation have received bread only.

An alternative method has now been authorised. Following a trial at St Margaret's, the PCC has agreed that we will adopt this method for both churches for the time being.

The procedure is that the priest will receive communion last. He or she will say the words of distribution and will then sanitise hands and put on a face mask. The server will do likewise. From then on, no words are used until communion is finished.

As at present, communicants will come up, maintaining social distance, and masked. The priest will dip the edge of the wafer in the chalice. The intincted wafer will then be placed in the communicant's hand, avoiding contact if possible. As at present, the wafer should then be consumed at an appropriate distance from the communion rail. The process will end with the chalice being returned to the table so that the server and the priest may receive in the same manner.

Please note that, generally speaking, the practice of "dipping" the wafer is not recommended in case the communicant's hand touches the cup or the wine. The key difference here is that the priest will have sanitised his/her hands immediately before starting the distribution. No-one else will touch the wafer or the cup.

This method requires a server to assist, otherwise the priest will need an extra pair of hands! Please follow the directions of the wardens, so that the administration can proceed smoothly and without unnecessary movement from one spot to another.

If you have any special needs, such as gluten-free bread, or non-alcoholic wine, or no wine at all, please speak to one of the wardens when you arrive.

Jonathan

AT LAST, I WILL BE ABLE TO HELP BEREAVED PEOPLE SAY A PROPER FAREWELL AT FUNERALS

As I stood outside the cemetery chapel, waiting for the bearers to begin the journey inside, I felt more than a little invested. The woman whose funeral I was about to lead was almost the same age as me. I knew, from talking to her family on Zoom in the days beforehand, that her life had touched many people over the years. Friends, neighbours and colleagues should have been gathered there to show respect and support others grieving. Stories and memories should have been told, hugs and handshakes given. Instead, about 25 people gathered inside the church. The March snow showers began to fall outside. This was another funeral in the year of Covid-19.

From 17 May, the ban in England on more than 30 people attending a funeral will be lifted. The number of mourners will be limited by the capacity of individual buildings, and social distancing measures will remain in place. Some 700,000 funerals have taken place across the United Kingdom since restrictions were put in place at the end of March of last year. Yet research conducted by the Church of England in January found that seven in 10 people had missed out on a funeral they would have attended in the past year had it not been for Covid-19. Since March 2020, four out of 10 people surveyed had experienced the death of someone close to them. Attending a funeral is an important part in the journey of grief, and the emotional cost of restricting this has been high.

That small funeral in March was still a memorable event. Many family members and friends watched it livestreamed on their screens across the globe. Instead of a eulogy, the family read some of the lovely messages they had received from those unable to be there in person. And as we laid her to rest in a grave, with the timeless words used in Christian burials for centuries, there was space for tears. But after the funeral, rather than staying to talk, remember and console, we all walked away.

Yet there are positive aspects to small funerals. Many of my clergy colleagues talk of the intimate spaces they create to express raw emotions and sadness. I've heard stories of old traditions revived, of neighbours congregating on the streets to mark the route from the church to the graveyard for a much-loved resident whose funeral would at other times have filled a church. Our lives reach beyond our immediate family members and make an impact on people we

know through work, leisure, friendships and faith. At my own father's funeral, I was touched when a former schoolfriend turned up to say she remembered him giving us lifts when we were teenagers. Despite their intimacy, smaller funerals held during the pandemic have given little space for that kind of support.

The same research from the Church of England showed that around four in 10 funerals were livestreamed during the pandemic. Of the people who watched one, more than two-thirds said they felt live streams were a good idea. Long after Covid-19, this technology may continue to help people join in when they can't be there in person. It could enable care home friends and staff to say their goodbyes when a fellow resident dies or allow distant family members to take part in a funeral. Recordings can be kept to allow people to remember in the months and years ahead.

Remembering is important for anyone who has experienced bereavement. During the pandemic, there have been many stories of churches creating spaces for such reflections, such as those that invited people to tie coloured ribbons to their railings, marking people who had suffered or died from Covid-19, or the parish churchyard where people have left "remembering stones" that have slowly built a cairn.

It's a great privilege to take a funeral, especially as a Church of England vicar. I am there for people, whether they attend church or not. Whether a funeral is held in a packed church or livestreamed over video link, the responsibility is the same: to create a moment of personal reflection, give thanks for a unique life, and speak of hope. It will be good to laugh and weep together once again at funeral services and wakes. My hope is that new technologies may work together with old familiar rituals to create more spaces for grieving long into the future.

REV CANON DR SANDRA MILLAR

***Editors' note:** Our thanks to Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar with whose blessing the above article was reproduced from The Guardian.*

My mother always used to say...

...the older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana!

LITTER PICK
10.00am Saturday 19 June
Meet in
St George's Car Park

Before you criticise someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes.

That way when you criticise them, you're a mile away from them and you have their shoes.

**Just a
reminder...**

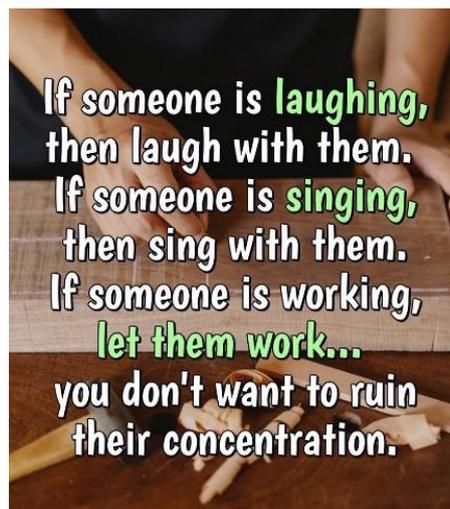


To have your **JULY 2021 CROSSROADS** ready for publication on Sunday 27 June 2021

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

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



When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality.

It doesn't matter whether you answer yes or no; you're going to get it anyway



GOSPEL QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for April

- 1 What time of day did Mary discover the stone had been rolled away from the tomb?
- 2 Two disciples ran to the tomb. Who got there first?
- 3 The cloth that covered Jesus' head was not lying with the other linen wrappings. True or False?
- 4 On the evening of that first day of the week Jesus stood amongst His disciples. With what four words did he greet them?
- 5 Did Thomas have a brother or sister?
- 6 The scripture goes on to say, "Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have ___ _ ___ ___". What are the missing words?
- 7 When Jesus entered the room where the disciples were locked away, in what state were the disciples when they saw Him?
- 8 He asked if there was anything to eat. What did the disciples give Him?
- 9 Jesus is the good shepherd. What does the good shepherd do for the sheep?
- 10 Jesus said, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also". Who was He speaking of?

FAITH by Tony J

It's a joy to have Faith, so very, very true
Oh, my dear Lord, I believe in you
During times of darkness, and those of current strife
You have always been there, part of my life
Providing so much strength, when I've been so weak
It is always then - it's you I always seek
In you I have nothing, but entire trust
To those without my Faith, having you is a must
Surrounded by assurance, whilst delivering hope and love
Look no further friends - than the Lord God up above.

PETER'S JUNE



- 1 Tripoli is the capital of which North African country?
- 2 Which footballer commentator spoke the legendary lines 'Some people are on the pitch; they think it's all over; it is now.'?
- 3 Which American comic actor played the title role in the 1996 film Happy Gilmore?
- 4 To make Rocky Road ice cream, ice cream is mixed with chopped nuts, chocolate chips and which other sweet food stuff?
- 5 Which word immediately precedes 'Queen' in the opening line of the British National Anthem?
- 6 Which poet wrote 'I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud'?
- 7 The English singer and television presenter Cilla Black was born in which city?
- 8 Alan Titchmarsh, Charlie Dimmock and Tommy Walsh presented which long-running BBC garden makeover series?
- 9 Who plays London gangster Jack Carter in the 1971 film Get Carter?
- 10 Long time Question of Sport presenter Sue Barker represented Great Britain at which sport?

ANSWERS TO PETER'S MAY QUIZ TIME!

1 1981: 2 2003: 3 1982: 4 1994: 5 1984: 6 1970:

Editors' note: *A number of people have asked, "Who is Peter?". Well Peter Hutson for many years set quizzes for our Crossroads and ran quizzes as fundraisers for St George's Church until he died. This was just my attempt to thank him and to continue his name in our thoughts. Gone but not forgotten.*

QUIET PRAYER GROUP
is Meeting again
Friday 25 June at 2.30pm
in St George's Church

JILL'S JOTTINGS
from St Margaret's

Well, here we go again, it's moaning Minnie who cleans at St Margaret's, with her mates, Dianne and Marilyn. We have been working hard again, to keep our church together.

We do still attract several passing strangers who just want to take a look inside; it's nice when they come along, and we can tell them a little of the history of St Margaret's.

We enjoyed the short visit by applicants for Vicar, each one was so different. We are still managing to have our Thursday morning services thanks to Jonathan, and we seem to be attracting a few extra communicants. It's nice to see people enjoying our church and its services. We will soon be having a new Vicar in the Benefice; someone has been chosen but we just must be patient. I still see Bruce on odd occasions riding his bike around the area.

We will soon be losing Helen our Pioneer, who is training to be a Curate and then onto a Vicar. She will be moving to the Tredworth area, and will be sorely missed, but send her on to the next chapter in her life with lots of love and best wishes for the future.

Well, this moaning Minnie has just realised that she hasn't written a word about her mates; well Dianne and Marilyn will be with me on a Monday when we always put the world to rights when we meet up and I can check if we've got enough supplies and materials to use. I know that we have enough dusters but it's the Brasso and polish that I have to keep my eye on. The floor will have to have a good clean and then hand and knees to polish between the pews.

Dianne will be doing her bit by polishing the pews and Marilyn will be on the brass. Our little church will look and smell wonderful again.

So, for now, my friends, it's goodbye from mw until the next time.

JILL PONTER

The mother of three unruly children was asked whether or not she'd have children if she had her time over again. 'Yes', she replied 'but not the same ones.'

RIDDLE-ME-REE ANSWERS

1 All of the couples: 2 The doctor is the boy's mother: 3 A compass: 4 Your age!: 5 Your fingers:

DEANERY SYNOD WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2021

Finance

The Deanery Treasurer has resigned, so a 'Job Description' will be circulated soon. Meanwhile, everyone is struggling but Parish/Benefice efforts to meet their Parish Share are much appreciated. A proposed meeting for all PCC Treasurers will now be postponed until the new Deanery Treasurer is appointed. Methods of Contactless giving are being investigated.

Safeguarding

All PCC members are required to complete online safeguarding training (Level C0 and C1) ideally within 2 months of first term of service. Each session takes 90min/2hours and support may be needed, both for the technical stuff and for any personal experiences the training could trigger.

Deanery Strategy Plan

Thanks to everyone who returned the Deanery Questionnaire. The main points that came to the fore were: -

1. People want more of the same.
2. People are tired.
3. People don't know what's going on in their neighbouring parishes (or even in their own parish).

In view of this and on further reflection, the 4 stated objectives, Collaboration, Schools, Reaching Out and Ecumenical are now being regarded as 'tools' to assist the Main Aim of Mission and Ministry.

A small working party has been set up to draft proposals and is due to report back to the Bishops in November. Meanwhile PCCs are encouraged to re-examine lines of communication and explore ways to collaborate with neighbouring PCCs.

There was no other business and no date for the next meeting was set.

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Early – It was still dark: 2 John: 3 True: 4 Peace be with you: 5 Yes – he was called the twin: 6 life in his name: 7 Startled / Terrified: 8 Broiled fish: 9 Lays down his life: 10 Gentiles:



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya, what you doing? Trixie I am just looking out of the window. It's blowing quite a gale out there you know. But Maya, what's our Mum going out again for? That's the third time she's gone out. I know Trix, but I think that she's gone to Auntie Marg's and JoJo's. Maya, do you think we should find out from JoJo what is going on? You may be on to something there, Trix. Have you got the number for Auntie Marg? Let me get the book that out Mum looks at... ah, here it is, do you know what the number is, Trixie? I can't find Auntie Marg in the book!

Oh heck, the machine is ringing! Hello? Hello? Oh, it's you JoJo is everything alright at your house? Because my Mum has gone round to your place ever such a lot lately. What! What!! How did that happen, JoJo? Is my Mum with

Auntie Marg now? Where's she gone to now then? Oh, she's gone down the shop for something for your Mum. JoJo, is your Mum still in bed then? She's just got up, well how long has she been in bed? Two days! Did you say. Has my Mum got to go and see that place that humans go to? Maya, I don't know, but Auntie Jill did have to go on a machine. She was on it for ages and ages, she kept telling my Mum to behave herself. She spoke into the machine and then told her what was said. But how is Auntie Marg now, JoJo! She's much better and she managed to wash her hair and get into the shower. She says that her legs are still quite wobbly. Auntie Jill has got to take her to that place for humans for tests. I don't know how she copes with that Maya! I wonder if she has to have a pin and a gobstopper. I don't know but she comes home and puts the kettle on for a cup of tea. Well, JoJo we will give you a ring later, just to see how things are going. Oh, Oh, Auntie Marg wants the machine, tata then JoJo, tata.

Well Trixie, what do you make of that? Auntie Marg has wobbly legs and has to go to the bad place for humans, make you wonder don't it! It's just like us when our Mum takes us to that place that makes me shudder!

Have you seen Harry, lately Maya? No Trix, I haven't nor have I seen Yasmin either. I just don't know what's going on with those two. Oh look, It's the two Gingers and Star. Hello everyone, how on earth are you, Ging have you seen anything of Harry and Yasmin? No, I haven't, Maya. But as you know the weather was really lovely a couple of weeks ago but, then it took a turn for the worse and we nearly froze to death. Our Mum says we could go out and I expect Yasmin's Mum won't let her go out at all, she sneaks out when her Mum isn't watching though. Harry is still having health problems, don't know what the problem is. Maybe, he is getting a bit long in the tooth and doesn't fancy coming out in the cold. Star, how are things with you these days? Well Maya and Trixie, I have been getting to know a lot more of the felines in our area. There are two of the most wonderful puppies you've ever seen, I went into their garden and have been playing with them ever since. Their Mum doesn't seem to mind, so I'll continue playing with them.

So, what are we all waiting for, let's get to it, down the alley and into the cul-de-sac, you never know who we'll meet up with; but let's say cheerio to everyone first; it's 'bye from Maya, Trixie, the two Gingers and Star until the next time.

TRIXIE AND MAYA PONTER



Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute food to the Gloucester Foodbank on a regular basis. We continue to give out emergency food parcels to people every day, every week, every month and every year...

We continue to value your donations and we are in need of: -

- Tinned Rice pudding
- Tinned Fruit *
- Tinned Ready Meals
- Jars of Coffee
- Long Life Fruit Juice (not chilled) *
- Long Life Milk *
- Shower Gel
- Cup-a-Soup *
- Tinned Spaghetti *
- Toiletries
- Shampoo

*Items marked with * are those which are most needed*

Currently we don't need:

- Baked Beans
- Dry Pasta & Spaghetti
- Tea

Currently we are well supplied with:

- Soup
- Dry Pasta & Spaghetti
- Ladies Sanitary wear
- Nappies

Please leave donations in the box by the front at St Margaret's or the boxes at the back of St. George's. The Food Bank does not take fresh food. They do, however, value monetary donations which help pay for staff and rental costs, amongst other expenses.



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hello everyone...

It's me again, I'll just get on with what I've been upto...

Well, my Mum has been quite poorly; what's been wrong with her? I don't know, but she's definitely out of sorts! She's been in bed not doing anything, except feed me. Auntie Jill has been in a lot and boy did she tell my Mum off. She wasn't drinking or eating anything. How she expected to keep going, I don't know. She said that she had no energy to do anything. She kept going peculiar, her head was spinning whenever she stood up. At one stage she passed out and woke up sitting on the floor. That has now passed, I'm pleased to write. She is looking a bit better.

Auntie Jill came round and took her to that place where humans go to have tests done. They stick pins in humans just like us; I don't agree with it and I don't think my Mum does either. She says, she doesn't have the strength in her legs at the moment, but she'll get there, I'm sure.

I had to use that machine to have a chat to Maya and Trixie, they wanted to know just what was going on, because they weren't seeing a lot of their Mum as she was always with my Mum. That's not true, because my Mum is on her own with just me for company. Mind you, she does shout at me because I keep meowing; I think that she gets fed up with it...

I know that I can be extremely annoying, so get shut outside, Coo-er, we've had quite a bit of rain recently. I need to go outside but it's very wet. My Mum can't make it stop, but eventually I have to go out; but it's not long before I'm back in again. Then I must lick myself dry, so I can go to sleep on my Mum's bed. Sheer luxury...

Bye, for now, JoJo



MAY

Sun 30		TRINITY SUNDAY	
		Printed copies of our June Crossroads are available today	
	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
	3.30pm	Slimming World	
Thu 3	10.30pm	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 6		TRINITY 1	
	10.30am	Family Praise	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Adrian Slade	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 7		Schools go back	St G's
Tue 8	4.00pm	Benefice Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 9	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	St G's
Thu 10	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Fri 11		Burial of Ashes of Olga Ralphs RIP	St M's
Sun 13		TRINITY 2	
		July Crossroads article deadline	
		100 Club Draw	
	9.00am	Parish Communion with Michael Garland	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Michael Garland	St G's
	4.00pm	Messy Church planning meeting	St G's
Wed 16	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	St G's
Thu 17	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Sat 19	10.00am	Litter Pick – meet in St George's carpark	
Sun 20		TRINITY 3	
		Our Pioneer, Helen leaves us today	

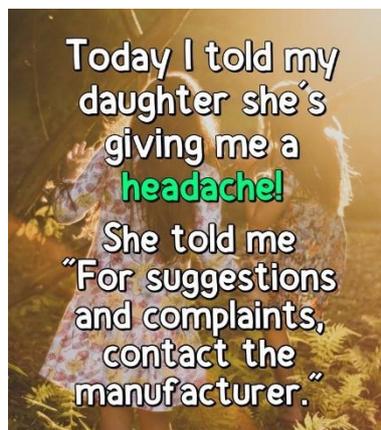
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Adrian Slade	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 21		July Crossroads printing	
Tue 22	7.00pm	Benefice Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 23	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	St G's
Thu 24	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Fri 25	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group meet	St G's
Sun 27		TRINITY 4 Ordination of Helen McGeoch Printed copies of July Crossroads available	
	9.00am	Parish Communion with TBA	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with TBA	St G's
Wed 30	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	St G's

JULY

Thu 1	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 4		TRINITY 5	
	10.30am	Family Praise	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Adrian Slade TBC	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong with prayers for healing	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...

I went for a job interview, I sat down in front of the manager and he asked, "What do you think is your worst quality?" I said, "I'm probably too honest." He replied, "That's not a bad thing, I think being honest is a good quality." I replied, "I don't care about what you think!"

My memory has gotten so bad lately, it has actually caused me to lose my job. I'm still employed. I just can't remember where.

People say the glass is half full. Others say the glass is half empty. Engineers say the glass is twice as big as necessary.

I asked the corporate wellness officer where I work if she could teach me yoga?" She said, "How flexible are you?" I replied, "Well, I can't make Tuesdays."

My boss says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.

The reason we "nod off to sleep" is so it looks like we're just emphatically agreeing with everything when we're in a boring meeting.

In my employment application it asked who should we notify in case of an emergency, I always wrote, "A very good doctor".

Teamwork is important; it helps to put the blame on someone else.

I'm great at multitasking. I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.

Nothing ruins a Friday more, than an understanding that today is only Tuesday.

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory; all I did was take a day off.

I always tell new employees, don't think of me as your boss, think of me as a friend who can fire you.