

CROSSROADS

The magazine for
St George's Tuffley and St Margaret's Whaddon
Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering



ST GEORGE'S

Sundays
Tuesdays
Wednesdays
1st Sunday

Parish Communion at 10.30am
Parish Communion at 10.00am
Morning Prayer at 8.15am on Zoom
Family Praise at 10.30am and
Evensong at 5.00pm

ST MARGARET'S

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

Parish Communion at 9.00am
Evensong at 5.00pm
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Parish Communion at 9.00am
Parish Communion at 10.30am

ST GEORGE'S TUFFLEY WITH ST MARGARET'S WHADDON

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REV RACHEL WRITES...

Happy Easter!

As you probably know, we are still in the Easter season, also known as Eastertide. The Easter season lasts for 50 days, concluding at Pentecost – that great celebration of the Holy Spirit being given to the disciples. The Paschal Candle (also known sometimes as the Easter Candle) at both churches was lit from the fire, Malcolm kindled at St Margaret's on Easter Eve. The candle represents the light of Christ that triumphed over darkness and death. The Paschal Candle will be by the altar until Pentecost, alight every Sunday, celebrating the joy and hope we have through the resurrection. During the service on Pentecost Sunday, 5th June, we will extinguish the candle and move it to be near the font at St George's and to be near the pulpit at St Margaret's (since there isn't really room by the font!) We will then continue to light the candle at baptisms and funerals, to symbolise the light of Christ. The baptism candles given to the newly baptised will be lit from the Paschal Candle.

Whilst we are talking about Easter, I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you to everyone who played a part in our Holy Week and Easter Day services and activities. A special thank you to those who stood in or who went above and beyond, thinking especially of Hans, Lorraine and Pete, due to others being sadly ill – and we did miss those who were unable to be part of Holy Week and Easter Day this year, and were thinking of you very much. Good Friday was particularly special, as we spent the day with our brothers and sisters from the other churches in Tuffley and Whaddon and thank you to all who managed to come along to any or all the events that day. Here is a photo of the Walk of Witness, and you may be able to recognise who is carrying the cross at this point:



Pentecost Sunday, 5th June, this year is also the Sunday we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee – so the services that day will be doubly special!

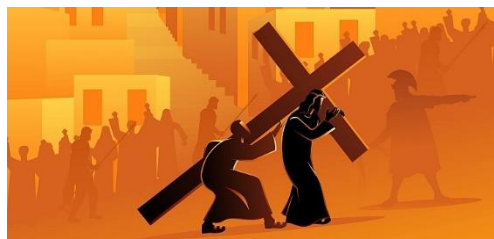
As we continue through Eastertide, let us be alert to the signs of hope and new life all around us, and let us give thanks to God for the resurrection of Jesus, that gives us ultimate hope and joy. I give thanks to God for each and every one of you, and feel very blessed to be here with you.

With every blessing,
Rachel

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

INTERMENT OF ASHES
Terence Smith

May he rest in peace



CHURCH IN TUFFLEY

'Walk of Witness' on Good Friday and
'Welcome Packs' into Yew Tree Gardens.

In preparation for the Good Friday 'Walk of Witness', starting at Grange Baptist Church and finishing at English Martyrs, a leaflet showing the dates and times of the services throughout Holy Week of all 5 churches was prepared and placed in copies of 'Hope' magazine.

The magazines were passed to the 5 churches for them to distribute. Magazines were distributed to every home on the route the 'Walk of Witness'

passes and to addresses close to Grange Baptist Church, St George's and English Martyrs.

In addition, magazines were delivered to homes in 'Yew Tree Gardens', the new housing estate along Grange Road, and to homes in Church Lane, Whaddon. 'Yew Tree Gardens' is a new housing estate of about 250 homes, currently being developed and which are sited in St Margaret's Parish.

In recent months, with thanks for the help from Jonathan, Jenny Watts, Lorraine Best (from St Margaret's) & David Crunkhurn, Graham and Carena (from Grange Baptist) we have been delivering 'Welcome Packs' to this new estate. At the time of writing 145 properties have been built. 24 are awaiting their new occupants. 96 have received 'Welcome Packs' and we are still looking to deliver to about 20 homes.

This is work in progress with which we intend to follow up on a regular basis. 'Welcome Packs' will be delivered to each house once it is occupied. In addition, follow up visits will be made to deliver news and events from the 5 churches. As the estate expands keep a watch in Signpost; we may ask for volunteers to help.

PETE BEST



The first meeting of your newly elected Joint PCC will take place on Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7.00pm in the small hall of St George's Centre. We look forward to a year of getting back to normal with some meaningful discussions and decision making.

Explore Easter



For the first time in three years, we were able to host Explore Easter once again, and saw over 400 children through the church in one week! With huge thanks to David Crunkhurn, Community Pastor, at Grange Baptist Church, we were able to set up seven stations around St George's for the children to explore the events of Holy Week and Easter. Most of the classes from Grange Primary School came in, and the Year 3 and 4s from Harewood Junior. We were also able to offer the experience to the Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Beavers. The children were very calm inside the church, and many said they appreciated the opportunity to be quiet – especially in the Lady Chapel where there was quiet music playing, cushions and blankets to sit on, and a finger labyrinth to aid reflection.

The Last Supper stations was deliberately set up under the amazing reredos at St George's, and the children's faces lit up with joy when they realised what the 'fossils' or 'bits of rocks stuck to the wall' represented! Although one or two were concerned about the disciples with holes in their heads, and one or two thought Jesus looked like he was wearing a hoodie! It was truly inspiring and to see and hear the children engaging with the Christian Easter message and reflecting on their own life and faith – all the adults there will be able to testify to some very deep and special conversations with children. Thank you so much to those who were able to come and help during the week – you made such a difference in those children's lives and were a real answer to prayer for me and David!

RACHEL

Some more photos from Explore Easter...





Ascension Day Thursday 26th May 2022



To have your **JUNE 2022 CROSSROADS** ready for publication on SUNDAY 29 May

ARTICLES NEED TO BE WITH THE EDITORS' PREFERABLY BY EMAIL BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...

...FRIDAY 13 MAY

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



ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES...

St George's will be hosting
the 2022 Archdeacon's Visitation service
on Thursday 9th June
at 7.30pm



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at both churches on Sunday 15th May at St George's after the 10.30am Holy Communion service, and at St Margaret's after the 5.00pm Evensong service. At this meeting a new Parochial Church Council (PCC) for both churches will be elected, and two churchwardens for each church. Please do consider standing for the PCC, and if you would like any further information about what is involved do speak to me or one of the churchwardens. You just need to be on the electoral roll and be a communicant member of the CofE (i.e., be confirmed). We need a variety of voices on the PCC to ensure a good representation of views from the congregations, and new members would be warmly welcomed.

I would like to say a sincere thank you to the current members of both PCCs, including the churchwardens at both churches. You have been a joy to work with and have been very gentle and welcoming to a new chair coming in halfway through the year! All current PCC members and partners are invited to a thank you afternoon event in the Vicarage Garden (or inside if the weather is bad!) with drinks and cake, on Sunday 8th May at 3.00pm.

RACHEL

Editor: *Anyone whose name does not appear on the current Electoral Roll will not be eligible to vote or be elected to the PCC or possibly other posts. The current Electoral Roll is on display now in the porches of our churches. If your name is not on it see either Margaret Barber or Jill Ponter or a churchwarden for a form, there may also be some on the table at the back of St George's. Completed forms must be returned to your Electoral Roll Officer, Margaret or Jill, as appropriate as soon as possible.*

The deadline for the receipt of all reports has passed; and the report packs have been printed ready for handing out from Sunday 8th May onwards.



QUIET PRAYER GROUP
will meet on
Friday 27th MAY 2022 and
Friday 24th JUNE 2022 from 2.30pm
in the Lady Chapel of St George's Church



CHURCH IN TUFFLEY ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Are you aware the 5 churches which form the Church in Tuffley have an environment group?

Our main activity, at present, is meeting once a month to litter pick somewhere in the benefice. Whichever church hosts 'Refresh' chooses where we litter pick.

The litter pick in February was organised by David Crunkhurn from Grange Baptist Church who has connections with schools in the benefice. Holmleigh Park High, in particular, are keen to encourage their students to get involved in Community Projects. So it was, on a very wet Saturday morning we met in the school car park and were joined by over a dozen staff and children. All 25 of us set out to clear litter from around the school perimeter, around Holmleigh Parade and Windsor Parade areas. The school staff were delighted with the

enthusiasm of the students to get involved and with the results of the mornings work.

In March Rev Sarah Todd of St Barnabas church arranged we meet at the Podsmead Big Local in Scott Avenue, to help the Podsmead litter pick team. Over twenty of us were despatched to various areas of the community. It was a great opportunity to meet and for fellowship with Les & Lisa Jevins, leaders of Podsmead Big Local, and their team and we were greatly rewarded after the litter pick as Les and Lisa provided everyone with bacon or sausages in a bun, tea and coffee. Thank you Les & Lisa for your excellent hospitality and community spirit.

Where are we next? That will be decided upon by Grange Baptist Church, who will be organising Refresh on Wednesday 18th May and the next litter pick will be on Saturday 21st May. Lorraine will be in touch with our regulars with more information nearer the time. If you wish to join us contact the church office and they will let us know.

PETE BEST

An extract from the Diocesan publication The Messenger, May 2022

ECO CHURCH IN AN HOUR

In a crisis, everyone needs to pull together – climate change is no exception. As Christians, we have responsibilities as we live alongside all God's creation. This is something that affects both people and the planet, the world's poorest and all that God has made. We all need to act.

The crisis we are in can feel overwhelming. We might be wondering where we start, how we can help, what difference we can make? We all can make a difference, and it's often taking the small steps, that add up to create the big change. So that is why we are asking you to be part of our #EcoChurchInAnHour campaign at: -

gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/environment/eco-church-in-an-hour

The survey will help you think through steps you can take to become an Eco

Church, from simple things like using hymns and songs that celebrate God's creation to creating a wildlife area in the churchyard. We'll be sharing simple actions that people can take to make a difference in their local community.



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for March

- 1 Jesus was led into the wilderness. For how many days was he tempted of the devil?
- 2 The devil tempted Jesus by inviting him to turn a stone into what
- 3 In the third temptation the devil took Jesus to the pinnacle of the Temple and suggested Jesus jump. What was Jesus' response?
- 4 The devil had finished every test and left Jesus until an _____ time. What is the missing word?
- 5 On being told Herod wanted to kill him Jesus responded by describing Herod as a particular type of animal. What was that animal?
- 6 Jesus said it was impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of a certain city. Which city?
- 7 Jesus was told that Pilate had mingled the blood of _____ with their sacrifices. Whose blood was mingled?
- 8 When the tower of Siloam fell how many people died?
- 9 The man with a fig tree came, each year, looking for fruit, but finding none. How many years had the fig tree remained fruitless?
- 10 After Jesus' death which disciple took Jesus' mother into his own home?

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

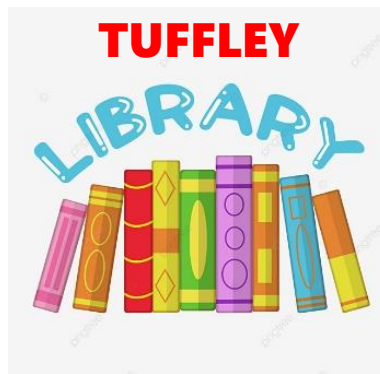
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Sunday 15th to Saturday 21st May 2022

*A bucket will be out at the back of St George's
from 15th for donations*

Some photos from Mothering Sunday on 27th March when we were pleased to welcome Bishop Rachel and her chaplain to St George's...





We had a nice Easter at the library, with tales of birds and dogs as well as an odd egg hunt, but now we're looking forward to the summer. To get into an outdoor mood we're having a plant swap on the 7th of May, from 10.30am until 12.30pm, and then if all goes right with the weather, we'll be having snacks and stories Under the Bunting for the jubilee on 31st May.

On the subject of bunting, we are taking donations of red, white and blue cloth to make bunting with if anyone has anything they could spare!



Baby Bounce & Rhyme is back to full strength on Thursdays at 10.30am, so do pop along if you fancy a singalong and some energetic dancing (and if you are a pre-school person with an accompanying adult).

After all that it will be time to start thinking about the Summer Reading Challenge, of which more next time.

Hope to see you soon,

MARGARET AND STEVE

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*"Some books are so familiar that reading them is like being home again."
Louisa May Alcott*

Spring Plant and Seedling Swap



Saturday 7th May 10.30-12.30

Tuffley Library GL4 0RT

Join other gardeners and plant lovers in your community.

Bring and swap your plants, seedlings and tips

Chat over coffee and cake.

Browse our gardening books and the new 'Greener Together' collection.

This is a free Community Event for all. Parking available



For more information: email tlib@gloucestershire.gov.uk or phone 01452 522160

The Library



Yes, it's the Still Easter quiz...

- 1 Which headwear item is particularly associated with Easter parades?
- 2 On what day of the week, is Easter traditionally celebrated on?
- 3 What is the traditional flower of Easter?
- 4 What is the name of a male rabbit?
- 5 In which country produced the world's largest Easter Egg?
- 6 What does Easter celebrate?
- 7 A lamb is one of the symbols of Easter, as it was a sacrificial animal in the Old Testament – True or False?
- 8 What was the name of the apostle who betrayed Jesus?
- 9 In which century did the Easter bunny originate – 16th 17th or 18th?
- 10 In which country did the Easter bunny originate?
- 11 Easter Island forms part of which South American country?
- 12 The Easter Bunny was originally a Hare – True or False?
- 13 Which animal is used in place of the Bunny in Australia?
- 14 In which ocean is Easter Island?
- 15 What name is given to the Sunday before Easter?
- 16 Easter is named after the pagan goddess Eostre – True or False?
- 17 How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
- 18 The Romans, as a way to mock Jesus, gave him a crown made of what?
- 19 Which Famous jewellery firm is renowned for designing jewel-encrusted eggs?
- 20 What is the name of a female rabbit?

ANSWERS TO OUR APRIL QUIZ!

1. Brussels (but Cardiff is acceptable too as it is technically closer):
2. Liechtenstein: 3. Atlantic: 4. William the Conqueror: 5. The Daily Courant:
6. Lady Jane Grey: 7. Spencer Perceval: 8. 1877: 9. Goodison Park, Everton:
10. Bart Simpson: 11. Darth Vader: 12. Midsomer: 13. Jane Austen: 14. Pakistan:
15. The Bronte family: 16.1666: 17. Jules: 18. Reese Witherspoon: 19. Danube:
20. Kristen Bell.

JILL'S JOTTINGS

from St Margaret's

Well, folks, it's me again; the St Margaret's moaning Minnie, up to her armpits in polish and dusters, me and my mates, Marilyn and Dianne have given St Margaret's a really good sweep out as we have found that even with the mildest breeze the leaves still make their way into our church.

Marilyn is still on the brass, I'm still on the floor polishing and Dianne is still on the furniture polishing. It's surprising how quickly everything gets grubby. I know that we only have a small congregation, but blimey there is still quite a lot of 'muck' to sort out!

We've been cleaning at St Margaret's every couple of weeks for a number of years now, and we still talk about our mate Kath, she was such a lovely lady and is remembered with fondness by us all. When someone had a special hymn, she would always ask Jonathan to play it at one of our services. She had quite the sense of humour too and always made me laugh. I tell Marilyn and Di that she is watching us doing the cleaning and tut tutting at our endeavours!

While we are at the church, we still get a number of people pop into church to have a look round. We had a couple, who used to come to St Margaret's a few years ago. They worshipped with us on a regular basis and then decided that they would look at other churches to worship at; but they saw the door open one day and called in just to see what was going on. We had a bit of a chat and that was that. After a little while they came along to our Thursday morning service and have done so regularly since, so it's a big welcome back to them. You never know who might pop into St Margaret's just to look round and perhaps decide to join one of our services. Our Thursday service is now being enjoyed by quite a few people now, long may it continue.

We are looking forward to Easter, so we girls, will be scrubbing and polishing to make St Margaret's a lovely and welcoming place for all to enjoy; So, until the next time, look after yourselves and stay safe.

JILL PONTER



From Tony Jones

Do I eat, or is it heat?	Speed humps now a thrill
No hot water to wash my feet	Up and over like a hill
So off to bed, that I go	Grange Rd a racing track
Blood pressure really low	Will slow traffic now come back
Whilst keeping my pad nice and neat	Or do I need to kick Old Bill

From internet research...

There was a young woman named Bright,
Whose speed was much faster than light.
She set out one day,
In a relative way,
And returned on the previous night.

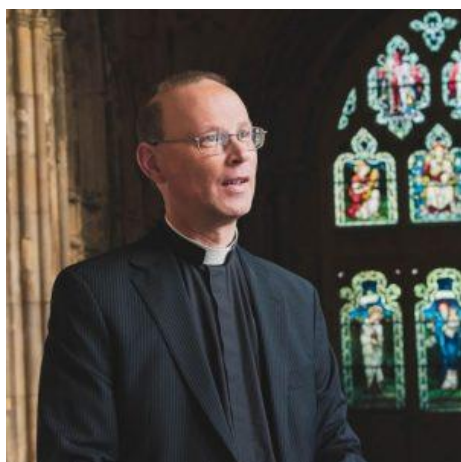
There once was a fly on the wall,
I wonder, why didn't it fall?
Because its feet stuck?
Or was it just luck?
Or does gravity miss things so small?

There once was a man from Tibet,
Who couldn't find a cigarette
So, he smoked all his socks,
and got chickenpox,
and had to go to the vet.

I know an old owl named Boo,
Every night he yelled Hoo,
Once a kid walked by,
And started to cry,
And yelled I don't have a clue!

*If you think that you can do better than these! Get your May limericks to me by
13th May, and we'll see!*

FROM THE DIOCESE OF GLOUCESTER WEEKLY BULLETIN



Canon Andrew Braddock was formally commissioned as the Interim Dean of Gloucester on Wednesday (13 April).

As part of a service in the Lady Chapel of Gloucester Cathedral, the Reverend Canon Dr Andrew Braddock will be formally commissioned as Interim Dean of Gloucester on Wednesday 13 April 2022. In this new role, he will lead the Cathedral for the next twelve months, giving

spiritual and strategic guidance as the Cathedral moves into a crucial new period of development inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This follows the Very Reverend Stephen Lake's move to become Bishop of Salisbury, after eleven years as Dean of Gloucester. During his time as Dean, the Cathedral underwent several transformative changes as part of Phase One of Project Pilgrim, including the installation of 150 solar panels on the Nave roof and the development of the car park into a welcoming green space for all. Stephen will be consecrated as Bishop of Salisbury on Monday 25 April at Southwark Cathedral.

Canon Andrew is a familiar face for many, having been Canon Missioner at Gloucester Cathedral for nearly a decade as well as Director of Mission and Ministry at the Diocese of Gloucester. Now, he will step into the role of Interim Dean full time, taking on all the responsibilities that would usually fall to the Dean.

Canon Andrew said: "It is a great privilege to be asked by Bishop Rachel Treweek to take on the role of Interim Dean. I have been described as the 'Continuity Canon' because I have been part of the Cathedral community for over nine years and therefore carry some of the history of how we have grown and developed as a cathedral. There has also been a lot of change within the Cathedral clergy recently, so my stepping into the role as Interim Dean will help provide continuity, stability and leadership through this period.

A key part of the role is about ensuring the Cathedral remains outward-looking, continuing to carry forward positively our relationships, partnerships and patterns of worship so that Cathedral life continues to flourish."

As Interim Dean, Canon Andrew will play a fundamental part in ensuring the next decade gets off to the best possible start as the Cathedral seeks to be a beacon of hope for the city, county and diocese.

It is an exciting time for Gloucester Cathedral. A strategic vision for the next ten years involves several major projects, including ambitious plans to complete Phase Two of Project Pilgrim, refurbish the famous organ and secure the future of the world-class Cloister. The Cathedral is also currently seeking to appoint a new Canon Chancellor and Director of Learning and Participation, another crucial role in the senior leadership team.

Canon Andrew's commissioning falls within Holy Week, during which there were a number of special services at the Cathedral.

Editor: May we wish a good friend to this Benefice every good wish for his future in Gloucester Diocese.



“OH, YES IT IS!”

ST GEORGE'S ENTERTAINERS

**Will be presenting a pantomime
on Friday and Saturday
18th and 19th November 2022**

So put those dates in your diaries TODAY!
More information will be available in due
course. Would you like to be a part of this
production? If so, let Mike Mumby, Chair or Linda Brown, Secretary know

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Forty: 2 a loaf: 3 Do not put God to the test: 4 Opportune: 5 Fox: 6 Jerusalem: 7 Galileans: 8 Eighteen: 9 Three: 10 John:



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Firstly, I must apologise for the lack of information last month, it was my mum's fault, she never handed it in. I was most put out, I can tell you, not like her at all, but you can't be perfect all the time, can you! I don't think that Auntie Jill handed anything in for Maya and Trixie either, so they won't be happy either. They'll be moaning, just like me, I'll never let my mum forget it either! I wouldn't be surprised if they don't speak to their mum either!

I can imagine what they will say to her; or, not as the case maybe. I do cuddle up to my Auntie Jill when she's on the settee doing the crossword, I do try to help her sometimes, but not very successfully, I might add!

The other week we had some very nice weather, it was very warm, and I enjoyed being outside. In fact, I stayed out most of the day, only coming in for something to eat. Now that lovely weather is gone and it's cold again and it's rained, and I don't like it. I get my paws wet and cold. I sleep on my mum's bed where it's nice and warm. Honestly, I don't know what things are coming to, I get up in the morning wake my mum up and then wait ages for her to get up and get my breakfast. I know that it's early in the morning but after so many hours, a body gets hungry! I have no patience really, besides which I need to go outside to do what a girl needs to do and then have something to eat.

The other day, the cat that lives near me, I hadn't seen him for weeks and there he was in my garden! I didn't go to see him, I stayed well clear, so he went his own way, eventually.

Well, 'bye for now, I hope to write again, for next time...

Your feline friend,
JoJo Whittle (Miss)



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya, come and have a look at this! We're not in it! Trixie, what are you talking about, we're not in what? This book, that our mum goes on about. What book for goodness' sake, Trix? This one Maya, this one. I just got it down to have a look at and we're not in it! Our mum's always going on about us doing our writings, but she never said a word to us. Maya, I bet our readers are so disappointed about us not being there. Trixie don't worry about what has happened, we can only write down what we are doing now. I saw the two Gingers just now, let's go and find out how Harry is doing! Come on let's go! Ok, Maya, let's go.

Hi guys, how are you all doing? What's being going on in your corner of Tuffley? Please tell us how Harry is and when can he be let out to play with us girls again, please. Let us get our breath back and I'll tell you all that I know. As we told you the last time we met, Harry had an operation, and he has had to have his belly shaved. Well, it seems that Harry had been out and about, and he went into the railway bank, got himself caught on something. But his mum and dad didn't notice that he had an injury on his belly. When we managed to get him home that time the wound was really infected, he was in the animal hospital for a few days; he had tubes coming out of lots of places. His mum told my

mum that he nearly died. It was touch and go Maya. Maya, what's touch and go? Trixie, it's just a saying meaning you are very, very poorly. Oh, ok, just so I know, go on Ging. Well, when he did come home, he was so weak that he couldn't get round for quite some time. That's how poorly he was, he can only come out when his mum has him on a harness. They say that he has to have tests every week, he's still got this thing in his front leg so that he doesn't have to have a pin to knock him out for more blood tests. My mum said that the tests are coming back negative.

Maya, what on earth is negative? Trixie, it means that he's going to be fine because there is nothing nasty going on. Oh, Ok Maya, Ging when will they let him come and visit us or will we have to go to him? Trixie, I don't know that myself. I saw Yasmin the other day and she said that her mum told her that Harry is confined to his home for a bit longer, mind you girls I do believe that she pops down to his house, just to make sure he's still there. Have you girls seen her lately? No Ging, we haven't seen her for some weeks now, come to mention it we haven't seen that new pussycat that made friends with us. I haven't seen her at all, maybe she's forgotten about us? I don't know, perhaps she'll find us again, can't remember her name now, do you remember it, Ging? No, I don't, but one pussycat that would remember is Yasmin, but as we haven't seen her, we'll have to wait and see.

There is another cat that keeps trying to come into our house Ging, but our mum shoos him out. He keeps trying to pick a scrap with us, doesn't he Maya! I know Trixie, but the cat maybe a female. I don't know about that Maya, but that cat has very big feet, you know. But Trixie that doesn't mean that it is a boy cat. Mya, I don't care if it is a lady cat or a boy cat! When it has a go at me, I run a mile in the opposite direction and then I make my way home. Hoping that I don't run into it again!!

Oh well, it's time we were making our way home for our tea, Trix, so will you please say goodbye to everyone. Oh yes, ta ta everyone and of course its ta ta from me Maya, take care everyone, until the next time.

MAYA AND TRIXIE PONTER



APRIL

Sun 24	EASTER 2 / May Crossroads available		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Banns of Marriage followed by coffee	St G's
	10.30am	Messy church	GB
	12.30pm	Baptism – tbc	St G's
	4.30pm	Private Let	SH
Mon 25	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 26	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
Wed 27	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 28	10.00am	Day Centre	SH
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	7.30pm	Charter Band rehearsal	SH
Fri 29	2.00pm	Footlights meet for the first time at St G's	MH
	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	St G's

MAY

Sun 1	EASTER 3		
	10.30am	Parish Communion & Banns of Marriage followed by coffee	St G's
	10.30am	Family Praise & Banns of Marriage	St M's
	12.30pm	Baptism of Daisy Pardey	St M's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 2	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY		

Tue 3	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	St G's
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
Wed 4	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 5	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH
	7.30pm	Charter Band rehearsal	SH
Fri 6	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	3.30pm	Messy Church	St B
Sun 8	EASTER 4		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
Mon 9	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 10	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	St G's
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	SH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
Wed 11	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee	SL
Thu 12	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH
Fri 13	June Crossroads deadline		
	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	7.30pm	St George's Entertainers	MH
Sat 14	1.00pm	Private Let	MH
Sun 15	EASTER 5 / START OF CHRISTIAN AID WEEK		
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	12.00noon	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting	St M's
Mon 16	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH

Tue 17	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	St G's
	6.00pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	7.00pm	Parochial Church Council meeting	SH
Wed 18	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Deanery meeting	SL
	7.30pm	Refresh	GB
Thu 19	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH
	7.30pm	Charter Band rehearsal	SH
Fri 20	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	7.30pm	St George's Entertainers	SH
	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
Sat 21	11.30am	Marriage Ceremony for Braidie Behan & Fleur Mason	St M's
	TBC	CiT Environmental Litter Pick	GB
	END OF CHRISTIAN AID WEEK		
Sun 22	EASTER 6		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
Mon 23	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 24	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cuba & Beavers	MH
Wed 25	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 26	ASCENSION DAY		
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH
	7.30pm	Charter Band rehearsal	SH
Fri 27	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	St G's
	7.30pm	St George's Entertainers	MH
Sun 29	EASTER 7 / June Crossroads available		

	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	4.30pm	Private Let	SH
Mon 30	Spring Bank Holiday moved to Thursday 2 June		
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 31	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH

JUNE

Wed 1	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 2	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY		
Fri 3	Queen's Platinum Jubilee / Additional Bank holiday		
Sun 5	PENTECOST / WHIT SUNDAY		
	10.30am	Family Praise & Banns of Marriage	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's

St G's = St George's Church, St M's = St Margaret's Church
 EM = English Martyrs Catholic Church, St B's = St Barnabas' Church
 GB = Grange Baptist Church, LC = Lady Chapel
 MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge, V = Vicarage



A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH...

A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "They're right behind you!"

Want to hear a roof joke? The first one's on the house.

What should you do if you're attacked by a group of clowns? Go straight for the juggler.

Why don't koalas count as bears? They don't have the right koalafications.

A cement mixer and a prison bus crashed on the highway. Police advise citizens to look out for a group of hardened criminals.

I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

I saw a movie about how ships are put together. It was riveting.

A man walks into a library and orders a hamburger. The librarian says, "This is a library." The man apologizes and whispers, "I'd like a hamburger, please."

Why did the taxi driver get fired? Passengers didn't like it when she went the extra mile.

What do you get when you pour root beer into a square cup? Beer.

A group of crows was arrested for hanging out together. The charge? Attempted murder.

Which rock group has four guys who can't sing or play instruments? Mount Rushmore.

Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn? Because he always has a great fall.

What time does a duck wake up? The quack of dawn.