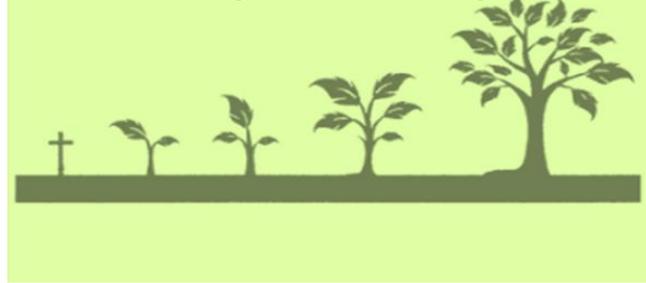


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OUR VICAR WRITES...

Paul and I are delighted to be here with you, and we are really looking forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks and months. We are also excited to soon be part of life at St George's and St Margaret's, which from your wonderful Benefice profile looks to be full of love and joy. Indeed, the content of your profile inspired me from the first look to want to walk with you on the next steps of the journey.

A little about me in way of introduction... Born and bred in Sheffield, I moved to Lincoln in my early twenties to train to be a primary school teacher. After teaching in a Catholic primary school in the city of Lincoln for a number of years, I worked in the Diocesan Office for a time.

During my teacher training a tutor suggested that I might have a vocation to be a priest. I thought this ridiculous at the time! However, over the years, this sense of vocation grew in prayer, and more and more people suggested it, to the point where I could avoid it no longer; I had to take the plunge and explore it. When I finally went to a selection conference, I was amazed and thrilled to get a 'yes' to train for ministry.

After a few years training in Cambridge, I have had a fantastic four years in curacy at St Giles, Lincoln, an urban estate parish. I have also had the privilege over the last year of covering an interregnum in a vibrant village parish, St Michael's Waddington.

Now, I am very excited to be here with you, as we listen for God's calling to us all in the months and years ahead here in Tuffley and Whaddon. In these still difficult days following the pandemic, let us all listen to one another carefully, and move forward together in prayer and love.

Please do be in contact by phone or email, or do pop by the Vicarage – there is becoming space between the boxes to sit down!

With every blessing,
RACHEL

He who plants a garden plants happiness. – Chinese proverb

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Our sympathies to the family and friends of: -
Sylvia (Robbie)Jean Rosetta Robinson RIP
Pearl Diana Jones RIP

Happiness is to hold flowers in both hands. – Japanese proverb

ST GEORGE'S 2021 APCM ELECTION RESULTS

Mike Brammer and Sylvia Evans were elected as Churchwardens. Linda Brown, Jayne Close, Derek Kingscote and Dot Martin will continue as Deputy Churchwardens.

Dawn Dolphin, Dot Martin, Roger Meadows, Linda Medwell, Stuart Mitchell, Darrell Stevens and David Westcott were elected Members of the Parochial Church Council.

Derek Kingscote will continue as St George's sole representative at the Deanery Synod; there are two other Deanery Synod Representative positions that remain vacant.

After the APCM, a special meeting of the new PCC elected David Westcott as Treasurer and Roger Meadows as Lay Chair.

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

St George's Standing Committee will consist of Lay Chair, Churchwardens and Treasurer. Darrell was asked to continue on the committee as St George's Centre representative, Stuart was asked to continue on the committee as the Benefice voice on Covid-19.

"Flowers are restful to look at. They have neither emotions nor conflicts." – Sigmund Freud

ST MARGARET'S APCM

At the St Margaret's APCM on 11th July, Hans Rackham and Jonathan MacKechnie-Jarvis were elected to serve for another year as churchwardens. There were no other candidates. Jilly Ponter and Malcolm Martin were appointed deputy wardens. Jilly will also continue as Electoral Roll officer.

Hans, Jonathan and Lorraine Best are all ex officio PCC members (Lorraine being a Deanery Synod representative). Mike Smith, Pete Best and Jenny Watts were all re-elected to serve a further year as PCC members. In addition, Georgina Wood was elected as a new recruit to the PCC, and to act as PCC Secretary. We are very grateful indeed to her for volunteering to serve.

Hans and Jonathan both spoke of the strains of the last year. The restrictions and extra admin brought about by Covid were of course on top of the inevitable work of the vacancy. Hans's technical skills, coupled with Pete's methodical admin, had kept the show on the road, but it had been a very busy year indeed. Hans expressed his thanks to me for organising the list of visiting clergy, and for leading Evensong and the mid-week Eucharist.

Exciting times lay ahead, however, with the anticipated return of singing in church and of course the red-letter day of Rachel's Induction service and the start of her work here. In the meantime, the St Margaret's congregation have been amazingly loyal through difficult times. And we must not forget our visiting clergy, who have seen us through the twelve months since Bruce's last service.

As Paul urged the Christians in Thessalonica: "in everything, give thanks" (I Thess. 5.18)

JONATHAN

"I always see gardening as escape, as peace really.

If you are angry or troubled, nothing provides the same solace as nurturing the soil."

Monty Don

SWIMMING IN THE RIGHT POOL...

Helen's ordination journey



The journey to ordination was not simple for Helen McGeoch, as she was content following Jesus and sharing her faith without taking the path to ordained ministry.

"I've been in leadership roles forever and I didn't see the need for ordination. Why do that? But now that I'm coming up to my ordination day, I have become more aware of being the people's representative for God and God's representative for the community, and that's a beautiful place to be."

She was employed as the children's outreach worker at St Catharine's, Gloucester, doing preaching, children's ministry, prayer spaces, leadership roles and sharing her faith with those she met.

"I'd seen previous friends go through the process of ordination, and I thought what's the point? I don't need to be a priest to love people."

However, her priest, the Revd John Itumu had other ideas! "John just wouldn't leave me alone! Every time we met together as a leadership team; he would bring up his feeling that I was called to ordained ministry.

"In the end, just to shut him up, I said that I would commit it to God in prayer for two weeks. He promised that if God didn't make her sure of a calling within those two weeks, John would never bring it up again. I know when I commit something to God in that way and I can journal my way through it, I know I hear God in a different way."

But things didn't turn out as Helen planned.

"I took it to God in my thoughts. The first day I just said, 'Here I am' and the second day I said, 'What if you wanted me to be a priest, to do some training ... talk to me, I'll do it if you want me to...'

"It was the biggest turnaround – it didn't take two weeks, just two days. I thought 'what if I said yes?' and it was like a physical feeling of a weightlifting

off my shoulders. Then I knew I was going to say yes, and I went to see Pauline Godfrey (Head of Discipleship and Vocations)."

It took a while before Helen was completely confident with her decision. She said, "I describe it in terms of dipping my toe in the water to see if it's too cold for me...now my big toe is in and it's ok, so I'll try to get in the water... Now I'm doggy paddling. I am swimming in this water, and it feels good. I can't see the edge of the swimming pool and there's a clear horizon in front of me. It's been a 'helluva ride' but I know I'm in the right swimming pool!"

One of Helen's favourite Bible verses is Philippians 4:6. It says, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done." She added, "The generosity of God makes me want to be the person who shines out Jesus."

Helen has very real experience of answers to prayer. When her son was 17, he had encephalitis and was extremely poorly. "I asked lots of people to pray for us at that time and we saw some real answers to prayer. One of the ladies who was praying for us said to me "I'm pretty new at this, but I'm pretty good at it!" David's resulting brain injury meant that for a time he was like a three-year-old in a 17-year-old's body. Now he's much improved and hoping to start university in 2022."

It's part of a pattern of God's faithfulness which Helen has known her whole life. She said, "God has been with me since my earliest years. My first memories were singing a song called "Jesus loves me, this I know" in Sunday school. I always knew Jesus was my friend and I always wanted my own kids to have that knowledge too. I love telling children that Jesus loves them – that he loves to listen to them, even when they whisper and even when they shout."

Helen was most recently community and families pioneer at St George's in Tuffley and will be joining St James' and Christ Church in Gloucester as a curate.



Helen was ordained deacon in Gloucester Cathedral on Sunday 27 June 2021.

Above, from left to right are Helen's sons Joseph, 23, David, 19 and Matthew, 26, with girlfriend Hannah Morgan.

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From the August 2021 Gloucester Diocese Messenger...

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RACHEL: REST AND RECOVER

On recent walks in green places, I have been reminded of the words of Psalm 23, The Lord is my Shepherd

This psalm affirms God's unending presence, goodness, and mercy in places of delight and places of darkness and fear, always holding before us the promise of eternal dwelling with God.

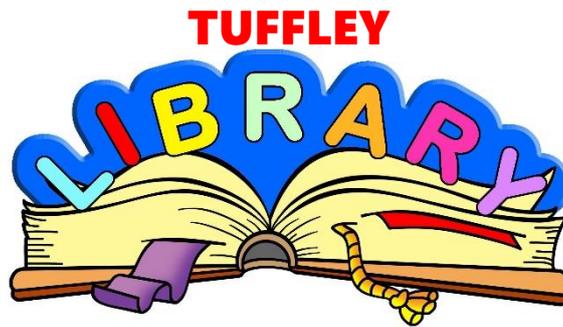
In my electronic diary the colour-coding for my rest time, holidays and retreats is green. The green of 'go' is not always about activity – it can also be the 'go' of 'letting go' and metaphorically lying down in green pastures and playing by streams; being still in prayer and transformed through scripture. Our rest and play, in right balance with our work, will restore us and lead to new discovery, not least of Self and God; and there will be space for healing and growth.

Sometimes we struggle to rest, but Psalm 23 reminds us that when we keep our eyes and hearts on God, it is God who makes us lie down. And if we refuse to do so we are in danger of a displaced arrogance implying that we are somehow above God and know best.

The staffs that Bishop Robert and I carry remind us that whilst we are still sheep of the Good Shepherd, we are also called to be shepherds of Christ's flock. So, this summer we hope that you are able to live a restorative rhythm which holds play, rest and work in good balance (noting that we all engage in work in its broadest sense).

With prayers for rest and blessing this summer,

+ Rachel



THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2021

Starting from Saturday 10th July, Gloucestershire Libraries are delighted to welcome all children to visit the library, to sign up for the challenge and enjoy some great new books, activities & events!

This year's theme is...



...with great new books and activities

at your local Gloucestershire library to help learn more about nature and how to protect our environment!

How to get involved!

Just visit your library anytime from the 10th July. If you're not a member, you can join up at the same time - it's all free.

Pick up your first two books along with your Summer Reading Challenge pack and you're off!

Visit three times in total and read 6 books any time before Sept 10th

Ask your library about free activities to get involved with and find new outdoor events coming soon to a library near you!

Why not get involved and join our new Facebook group? 'Summer Reading Challenge take over' will have lots of activities and nature chat to join in with!

MARGARET AND STEVE
Tuffley Library, Windsor Drive, Tel 01452 522160

PETER'S AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS OF THE FAMOUS

Here are a series of clues to famous people whose birthday it was in June.

- 1 Who is a rock musician who was previously a member of the Jeff Beck Group and also the Faces, but is best known as being a member of The Rolling Stones since 1975?
- 2 Who is the American crime novelist best known for her novels featuring Kay Scarpetta a medical examiner?
- 3 Who was born in June 1947; was a former labour MP, who now sits in the House of Lords and has been blind since birth?
- 4 Who is the American singer and actress who had a 1967 hit with her famous father with 'Somethin' Stupid'?
- 5 Who was born in 1965 and is one of twins to play international cricket for Australia a team he captained between 1997 and 2004?
- 6 Who is the English actress known for playing Rachel Bradley in 'Cold Feet' and Emily Waltham in 'Friends'?
- 7 Who was born in Manacor, Spain, is a tennis player of renown and has won 20 singles grand slams so far?
- 8 He is a British adventurer and Chief Scout best known by his nickname?
- 9 This is a stand-up comedian and actor who was born in Newcastle Upon Tyne, and is known for his spontaneous and improvised delivery?
- 10 She is a prolific Scottish crime writer responsible for 'The Mermaids Singing' and 'The Wire in the Blood' amongst many more.

ANSWERS TO PETER'S JULY QUIZ TIME!

- 1 Antoni Gaudi: 2 Six Days war: 3 Author: 4 Witchcraft (Salem witch trials):
5 a) 1829: 6 Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 Catherine of Aragon:
8 Captain James Cook: 9 World's first motor race: 10 Alcatraz:



Yes, I've decided to give Limericks a go, I haven't had any from the readers of Crossroads thus far but I'm sure that we will in due course. So here are a few that I have sourced, can you do better... or worse, remember I have the final say on what is acceptable for our readers.

*There once was a farmer from Leeds,
Who swallowed a packet of seeds.
It soon came to pass,
He was covered with grass,
But has all the tomatoes he needs.*

*I need a front door for my hall,
The one that I bought was too tall.
So, I hacked it and chopped it,
And carefully lopped it,
And now the dumb thing is too small.*

*There was a young lady of Cork,
Whose Pa made a fortune in pork.
He bought for his daughter,
A tutor who taught her,
To balance green peas on her fork.*

*One Saturday morning at three,
A cheese monger's shop in Patee.
Collapsed to the ground,
With a thunderous sound,
Leaving only a pile of de brie.*



ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH is hosting
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on behalf of the Church in Tuffley
on **SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST** from 2.00pm

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Thank you for your help in this matter

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." – Audrey Hepburn



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for June

- 1 The Scribes said of Jesus 'by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons', but what 9 letter word did they use to describe His demon?
- 2 In response Jesus responded, 'if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom ____ ____'. What are the two missing words?
- 3 Again it was said of Him, 'He has an ____ spirit'. What is the missing word?
- 4 In the parable of the growing seed describes the process as follows, 'The earth produces of itself, first the ____, then the ____, then the ____ ____ in the ____'. Can you fill in the blanks?
- 5 Often when Jesus was giving a parable, He would start by saying, 'What can we compare ____ ____ ____ to'. What words are missing?
- 6 What 3 words did Jesus use to calm the storm on Lake Galilee?
- 7 Then turning to His disciples he asked, 'Why ____ ____ ____?'
- 8 A synagogue leader had a daughter who was ill. What was the name of this leader?
- 9 The woman with the 'issue of blood'. How many years had she suffered?
- 10 According to Jesus what had made her well?

Answers to this month's Gospel Truth Bible Quiz are printed later in this issue

QUIET PRAYER GROUP
is meeting again
Friday 27 August at 2.30pm
in St George's Church

"Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them." – A A Milne

JILL'S JOTTINGS
from St Margaret's

Well, my friends, it's me again, the moaning Minnie, who does at St Margaret's with her mates Marilyn and Dianne. It's been a funny kind of time for us hasn't it, we are waiting patiently for our new Vicar, Rachel to arrive so we are doing everything in our power to make sure that St Margaret's is as spick and span as we can make it.

Marilyn is still on brass and doing a sterling job, when she takes the brass out of the windows, she takes a brush and cleans the windowsills, it's surprising how much dust collects on them and there are so many dead flies and wasps on those windowsills. Makes me wonder why they don't fly back out of the door once they fly in, silly thought that, but is that just me?

We have had quite a number of people come into the churchyard lately and when they see the door open pop into our church, we've had visitors from all over the place. People who have not visited for a while due to Covid restrictions and they say how lovely the church and churchyard are. There is a new family recently moved into the house next door to St Margaret's. They've been busy drilling and banging which makes for some comical conversations I can tell you.

Dianne remains Queen of the furniture polish and I'm still in charge of the floor between pews; the other day when someone came into St Margaret's and heard three people talking but could only see two as I was on my hands and knees polishing under the pews. I bet they were frightened to death when my head popped up above the pew, we all had a giggle over that!

We girls take a lot of pride in what we do, it's worth getting up early for. We enjoy putting the world to rights and interacting with whomsoever visits St Margaret's.

Our Thursday service continues to be enjoyed by those who support it. Jonathan currently covers this service at which around thirteen communicants; Lorraine Best preaches on occasions and David Westcott read the lessons occasionally. It is a joy to see others taking part in the service.

Well, my friends, that's about all from me this month, as I've used up all my think, so until the next time, it's bye for now!

JILL PONTER

"The biggest obstacle to good gardening is the desire to know the answers and not the questions."

Monty Don



SUMMER AT THE FEEDING HUB

Here's yet another report from our hanging feeders, or the Feeding Hub as many of the birds are now calling it. This summer we have kept the bird-food going right through, as the bird-food merchants urge one to do (surprise, surprise). The results have been most interesting, and well worth the extra trouble and outlay. What have we seen?

The birds are in their summer plumage, and in some cases looking pretty bedraggled. The blue tits are especially washed-out, with very little blue, compared to their winter finery. Many of the regular visitors are keeping away, for instance the gangs of long-tailed tits are not very often seen. No sign of the blackcaps or of the shy coal tit.

The great spotted woodpeckers have stolen the show, however. During the winter and spring, we hardly saw them, but with a family to support they have been regular visitors lately, demolishing suet slabs at a rate of knots. Several times we saw Mrs Woodpecker (no red spot on neck) passing suet to one or other of the young ones (they have a fine red cap, which disappears as they grow up). The woodpeckers, including the juveniles, are adept at seeing off other birds, with a rapid pecking movement. They are extremely agile and use the post like a ladder, up or down, then hop to the feeder, happily pecking upside down as if they were blue tits.

By contrast most (but not all) of the blackbirds are completely at sea with their technique on the hanging feeders. A little larger than the nimble woodpeckers, they hang onto the feeders with great difficulty, flapping their wings madly and no doubt using up a lot of energy in the process.

Among the more unusual visitors, there was a male bullfinch one day in late May. He didn't use the feeders but poked around the garden for a few minutes and hasn't been spotted since. A male greenfinch came by about the same time – the first I have seen for many years, and certainly not the common garden visitor they once were. This one lighted on the suet block feeder for a few moments and then flew away. Possibly it wasn't the right flavour for him. Birds are remarkably fussy – have you noticed?

Best of all was a brief visit by a jay. It landed on the bird table, looked around without much enthusiasm, and flew off a moment later. Could there be a more spectacular visitor to our Feeding Hub? Having established the principle, how can I attract him or her and family to attend more regularly? Clearly, they are too big for hanging feeders, and the bird table is now arranged so as to deter crows and wood pigeons from scooping the stuff in one sitting. I would happily make a regular donation to the UK Jays Benevolent Fund to ensure a regular sighting, but money can't buy everything, I fear.

JONATHAN

“Gardening is learning, learning, learning.

That's the fun of them. You're always learning.” – Helen Mirren



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya, are you up there, Maya? No, Trix, I'm right behind you, what do you want me for now? Oh, not much, Maya, I just wanted to see where you were, so I could have another go on that machine. Do you know how to get Auntie Marg's machine number? Oh, no I don't know how to do that, Maya, but I did ask JoJo to give us a bell this morning, so I'm just sitting here waiting. Oh, I see! Here it goes, you pick it up Trix. It's probably JoJo! Oh, thanks Maya, hello, hello, is that you JoJo?

Yes, it's me Trixie. My you sound as though you have had a bit of an upset, JoJo. You have, why what happened. Our Mum came up to see your Mum and she what? She never did? What did she do that for? And she shut the bedroom door! Oh, you poor thing, and then what happened? She did what? And she did what? And then what did she do? Well, I'll go to the foot of our stairs! Then she got a pole and shoved it up your back! How did she do that JoJo? She wanted to get you from under the bed in you Mum's bedroom. And what happened next? Maya, isn't this exciting? Give the machine to me, Trix.

Hi, JoJo, Maya here! How are you doing? Oh, not so bad, just keeping Trixie in hand. The usual you know. Then what did they do, JoJo? What happened after that, JoJo? Oh, well I never did. You got shoved out of the way and your Mum caught you and picked you up! What did you do? You yelled at your Mum to put you down. But my Mum got that box thing on the bed and your Mum shoved you headfirst into it! Oh, JoJo, you poor thing. And our Mum took you downstairs and put you in her vehicle thing. Oh, JoJo, I really do feel for you. You had to wait in there and a lady doctor came and took you away into that place where they do all sorts of things to you. Did your Mum go with you, JoJo? She did! Well, I expect she wanted to keep an eye on you. And what did they do to you, JoJo? Oh, the gobstopper! And the pin! Oh, JoJo. I can feel that myself! Did it hurt you JoJo? What happened to your toes, JoJo? Are they still there?

I bet that your Mum, looked the other way when they did that, didn't she? No! she just told the lady to make sure she took enough off. Well, JoJo, I'll go to the foot of our stairs, again! Then they carried you back to our Mum and she strapped you into her car. I bet you could have slapped someone when she did that, but she did take you straight home. Then what did you do once you were out of that box, JoJo? You went to your food bowl and ate, then you went out into the garden to hide! What did your Mum say, JoJo? Oh, you are naughty, JoJo. You stayed out very late. I bet your Mum was not very happy about having to stay up to let you in again. Well, I never did. Did you get lots of hugs and kisses, you old softy you? I bet your Mum only took you to that place because you needed to go. I think I heard your Mum saying about taking us to have some shots or something. I don't know what that means, but I'm sure it's something to do with that horrible place!

Trixie, Trixie, come and say cheerio to JoJo. Oh, alright, ta-ta JoJo, speak to you real soon. Yes, I'll give the Gingers, Harry and Yasmin your best. Ta-ta from me JoJo, Trixie and Maya, until the next time.

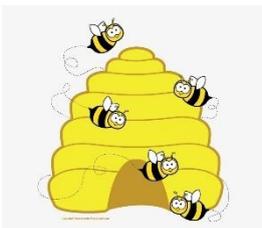
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TRIXIE AND MAYA PONTER

"Use plants to bring life." – Douglas Wilson

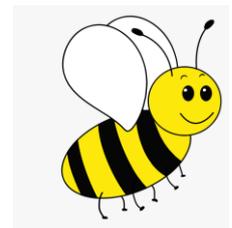
GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Beelzebub: 2 cannot stand: 3 unclean: 4 stalk, head, full grain, head: 5 the Kingdom of God: 6 Peace, be still: 7 are you afraid: 8 Jairus: 9 twelve: 10 her faith:

A bee is never as busy as it seems; it's just that it can't buzz any slower -Kin Hubbard



**WHY ARE BEES SO
IMPORTANT?**



Ever wondered where all the food that you eat comes from? Well, it might surprise you that a significant proportion is provided by bees one way or another. If you look at the plate of food on your dinner table, bees have played their part either pollinating the many vegetables and fruits we eat directly or pollinating the food for the animals that we then consume. And that's not all bees do for us - honey and wax are two other important products that come courtesy of bees.

But honeybees are disappearing globally at an alarming rate due to pesticides, parasites, disease and habitat loss. If these little insects that help provide so much of the food we eat were to vanish, what would we do without them?

Pollination is the vital process in flowering plant reproduction involving the transfer of pollen grains from the anther (or male part) to the stigma (or female part) of the same, or another plant of the same species. The fertilised egg cells grow into seeds which are then spread in the many fruits and vegetables that we all love to eat. This transfer of pollen can be done by the wind, birds, bats, mammals and of course insects; one of the most important of these are the honeybees that pollinate on a huge commercial scale. All sorts of fruit and vegetables are pollinated by honeybees, such as broccoli and squash, apples and almonds. Pollination is not just important for the food we eat directly, it's vital for the foraging crops, such as field beans and clover, used to feed the livestock we depend on for meat. Just as importantly, it helps to feed many other animals in the food chain and maintains the genetic diversity of the flowering plants.

So, when you hear a bee a buzzing or see one on a flower, just say thank you Mr Bee, please come back again.

Here in the UK, we have a housing shortage and globally we have a rising human population. While buildings, farmland, industry and green lawns are good for us, they are not good for bees. It's a sad reality that bees are losing the natural habitats (natural meadows and countryside) they directly helped to create.

Think on...

Did you know that we have a bug hotel in the grounds of St George's? This is another way in which St George's church is supporting wildlife in church grounds.



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they know they shall never sit in. – Greek proverb*

CROSSROADS ARTICLES

Glenda and I are happy to accept and consider articles for Crossroads at any time from contributors, if you feel that you have an article or poem in you that you could write, what better time is there than to do it now? We would prefer articles to be emailed to us at ds52604@gmail.com or they can be emailed to the church office at stgeorgeschurch1@gmail.com our deadline each month is always the 13th but, of course, you can send an article in as early as you like. If you are sending something that you have seen or read, please make sure that you have permission for it to be reproduced. Cheers!

GLEND A AND DARRELL



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hello everyone...

It's your favourite feline chatting. What a week I've had, Firstly, I had to go to that place of torture again. I had to have a pin, I thought it came out of the other side of my neck!

Then came the nail clippers; they tried to cut off my toes, again!! To say I was not happy is an understatement. I was poked, prodded and checked all over, then I had my back end examined, just because I keep licking it and make it very sore. I don't know why my Mum gets upset about it because it doesn't bother me. My Mum tells me off and sometimes I get a smack. I'm even told off by Auntie Jill; I can't win either way. I now have to take tablets, which I hate, and always struggle to get free. But it doesn't work because my Mum holds me very firmly. I make as much noise as I possible so that someone might hear me and come to my rescue – no such luck! I'm told that its for my own good! I don't see it that way.

I must confess that I have a good life with my Mum though sometimes I'm shut up in her bedroom all because that pesky dog comes to stay for a few hours. I can hear her from upstairs, but she's not allowed to come up. You should hear my Mum and Auntie Jill, they're really soppy over her.

My Mum is feeling a lot better now, but she has to take tablets that help her. I do try and have a chat to Maya and Trix which I can only do when my Mum and Auntie Jill go out together. They've told me that their house is in a bit of a pickle, Auntie Jill is redecorating; she's not so young as she was so it's a lot harder now. But she'll get there in the end, no doubt.

Bye for now...
 JOJO WHITTLE



JULY

Sun 25		TRINITY 8	
		August Crossroads available	
	9.00am	Parish Communion with Archdeacon Hilary	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Archdeacon Hilary	St G's
Mon 26	7.00pm	Collation & Induction of Rev Rachel Beck as parish priest for St George's and St Margaret's	
Wed 28	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	MH
Thu 29	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M'
Fri 30	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	St G's

AUGUST

Sun 1		TRINITY 9	
	10.30am	Family Praise	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with our Vicar Rev Rachel Beck	St G's

	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Tue 3	4.00pm	Benefice Standing Committee tbc	Zoom
Wed 4	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World sessions	MH
Thu 5	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Fri 6	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
Sun 8		TRINITY 10	
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
Tue 10	9.30am	Parish Communion tbc	St G's
Wed 11	8.15am	Morning Prayer	St G's
	3.30pm	Slimming World sessions	MH
Thu 12	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Fri 13		September/October Crossroads deadline	
Fri 13	3.00pm	Wedding of Ian Philip Arthur Maysey & Kimberley Jane Porter	St M's
Sun 15		TRINITY 11	
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	12.30pm	Baptism of Kash-James Morley & Lainey-Marie Morley	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Tue 17	9.30am	Parish Communion tbc	St G's
	7.00pm	PCC meeting tbc	
Wed 18	8.15am	Morning Prayer	St G's
	10.00am	Private let of Centre	SH/SL
	11.00am	Celebration of the life of Ruby Lodge	St G's
	3.30pm	Slimming World sessions	MH
	7.30pm	Refresh	tbc
Thu 19	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 22		TRINITY 12	
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	2.00pm	CiT Congregation's Picnic at English Martyrs	
Mon 23		September/October Crossroads printing	
Tue 24	9.30am	Parish Communion tbc	St G's
Wed 25	8.15am	Morning Prayer	St G's
	3.30pm	Slimming World sessions	MH
Thu 26	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's

Fri 27	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	St G's
Sat 28		CiT ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP LITTER PICK see Signpost for upto date information	
Sun 29		TRINITY 13	
		September/October Crossroads available	
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
Mon 30		Summer Bank Holiday	
Tue 31	9.30am	Parish Communion tbc	St G's

SEPTEMBER

Wed 1	8.15am	Morning Prayer tbc	St G's
	3.30pm	Slimming World sessions	MH
Thu 2	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Fri 3	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
	7.30pm	St George's Entertainers	SH/SL
Sun 5		TRINITY 14	
	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 or is wrong in the above listing of dates please let us know so we can update our information for the future. Many thanks



Does ours look like this? Go and find out...

LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

The following appeared in Church bulletins or were announced in church!

The sermon this morning is entitled 'Jesus Walks on water'. The sermon at Evensong tonight will be entitled 'Searching for Jesus'.

Ladies don't forget the rummage sale next Saturday. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Please bring your husbands.

Miss Charlotte Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next week the Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break forth into joy'.

Our Potluck Supper will be on Sunday at 5.00pm, prayer and medication will follow shortly afterwards.

At our Evensong this evening the Vicar's sermon will be called 'What is Hell'. Please come early if you want to hear our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7.00pm there will be hymn singing in the park across the road. Please bring a blanket and be prepared to sin.

Our Curate unveiled our new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday; 'I Upped My Pledge – So Up Yours'.

Next Sunday is Easter Day, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Next Saturday, our church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.