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St George's Tuffley and St Margaret's Whaddon

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ST GEORGE'S
ST MARGARET'S

Every Sunday
1st Sunday

2nd Sunday
3rd Sunday
4th Sunday
5th Sunday
Thursday

Parish Communion at 10.30am
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Evensong at 5.00pm
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OUR VICAR WRITES...

Remembering

In the Church, November is a month of remembering. How easily we can forget our memories are unreliable, especially as the years pass. This month of remembrance is a time for us to share memories and to give thanks for those who have made a difference in our lives, often at great cost to themselves. These people include the saints of the Church, the saints who were known personally to us, and those who have died in conflict.

On 1 November we celebrate All Saints Day, when we remember and give thanks for those recognised by the Church as Saints – we might think of them as saints with a capital S. Some Saints, such as our patron Saints of St George and St Margaret have specific celebration days, but many do not have a dedicated day and so we remember all these on All Saints Day. St Margaret of Scotland's celebration day happens to fall in November too!

On 2 November we celebrate All Souls Day, when we remember and give thanks for all the faithful departed, those known to us and those known only to their loved ones – we might think of these as saints with a lower-case s. To mark this, churches around the world often have a special service on this day, or on the Sunday closest. Here, the service is known as a Time to Remember and in previous years has been held jointly with the Church in Tuffley. Thankfully this tradition continues, and this year the Time to Remember service will be held at St Barnabas Church on 7 November at 4.00pm. See more information about this service from Pete further through Crossroads. Please do support this service if you can.

Remembrance Sunday this year will be marked on 14 November. It will be a joy and a privilege to have Bishop Robert with us at both churches – 9.00am Parish Communion at St Margaret's and at St George's 10.30am. Both services will conclude with an Act of Remembrance. We are delighted that the uniformed organisations will be on parade at St George's, and what a lovely opportunity to join together for refreshments afterwards in the Centre. Please note, therefore, that there will not be a Communion service at St George's on this Sunday. On Remembrance Day on 11 November, there will be the usual

Thursday morning Parish Communion at St Margaret's at 10.30am and this will also conclude with an Act of Remembrance.

What a lot of opportunities for remembering and giving thanks!

God bless you all,
RACHEL

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

St Margaret's

Millie Elizabeth Catherine Pardey

Freddie John King

St George's

Athena Kathleen Berry

FUNERALS

Our sympathies to the family and friends of: -

Margaret Rowell

Eileen Hyett

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Ruby Jenkins



We had a meeting in October where we chatted about how we all came to be worshipping at St George's, followed by tea and biscuits. Our November meeting will be on 9 November; when we will be having a talk and demonstration of Christmas crafts from Jeanne Wilson's daughter, Marian. All welcome.

I am planning to enrol at least two new members on Advent Sunday, 28 November.

SYLVIA CHAMBERLAIN



The circumstances we find ourselves in as we approach 'Time to Remember' this year are strange. Who would have thought we would still be concerned about the possibility of Coronavirus increasing over the winter period?

Last year 'Time to Remember' at St George's required a great deal of planning. People were asked to book. Seating was allocated with decisions made as to who sat where. In all we had about 60 people attend.

Leaders from the Church in Tuffley gave prayers and readings throughout the service and unlike previous years, when the names of the loved ones who had passed were read out, Father Gerry Walsh from English Martyrs produced a PowerPoint which displayed the names of those who are loved and missed. Helen McGeoch organised appropriate music which added to the reflective mood of the service.

This year 'Time to Remember' will be held at St Barnabas on the 7 November at 4.00pm.

Rev Sarah Todd explains it is a chance to gather together as the Church in Tuffley to remember those we love but see no longer through music, prayers, readings and reflection.

By the time you read this the service will be one week away. If you wish to attend, but haven't yet informed Glenda, then please do so as soon as possible. For those who cannot attend St Barnabas but wish to have the opportunity of lighting a candle and spending a few quiet moments remembering their loved one(s) The Lady Chapel in St George's will be available between 10.30am and noon on Tuesday 2nd November.



Advent (from the Latin *adventus* meaning “coming”) begins on 28 November this year, marked as Advent Sunday. The season of Advent, as it first emerged in the Church in the fourth and fifth centuries, lasted, like Lent, for 40 days. Later tradition developed the Advent we know today, of four Sundays before Christmas Day.

It is one of my favourite times in the Church year; a time of expectation and preparation, of watching and waiting. During Advent, we are not only anticipating the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, at Christmas, but we are also looking towards the time when Jesus will come again, the time when the Kingdom of God will be fully realised throughout all creation.

Through Advent, our churches are often more sparsely decorated, and purple, the traditional colour of preparation, is often used. This enables a powerful contrast, as we go into the Christmas season – one of celebration, of light, with white and gold colours representing this. Since Advent falls during the Winter in this country, the symbols of darkness and light are particularly poignant, and there will be various services in our churches during Advent that will highlight this.

Since Advent is a time of preparation and a time of looking afresh at our faith, it is also a traditional time to take part in a study or prayer group. In our benefice this Advent, we are offering two such opportunities. Starting in the morning on Tuesday 7 December in the Softley Lounge, Susan will lead an informal gathering, looking at the glorious stories we have in Luke surrounding the coming of our Saviour, Jesus. Starting on Thursday 2 December at 7.00pm at the Vicarage, there will be the opportunity to reflect on the theme of Advent hope, through reflecting on clips from the classic film, *A Christmas Carol*, and using a book called, ‘*Humbug and Happiness*’ written by Sheila Jacobs. Please do come along to one or both (!) of these if you can, as we share in the time of Advent together.

RACHEL



Family Praise at St Margaret's started just over twenty-five years ago. Whatever it has been, predictable it never will be! With a small nucleus of regulars, and the many calls on family life, meaning that folk may have to be elsewhere, it can be hard to know who is likely to be there on any given Sunday... or what the average age will be. Whoever is leading the service needs to be ready for a quick change of plan. So, it proved on Harvest Sunday.

Covid has had quite an effect on Family Praise. Numbers generally have been at rather a low ebb for quite a while, and congregations have been largely adult. What a lovely surprise therefore on Harvest Sunday to have a bumper congregation, with plenty of children.

Susan had prepared a talk on Ruth. Now, there's an Old Testament character about whom we don't hear a lot these days. There's a lot of real relevance in her story, and her life started to change at Harvest time. I think Susan was expecting a largely adult audience, but the average age proved to be a lot lower than that! A slight change of style therefore, and some very good replies by the way, to the questions she threw out at the children.

We sang two songs and made a goodly noise with the instruments. Lorraine led our prayer time, when we took our harvest offerings to the altar. These were taken to the Foodbank and to Emmaus the next day. All in all, a refreshing Family Praise. Here's to the next time: I wonder what the good Lord will provide for us?

Recently we replaced the rather dog-eared service cards. We have added a short and simple form of Creed, rather similar to what we use at a baptism. Talking of which we have several baptisms in the offing. We have recently had a Family Praise wedding, and another is happening next spring. St Margaret's banns are now always read at Family Praise.

With the remembrance season, Advent and Christmas looming up, these will be busy times. But predictable? Definitely not, and that's the essence of Family Praise.

JONATHAN



CHRISTMAS SERVICES!

Whilst it might feel a little early to be thinking about Christmas services, how lovely it is to be able to plan for such in a slightly more usual way than last year. Of course, there is still the need to be careful and cautious, but we are hopeful that the following services will be able to go ahead, with congregational singing and refreshments. We will still be asking people to let us know if they would like to attend one of the candlelit carol services at St Margaret's due to the limited space, we are confident we will be able to accommodate all who wish to come though – more details about how to book will be in the next edition of Crossroads and on our social media.

Dates for your diary...

Saturday 11 December	10.00am	Christmas Messy Church
Thursday 16 December	7.00pm	Candlelit Carols at St Margaret's
Sunday 19 December	4.00pm	Carol service at St George's
Tuesday 21 December	7.00pm	Candlelit Carols at St Margaret's
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Family worship (scratch nativity / Treasure Hunt for Crib / other) at St George's <i>TBC</i>
	11.30pm	Christmas Communion at St George's
Christmas Day	10.00am	Christmas Family Praise with Communion at St Margaret's <i>TBC</i>
Sunday 26 December	10.30am	Said Parish Communion at St George's



COFFEE POT

Well, hello everyone, just a few lines to let you all know that Coffee Pot is up and running. We are offering tea, coffee, biscuits and toast currently, and we hope to be able to offer a sandwich option of cheese, bacon or egg again in the future. We open at 10.00am on a Tuesday morning and close at 12.00noon.

Everyone is welcome, so, please do come and join us in St George's Centre, hope to see you soon.

JILL

REFRESH – A SEASON OF CREATION

Between 1 September and 4 October all churches were encouraged to hold a 'celebration' to mark the Season of Creation. This year the theme for the season was 'a home for all'. The Refresh service in September hosted by English Martyrs Church centred around this theme. Fr Gerry led the service, with George playing the organ, and another member of their congregation reading prayers and Scripture. We praised God for his gift of this earth and promised to care of it and share the beautiful gifts across the human family. The service was one that had been put together nationally by many different denominations and so it was ideal for the Church in Tuffley Refresh service.

It was a good evening and ended with refreshments in the Hall. I was particularly moved by a special version of the Lord's Prayer, adapted from the 'New Zealand Book of Prayer'.

*Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.*

PAUL



**STARTS
AGAIN IN
NOVEMBER**

JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

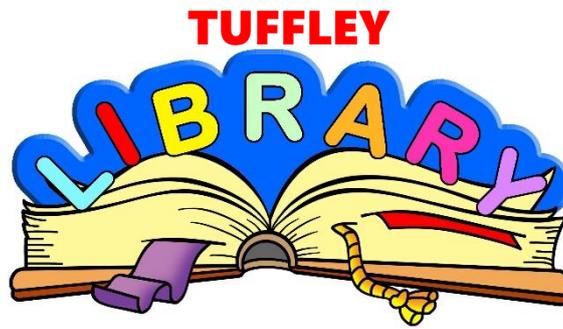
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...WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

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

Thank you for your help in this matter



Tuffley Library is delighted to announce that two of our regular groups are starting up again as follows: -

Every Thursday from 21 October

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

A singalong rhyme time for babies and young children
from 10.30am until 11.00 am

Life Changes

An informal, supportive social group for those aged 55+ experiencing change
such as relocation, illness, bereavement from 2.00 pm onwards.

Due to current Library policy *these events must be pre booked* so we do not exceed our numbers. You can do this in several ways: -

Phone the library: 01452 522160

Email the library: tuffleylibrary@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Online: www.gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk

Watch this space for further news about our other groups and activities. Library staff assure you always of a warm welcome and are more than happy to help you in your book choice. Do pay us a visit!

Mondays from 10.00am until 1.00pm and 2.00pm until 5.00pm

Tuesdays from 2.00pm until 5.00pm

Thursdays 10.00am until 1.00 and 2.00pm until 5.00pm

Fridays from 2.00pm until 5.00pm: Saturdays from 10.00am until 1.00pm

SEE YOU SOON!

MARGARET AND STEVE

Tuffley Library, Windsor Drive, Tel 01452 522160

ST GEORGE'S CENTRE

St George's Centre is getting back to being the busy centre of Tuffley once again. Most of our regular users are back with us, although some have had to reduce the length of their let as not so many of their members have started back with them.

We are getting a number of private let inquiries too, which underlines the fact that we are returning to being, almost, as busy as we were before Covid entered our lives.

We do have some spare capacity for new users, but we are getting inquiries about that too, I think that the latest inquiry was about 'Baby Massage Classes'' Glenda tells me that those classes are due to start in November.

Some sad news that I heard only today just before I wrote this article was that Sheila Stephens has died, Sheila was the librarian and main contact for the Gloucester Charter Concert Band who rehearse on a Thursday evening in the small hall. Sheila was also a playing member of the band; she and her late husband, Keith ran the band for many years, with their son Simon conducting for many of them too. Some of our readers may remember Keith being a Churchwarden for a time at St George's.

We send our love and prayers to Sheila's family especially to son, Simon and daughter, Paula for their loss.

Extract from **The Messenger, November 2021** *COP26 special edition*

What does COP26 mean for Christians?

World leaders are meeting in Glasgow until 12 November, at COP26 (Council of Parties) in what is considered the most significant climate change conference since Paris 2015. We need leaders to make significant commitments to change and to quickly put decisions into practice.

In church, as well as considering our relationship with God, we consider matters concerning our relationship with others. We are taught to consider the

vulnerable and to be grateful with enough rather than indulging greed. The global poor are currently suffering the most, particularly those living close to the equator. There is an impact on wildlife worldwide who are finding their habitats changing due to the warming temperatures, with many losing territory and therefore struggling for survival.

Our current government and local MP have the power to make the decisions at this point. We should pray that their hearts and minds may be open to right choices, and that they may have the courage to do and say what is needed.

Pray for those representing us at COP, your MP, and our government that

- their hearts and minds will be open to see what is needed
- they may have the courage needed to do and say what is right
- that God's wisdom will guide the whole proceedings
- that blockages will be freed for progress to be made.

More prayer resources at <https://greenchristian.org.uk/pray-for-cop26>

How can I make a difference?

Home

Make a commitment not to turn the heating on until everyone in the house is wearing 3 layers (remembering to consider the needs of any vulnerable people in your home).

Take it further... complete a carbon footprint assessment for your home.

www.climatestewards.org/offset
or <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/questionnaire>

Church

Register with Eco Church at <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk> (there is a similar scheme available for schools at eco-schools.org.uk).

Pick one action from the 'buildings' section and complete it – perhaps

- switching the church onto a green tariff for energy
- swapping the loo roll to recycled paper
- noting the energy efficiency rating of your boiler or
- checking for double glazing or LED lightbulbs.

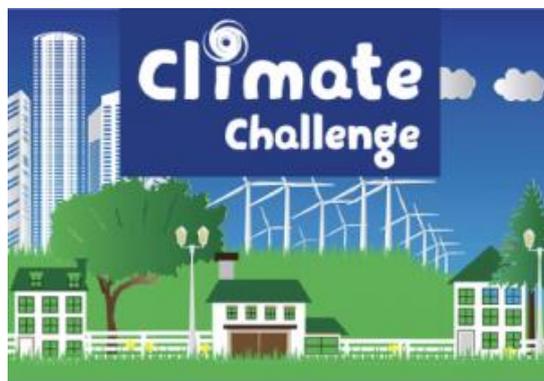
Share what you've done with others and plan for the next step.

Community

Add your voice to one or more of the campaigns below

- Christian Aid's template letter for you to send to your MP
www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/engage-your-mp-cop26
- Sign Christian Aid's climate justice petition
www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/climate-justice-2021
- Sign Tearfund's open letter <https://bit.ly/2ZXbfBV>

See also Abby Button's challenge to us all, later in this issue...



CLIMATE CHANGE QUIZ FROM TRAIDCRAFT

1. This is an example of a fossil fuel. (4)
2. Carbon Dioxide, methane, water vapour and other human-made gases allow solar radiation to enter the atmosphere. What do we call these gases? (10,5)
3. By burning fossil fuels, we are adding more of this into the atmosphere. Also known as CO₂. (6,7)
4. Rising sea levels, shrinking mountain glaciers, icecaps melting and changes in flower and plant blooming times are all the results of what? (7,6)
5. A process where there is no net release of CO₂ is known as being carbon...? (7) (A company or country can achieve this by carbon offsetting, like planting trees.)
6. The amount of carbon we emit is known as our carbon...? (9)
7. A fuel derived from renewable, biological sources, including crops such as maize and sugar cane, and some forms of waste. (7)
8. Using natural replenished resources to create energy, such as sunlight, wind, and water, is known as what sort of energy? (9)

Answers to this quiz are printed later in this issue of Crossroads



Great news, Messy Church is coming back to St George's Church!

Messy Church starts on Saturday 13 November from 10.00am until 11.30am and will take place on the second Saturday of each month thereafter.

Everyone is welcome. Messy church is not just for children; it is for everyone. Come and meet your friends and make new ones.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all again.

THE MESSY CHURCH TEAM

**ST GEORGE'S
100 CLUB**

The December 100 Club Draw will take place before the 10.30am Service at St George's on Sunday 12 December; so, if you are intending to join get your skates on and see me. Prizes for our December draw will be £100, £50 and £25 so well worth taking part...

Members have to be over 16 years of age

Each share in St George's 100 Club will cost £1.00 per month

Payments must be up to date on or before the first Sunday of each month

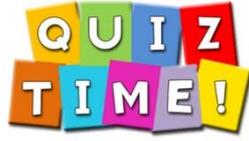
Maximum holding per member is 5 shares

Draws will be made in March, June, September and December

A full set of rules is available upon request.

Please talk to the promoter Darrell

PETER'S NOVEMBER



- 1 Into which sea does the Nile flow?
- 2 Three continents lie on the Tropic of Capricorn, South America is one, name any of the other two?
- 3 In American currency 10 cents make a what?
- 4 Afrikaans was developed from which European language?
- 5 An Ortanique is a cross between a tangerine and what other fruit?
- 6 What Italian word for 'Scratched Drawing' can be found on walls all over the world?
- 7 What musical features 'Some Enchanted Evening' and 'There Is Nothing Like A Dame'?
- 8 What was the name of the first manned lunar landing mission in 1969?
- 9 Which boxer was nicknamed 'The Dark Destroyer'?
- 10 What was the name of Ritchie Valens' girlfriend?

ANSWERS TO PETER'S SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER QUIZ TIME!

1. One Foot in the Grave: 2. Blackadder: 3. Little Britain: 4. 'Allo 'Allo!:
5. Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em: 6. The Good Life: 7. Red Dwarf:
8. The Vicar of Dibley: 9. Father Ted: 10. Only Fools and Horses:

NEVER ARGUE WITH CHILDREN

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said that it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human being because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated, that a whale could not swallow human being; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven, I'll ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?". The little girl said "Then, you can ask him!"

Provided by Tony Jones



We've got more limericks from our reader Tony J the Tuffley poet

Two politicians decided to fight
Because one was wrong, the other right
But a coin was found
Tossed not making a sound
As someone nicked it disappearing from sight

I'd like to book a cruise
But have no money to lose
So, I'm going instead
Where I'm likely to be fed
Something better than salad and booze

There was a vicar from Peru
Who unfortunately lost a shoe
So, he cut off a leg
And decided to beg
When a new pair arrived out of the blue

...and one from me
There once was a man with a beard
Who constantly avoided by his wife being sheared
One day, whilst full of ardour
He went out and found a barber
Surprisingly, he was clean shaven when he reappeared

*Surely you can do better than mine? Get your **CHRISTMAS** themed limericks to me by 13 November and we'll see!*



QUIET PRAYER GROUP
will meet again on
Friday 26 November 2021 at 2.30pm
in **St George's Church**

**YOU CAN'T LOVE LIKE GOD
WITHOUT LOVING HIS CREATION**

Abby Button is a young Christian who wants to challenge us all to make small changes towards a greener life.

"I remember beginning to feel overwhelmed by what was happening to the earth; feeling fearful about the future, and so ashamed about what we were doing to God's beautiful creation. I felt I couldn't possibly do any good as one individual. But I realised that it's more about our hearts and our attitudes than anything we can practically achieve.

"In my family, we've started making a lot of small lifestyle changes. We go to a refill shop for pasta/rice, buy loose fruit and veggies at the supermarket, have milk bottles delivered, and use reusable water bottles and coffee cups. We've also made changes to our toiletries, such as bamboo toothbrushes, shampoo bars, bars of soap rather than 'squirty' ones, reusable feminine products, and makeup wipes etc. We've been trying to reduce waste by installing a water butt to harvest rainwater, having a 'wonky' vegetable box delivered, and buying clothes second hand. We've also been trying to be more nature-conscious in the garden, by building a wildlife pond, letting the grass grow long, planting native flowers, and providing food and homes for birds and hedgehogs.

“The most encouraging posts I read about living sustainably are the ones that say you don’t have to do it perfectly or change everything about your lifestyle, but to do something little is better than nothing.

“Thankfully we don’t have to fix this problem by ourselves, but in partnership with God, whose power is greatest in our weakness. An encouragement from Mother Theresa is that ‘not all of us can do great things, but we can all do small things with great love,’ and I believe that you can’t love like God without loving his creation.”

ABBY BUTTON

A PHOTO RESURFACES...

In the vestry at St George’s, you’ll find an old photo which repays careful study. Rachel unearthed it among other stuff above the wardrobe there a few weeks ago, while she and Mike Brammer were doing ‘Open Church’ for the Historic Churches Trust Ride+Stride. The photo is reproduced here, but in black and white unless you are reading this online.



It is quite a period piece, taken between summer 1976 and summer 1977. We can be precise, because the curate, Trevor Jones, is wearing his stole deacon-style, so it's during his first year of ordination. Also, Trevor is wearing his wedding ring, which confirms that it is after summer 1976. To the left is Nigella Greening, who served St George's for many years. She became a deacon in 1987 and went on to be one of the first batch of women priests in 1994.

In the centre Hedley Ringrose is presiding, and no doubt the service is the then fairly new Series III, in which God was addressed as 'you' for the first time. Some of us found that took a bit of getting used to! The altar has been moved out so that Hedley and the others can face the congregation. "Westward-facing" was another change which was sweeping through the Church in those days. (Although at St George's that actually meant Hedley was facing north, because the church is not on the traditional east-west axis).

So, a thoroughly modern 1970s church scene, including Hedley's fashionable long hair and black plastic specs! Well, not entirely modern. Look closely and you can just see that Hedley is wearing a maniple on his left arm. A what? You may well ask, because almost no-one wears them now. It's a piece of embroidered fabric, matching the other vestments, and which is slipped over the hand and forearm. There are various theories as to what it meant. The most common one is that it was a symbolic hand towel, with which the celebrant could wipe his face if overcome with devotional tears at the sacred mysteries.

A far more obvious change is the location of the altar. This was just four years before the major alterations of 1981, which swung the church round through ninety degrees and gave us the new sanctuary, lady chapel and our superb Last Supper reredos. As you can see, the altar was then against the end wall, near where the organ now is. Earlier photos show curtains behind and to the sides of the altar – the "English Altar" arrangement which was very common in the early and mid-twentieth century. With the adoption of the "westward" clergy position, the curtains had disappeared by the time of our photo. How about the mustard yellow of the wall? Does anyone remember whether it was always like that, or was it a bright new colour of the late sixties or seventies?

Note the stack of offertory plates on the altar. Congregations were certainly a lot larger then. The electoral roll for St George's was well over two hundred at that time. One final tiny detail – the metal candle holders on the windowsill. We've still got them, but at some stage they have migrated to St Margaret's.

And the people? Nigella sadly died, much too young, in March 1997. Hedley left us in 1988 to become Vicar of Cirencester, and then Archdeacon of Cheltenham from 1998. He never lost his interest in our benefice, right up till his death in April this year. Trevor Jones moved on from St George's in 1979 and ended his ministerial career with almost twenty years as Archdeacon of Hertford, in the St Albans diocese.

An interesting photo. I wonder what other bits of parish history are waiting to be rediscovered?

JONATHAN



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for September

- 1 Jesus was approached by a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit. Which region was He in?
- 2 The bible states, "Now the woman was a Gentile of, _____ origin". The missing word has 14 letters. What is the word?
- 3 Jesus healed a deaf man who had a speech impediment. Jesus put his fingers into his ears and he spat... Then what did Jesus do?
- 4 Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?". Peter answered Him, "You are the Messiah". Where did this event take place?
- 5 A little while later Jesus said to Peter, "_____, for you are setting your mind not on divine things, but on human things". What words are missing?
- 6 Passing through Galilee Jesus explained to His disciples that He would be betrayed into human hands, that He would be killed and 3 days later would rise again. What was the reaction of the disciples?
- 7 Approaching Capernaum the disciples were discussing 'Who is the greatest'. What did Jesus do to show them the truth of the matter?
- 8 The disciples saw someone trying to cast out demons using Jesus' name. What was their reaction?
- 9 Thinking of 8 what did Jesus say to the disciples?

10 Jesus commenting on the 'temptation to sin' mentions 3 parts of the body to do without rather than be thrown into hell. Can you name these 3 body parts?

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

COSTA by Tony J

Costa Del Sol is very nice
over the years - been once or twice
Pesetas then, didn't costa a lot
To go somewhere, nice and hot
Now costa seems, to be everywhere
Cafe's full - find a chair
Not cheap, they have coffee machines
Even Tesco are full of beans
Watch Corrie on any night
You'll be sure a Costa, comes into sight
Now with shortages, of things that matter
It will costa a lot, to have a natter
Price increases across the board
Seems most things now, I can ill afford
Pension increases, now down the drain
It will costa a lot, to ease the pain
But hey, there is still lots to do
Like spending a penny for the loo!



ENGLISH MARTYRS' ANNUAL GIFT FAIR

Saturday 13 November from 12.00noon until 4.00pm
There will be lots of stalls offering all sorts of Crafts, Christmas items, Cakes, Jewellery, Knitting and many more.

**Please come along and support
what is always a wonderful community event
and enjoy a tasty lunch and a catch up with friends**

JILL'S JOTTINGS

from St Margaret's

Well, here I am that total misery who does at St Margaret's, Whaddon. We have been very busy making sure that everything was up to scratch for the funeral of Eileen Hyett. Eileen was such a lovely lady; her dad was something in St Margaret's, but I don't know what, but he was a very generous person.

My Mum used to see him when she was a member of the Brookthorpe Gardening Club, they got on very well together. I think that was when she got interested in fundraising for our little church. The Chapman's were in charge of the church then, Joan Chapman always managed to include Mum in her fundraising activities.

I can remember Eileen when we were doing the Easter decorations, I got told to pull my finger out and to stop distracting everyone from their duties. I of course was the chief gopher that day. Mum and Eileen were in charge of flowers, every time there was a celebration and flowers were needed Eileen would raid her garden and Mum would raid hers. Gloria Wiggle and Ann Western would do the flowers with Mum and Eileen giving them their opinion and me and all our volunteers doing their bit to decorate our church.

Marilyn, Dianne and I have been really busy, Dianne had a week off the last time we were at St Margaret's as she was waiting for a visitor; so, I was on polishing and Marilyn was on the brass. It takes a good couple of hours to get things done; next time we all meet up I'll be doing the floors again. Dianne has had a very poorly mouth for the past few weeks, so I'm hoping that it will be very much improved soon. I keep finding different bits of cloth when I'm walking up to St Margaret's or to work; I pick them up, put them in the washing machine and give them a good wash then I take them to St Margaret's and put them in the duster bag. We now have a quite a few extra cloths for cleaning and it hasn't cost us a penny.

We've seen quite a few people in our church lately, they've come to put flowers on their loved one's grave and then come in to have a look round inside. I think that I've run out of things to say about St Margaret's for this month, so I'll just go and lie down in a darkened room. So, until the next time, it's bye for now and God Bless...

JILL PONTER

IN FLANDERS FIELDS by John McCrae

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Tyre: 2 Syrophoenician: 3 Touched his tongue: 4 Caesarea Philippi: 5 Get behind me Satan: 6 They didn't understand and were afraid to ask: 7 Set a little child amongst them: 8 they tried to stop him: 9 Do not stop him: 10 Hand, foot, eye:

At English Martyrs
Saturday 18 December

More details in our December issue
Put the date in your diaries now!





OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya, where are you, Maya. I'm right behind you, Trix. Whatever is the matter with you today, blimey you didn't half make me jump then, Maya. Well, I was just thinking that I think our Mum is going around the bend. Whatever do you mean by that, Trixie; she seems just the same to me as she always is, nuts! But nice with it. I know that Maya, but she keeps running up and down the stairs. When she gets to the top of the stairs, she mumbles something, then comes down again. Then she has a light bulb moment and runs up the stairs again and comes back down with something in her hands; just seems funny to me though. Trixie, everything seems funny to you!

Maya, have you seen those new cats that keep coming into our garden? No, I haven't, Trix, do you know where they came from? I can't say that I've taken much notice of any cats that keep landing in our back garden. Oh, Trix, here comes Yasmin, maybe she can tell us who they are? Yasmin, Oh Yasmin. Over here Yasmin, can you tell us who those new cats are. Well, Trixie, Maya, nice to see you again, I must say. I can tell you that I've only just managed to escape my owner and her husband, I made the door before they could shut it. I was so good, but about those felines, well I do know about the grey and white one. She lives just down the road from me. Oh, here comes the two Gingers, maybe they'll know about the ginger and cream one, don't know what their names are but we can ask them. Hiya, lads, how are you both today? I'm okay, how about you little 'un. I'm fine, thank you big Ging. Now what do you girls want from us today? Well, Ging it's like this, Maya and me, want to know about the two cats that keep coming into our garden. One is grey and white, the other is ginger and cream. We don't know what their names are or anything else; have you seen Harry around at all? We haven't seen them for ages and ages. Well girls, I don't know how to tell you this, but I don't think we'll be seeing him anymore. He went to the doctors a little while ago, I saw him go into the carrying box, but I didn't see him go back into the box to come back home. So maybe, that's the last we've seen of him. Oh, I do hope not, he was such fun to be around. Don't cry, Yasmin, he may just have had to stay for a little while. He'll be alright, just you wait and see!

Now, just a moment Ging, what about the other cats, do you know anything about them? Where they live? What their names are? Well, I know that the grey and white one is called Smudge and the other one is called Nelson. Why Nelson, Ging? Well, Maya it's because he has a patch over one of his eyes. Oh Ging, how interesting, Nelson the one patch cat! And why Smudge, Ging? Well, it's because the grey and white all smudge into one another. They arrived in Tuffley about the same time. One lives just up the road from me the other lives not far from Yasmin; and that's about all I know about them. I think that Nelson had belonged to someone's Grandma and then came to live with their new Mum and Dad in Tuffley, but I don't know anything else about Smudge. Maybe when we get to know each other we will find out more about our feline friends.

Do you think that your Mum will feed them like she feeds all the other cats that come to her door? You bet she will, she feeds us doesn't she, gives us lots of cuddles and we enjoy lying on her bed every night. It's lovely! Oh, here they are. Smudge and Nelson, I'm pleased to meet you all I hope that we can be friends. Oh yes, I hope we can too, I'm Trixie and she's called Maya, we're sisters. I'm sure that we will be pals together. Oh, come on everyone let's go down the alley and see who else we can play with today. Oh, Trixie, I think that you should say tata to everyone now. Oh, yes, tata everyone until the next time. And it's, tata from me, Maya, until we meet again.

Best wishes
MAYA PONTER



**St Barnabas
Christmas Tabletop Craft
Fayre and Market**
in the Halls and Church
27 November
from 10.00am until 4.00pm

Climate change quiz answers

1 Coal; 2 Greenhouse Gases; 3 Carbon Dioxide; 4 Climate Change; 5 Neutral;
6 Footprint; 7 Biofuel; 8 Renewable:

What
The
Dickens

**Come along and watch
St George's Entertainers
re-tell a Classic Christmas tale**

SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER

**7.00pm SHERRY or FRUIT JUICE
and MINCE PIE RECEPTION**

PERFORMANCE START TIME 7.30pm

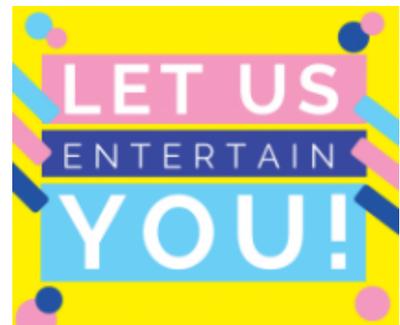
**TICKETS £5.00 each
from Glenda and Darrell**

of course, there will be a RAFFLE

ANY PROFIT WILL GO TO ST GEORGE'S CENTRE

The wearing of a mask is up to the individual

Let Us Entertain You in 2022 so we can share with each other in song, word, humour etc. So come on sort out that poem or monologue you've be wanting to do for ages, or that song you've been wanting to sing to us, or that instrument that you've been practising during lockdown and you can have that opportunity, *not sure when* ...yet, but I do know where it will be; St George's Centre, and *eventually I know that we'll meet up again* and be ready to stand in the spot light and perform to your heart's content in the way you know best.



Interested in taking part? Contact Darrell (contact details on page 2)



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hello everyone, it's that pesky cat chatting again. My Mum keeps telling me to be quiet, she says I'm noisy little personage, but I don't think so. Cor, you should hear Auntie Jill and my Mum once they get going! Never stops talking the pair of them; still, I wouldn't have them any other way. Sometimes, I wish my Mum would let me out a lot more, when I want to come in, I have to beg, but sometimes she takes her time to let me back in. So, I decide fair enough, I'll go in in my own time. It'll be after 9.00pm, when I think it's time for me to go in. My Mum always leaves the curtains open so she can see that I want in. It can be a little chilly in the evening now. I like my home comforts, somewhere nice and warm like my Mum's bed or on the stairs. I don't mind which!

Sometimes when my Auntie Jill comes, she gives me a quick cuddle and a few kisses, then my Mum shoves a big bomb down my throat, which I don't appreciate. She keeps telling me that it's for my own good. I can't see it myself, but there you go. When my Mum and Auntie Jill go out, I can use that machine and have a chat with Maya and Trixie. Do you know they do have some adventures together? Sometimes I wish I had a sibling that I could hang out with, unfortunately I don't, I just have my Mum.

I do get told off though, as does Maya and Trixie. Trixie can be a bit naughty because she doesn't always want to come in when her Mum call her. She rolls over from side to side, then her Mum grabs her and pushes her in the house and closes the door quickly. She's not happy so she goes upstairs and sulks, which is what I do when I get told off rather sharply. It's not fair, Maya is told off as well especially if she stands in the middle of the path and refuses to move. I do that to Mum, but she just closes the door and walks away. I come round in the end, especially when I need sustenance. We live and learn, don't we...

...That's all for now
JOJO WHITTLE



In November, we will remember

October

Sun 31		4 Before ADVENT/ All Saints' Day	
		November Crossroads available	
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	4.00pm	Private let	SH

November

Mon 1	9.00am	Baby Massage Class TBC	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 2	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	All Souls' Day and Remembering	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs	MH
Wed 3	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World Sessions	MH
Thu 4	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Fri 5	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sun 7		3 before ADVENT	
	10.30am	Family Praise	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	4.00pm	Time to Remember	St B
Mon 8	9.00am	Baby Massage Class TBC	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
	7.00pm	Church Centre Management Committee	SL

Tue 9	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	SH
	6.30pm	Cubs	MH
Wed 10	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World Sessions	MH
Thu 11	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Fri 12	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 13		Deadline for December 21/January 22 Crossroads	
	10.00am	Messy church	St G's
Sun 14		2 before ADVENT/REMEMBRANCE	
	9.00am	Parish Communion with Bishop Robert	St M's
	10.30am	Parade Service with Bishop Robert	St G's
	11.00am	Act of Remembrance at the Cross	St G's
Mon 15	9.00am	Baby Massage Class TBC	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 16		St Margaret of Scotland Patronal Day	
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	St G's
	6.30pm	Cubs	MH
	7.00pm	PCC meeting	tbc
Wed 17	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World Sessions	MH
	7.30pm	Refresh at Grange Baptist	
Thu 18	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Fri 19	3.30pm	Messy Church at St Barnabas	
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 20		CiT Environmental Group Litter Pick meet at Grange Baptist	
Sun 21		CHRIST THE KING / SUNDAY before ADVENT	
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 22		Crossroads' printing	
	9.00am	Baby Massage Class TBC	SH

	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 23	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs	MH
Wed 24	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee	SL
Thu 25	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Fri 26	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	St G's
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sun 28		December/January Crossroads available	
		ADVENT SUNDAY	
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.30am	Messy Church at Grange Baptist	
Mon 29	9.00am	Baby Massage Class TBC	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 30	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	St G's
	6.30pm	Cubs	MH

December

Wed 1	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	MH
Thu 2	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	7.00pm	Advent Group 1 at the Vicarage	
Fri 3	3.30pm	Messy Church at St Barnabas	
	7.30pm	Gardening Club Christmas Party TBC	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	SH
Sat 4	7.00pm	WHAT THE DICKENS? Christmas Show	MH
Sun 5	10.30am	Family Praise	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's

LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

Knock! knock! Who's There? Ashe; Ashe who? Bless you!

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Nobel; Nobel who? No bell, that's why I knocked!

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Leaf; Leaf who? Leaf me alone!

Knock! Knock! Who's There? Lettuce; lettuce who? Lettuce in and you'll find out!

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Aaron; Aaron who? Why Aaron you opening the door?

Knock! Knock! Who's There? Tank; Tank Who? You're welcome!

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Hawaii; Hawaii who? I'm fine, Hawaii you?

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Orange; Orange who? Orange you even going to open the door!

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Gray Z; Gray Z who? Gray Z mixed up kid.

Knock! Knock! Who's There? Who; Who Who? Is there an owl in there?

Knock! Knock! Who's There? Anita; Anita who? Anita to borrow a pencil.

Knock! Knock! Who's There? Woo; Woo who? Don't get so excited, it's just a joke.

Knock! Knock! Who's There? Figs; Figs who? Figs the doorbell, it's broken!

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Alice; Alice who? Alice fair in love and war.

Knock! Knock! Who's There? Annie; Annie Who? Annie thing you can do, I can do better.

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Yukon; Yukon who? Yukon say that again!

Knock! Knock! Who's There? Boo; Boo Who? Well, you don't have to cry about it.

Knock! Knock! Who's There? Theodore; Theodore who? Theodore is stuck and it won't open!

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Cher; Cher who? Cher would be nice if you opened the door!

Knock! Knock! Who's There? Amos; Amos who? A mosquito bit me!