

CROSSROADS

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

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering

Growing God's Kingdom



**Has your Teddy done this?
Well, if not, Teddy can on August 4th
at St Margaret's!! See inside for details**

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
Parish Communion at 9.00am
Parish Communion at 9.00am
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...

Generous hospitality

When we look at the history and story of our faith, we can see how important generous hospitality has been from the earliest of days. I write this on the Sunday we have Genesis 18.1-10 set for the Old Testament reading (Trinity 5), where we see Abraham offering such generous hospitality to three strangers passing by his tent. This was, of course, the way of life for nomads, they would offer welcome and a meal to passing strangers. Sometimes survival depended on this kindness. Such hospitality continues in the New Testament. In the Gospels, we often see Jesus as the guest or fellow companion at a feast or meal, but we also see and hear of Jesus as the ultimate host. His first miracle being to turn water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, where the guests compliment the bridegroom on keeping the finest wine till last! More significantly, Jesus talks of being the living bread and water in whom all hungers and thirsts are satisfied. The New Testament reading set for this Sunday is the wonderful hymn of praise written, we think, by St Paul in a letter to the church in Colossae (Colossians 1). In these great words we hear how nothing, and no one, is beyond God's presence, or the reach or hope of his concern; we are all reconciled through Christ.

When I think back over the last few months, indeed the last year, there are so many examples of generous hospitality and welcome from St George's and St Margaret's. It seems strange to think that it is a year ago now since Paul and I first arrived, with all those many, many, boxes! We arrived as strangers to most of you (except those who were on the interview panel), and we felt a little disorientated in a new place with no familiar reference points. Thanks to the wonderful people of both churches though, we very soon felt at home here – your generous welcome and hospitality were much appreciated. There have been many occasions over the last year where your generous welcome and hospitality have been shown, not least in welcoming over 200 people for the Visitation service last month, and another 50 people for the Deanery Synod – thanks and comments from visitors have included, 'thanks for such a relaxed and generous welcome', 'what a happy evening', 'such generous hospitality, thank you!' Of course, there are everyday examples of this too with Day Centre, Coffee Pot, Mothers' Union, refreshments after a service, baptisms... I could go on and on.

This Summer we will have yet more opportunities to welcome people and to offer generous hospitality, with the continuation of Fun and Free Tuesdays at St George's, and the Teddy Bears' picnic (and teddy zip-wire!) and Heritage Open Days at St Margaret's. Let us continue to welcome others generously and joyfully and let us be open to encountering God through the unexpected and unfamiliar.

With every blessing,
RACHEL

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

We welcome Noa-Rae Sarah Broadbent to God's family

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH

Joseph (Mac) McNulty

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Janet Freeman

Richard Essex

May they rest in peace



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 games and challenges to join in with!

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)



Just a friendly reminder...

To have your SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2022 CROSSROADS ready for publication on SUNDAY 28 AUGUST...

...ARTICLES NEED TO BE WITH THE EDITORS' PREFERABLY BY EMAIL BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...SATURDAY 13 AUGUST

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 haven't had anyone offer to deliver 5 Crossroads magazines each month and to collect the annual magazine fee in January/February each year, which is disappointing.



CiT ENVIRONMENT GROUP LITTER PICK GROUP

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

August 27th at 2.30pm meeting at Grange Baptist's Car Park
September 24th at 2.30pm meeting St Barnabas

Please come along and join us



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING

We are continuing to meet on a monthly basis for Saturday morning church cleaning sessions, our next will be on Saturday 6th August, between 10.00am and 12.00noon. Do come along and join us hoovering, polishing, tidying and generally making St George's look it's best. I'll even make you a cup of tea or coffee. Should it be that a Saturday morning is not good for you, but you'd like to help, please let me know as there are other times when you could come along and flick a duster around!!

DARRELL

FREE AND FUN TUESDAYS AT ST GEORGE'S

Free and Fun Tuesdays through June and July have seen many children and families enjoying the space outside St George's. Free ice lollies have been appreciated (even the Tuesday it was slightly chilly!) and outdoor games and conversation engaged in. It's been great to get to know some for the first time, and to refresh relationships from previous Messy Church sessions and baptisms.

In the school holidays, Fun and Free Tuesdays will continue, from 2.00pm until 3.00pm on 2nd August, and 12.00noon until 3.00pm on the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August. There will continue to be outdoor games, if the weather permits, and also indoor games, arts and crafts activities, and free drinks and snacks in St George's Centre.

Please do let your families, friends and neighbours know about Free and Fun Tuesdays, and if you are available to come along any Tuesday, please let Rachel or Susan know.

RACHEL

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

Saturday 10 September

Supported by the National Churches Trust and organised locally by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT), this day sees cyclists, walkers and horse riders raising money visiting churches and chapels throughout the day. The money raised is shared between GHCT and local churches of all Christian denominations in Gloucestershire and North Bristol. Open to everyone.

Find out more visit and sign-up at: <https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride>
Messy Church Goes Wild

Editor's Note: Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September also happen to be Open Days at St Margaret's. See later in this issue for more information about this and further information in our next issue and in Signpost.



QUIET PRAYER GROUP

Will not meet in August

But will start again on...

Friday 30th September 2022 from 2.30pm at Grange Baptist

QUIET PRAYER GROUP (Interdenominational)

A group of us have been meeting on the last Friday of each month to pray together 'the prayer of quiet'. Numbers vary, between 6 to 12 men and women. Gloucester churches of various denominations are represented, and we meet at 2.30pm in one of several beautiful settings in local churches. There is a focal point - usually a picture and candle. We are invited to enter the quietness bringing with us, in our hearts, the communities from which we come. After an opening prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to lead us in the silence, a passage from scripture is read. (Often a Psalm). We then settle into quietness for 25 minutes. About halfway through a line or phrase from the reading, for example from Psalm 34, *Oh taste and see how gracious the Lord is*, is repeated once. The quiet prayer continues until the playing of music signals that it is time to come out of the quiet. After this there is space for anyone to speak about anything that might have come to mind. Sometimes one or two have something to say, other times no-one has.

We then finish by praying The Lord's Prayer together followed by the Grace. It is then about 3.15pm and people can either leave or stay for refreshments, usually tea, coffee and cake. This group is open to anyone of any denomination or none. It's also open to the housebound or those who find travelling difficult, or anyone who cannot be there on Fridays. A copy of the scripture readings can be delivered to you at home, by hand or email and you can pray with us in spirit.

WHAT IS THE PRAYER OF QUIET?

There are some well-known quiet prayer group networks, such as Julian Groups (called after mother Julian of Norwich). The form of such meetings tends to vary as each group develops a life of its own, but the common ground is an emphasis on reaching out to God in a simple, wordless way and openness to people both lay and clergy of all denominations and of none. This kind of wordless prayer is sometimes called contemplation. Think of the story of the woman in the Bible who suffered from a constant bleeding which meant she was isolated from her community and had spent years trying to find a cure for her illness. When she approaches Jesus, she has no words to say but simply reaches out and touches the hem of his garment. The prayer of quiet is like that, a simple reaching out to God with a willingness to receive from him. It is a very natural way of praying and indeed may be the only way we can pray

when we, like the woman, are tired and ill. Children may pray like this quite instinctively and we can learn from them. It is the way of prayer loved by the old man who famously said of God.

*I sits and looks at Him
And He sits and looks at me*

This kind of prayer resembles the instinctive way a baby turns towards his mother for nourishment and love even before learning to speak.

At present we go to the following churches

Christchurch Abbeydale, Grange Road Baptist and St George's, Tuffley (CofE),

In the past we have been invited to

English Martyrs RC Church, St Barnabas Church (CofE), St James Church (CofE), St Hilda's Church Hall (CofE), St Oswald's Church (CofE) and we would love to expand our current membership to represent some more fellowships in Gloucester.

Our next planned meetings for the rest of the year are:-

29th July at Christchurch Abbeydale

No prayer meeting in August

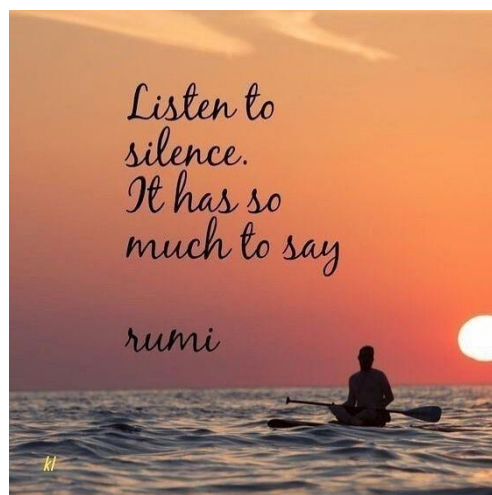
30th September at Grange Road Baptist

28th October at St George's

25th November is to be confirmed

No prayer meeting in December

For further information please ring Lorraine Best on 01452 419189 and leave a message, your name and number and Lorraine will return your call or email her at lorrainebest5@gmail.com





GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for June

- 1 Who said, "Lord, show us the Father and we will be satisfied"?
- 2 If we didn't believe 'Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus'; then Jesus would encourage us to believe because of the ____ themselves. What word is missing?
- 3 Speaking of the Holy Spirit Jesus said, "He will guide you into all the ____". What word is missing?
- 4 Jesus went on to say, "He will _____ me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you". The missing word is?
- 5 'Then they arrived at the country of the _____, which is opposite Galilee'. Which country is the scripture naming?
- 6 What was the collective name of the evil spirits that had entered the man?
- 7 'They begged Jesus not to order them to back into __ ____'. Where didn't these evil spirits want to return to?
- 8 'When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to _____'. Where was Jesus heading for?
- 9 The people of a Samaritan village were not prepared to accept Jesus. Which disciples wanted to call down fire from heaven to consume these inhabitants?
- 10 What was Jesus' response?

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

Hello, there,

I've been having a sort out and come across a number of plastic tubs that I've been buying with bird balls in to feed the many birds in my garden. I haven't got use for any more tubs so, if you would like one or two, please let me know and I'll let you have them.

Many thanks
DARRELL



WATCHING THE PLANES GO BY – A MODERN PASTIME

I have just invested in a new mobile phone. It's streets ahead of its predecessor, now about ten years old. I needed one that would 'talk' to my new hearing aids, through something I don't understand called Bluetooth.

I'm trying to get used to the new toy, before it takes over in earnest. One app which I have just put onto it is rather interesting. It's called Flight Radar 24. It enables you to identify planes as they pass overhead and indeed to track their progress all round the world. It shows their altitude, speed and in most cases origin, destination, registration details and a picture of the aircraft.

Although I know little about aviation, I have been quite gripped by it. I've just been following an RAF Boeing Poseidon, destination undisclosed, which after cruising round Swindon in curious loops at about 6000 feet, has doubled its speed, climbing fast and continuously and now in a dead straight-line northwest towards Shrewsbury. It took off nearly two hours ago in Lincolnshire, so it seems a strange route. The climb was incredibly quick, and it must have been quite exciting on board. It's now steady at 29,000 feet.

Most of the traffic is routine international stuff at about 35,000 feet. There's now an Airbus A330 from Rome to Toronto which I can hear but not see, due to cloud. It's followed by another A330, this time a Delta Airlines from Athens to Atlanta, and then there's going to be a Boeing 777, Istanbul to Houston. The lucky passengers on that have over nine hours till they land. In the other direction is a cargo plane, Louisville to Cologne. Heathrow to the River Severn is about eleven minutes, by the way.

I'm sure there are lots of aviation fans who have much more advanced versions of this, which can more or less tell you the pilot's name. But one thing it does show is just how much air traffic there is up there. It would have been a different story during the Covid crisis, but the general impression I get is that the flight industry has recovered substantially. I haven't mentioned the holiday traffic coming north-south: Manchester to Malaga, Birmingham to Barcelona and so on. Personally, I can't say I am too keen on flying these days, but each to their own.

There's something I must add, and I realise it may be controversial. I'm actually writing this on the second day of the extreme heatwave, with temperatures breaking through 40 degrees for the first time. International aviation is a major cause of pollution and climate change, and I really wonder what the future will bring.

Something has to change, and it has to start with us making individual choices for the good of humanity. Dear Lord and father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways.

JONATHAN



SOCIAL EVENTS

Your Social Committee have arranged the following evenings for you to join in with: -

Saturday 6th August Karaoke night at 7.00pm in the main hall. Entry £2.00 per head, raffle, please bring your own drinks.

Saturday 17th September Quiz night 7.00pm in the main hall. Teams of 6, adults £5 each; Under 10's £2.00 each to include a light supper. Raffle, please bring your own drinks.

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

Much of the social history of the Western world, over the past three decades, has been a history of replacing what worked with what sounded good. Thomas Sowell

THE RIVERSIDE by Tony J

As I stand by the Riverside, I see my reflection there.
Watching the water passing by, over my continued stare,
The ripples representing, the lines on my face.
As I look back over years, how I got to this place

Growing up in hardship, but a loving family too,
Always had a helping hand, that's what neighbours do.
Starting work and growing up, what did life have in store,
Whatever came your way, you always wanted more.

Marriage and the kids, gave the stable life,
Oh, so very fortunate, to find the perfect wife.
Not always in harmony, but respect none the less,
Paying off the mortgage, reduced all the stress.

The kids had flown the nest, thriving on their own.
All because of us, and the seeds we had sown.
We're now old and wrinkly, but still the best of friends,
Hoping the life we've carved ourselves, never ever ends.

But the calmness of the river, on its onwards flow,
Provides a quiet reminder, that it has somewhere to go.
So just like the river, my journey never ends,
It will continue to meander, round obstacles and bends.

Knowing that one day, just as the river joins the sea,
The Lord will also come calling, when he's ready for me.





Yes, it's going to happen! The Love2Sing choir are coming to St George's on Saturday 24th September for a concert. At the moment I'm guessing that the concert will begin at 7.30pm (*I will confirm*). Tickets will be £5.00 for adults £2.00 for children under 10 years of age.

Love2Sing used to be called Angie's Community Choir so many of our singers will be well aware of St George's Church.

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. We're taking a summer break currently and will restart rehearsal on Monday 5th September.

ST MARGARET'S WHADDON PARISH CHURCH

...will be taking part in the Heritage Open Days:

Friday 9th and Saturday 10th from 11.00am until 3.00pm each day.

Wheelchair access to the church.

Parking at Wynstones School, Stroud Road.

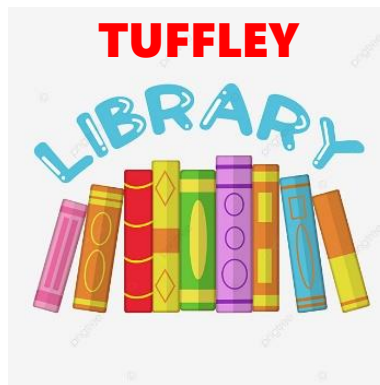
St Margaret's is a 13th century parish church, grade II* listed building. During the open days we are delighted to offer access to the church, vestry, tower, and church yard. Attendees will have the rare opportunity to go up the tower to the flag room, offering a view of the original roofing timbers and graffiti from the 1800s.

Attendees will be able to have a go at ringing the bells at midday, 1.00pm and 2.00pm.

As well as listen to the church organ being played.

Refreshments available on both days, with toilet facilities on site.

Information sheets will be available, and the event will be stewarded.



eBooks are moving

On the Monday 1 August, eBooks will be moving from Libby (Overdrive) to join the eAudiobook service on BorrowBox. We will continue to provide a large number of titles, including most of the titles that were available via Libby, plus many new titles. We will also be able to offer a regular selection of the best titles without any queues.



eMagazines will continue to be available via the Libby app and the Overdrive website.

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Why not try listening to your library book with one of our wide range of free eAudiobooks? Listen at home or while you're out and about. We highlight new themes and latest titles as well as a featured selection that is always available to download straightaway. Choose from fiction, non-fiction, adult, teen and children's books. eAudiobooks are becoming more and more popular – your library card gives you access to a great free range of titles.

Getting started

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MARGARET and STEVE

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- 1 In a restaurant, to 'go Dutch' means to split the cost of which payment?
- 2 Beginning with 'F', which company began offering wearable activity trackers in 2014?
- 3 Victoria Adams, aka Posh Spice, is now better known by which surname?
- 4 Which company founded by Richard Branson is known for it's Active, Galactic and Radio brands?
- 5 Wenlock and Mandeville were the official mascots for which event that took place in London in 2012?
- 6 A statue of which comedian, best known for his jokes about the mother-in-law, stands in the Lancashire town of Lytham Saint Annes?
- 7 On the big screen, actors Leonard Nimoy and Zachary Quinto have both portrayed which space character?
- 8 Sometimes known by its initials MOH, which honour is the United States government's highest and most prestigious military decoration?
- 9 Which Spanish tennis player won the French Open nine times in ten years between 2005 and 2014?
- 10 Columbia University, Cornell Tech and Rockefeller University are all found in which US city?

ANSWERS TO OUR JULY QUIZ!

- 1 Matthew & Henry Kelly: 2 Quentin Crisp: 3 Citizen Smith: 4 Roger Moore:
5 Danny De Vito: 6 Clint Eastwood: 7 André Previn: 8 Kate Adie:
9 The Wednesday Play: 10 James Bolam: 11 Bilko: 12 Miss Ellie:
13 All Our Yesterdays: 14 Batman and Robin: 15 Sid James: 16 Ronnie Corbett:
17 Crossroads: 18 Bing Crosby's (Mary): 19 David Attenborough: 20. Addams:

JILL'S JOTTINGS

from St Margaret's

Well, my friends, it's me that wonderful person who, with her friends, Dianne and Marilyn cleans at St Margaret's. It has been one of those weeks as I had forgotten that my friend, Dianne, was going on holiday and that she was due for her 5th Covid jab, so I had to take myself to St Margaret's and start the cleaning.

When Marilyn came, I told her that I was on my own as Dianne couldn't be there. I had to make my own coffee as Dianne was away, it tastes much better when Dianne makes it! But we carry on as usual with Marilyn and I putting the world to rights. We had a really good session, I was on doors and floors and Marilyn was on the brass, we had extra to do as we were one team member short, but we managed. What a lot of mess had accumulated in just few days, I think that the more we clean the more dirt will fall around our ears! We do about two hours of cleaning, we heard people in the churchyard, but they didn't venture into the church.

Our churchyard is well and truly wild now, I've seen robins bob-bob-bobbing along and squirrels running around. When we were leaving St Margaret's we met up with the little girl; Noa-Rae, who was christened early in July. Her mum was taking pictures of her in her christening outfit. She looked a picture, if you pardon the pun, her mum's friend had made the outfit and she hadn't taken any pictures of it. So, there was little, Noa-Rae, all dressed up and having a whale of a time showing us how wonderful she looked, and she did!

We see all sorts of people in our churchyard, some just come to say hello to their loved ones and stay for just a few minutes; while others come to spend a long while, tidying up and putting flowers on the grave. Some tell of all the happenings that are going on around them, they know that their loved ones can't hear them chatting on but it's a sort of therapy and helps them to carry on regardless. Our little church welcomes everyone and although the churchyard is 'wild' our welcome is as genuine as it's always been.

It's about time that I closed this monologue, but just to remind you of our Teddy Bear's Picnic on August 4th, I'm taking my two teddy bears and cheese and ham sandwiches, I do hope they like cheese and ham sandwiches, because

that's what we will be having. Hope to see all my readers there. I'm off to lie down in a darkened room as it's soooooo hot! Until the next time, keep safe.

Best wishes,
JILL PONTER



A couple of topical limericks from Tony J...

Airport chaos, no flights today,
Don't worry me, I'm OK,
On a cruise, suits us fine,
If only for the wine,
And a cheap price for next May.

Poor Boris, looks so sad,
But Mrs J, very glad,
She can now, do her thing,
Perhaps throw her hat in the ring,
Knowing the place is raving mad!

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

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Philip: 2 works: 3 truth: 4 glorify: 5 Geresenes: 6 Legion: 7 the abyss:
8 Jerusalem: 9 James and John: 10 He rebuked the brothers:

ST GEORGE'S OPEN DAY +

Well, how do you feel about an open day at St George's on Saturday 10th December?

How do you feel about a Christmas Fair on Saturday 10th December?

How do you feel about amalgamating the two of them?

Well, that's what's going to happen!

But, to do so we will need your help, certainly with your old photos, with donations of prizes for a Christmas Raffle and many more things which will become clearer soon. If you have any ideas for stalls, you could offer or items you could make, do let us know.

Your old photos of what went on at St George's in the past are needed asap, certainly by the end of August so we can scan them and return them safely to you.

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

DARRELL

Editors Note: *We really do need your old photos as soon as possible, any aspect of happenings at St George's from the past will be gratefully received and if you can identify who is in the photos all the better, if you can't identify someone we'll try and do it for you, but no promises!*



Pantomime time

ST GEORGE'S ENTERTAINERS

Will be presenting

GOLDILOCKS

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.





THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hello everyone,

I have got such a lot to tell you, firstly, I think I told you my mum was threatening me with going to that horrible place where they do horrible things to you; like sticking long needles into your body. Well, first of all they had to catch me, as I hid under my mum's bed. I can assure you; I gave them the run around, but eventually I was caught and pushed into that box and carted off to see the doctor. I was poked and prodded, I was not happy, I can tell you. My Auntie Jill is just as bad.

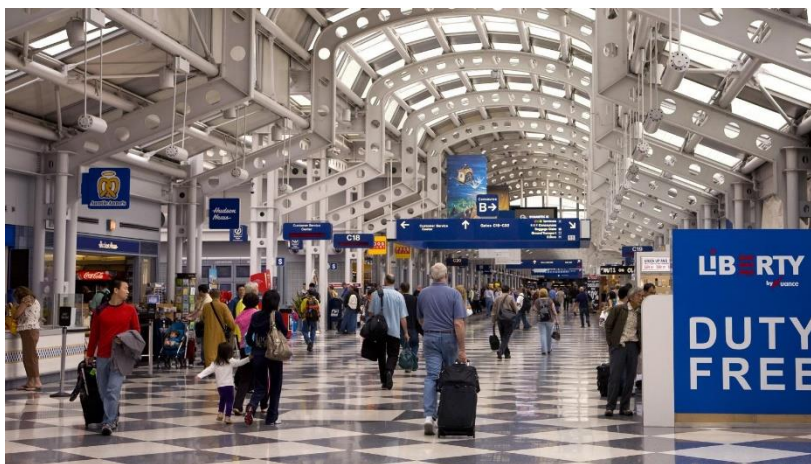
Now they grab me and shove pills down my neck, mum holds me tight, and Auntie Jill shove the pill down my throat. I don't make it easy for them, I can tell you! I won't speak to my mum for at least a couple of hours. I take myself off and have a sulk. Mind you, I think both Maya and Trixie have their moments and don't speak to their mum either. She tells Trix to get out of the road because she'll get hurt and then boy! won't we know it!! We'll never hear the end of it! We will hear, I've got a hurtie, and Maya saying, serves you right, you shouldn't be playing with cars. You won't know what happened to me and I had to spend weeks in a cage and have tablets as big as horsepills. Maya don't exaggerate. It's true Trix. I'll still do roly-polies. Not in the road you won't. Our mum will tell you off, you know what she's like. She won't know if you don't tell her! She sees you and she will shout at you. She's doing it because she cares what happens to us. Maya, you are a spoil sport. You want to cramp my style. You are a wuss, Maya. I am not! I just like things to go my way! Have it your way, Maya, but I know what I know! I'm going to get on that machine and have a chat to JoJo. You've got a mean mum just like ours!

Anyway, speak to you both soon...

Your feline friend, JoJo Whittle (Miss)

TERMINAL ILLNESS by Tony J

Paid your money, tickets in place,
Checked regulations, potential problems no trace,
The day arrives, it's time to go,
A text arrives, an initial blow.
A 3 hour delay, but check in as told,
Baggage weighed properly, for cabin or hold,
Thro' security, no problem there,
Pacemaker still working, why should I care.
Time for a beer, I'm in holiday mode,
Further delays announced, one for the road,
6 hours later, why am I here,
Surely not, for the five quid beer.
But hey, we're suddenly off,
Better clear the throat, and have a cough,
On board the aircraft, all strapped in,
Another announcement, above the din.
We've lost our slot, take off delayed,
Sod the fact, good dosh you've paid,
Destination reached, on a wing and prayer,
A day too late, but does anyone care.
See you next year, when our prices higher,
Not me mate - I'm a disillusioned ex flyer,
So, stuff your vouchers, where the sun don't shine,
I've got a terminal illness - caused by the airline whine.





OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya, where are you. Trixie I'm upstairs staying in the cool. Oh, there you are, I've just heard our mum on the machine, she's talking to Auntie Marg. What did you hear, Trixie? Well, it seems that our mum and Auntie Marg are taking JoJo to that place again. Well, we will have to get on the machine and ask her about it when she gets back.

JoJo, JoJo, is that you JoJo, well, I just wanted to make sure, you know, how did you get on? What do you mean JoJo, our mum wouldn't do anything like that to you JoJo? Well, I never did, she just caught you and shoved you headfirst into that basket thing, and she giggled as she took you to that vehicle, and your mum said you were to be a good girl. Why JoJo? Oh, because you were making such a racket and your mum told you to shut up and behave yourself. Well, I never did, yes JoJo, Maya is just beside me, she's listening to every word, and then what happened? You had to do what JoJo? You went into the see the doctor and she felt you all over, blimey. What happened next? You had to have the pin and another gobstopper! Flippin'eck JoJo, whatever did you do, you got back in the box and our mum put you back in the car, well, that's what it's called JoJo not that vehicle. It's the car and then you came home, oh, JoJo, you really do have the best adventures.

What did you say, you have to have a pill every day! To help you with your tail? What on earth is having a pill got to do with your tail? You don't know? When you get home, you ask your mum why you have to have so many pills? I bet it's so you can see better in the dark! What's that JoJo, your mum won't let you stay out at night, she gets you in and locks the door and when you want to go out, she says on yer bike JoJo. I didn't know you had a bike JoJo. Oh, I see it's a figure of speech.

Alright JoJo we have some new feline friends, you know Auntie Dianne, who goes to dinner at your house, well she's going away, and they are having to go away as well. Our mum took Lulu and Tammy, that's their names to their holiday

home. Seems that neither of them liked it, in fact Lulu escaped out her room. Mum was very worried in case they got out, but Lulu was caught and brought under control. She'll only be away for a few nights, then it's back home with their mum and our mum, well JoJo, it's all happening down here you know. Oh! What's that, ok I'll tell them when they come over. Harry and the two Gingers will be round in a minute, see you soon JoJo, bye for now.

Well, how about that, Maya. I know Trixie we meet only the best of felines and here's Harry and the Gingers now, wait until we tell them all of our news today. I wonder if they know felines who go on holiday? And have to leave their mum to cope on her own. Don't know, Trix. But I do know that Lulu and Tammy will be on that machine telling us just what they got upto. I know Trixie, so why don't you say cheerio to everyone, Ok Maya. Cheerio folks until the next time. And it's goodbye from me, Maya as well, stay safe.

MAYA AND TRIXIE PONTER (Miss)



JULY

Sun 31	TRINITY 7 – August Crossroads available		
	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	Summer Bank Holiday		
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	10.00am	Church Cleaning	St G's
	7.00pm	Karaoke Evening	MH
Sun 7	TRINITY 8		
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.30am	Family Praise	St M's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 8	12.00noon	Funeral Wake	MH
Tue 9	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	12.00noon	Family Day	St G's
	7.00pm	Christmas Planning Group	V
Wed 10	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 11	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	7.30pm	Charter Band rehearse	SH
Fri 12	7.30pm	Entertainers	SH
	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
Sat 13	SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CROSSROADS ARTICLE DEADLINE		
	10.00am	Karate	MH
Sun 14	TRINITY 9 / BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
Tue 16	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	12.00noon	Family Day	St G's
Wed 17	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
		No Refresh this month	
Thu 18	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Fri 19	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 20	10.00am	Karate	MH
Sun 21	TRINITY 10		
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 22	Crossroads printing		
Tue 23	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	12.00noon	Family Day	St G's

Wed 24	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	12.00noon	CiT Holiday at Home	EM
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 25	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	7.30pm	Charter Band rehearse	SH
Fri 26	12.00noon	Wedding of Steven & Zara	St M's
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 27	10.00am	Karate	MH
	2.30pm	CiT Environmental Group Litter Pick	St G's
Sun 28	TRINITY 11 September/October Crossroads available		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	12.30pm	Baptism - tbc	St M's
	4.30pm	Private let	SH
Mon 29	Summer Bank Holiday		
Tue 30	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	12.00noon	Family Day	St G's
Wed 31	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee	SL

SEPTEMBER

Thu 1	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 2	2.00pm	Footlights - tbc	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 3	10.00am	Church Cleaning	St G's
	10.00am	Karate	MH
Sun 4	TRINITY 12		
	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, LC = Lady Chapel, CA = Christchurch Abbeydale,
MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge, V = Vicarage.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

A husband and wife were driving through Herefordshire. As they approached Leominster, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the blonde waitress, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?" She leaned over the counter and said, "Burr-gerrr Kiing".

Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around, he heard a voice say, "Jesus is watching you." He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping and again heard, "Jesus is watching you." In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, "Was it you who said Jesus is watching me?" The parrot replied, "Yes." Relieved, the burglar asked, "What is your name?" The parrot said, "Clarence." The burglar said, "That's a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot answered, "The same idiot that named the rottweiler Jesus".

Teacher: "Which book has helped you the most in your life?"

Student: "My father's cheque book!"

A police officer attempts to stop a car for speeding but the driver gradually increases his speed until he's topping 100 mph. He eventually realises that he can't escape the chasing police car and pulls over. The officer approaches the car and says, "It's been a long day and my shift is almost over, so if you can give me a good excuse for your behaviour, I'll let you go." The guy thinks for a few seconds and then says, "My wife ran away with a police officer about a week ago. I thought you might be that officer trying to give her back!"

A bank robber pulls out a gun and points it at the cashier, and says, "Give me all the money or you're geography!" The puzzled cashier replies, "Did you mean to say 'or you're history?'" The robber says, "Don't change the subject!"

A man went to his lawyer and told him, "My neighbour owes me £500 and he won't pay up. What should I do?" "Do you have any proof he owes you the money?" asked the lawyer. "No," replied the man. "OK, then write him a letter asking him for the £5,000 he owed you," said the lawyer. "But he only owes me £500," replied the man. "Precisely. That's what he will reply and then you'll have your proof!"

Mahatma Gandhi often walked barefoot which produced an impressive set of callouses on his feet. He also ate very little, making him rather frail and with his odd diet he often suffered from bad breath. This made him a super calloused fragile mystic hexed with halitosis.

Q: What happens once in a minute and twice in a moment but never in a decade?

A: The letter "m."