

CROSSROADS

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

Growing God's Kingdom



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ST GEORGE'S

Sundays
Tuesdays
Wednesdays

Parish Communion at 10.30am
Parish Communion at 10.00am
Morning Prayer at 8.15am on Zoom

ST MARGARET'S

1st Sunday
2nd Sunday

3rd Sunday
4th Sunday
5th Sunday
Thursday

Evensong at 5.00pm
Parish Communion at 9.00am and
Family Praise at 4.00pm
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...

Tell the story of God's love

September is often thought of as a time of new beginnings. Children and young people go back to school, sometimes to new schools, colleges and universities. It can feel like a time for fresh starts, full of potential. Of course, as Christians, we believe every day to be like this. Through Christ, we have a new beginning at our baptism and every day brings a fresh start as we have the opportunity every day to choose afresh to live our lives walking with God. As we do this it can be helpful to remind ourselves of our calling and purpose as Christians.

At the end of June, some of us were able to be present at the ordination service at Gloucester Cathedral, to witness Helen McGeough be ordained priest. It was a joyful service, where we were all encouraged to reflect on our calling as Christians. I spent some time afterwards praying with the words of that service and was struck afresh by the words 'with all God's people, you are to tell the story of God's love'. What an amazing way of summing up what we are called to as Christians – individually and collectively as a Christian community. Through the way we live our lives and interact with one another, are we telling the story of God's love?

Looking back over our benefice life this Summer, I can see many examples of us doing this collectively. The teddy bear picnic and zip-wire at St Margaret's was such a fantastic afternoon, full of joy, love and laughter. So many families came from our local community, and we were able to spend relaxed, fun time with them in the beautiful surroundings of the churchyard (and weren't we blessed with the weather?!) Thank you so much to those who made it possible, and to those who spread the word and invited people, and to those who prayed for the event – God really blessed our time together. Fun and Free Tuesdays at St George's have been another way we've been telling the story of God's love – through the joy of playing games together, chatting, and sharing ice lollies! This was extended in August to a longer time, and families enjoyed arts and crafts, a wider range of games, and the joy of being together; one parent commented, 'it's just so good to have somewhere to come and be together'.

There are, of course, many more examples of how you tell the story of God's love in quiet, everyday ways, often that are known only to you and God, or to

a few people – and for this we give thanks and praise too. Why not spend some time this month reflecting on the new beginning of every day, the fresh potential every morning, and how you live your life walking with God, telling the story of God’s love?

With every blessing,
RACHEL

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERAL

Margaret Florence May Hembling RIP

May she 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



Just a friendly reminder...

To have your **NOVEMBER 2022 CROSSROADS** ready for publication on **SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER...**
...ARTICLES NEED TO BE WITH THE EDITORS' PREFERABLY BY EMAIL BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER

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 still 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 still disappointing.



CIT ENVIRONMENT GROUP LITTER PICK GROUP

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

September 24th at 2.30pm meeting at St Barnabas

Saturday 1st October at 10.00am meeting at Holmleigh Park School

Saturday 29th October at 2.30pm meeting at Grange Baptist

Please come along and join us

THE WHADDON TBP



Isn't it great that we can now own up to owning our teddies? Years ago, adults tended to keep them under wraps, or pretend that they belonged to their children. These days, many of us have "come out" and now talk openly about our teds ... and I think that the St Margaret's teddy bears picnic (or TBP) was as much for grown-ups as for children.

Our TBP was a fun day, midweek, designed to appeal to young families and to introduce them to our church and churchyard. The main attraction was the zip wire from the flagpole down to ground level, a drop of 57 feet at about 1 in 3. Derek Kingscote and I looked after the practical arrangements, with help from Stuart Mitchell. We had a successful dry run a week or so in advance.

The PR machine was very successful, so much so that we were kept very busy indeed. Eighty certificates were run off for presentation to the teddy owners, and these were soon used up. I'd say that at least 200 descents were made, probably more: some teds did have as many as five rides!



The arrival crew comprised Rachel and her mother, who between them had to release the teds from the line, get their harnesses off, issue the certificate and note the name and type of the passenger. To make life harder for them, the teds came down in waves, rather than a steady stream, this being dependent on the basket hauled up the side of the tower from the departure area, which was looked after by Lorraine.



The teds were by no means all bears. There were monkeys, a cow, a turtle, a group of three blue dragons that we could only call heffalumps, a baby doll, a tiger, a banana man, various pandas and many more besides, in all shapes and colours. It was quite fun because I was given a radio mike to describe them as they set off, the idea being that people did not miss the great moment for

their particular ted. In addition to all this, we had a "Stick the Nose on the Ted" sideshow, and various other games to play.

It was all a bit hectic, but one thing was obvious - everyone enjoyed themselves, and tucked into their picnics under bright sunshine. There were many new faces, including some from the new houses at Yew Tree Gardens.



Huge thanks to all who helped. The clearing up went surprisingly quickly with many hands. Will we do it again? My vote would be yes, but not for a little while. We need to keep thinking up new ideas for both churches.

JONATHAN



Some other intrepid zipwirers, not all of them got the hang of it!



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING

We are continuing to meet on a monthly basis for Saturday morning church cleaning sessions, our next session will be on Saturday 3rd September, between 10.00am and 12.00noon. Do come along and join us hoovering, polishing, tidying up and generally making St George's look it's best. I can't make this one, unfortunately, but someone will make you a cup of tea or coffee. But I will be around for Saturday 1 October's church cleaning session. 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



A FRESH START FOR FAMILY PRAISE

As you may have heard, Family Praise at St Margaret's will be a bit different from this autumn. After nearly thirty years at 10.30am on the first Sunday, we are changing to an afternoon slot: 4.00pm on the second Sunday.

What's all this about? Well, for a long time we have known that families often have other commitments on a Sunday morning - football or swimming for the children, and so on. Afternoon does seem to be a better time... but the proof of the pudding will be in the eating.

Another advantage of an afternoon slot is that Rachel will be able to be there, whereas in the past it has been very rare for our parish priest to take part, due of course to the 10.30am service at St George's.

We have taken the opportunity for a fresh look at our service structure. That sounds rather grand, because it is actually a very simple service already, and quite flexible in practice. A feature of Family Praise has always been that until people arrive, one cannot predict the mix of young adults, older folk or children, be they teens or very young. Whoever is leading the service needs to have plenty to draw on and to make some quick decisions!

COVID hit us badly, and numbers recently have been thin. So please pray for us as we relaunch our activities with fresh vigour and imagination.

JONATHAN



OLD STYLE POSTAGE STAMPS

Royal Mail is shaking up the rules on stamps, so if you've got a stash that currently say 1st or 2nd class on them then by 31 January 2023, you'll no longer be able to simply stick'em on a letter and use them. This is because Royal Mail is moving to a new barcode system, which these stamps don't have.

You've now got less than six months to use any non-barcode everyday stamps – those with the Queen's profile on – before they become worthless on 31 January 2023.



NEW STYLE POSTAGE STAMPS



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.

Also on Saturday 10 September is the National Ride and Stride for Churches 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



QUIET PRAYER GROUP

**Friday 30th September 2022 from 2.30pm at Grange Baptist
and Friday 28th October 2022 from 2.30pm at St George's**



CHURCH IN TUFFLEY

dates for your diaries

Wednesday 21st September Refresh at St Barnabas at 7.30pm
Saturday 24th September Litterpick - St Barnabas at 2.30pm
Saturday 1st October Litterpick - Holmleigh Park School 10.00am
Wednesday 19th October Refresh at Grange Baptist at 7.30pm
Saturday 29th October Litterpick - Grange Baptist at 2.30pm

Friday 30th September Quiet Pray Group at Grange Baptist at 2.30pm
Friday 28th October Quiet Prayer Group at St George's at 2.30pm

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



FILM GROUP - THE MYSTERY OF EVERYTHING

Following on from the popular Kings Speech film discussion groups in Lent, many people expressed the wish to do something similar again. Therefore, from 21st and 22nd September we will have another 5 week session group,

where we will watch clips of a film and then reflect on how the film speaks to our own lives, our faith and our questions. The title for these discussions will be 'the mystery of everything' and the film is The Theory of Everything. This is a really good film to help us to think about the mysteries and complexities of life and to reflect on where and how God is present in everything.

Once again these will be informal times together, and you will be able to contribute as much or as little to the discussions as you would like (no one will be put on the spot or asked a question directly). Don't worry if you can't make all 5 of the sessions, please come along to as many as you can. We will meet in the Lady Chapel at St George's on Wednesdays at 2.00pm until 3.30pm and Thursdays at 7.00pm until 8.30pm. **There will also be a chance to watch the film in full - watch Signpost for the time/s.** Please speak to Rachel if you would like to know any more about this or have any questions.



OLD £20 & £50 NOTES

If you have any paper £20 or £50 notes, you are encouraged to use them or deposit them with your bank or Post Office before 30 September 2022.

As paper notes are returned to the Bank of England, they are being replaced

with the new polymer £20 notes featuring JMW Turner, and polymer £50 notes featuring Alan Turing.

After 30 September, only our polymer notes will have legal tender status.



NEW £20 & £50 NOTES



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for July

- 1 After the resurrection of Jesus the other disciples said, "We have seen the Lord". To whom did they speak?
- 2 A week later one of the disciples said, "My Lord and my God". Who made this Statement?
- 3 Someone stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal Life?" Can you remember what this man's profession was?
- 4 Having received his answer he wanted to justify himself, so he asked, "Who is my _____?" what is the missing word?
- 5 What is the title of the story Jesus told him?
- 6 What were Jesus' final words to this man?
- 7 Jesus entered a certain village where a woman welcomed him to her home Who was this woman?
- 8 In the same passage of scripture who chose 'the better part'?

9 At the request of the disciples Jesus taught them how they should pray. To show them the goodness of God he added, "If you child asks for a fish will you give him a ____?" What word is missing?

10 "If the child as for an egg, will you give a _____?" Can you fill in the blank?

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



SOCIAL EVENTS

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

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.

St George's social committee are going to have a **Harvest Supper**. We are working on the menu, but the date will be either October 7th or the 22nd. Put both dates in your diary!

It will start at 7pm with a sherry reception. Sorry to be vague but we are waiting on a caterer. I would like to have confirmed the date in this issue of Crossroads. I think it will be more likely to be the 22nd. We hope you will be able to join us.

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



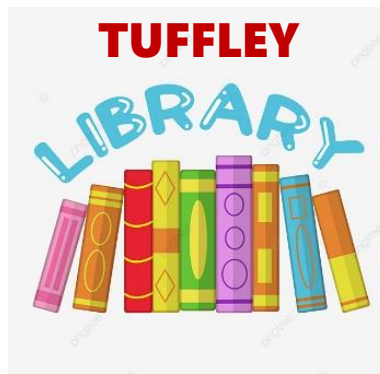
**St George's Church
Saturday 24th September**

Commencing at 7.30pm

**Tickets: £5.00 Adults
Children under 10yrs £2.00
On the door or in advance
from Darrell and Glenda
on 01452 410507**

**Proceeds from this concert will be
donated to: - 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.



I am sure the local schools will be really pleased that many children kept up their reading over the summer holidays by visiting us and taking part in a very successful Summer Reading Challenge. Great fun was also had in the company of Robots and a wonderful Spaghetti and Marshmallow Building event!! These were just two of the many free activities hosted by Tuffley Library during those long hot days.

Just a reminder of our regular events...

Monday 2.00pm Knit 'n Natter

Thursday 10.30am Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Thursday 11.00am Computer Club

Saturday 10.30am -12.30pm Lego Club

and NEW, STARTING ON 10th September, JUNK MODELLING!

The Tour of Britain passes close to the library on 9th September. To mark this occasion, we will be having a special display of books relating to all thing BIKE for both adults and children and lots of information about local cycling routes and clubs. Drop in from 5th September!

Following on from our very successful Community Plant Swap in the Spring, Tuffley Library will be hosting a HOME GROWN PRODUCE & PRESERVES SWAP AND SHARE on Saturday 8th October. Please see our poster. If you are a jam maker, baker, gardener, flower grower or knitter, put the date in your diary. But all are welcome to attend. It promises to be a great communal celebration of home produce and a lovely opportunity to chat over free tea, coffee, and cake. Looking forward to seeing you in your Library soon!

MARGARET and STEVE

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER'S

QUIZ TIME

- 1 Which two actresses are the leads in the TV series Killing Eve?
- 2 If something is described as being 'porcine' what is it being likened to?
- 3 What is the name of the Roman road that runs between Lincoln and Exeter?
- 4 The mnemonic 'Brave your black girl's relatives' is a way of remembering which sporting symbol?
- 5 Which American state has a border with Alaska?
- 6 What is the name for the authority which controls UK lighthouses?
- 7 Which ship, originally called Pelican, did Sir Francis Drake circumnavigate the globe in?
- 8 What is the best hand in poker?
- 9 What sport would be being played if someone performed a 'garryowen'?
- 10 Which female singer released the album 'Alf'?

True or False?

- 11 A Dublin theatre manager made a wager that he could introduce a new word into language within 24 hours in 1782, the word he made up was Quiz.
- 12 'Achtung' is the German word for stop.
- 13 The term 'spud' which we now often refer to a potato as was originally actually a tool used for digging up potatoes.
- 14 Ballistophobia is the fear of missiles.
- 15 'The great fish moved silently through the night water, propelled by short sweeps of its crescent tail.' is the first line of 'The Old Man and the Sea'
- 16 A Miller's Thumb is a small bird closely related to the Hummingbird.
- 17 The group The Commodores were previously called the Mighty Mystics.
- 18 The highest rank in the RAF is Air Chief Marshall.

ANSWERS TO OUR AUGUST QUIZ!

- 1 The bill: 2 Fitbit: 3 Beckham: 4 Virgin: 5 The Olympic Games: 6 Les Dawson:
7 Spock: 8 Medal of Honour: 9 Rafael Nadal: 10 New York:

JILL'S JOTTINGS

from St Margaret's

Well, folks, it's me again, that person who does the cleaning at our lovely little church, St Margaret's. It's been a bit of an up and down time for us girls as we do our cleaning, we are there for our usual Monday morning clean, but we are all feeling a little washed out as it's been so hot. We try to get there reasonably early so we can take advantage of the early morning breeze. Dianne is always the number one coffee maker, once we've had our cuppa we can start on our cleaning.

Marilyn arrives a little after Di and me, she says that every time she leaves home for St Margaret's something happens and she gets stuck behind something or other doing 'about two miles a fortnight' she has a little moan and then gets on with cleaning the brass. Di, as always, is on the furniture and I'm on the floors and doors. I keep saying that you would not believe how much muck we sweep or Hoover up every week; and the cobwebs never seem to lessen either, I have a brush on a pole to brush the insides of the window arches and walls, there's always cobwebs on the walls. We have tools that make our jobs easier which were made by the late Lionel Chiswell, they may not be High-Tec, but they work.

We had a couple of strangers call in one Monday morning, just looking around the churchyard and saying that it was looking very wild at the back. We said that we were encouraging all forms of wildlife into the churchyard by letting it grow naturally. I can tell you that it's working, as every time I put flowers on my friend Kath's grave, I land up with a few more midge bites, so, I now make sure that I've taken my antihistamine tablets to make sure that I don't scratch myself silly. We do welcome people enjoying our church and churchyard. We do try to finish our cleaning session after a couple of hours leaving it a little bit cleaner and smelling a bit sweeter.

The other Thursday, we had our Teddy Bears' Picnic. We held our usual 10.30am Communion and it was lovely a few extra people joined us who then went out to enjoy their picnic, I cleared up after the service. I was looking forward to seeing lots of people with their teddy bears, I took my three and a bunny rabbit! Big Ted, Little Ted, Baby Ted and Funny Bunny, all enjoyed themselves until I told them that they were to go down the zip wire. My Big Ted is such a wuss,

all the others couldn't wait to have a go. Unfortunately, I didn't see Big Ted and Funny Bunny go down, but I did see the others take their trip, they had a whale of time and have a certificate to prove it.

Lots of others took their teddies for the picnic and they enjoyed their afternoon in the sun. I was helping children to 'Pin the Nose on the Teddy'. One mum told me that I cheated, I said that I hadn't at all but we a lot of fun. It must have been a very popular game as lots of children wanted a go. So, I obliged and told them that they were ALL winners.

I must close now, my friends, as I've used up all my think, before I go however, I must say a big thank you to Rachel and her team for arranging the Teddy Bears' Picnic including Jonathan and Derek for their work on the zip wire for us. So, until we meet again its goodbye from me and the girls until the next time.

Best wishes,
JILL PONTER



Save the date!

Please put 10th December from 2.00pm until 4.00pm in your diary and tell others about the 80-year celebration of St George's and Christmas Fair. We also really need volunteers for the day please - setting up from 10.00am until 12.00noon, serving on stalls from 2.00pm until 4.00pm, and clearing away from 4.00pm onwards. Please do consider whether you could help at any of those times and there will soon be a sheet at the back of St George's to sign up.

We will be looking for donations of various sorts including prizes for a Christmas Raffle.

Don't forget that this will also be St George's Open Day.

To make this even more memorable than when we had old photos etc on display earlier this year, we really need your old photos of what, historically, went on at St George's; they can be photos of modern times or old photos. Only you can help us with a proper display of photos showing what went on in the past at St George's. Unfortunately, time is getting short to prepare a display which will show just how important St George's has been for the last 80 years. So, search out your old photos NOW and let me have them, please. They will be scanned, so your precious photos will be safe and secure.

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

DARRELL

Editor's 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!*



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Thomas: 2 Thomas: 3 Lawyer: 4 neighbour: 5 The Good Samaritan: 6 Go and do likewise: 7 Martha: 8 Mary: 9 snake: 10 scorpion:

Pantomime time

ST GEORGE'S ENTERTAINERS

Will be presenting

GOLDILOCKS

In the Main Hall of St George's Church Centre

on Friday 18th November 2022 at 7.30pm and
on Saturday 19th November 2022 at 2.30pm and at 7.30pm

Tickets are £5.00 for adults, and £3.00 for Children
From Glenda and Darrell





THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hello everyone, it's me your friendly feline, JoJo. Phew-w-w, it has been so hot. I don't know what to do with myself. I try to stay cool by hiding in the shrubbery, but I still have to eat and my mum leaves me plenty of water to drink. On the whole I'm not too bad even Maya and Trixie are finding it hard to cope with this VERY hot weather. Do you know what! my mum and Auntie Jill, I've come to the conclusion that they are nuts, apparently, they went to St Margaret's for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. The bears went on a zip wire, I'm glad it wasn't me. They went off the following day leaving me on my own again but, they weren't too long., but it was still flippin' hot. They went to a baby's first birthday party; he enjoyed it but was absolutely shattered and had to sleep. I won't be sorry to have the cooler days.

If, I don't want to go in my mum leaves me outside all night. I don't mind because it's cooler then anyway. My mum still shoves horse pills down my throat, at least that's what it feels like. I have to have one every day. Sometimes, Auntie Jill gives it to me and she's worse than my mum. I know they do it for my own good, I just wish I could believe them. I shall soon have to go to that place again. That place, I hate going to because they do horrible things to you. Again, I'm told 'It's for your own good!' I can't see how but there you go. I heard from Auntie Jill that Maya and Trixie have to go to that place for a check-up and more pins probably. They will not be happy. I've had a struggle this time because I couldn't reach the pad and pen it was too high. I know I can jump but not that high, anyway that's all folks for now.

Speak to you soon...

Your feline friend, JoJo Whittle (Miss)

COVID CRUISES by Tony J

Sail the Seven Seas, or round the British Isles
Latter sounds the best, not so many miles
No airports, anywhere in sight
Just embark Southampton, then off and just turn right
Cosmopolitan passengers, from all around the Globe
Smartly attired, in a complimentary bathroom robe
Plenty to eat, just become another glutton
Enjoying the cheap Lamb, which comes dressed as mutton
Social distancing, a thing of the past
Don't dare complain, or you're nailed to the mast
Crowded onto Tenders, taken to a distant shore
Pity for the Yanks, who've never been before
Suddenly not feeling well, after 7 days at sea
Its poor her indoors (literally), but also including me
Tested positive, around the Scottish coast
Taken into quarantine, not though I like to boast
A nice outside cabin, food delivered to the door
A restricted diet in place, can't take anymore
At the port for Newcastle, not many getting off
Probably stuck on covid deck, with a nasty cough
A few days left, just a French fishing port to see
Not getting off, but my British Passport troubles me
An announcement from the captain, 'Have a nice day,
Be back on board promptly'. They don't want us to stay
Sailing back to Blighty, though we've never been away
Dark clouds everywhere, overcast and grey
3 Years have passed, and never had a cold
Covid not mentioned when booking - wish I was told
The compulsory mask wearing, gave us a clue
But once on board, what can you do
So, no cruising holidays in future, it has to be somewhere near
Devon sounds just the place - it's perfect in Beer

Editor's Note: A rather sad tale of cruising experience from Tony this month, but I'm sure that he will be back to his usual self in our next issue.



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya! Ginger, I don't know where she is. Trixie, whatever is the matter and why have you brought Ginger into our back garden. Go on Ging, you tell her. Tell me what? Ging. Well Harry asked me to tell you that Yasmin may be leaving the area, and can you please find out when this is all happening. Ging, where is he and I'll get the whole story from him. Can I come, Maya. Can I? Can I? Pretty please, Maya. Oh, Trixie, of course you can, just stop bouncing up and down, come on. Oh Trixie, there he is, up on the fence. Harry, what on earth are you doing up on that fence? Maya, I'm up here trying to find Yasmin, she doesn't live down there, she lives at the back of our house. Are you sure, Maya? Of course, I am! The cat you're looking at is only here for a short time, she was found by that lady looking all bedraggled and as skinny as they come. She had been looked after by some foster parents, she will go to her new mum and dad in a little while. Maya, what is a foster mum? Ginger, it's a person who look after an animal for a short length of time. Were you and Trixie foster felines, Maya? No, ginger we were not! We had our mum ever since we were babies, she tells us we were so cute and that nothing was ever going to keep us apart. She really does fuss over us though and she always wants us to be in at night. I sometimes stay out all night as it's been so hot.

Maya, you are so brave, I don't do that Harry. I like to have my comfy bed or settee. I'm like you Trixie, I like my home comforts, everything to hand, so to speak since my accident; I don't like to stay out all night, but when I thought that I might lose Yasmin, I was really scared.

I know what you mean, Harry. My mum goes into a flat spin at times when she doesn't know where we are or where we have been. Panicked, is the word, Maya, she just panics! She says she lost one of her cats before she had us and she never did find out what had happened to her, so, she is extra careful when it comes to us. I know what you are saying, Trixie, she just loves us to death. So

now we have to find Yasmin and see how she is for Harry. Come on Ginger, and you Trix, let's keep looking for Yasmin.

We have looked everywhere we can think of Ging, her mum doesn't let her out very often well not on her own anyway! She can be quite inventive, when she wants to be, you know. Maya, can you see what I can coming through that fence? Trixie, I think you may be right, Yasmin how on earth did you get away? Hi Ya, Trixie, Maya, Ginger! Well, what are you all doing in this little corner of the estate? Looking for you, Yas! Harry has been so worried about you, he thought you and your family were on the move and were leaving the area. Maya, you can tell that silly feline that I am not going anywhere! Harry, so you made it! I thought that you had forgotten how to find me. Yasmin, I just thought that I might not see you again. Harry, I'm not going anywhere, I'm staying right here with all my friends. Go on Harry, give her a kiss and make up, and Ginger let's take our Trixie and make sure that she gets home safely. Maya Ponter! I know my way home from here and yes, I'll say Cheerio for now and its Cheerio from me too and from our friend Ginger so until the next time goodbye and stay safe.

MAYA AND TRIXIE PONTER (Miss)



AUGUST

Sun 28	TRINITY 11		
	September/October Crossroads available		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with reading of banns coffee after the service	St G's
	12.30pm	Baptism of Lily Dickinson - 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	Fun & Free 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 with reading of banns coffee after the service	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 5	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
Tue 6	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
Wed 7	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	PCC meeting	SH
Thu 8	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 9	11.00am	St Margaret's Heritage Open Day	St M's
	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	SH
	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
Sat 10	10.00am	Karate – tbc	MH
	11.00am	St Margaret's Heritage Open Day	St M's
Sun 11	TRINITY 13		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with reading of banns coffee after the service & 100 Club Draw	St G's
	4.00pm	Family Service	St M's
Mon 12	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 13	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's

	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union The Story of William Tyndale	SH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
Wed 14	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 3.30pm & 5.30pm	MH
	7.30pm	Refresh	EM
Thu 15	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 16	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 17	10.00am	Karate – tbc	
	7.00pm	Social Committee Quiz	MH
	7.30pm	Foodbank Charity Quiz see posters for details	
Sun 18	TRINITY 14		
	10.30am	Parish Communion coffee after the service	St G's
	12.30pm	Baptism of Kaci-Rose Elizabeth Chappell & Jasper James Andrew Sweet	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 19	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
	TBC	Film showing of 'The Theory of Everything'	TBC
Tue 20	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	7.00pm	Connections meeting	V
Wed 21	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	2.00pm	Film Discussion Group 1 'The Mystery of Everything'	LC
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.30pm	Refresh	St B
Thu 22	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	7.00pm	Film Discussion Group 1 'The Mystery of Everything'	LC

	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 23	9.00am	Safeguarding Training – tbc	MH
	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 24	2.30pm	CiT Litter Pick	St B
Sat 24	7.30pm	Love to Sing Choir concert	St G's
Sun 25	TRINITY 15		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion coffee after the service	St G's
	10.30am	Messy Church	GB
Mon 26	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 27	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
Wed 28	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	2.00pm	Film Discussion Group 2 'The Mystery of Everything'	LC
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	GAGS Committee meet	SL
Thu 29	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	7.00pm	Film Discussion Group 2 'The Mystery of Everything'	LC
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 30	9.00am	Safeguarding Training – tbc	MH
	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	GB
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH

OCTOBER

Sat 1	10.00am	Church Cleaning	St G's
Sun 2	TRINITY 16		
	10.30am	Parish Communion coffee after the service	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 3	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH

	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 4	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
Wed 5	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	2.00pm	Film Discussion Group 3 'The Mystery of Everything'	LC
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Centre Management Committee meeting	SH
Thu 6	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	7.00pm	Film Discussion Group 3 'The Mystery of Everything'	LC
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 7	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	SH
Sat 8	7.00pm	Harvest Supper – tbc	St G's
Sun 9	TRINITY 17		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion coffee after the service	St G's
	4.00pm	Family Service	St M's
Mon 10	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 11	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union with Dorothy Marshall	
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	7.00pm	Christmas/Open Day meeting	V
Wed 12	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	2.00pm	Film Discussion Group 4 'The Mystery of Everything'	LC
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 13	November Crossroads deadline		
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	7.00pm	Film Discussion Group 4	LC

		'The Mystery of Everything'	
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 14	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	3.30pm	Messy Church	St B
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sun 16	TRINITY 18		
	10.30am	Parish Communion coffee after the service	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 17	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 18	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
Wed 19	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	2.00pm	Film Discussion Group 5 'The Mystery of Everything'	LC
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee meeting	SL
	7.30pm	Refresh meeting	GB
Thu 20	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	7.00pm	Film Discussion Group 5 'The Mystery of Everything'	LC
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 21	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 22	7.00pm	Harvest Supper – tbc	7.00pm
Sun 23	BIBLE SUNDAY / LAST SUNDAY OF TRINITY		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion coffee after the service	St G's
Mon 24	November Crossroads printing & Schools half-term break		
Tue 25	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
Wed 26	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 3.30pm & 5.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee meeting	SL

Thu 27	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 28	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	St G's
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 29	2.30pm	CiT Environmental Group meet	St G's
Sun 30	4 before ADVENT		
	November Crossroads available		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion coffee after the service	St G's
	10.30am	Messy Church	GB
Mon 31	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH

NOVEMBER

Tue 1	ALL SAINTS' DAY		
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.00am	Coffee Pot	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	7.15pm	Deanery Synod	Tbc
Wed 2	ALL SOULS' DAY		
	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 3	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 4	2.00pm	Footlights	MH
	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	SH
Sat 5	10.00am	Church Cleaning	St G's
Sun 6	3 before ADVENT		
	10.30am	Parish Communion coffee after the service	St G'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...

Someone stole my Microsoft Office and they're gonna pay. You have my Word.

What do you call a dog with no legs? It doesn't matter, it's not going to come anyway.

A sandwich walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve food here."

I got a new job last week as the new top dog at Old MacDonald's farm.

The sky was looking ominous, so I asked Siri, "Surely, it's not going to rain today?" And she replied, "Yes, it is, and don't call me Shirley."

Why did the giraffe get such bad grades? He always had his head stuck in the clouds.

Why are frogs always so happy? They eat whatever bugs them.

Whenever you jump on a trampoline, did you know it changes the season? No matter what time of year, it always becomes springtime.

Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance? Because he had no body to go with.

Where do snowmen keep their savings? In the snowbank.

What do you call a religious person who sleepwalks? A roamin' Catholic.

Did you hear about the carrot detective? He always got to the root of every case.

What washes up on very small beaches? Micro-waves

What did one elevator say to the other? I think I'm coming down with something.

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