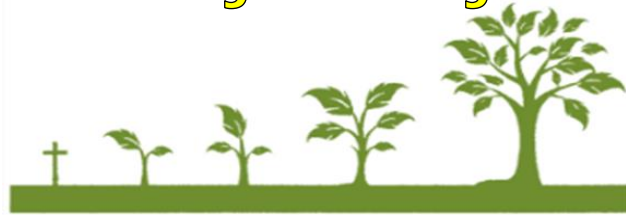


# CROSSROADS

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

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering**

**Growing God's Kingdom**



**A belated welcome get together has been arranged for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon for Rachel and Paul see Sylvia's article inside this issue for full details...**



**ST GEORGE'S**

**Sundays**

**Parish Communion at 10.30am**

**Tuesdays**

**Parish Communion at 10.00am**

**Wednesdays**

**Morning Prayer at 8.15am on Zoom**

**ST MARGARET'S**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

**Parish Communion at 9.00am**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

**Evensong at 5.00pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**Parish Communion at 9.00am**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**Parish Communion at 9.00am**

**Thursday**

**Parish Communion at 10.30am**

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# **ST GEORGE'S TUFFLEY WITH ST MARGARET'S WHADDON**

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## **REV RACHEL WRITES...**

### **LIFE Together**

LIFE has been the Gloucester Diocese vision and strapline since 2017, and this has now transitioned to LIFE Together. LIFE is based on the promise we have from Jesus, as recorded in the Bible in John 10.10: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" or in some versions, "have it abundantly". We have been encouraged and challenged to think about what life in all its fullness and abundance looks like, and to celebrate and give thanks for this life. LIFE Together suggests that this fullness of life is truly appreciated and realised together.

I would say, over the Jubilee weekend, we really saw the fullness of LIFE together. Our Church in Tuffley picnic had such a joyful atmosphere and it was great to be together across the five churches in Tuffley and Whaddon – thank you very much to all who came along. Locally and nationally, there were many street parties, community and family activities over the weekend too that saw people coming together in ways that haven't been possible for over two years now. Together we all had something to celebrate and give thanks for; Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years of dedicated and faithful service.

As Christians, of course, we have something to celebrate and give thanks for always; that through our baptism, we die and are raised to new life through Jesus. That new life is one that is full of hope and love and leads to eternal life – it is indeed a fullness and abundance of LIFE. The question for us is, how do we live this LIFE together at St George's and St Margaret's that reflects the fullness and abundance of life with Jesus.

When I talk in assemblies about working together, helping each other, and the importance of teamwork, I often use the Lego song, 'everything is better when we stick together' – it's a catchy song (google it if you'd like it in your head!) with a profound message. Trying to do anything alone, in our own strength, is futile – we are called to live LIFE together in the power and strength of Jesus.

LIFE together doesn't mean that everyone has to do everything, more that people will feel able to be themselves and to contribute in their own way. We see this across our benefice, with many people using their time and their talents

to benefit our whole LIFE together. The pandemic has knocked many and there are still anxieties and hesitation about, but please know that however you are part of our community, you are an important part, and that we strive onwards to LIFE together in the power and strength of Jesus.

With every blessing,  
RACHEL

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**  
**FUNERALS**

Our sympathies to the family and friends of: -  
Janet Freeman RIP; Patrick Tobin RIP; Deborah Hamblett RIP;

**ARCHDEACONS' VISITATION**  
**and ADMISSION OF CHURCHWARDENS SERVICE**



We were delighted at St George's to be asked to host one of the four Archdeacons' Visitation services this year. What is a Visitation service I hear some ask... well, it's the service where churchwardens are thanked for their service and admitted by the Diocesan Registrar for the coming year. The service is always led by an archdeacon, and this year by two archdeacons! This is because previously Gloucester Diocese have held one service per deanery, led by the relevant archdeacon. However, this year, the two archdeacons, Hilary and Phil, have teamed up to do just four services across the diocese, and to do them together.



The first of these services was held at St George's on Thursday 9th June and was attended by 210 people! There are photos of a packed car park, people queuing to get into church, and a full to bursting church! It was so good to hear the resounding singing in the church, and huge thanks to our organist Jonathan. The service was very uplifting and encouraging thanks to the archdeacons informal and engaging style, and it was a privilege to host such an important service.

The Visitation service is such an important one, because the churchwarden role and calling is fundamental to the life of our church communities. The words said by the Diocesan Registrar at the Visitation service highlight the importance of the role:

The Church is the Body of Christ, and through baptism every member is called to ministry and to service. You are called to special responsibilities. With your clergy, you are to share in the administration of the parish and the care of the church buildings. You are to promote the whole mission of the Church, which is pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. These things you are called to do to the glory of God and for the well-being of Christ's Church.

We must extend a sincere thank you to our churchwardens, for the years they have already served in the role, and for being willing to serve for another year: Mike Brammer, Sylvia Evans, Jonathan MacKechnie-Jarvis and Hans Rackham. We are very fortunate in our benefice to have four dedicated and faithful churchwardens who give so generously of their time and talents.



RACHEL



**St George's Coffee Pot**

**St George's Centre**

**EVERY TUESDAY**

**from 10.00am until 11.30am**

**Tea, coffee and biscuits available**

**People to meet and to chat with**

**Warm welcome**



**CALLING ALL 'BRAVE' TEDDY BEARS!!!!**

**IN THIS 100th ANNIVERSARY YEAR of RUPERT BEAR!!!!**

**TO A "TEDDY BEARS PICNIC & ZIP WIRE AVENTURE DAY!!!!**

Is YOUR TEDDY BEAR ready for this?? Then READ ON and mark the DATE. BRAVE Bears ONLY need apply!!

This year marks the 100th Birthday of 'RUPERT BEAR' and we are calling all brave Teddy Bears and their owners to join us at St. Margaret's Church, Whaddon on THURSDAY 4th AUGUST FROM 12.00noon UNTIL 3.00pm for a GRAND TEDDY BEARS PICNIC and the opportunity to have a GREAT RIDE from the CHURCH TOWER back to earth on our special ZIP WIRE - AND get a CERTIFICATE!

So, bring your PICNIC and join us on Thursday 4th August - drinks are available FREE! ALSO there will be children's games to join in!

I will be there with my 'TEDDY' so why not come and join me on that day with our Team?? Let's have a great time!!

PAUL (VICAR'S HUSBAND)





Dear friends

As I have not always been consistent in sending out these emails, we thought it would be useful to change the monthly pattern slightly.

Litter picks will from now on be held on the LAST SATURDAY of each month.

Our next dates for your diaries are therefore

July 30th 2.30pm meeting at St George's Car Park

August 27th 2.30pm meeting at Grange Baptist's Car Park

We hope this change will be helpful for those who may not get to see our churches' notices.

Our informal 'Refresh' meetings will continue to be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, (usually!)

Do try to come along to St Margaret's who will host an outdoor meeting, on a 'Friendship with the earth?' theme on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, at 7.30pm. Which, will hopefully (weather permitting) include a Churchyard 'Wildlife' Count.

Finally, if anyone knows an adventurous Teddy Bear (or other soft toy) they are invited to St Margaret's, Whaddon on Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup> from 12.00noon for a Teddy Bear's picnic during which they (the teddy bears) will have the opportunity to go up the tower and zip wire down. Humans (and less adventurous soft toys) are also welcome, to come and enjoy the Food, Fun and Games.

Love and Blessings  
LORRAINE

*Editor's note: Lorraine kindly sent the above update via email, we're very happy to receive articles in this way. Happy emailing...*



Glenda and I saw a much-shortened version of this poem in the Moody Cow Café just outside New Quay in West Wales recently. After a little research I came up with the following: The traditional words of *Mi gerddaf gyda thi*, written by an anonymous author, are among the most beautiful lines ever written in the Welsh language. They were set to music by the composer John Metcalf and sung as a surprise to his bride, Dolly on the occasion of their wedding in 2016.

*Mi gerddaf gyda thi dros lwybrau maith,  
A blodau, cân a breuddwyd ar ein taith;  
I`th lygaid syllaf i a dal dy law:  
Mi gerddaf gyda thi, beth bynnag ddaw.*

*Mi gerddaf gyda thi pan fydd y lloer  
Fel llusern yn y nen ar noson oer.  
Addawaf i ti'n ghalon i yn llwyr:  
Mi gerddaf gyda thi drwy oriau'r hwyr.*

*Mi gerddaf gyda thi drwy weddill f'oes,  
Pan fydd yr haul ar fryn neu'r dyddiau'n groes;  
A phan ddaw'r alwad draw, pwy wyr pa awr,  
Mi gerddaf gyda thi i'r freuddwyd fawr.*

### **English translation...**

*I will walk with you though the road be long,  
And set forth with a flower, a dream, a song.  
I take your hand, look in your eyes and know  
I will walk with you anywhere you go.*

*I will walk with you when the full moon's light  
Is like a lantern in the coldest night.  
I promise you my heart, entire and all,  
I will walk with you as the shadows fall.*

*I will walk with you all the years ahead,  
On sunlit hills and when the sun has fled.  
And when our call is heard, its hour unguessed,  
I will walk with you through the lands of rest.*





Just a friendly reminder...

To have your **AUGUST 2022 CROSSROADS** ready for publication on SUNDAY 31 JULY...

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

...WEDNESDAY 13 JULY

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

*Editor: I'd like, if possible, for someone to volunteer to deliver 5 Crossroads magazines each month and to collect the annual magazine fee in January/February each year. All 4 houses are in roads in or off Chatsworth Avenue and a free copy to the Tuffley Library. If you would like to help out, please see me and I get you set up. Many thanks.*



### **CIT ENVIRONMENT GROUP LITTER PICK GROUP**

These are the dates of the next two litter picking sessions: -

July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm meeting at St George's Car Park  
August 27<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm meeting at Grange Baptist's Car Park

Please come along and join us

## REVEREND RACHEL BECK'S INDUCTION CELEBRATION

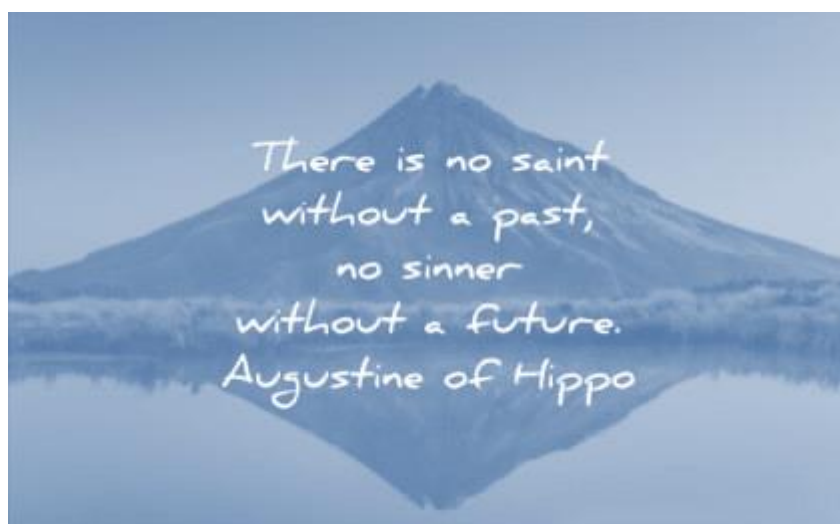


On Sunday July 24th, we are holding a "Belated" celebration of Rachel's Induction and Institution as Parish Priest for Gloucester St George with St Margaret's Whaddon. Due to lockdown restrictions, we were unable to celebrate with Rachel and

Paul after the service on July 26th, 2021. In normal circumstances, we would have held a celebration, with all of Rachel and Paul's friends from her previous parish.

As it is nearly one year, we are hosting a get together from 2.00pm until 5.00pm in St George's Centre. This will be a "Bring & share" celebration, with everyone joining in to provide a small plate of food. We would like a rough idea of numbers, so if you would please contact Sylvia on 01452 416184, with the number of attendees and the food you may be bringing. There is a list in the porch of both churches, but all donations are welcome. Let us all give Rachel & Paul the welcome they deserve. Rachel has been asked to invite her previous Parish friends and her Mum and her brother so it will, hopefully, be a great celebration. Mark the date in your diary and tell your friends.

SYLVIA, MIKE, JONATHAN & HANS





## **TUFFLEY OPEN GARDENS 2022**

29th May was a big day for eight Tuffley householders who had agreed to take part in the Open Gardens Day.

Tuffley Open Gardens was organised by Martyn and Jenny Parker, who are members of the St Margaret's Thursday congregation. This was their first year as organisers of the Tuffley event, and they had clearly done their homework very thoroughly.

One thing they couldn't control of course was the weather, and sadly it was a cool and very showery day. This however did not deter no fewer than 115 people from signing in as visitors. Martyn tells me that they were queueing up well before opening time, and that everyone was very good-humoured. Unfortunately we could not get round all the gardens, but did about three quarters of them. What a fascinating contrast: the approaches to gardening being as different as the gardeners themselves.

Most of the gardens were in easy walking distance of one another, a number being along Campden Road. There were refreshments in the church hall at St. Barnabas.

I would recommend this to anyone, whether or not they are keen gardeners. Apart from the gardens, it was fascinating just to meet and speak to people. Tuffley is quite a small world and there were a number of folk we met who we either knew, or who knew people who we knew, if you see what I mean.

Many thanks, Martyn and Jenny, for all your work. It's great to know that no less than £665 was raised for a variety of good causes supported by the Open Garden Scheme.

JONATHAN



## **ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING**

After the success of our recent Saturday morning church cleaning sessions, we have decided to hold another on Saturday 2nd July. So, between 10.00am and 12.00noon St George's Church will be open to enable dusting, hoovering, de-cobwebbing in fact a general cleaning and sprucing up. If you can help, please come along. Perhaps this will become a monthly event!

DARRELL



## **FUN AND FREE TUESDAYS**

Thank you very much to all who came to our conversation about engaging with children and families at the end of May. The time was a really encouraging, creative, and lively one!

One of the new ideas that arose from this conversation was to be present outside St George's church at school pick up time on Tuesdays from 3.00pm until 4.00pm in the second half of the school summer term. The hope is to engage with families passing by and to provide a safe space for the children to play games and for families to stop and chat. Free ice lollies will also be available, thanks to Dawn's stock of free ice creams from Wall's for the Open Day still being on the go, and hopefully with future donations and funding.

In the school holidays, Tuesdays 9, 16, 23, 30 August will be used in a similar way, from 12.00noon until 3.00pm in St George's Centre and outside (if weather permits!) In these times, refreshments will be provided, and there will be outdoor and indoor games, crafts and activities for children and adults alike to enjoy.

If you would be available any of these Tuesdays, for the 3.00 to 4pm slot up to 19th July, or for any of the August Tuesdays, please do let Rachel know – it would be great to have as many people present as possible, and to be showing the joy and fullness of our LIFE together!

RACHEL



**QUIET PRAYER GROUP**  
will meet on  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 from 2.30pm**  
at **Christchurch Abbeydale**

### **ST GEORGE'S 100 CLUB**

The June 100 Club Draw took place on Sunday 12 June; and the winners were:-

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £30.00 **Mike Brammer**: 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £20.00 **Finley Stevens**:

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10.00 **Roger Meadows**.

To be in the next draw on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September you will need to be a member. 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 from Darrell the draw promoter.



## **GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ**

Questions based on the Gospel readings for May

- 1 The Sea of Tiberias. What was its most common name?
- 2 Thomas was sometimes called 'The \_\_\_\_'. What was he called?
- 3 Jesus was on shore cooking over a fire. What was he cooking?
- 4 How many fish did the disciples catch?
- 5 The Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem at what time of year?
- 6 Scripture tells us, 'Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of \_\_\_\_'. Who was the portico named after?
- 7 Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment. 'That \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_'. What 4 word command did Jesus give?
- 8 Who is the Advocate Jesus mentions?
- 9 Jesus said, " \_\_\_\_ I leave with you; my \_\_\_\_ I give to you." What word is missing?
- 10 In the gospel of John Jesus prayed for his disciples and, who else?

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



## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Your Social Committee have been meeting and propose to arrange the following evenings for you to join in with: -

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August Karaoke night in the main hall
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September Quiz night in the main hall
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Supper in the main hall

Keep your eyes open for more information in Crossroads and Signpost and your ears tuned during the notices on a Sunday for updates.



## **COST OF LIVING** by Tony J

The cost of living - where do we start  
It helps to have, a healthy heart  
Covid remains, no matter what  
Monkey pox appears, from somewhere hot  
Front page news - a WAG's upset  
How much worse, can it get  
A stupid war in Ukraine  
The Russians pinching, all their grain  
No parties, to be had  
What a shame - so very sad  
Inflation rampant, where can it go  
Always higher, if it starts off low  
Interest rates, just the same  
Like snakes and ladders - another game  
Free money now given to rich and poor  
Please sir, can I have some more  
Wherever we look, the World's gone mad  
It was ever thus, since I was a lad  
To ease the pain, Funeral Plans are bust  
The circle of life - all turns to dust

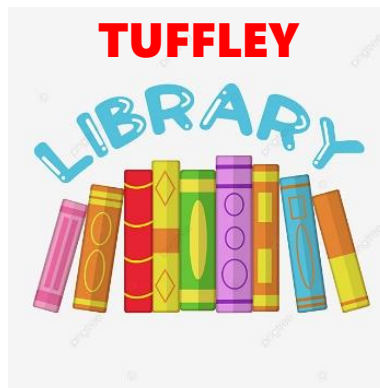


I'm hoping that if all goes well, I'll be able to arrange for the Love2Sing choir to come to St George's on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September for a concert. There are a number of 'ducks I need to get into a row' yet, but hopefully it will work out.

**Love2Sing** used to be called Angie's Community Choir so many of our singers will be well aware of St George's Church. So, finger's crossed, I'll keep you informed of progress...

**Love2Sing** are looking for new recruits, so if you would like to join us come along to the Kingsway Community Centre at 7.30pm on a Monday evening, high, low female and men's voices we would welcome you all...





The summer holidays are nearly upon us, and as well as the Gadgeteers themed Summer Reading Challenge we will be holding lots of supporting events; a building challenge with an interesting twist, fingerprint doodles, tabletop science experiments, filter paper butterflies and lots more – keep an eye out for our leaflet with dates and times. Also, as a heads up for those thrive in the garden and kitchen, we are holding a Produce and Preserves Swap and Share at the start of October.

Back to these scorching days, and we've had a fair few new titles in for reading at the beach or under a fan in the house so do drop in and have a look. A quick reminder that Bounce and Rhyme continues through the holidays at 10.30am on a Thursday, and Lego club is still on Saturdays at 10.30am.

Last of all, a big thank you to all who helped with our Jubilee bunting which is still up if you want to have a look.

Keep Cool  
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<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/>

*When nothing goes right,  
go left.*



- 1 Which Game for a Laugh presenters had the same surname?
- 2 Who was the subject of The Naked Civil Servant with John Hurt?
- 3 Which sitcom told of Tooting revolutionary Wolfie?
- 4 Who found fame as The Saint?
- 5 Who played Louie de Palma in Taxi?
- 6 Which spaghetti western star played in Rawhide for six years?
- 7 Who conducted Eric Morecambe playing Grieg's Piano Concerto?
- 8 Which reporter found fame during her reporting of the Iranian Embassy siege in 1980?
- 9 In which weekly drama slot was Cathy Come Home first shown?
- 10 Which star of The Likely Lads starred in New Tricks with Alun Armstrong?
- 11 Who was the main character on The Phil Silvers Show?
- 12 Who became Mrs Clayton Farlow in Dallas?
- 13 Which series looked back at film clips 25 years old?
- 14 How were Bruce Wayne and Dick Grayson better known?
- 15 Which "Carry On" regular was the star of Bless this House?
- 16 Who was "lower class" on The Frost Report after John Cleese and Ronnie Barker?
- 17 Which soap was originally called The Midland Road?
- 18 Which famous singer/actor's daughter shot JR?
- 19 Which TV veteran narrated Planet Earth?
- 20 What was the surname of Morticia and Gomez?

### **ANSWERS TO OUR JUNE QUIZ!**

1 Green Onions (Booker T and the M. G.'s): 2 Answer b: 1hour 54 min 56.4 sec (average speed of 2,908.026 km/hr) 3 Kalahari: 4 Capitol: 5 Minaret: 6 The Hunt For Red October: 7 Jack Dempsey: 8 Seoul: 9 Detroit: 10 There Must Be An Angel (Eurythmics):

## JILL'S JOTTINGS

### from St Margaret's

Well folks, its me again, that nosey person, who with her friends, Dianne and Marilyn, do the cleaning at St Margaret's. We were doing just that; I was up in the sanctuary with our little cleaner, I had cleaned behind the altar and was coming down the aisle. I was passing by the stool that we place the offertory plate on, on a Sunday morning when the cleaner cable caught on the leg of the stool. It fell over and landed on my foot. I didn't know whether to be sick or faint, but I just sat down and rested for a couple of minutes then carried on cleaning. By the time we finished our cleaning stint my foot really hurt, but when your sister needs your help, you just can't give in.

We have all been celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, so we wanted our church to look extra special, we dusted and polished to make it just that. When we go to our Thursday services, we always give it a bit of a sweep through. You have no idea the amount of dust and fluff that can collect in the space of a couple of days.

We met up for our picnic in the park on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>; we had a wonderful afternoon. It was great to meet up with the folks from other churches in Tuffley, some we knew by name other were just by face recognition, but it was great to meet up with them all. We had just shared our sandwiches around when a little spaniel came across my box of sandwiches. She snaffled a couple and ate them before being hauled off by her owner. Totally black, she wagged her whole body, it was so quick she reminded me of our Rob's dog, Holly; she would have been there too. It had just started to spit with rain when the picnic started to break up, Di Margaret and me went to 14 Randwick for a lovely cup of tea or coffee. When we left Margaret's saying our cheerio's it was raining pretty heavily, but we had had a lovely afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon we had the pleasure of having Pauline Deeley with us along with Dianne who's been coming for lunch for ages. We welcome Dianne with open arms, but Pauline was harder to convince that everything was alright. So I said to Margaret to invite her one more time and just hope that she would accept our invitation on this occasion, and she did. We had a lovely Sunday Lunch and after the washing up, we switched on the tele to watch the Jubilee parade which was magnificent. My Rob's wife was in the drum band and she

was on the tele, only problem was I had to go to church so I missed seeing her, but Rob recorded her and sent the clips by Whatsapp. She was thoroughly enjoying herself, it was smashing, I watched it two or three times; a perfect end to a momentous weekend.

So it was back to our chores on June 6<sup>th</sup>, I still have a bit of a bruise on my foot and it's still a bit sore, but I just get on with it and enjoy being with my friends and keeping our church up together and of course telling all you lovely people how we are getting on, we have had quite a few new visitors to our churchyard, some old faces, some new faces but it's always lovely to see them, so friends it's cheerio for now, I'm just going to have a lie down in a darkened room so bye for now and look after yourselves.

Best wishes,  
JILL PONTER



*Two limericks from Tony J this month...*

The decorator came to quote for our room  
To give us a lift from our gloom  
He gave us a price  
Which wasn't so nice  
And said it was cheaper by zoom

My Aunt Nellie  
Had a rash on her belly  
She saw her GP  
Sat on his knee  
And said he should be on Telly

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

## **GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS**

1 Sea of Galilee: 2 Twin: 3 Fish: 4 153: 5 Winter: 6 Solomon: 7 You love one another: 8 The Holy Spirit: 9 Peace: 10 You and I:

## **YOUR OLD PHOTOS REQUIRED**

Following the success of our open day at St George's when we opened the church and centre to the parish and had on display many, many old photos guiding us through the years since the parish of St George, Tuffley came into being. Well, we've been thinking about doing it again perhaps towards the end of the year, but we do need your help... Have you any old photos regarding any aspect of life in the parish that you would be prepared to let us scan and add to our, ever increasing photo library.



If, you have, you can pass them to me or David Westcott, we will copy them and let you have your originals back. If you are able to identify anyone who is in the photo and give us a note to that effect that would be great!

Not quite sure when this event will take place but it's probably best to sort through and pass on any photos soon, so we can do the best possible job of scanning them.

More information will be available in the next issue of Crossroads.

DARRELL

*We can do anything we want to  
if we stick to it long enough.  
Helen Keller*



# Pantomime time

**ST GEORGE'S ENTERTAINERS**

Will be presenting

## **GOLDILOCKS**

on Friday and Saturday  
18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022

So put those dates in your diaries TODAY!  
More information will be available in due course.



### **THROUGH THE WINDOW**

Hello everyone, well here I am again writing to keep you upto date with what's going on around me. My mum is hobbling around the house using a stick. She says it's so that she doesn't fall over. She can still tell me off, she shouts at me! I don't know why really and truly, I don't. Even Auntie Jill shouts at me but I do give her lots of cuddles. You can't please people all the time can you!

It's been dry now for days, so I can go out and stay out, it's lovely. I hear Auntie Jill talking about Maya and Trixie, she shouts at them too. I imagine what they

are thinking though as I have the same thoughts. What have I done now that I shouldn't have? Sometimes you can't do right for doing wrong! Sometimes I could leave home, but I know when I'm well off. I do like my creature comforts when needed, so I'll just stay put.

Do you know, when it's raining my mum still makes me go out, and she shuts the door on me. I think that's mean of her. Then when I go back in the house, she tells me to wipe my feet! I can't help it if I have wet paws, I can't fly, can I? You should hear the way my mum talks to me. Sometimes, she can be very nice and kind but at others, she's horrible! Just because I do a bit of whingeing; then she tells me that I'm just like Auntie Jill. She tells my mum that she's practising for the Whingeing Olympics (whatever they are?)

I do like to keep her on her toes. Sometimes I do like to go out at night and don't always want to go back in, so she has to come down to get me back in. I get moaned at yet again. Well, when it's warm I need to go outside. Maya and Trixie have to stay in at night. They get shouted at and told off and Auntie Jill makes them go up to bed. Sometimes they will go out in the early hours of the morning, probably because they are desperate. They meet up with their friends and I've heard they have a great time, always up to something or other. When I speak to them, I am a bit envious, still can't have it all can you.

Your feline friend, JoJo Whittle (Miss)



## **OVER THE GARDEN FENCE**

Maya, Maya, where are you, Maya? Oh, gawd what on earth is the matter now? She did it again, Maya. Who did what Trixie? Our mum, she did it again Maya. What did she do again, Trixie? She picked me up and flung me into the house, Maya. Is that all she did? But, Maya, I just wanted to have another five minutes in the sunshine. Trixie, what sunshine? There's been no sun all day and that wind is really blowing chilly. Our mum did you a favour when she brought you



inside. But Maya? Don't you Maya me, little sister you just snuggle down in your igloo or finish off your biscuits. Maya Ponter, sometimes you can be a really mean to me. Yes, well that's as maybe, but sometimes you can be a real pain too.

Hey, Trix! Is that who I think it is? What do you mean, Maya? Oh, look it's Harry and he's coming over here. Well hello stranger, are you all better now, Harry? We haven't half missed you, you know. And I haven't half missed you girls as well! Well Harry, what happened? We kept getting all sorts of messages about what happened to you, but we just want you to tell us why it's taken so long for you to come and see us?

Well girls, it was like this; I went for a nosey round the cul-de-sac and found a hole in a fence. Well, you know me girls, I just had to go through it to see what was on the other side of the fence. Well, it wasn't half interesting, all sorts of lovely things to get in and out of and then it happened. I was in this box and wham something fell on it and I was trapped. I managed to squeeze myself out of the box but I got caught on something and ripped my side open a bit, only it was more than a bit. I made my way home luckily I bumped into the teo Gingers and they helped me to get home. I was feeling ever so weary I was grateful for the helping hands they gave me.

My mum and dad had just come in from doing the shopping, took one look at me and shoved me into the box thing and off to the doctors I went! Oh Harry, how awful for you, and then what happened? Trixie Ponter, you do like to know all the gory details, don't you? Well Harry, it's always better when it happens to somebody else and not me! Go on Harry! Well, I was in hospital for quite some time, my mum was going frantic, wanting to know what had happened to me. I did eventually come home, but I got another infection and had to have another operation. I looked like I had done two rounds with that big black cat from two doors away. I really thought that my time was up, but the doctors gave me lots of anti something or other and I managed to get better. I had lost so much weight as well, so when I got home for the second time my mum made sure that I had the best food in the world. My, my, girls, roast chicken in gravy, a little bit of salmon; just thinking about it make my mouth water. But after a little while it was back to the packet stuff and not being allowed out because I had a lampshade on my head. It took them ages to realise that I wanted to go out to meet up with my friends. Well after a lot of showing off, I managed to get that thing off my head and get out of the house. The gingers were so

pleased to see me as well. They've been looking out for me, you know, telling me all the news on the street, letting me know how Yasmin was and you, of course. And now I get to see you all, ain't life grand today! Harry you never said a truer word! Come on Trixie, we're going out with Harry so say cheerio to everyone Ok it's cheerio from me, Maya and Harry until the next time, stay safe.

MAYA AND TRIXIE PONTER (Miss)



**JUNE**

Sun 26		<b>TRINITY 2</b>	
		<b>Crossroads Magazine available</b>	
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	4.30pm	Private Let	SH
Mon 27	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 28	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	St G's
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	7.15pm	Deanery Synod	St G's
Wed 29	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	12 noon	Mothers' Union Deanery Lunch	SH
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 30	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH&SL
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH

## JULY

Fri 1	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	3.30pm	Messy Church	St B
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 2	10.00am	St George's Church cleaning until 12.00noon	
Sun 3	<b>TRINITY 3 / THOMAS the APOSTLE</b>		
	10.30am	Family Praise with Banns of Marriage	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Banns of Marriage followed by coffee	St G's
	12.30pm	Baptism of Noa-Rae Sarah Broadbent	St M's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 4	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 5	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
Wed 6	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	12 noon	Burial of Ashes of Janet Freeman RIP	St M's
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee	SL
Thu 7	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH & SL
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 8	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 9	7.30pm	<b>Let us Entertain You</b>	MH
Sun 10	<b>TRINITY 4</b>		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Banns of Marriage and followed by coffee	St G's
	10.00am	Private let	MH
	12.30pm	Thanksgiving Service for Mike & Trinity Smith	St M's
Mon 11	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15am	Guides	MH
Tue 12	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's

	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union Summer Social	SH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	7.00pm	PCC meet	TBC
Wed 13	<b>Crossroads article deadline</b>		
Wed 13	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 14	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH & SL
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 15	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	SH
Sun 17	<b>TRINITY 5</b>		
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Banns of Marriage and followed by coffee	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 18	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 19	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
Wed 20	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.30pm	Refresh	StG's
Thu 21	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH & SL
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 22	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sun 24	<b>TRINITY 6</b>		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	2.00pm	Belated Welcome to Rev'd Rachel & Paul – Bring & Share lunch	St G's
Mon 25	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
Tue 26	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
Wed 27	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 28	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH & SL
Fri 29	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group meet at Christchurch, Abbeydale	
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 30	2.30pm	CiT Environment Group Litter Pick meet at St George's	
Sun 31	<b>TRINITY 7 - August Crossroads available</b>		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	4.30pm	Private let	SH

## **AUGUST**

Mon 1	<b>Summer Bank Holiday</b>		
Tue 2	8.45am	Gardening Club trip	
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
Wed 3	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Centre Management Committee meet	SL
Thu 4	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	12.00noon	Teddy Bear's Picnic	St M's
Sat 6	7.00pm	Karaoke Evening	MH
Sun 7	<b>TRINITY 8</b>		
	10.30am	Family Praise	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	2.00pm	Private let	SH
	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, CA = Christchurch Abbeydale,  
MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge, V = Vicarage.

*Don't tell people your plans.  
Show them your results.*

## **A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...**

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

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

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

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims, of course!

Which branch of the military accepts toddlers? The infantry.

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

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

What's the opposite of irony? Wrinkly.

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

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

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

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

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

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