

CROSSROADS

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

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Growing God's Kingdom



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

1st Sunday

Evensong at 5.00pm

2nd Sunday

**Parish Communion at 9.00am and
Family Praise at 4.00pm**

3rd Sunday

Evensong at 5.00pm

4th Sunday

Parish Communion at 9.00am

5th 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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LORRAINE WRITES...

Dear friends,

As this is the first edition of Crossroads in 2023, I hope it's not too late to wish every reader a happy new year. Christmas and New Year celebrations may seem a long time ago by now but Candlemas eve on the 1st of February was traditionally the time for Christmas decorations to be finally removed. At Candlemas the next day all the coming years supply of church and household candles were blessed.

February is a month of changing seasons and lengthening days. Hopefully wintry weather will be giving way to more spring like days, but with global warming and climate change nothing can be guaranteed. As daylight increases during February people who suffer SAD (seasonally affected disorder) rejoice.

Another joy during February is snowdrop spotting. Before I visited Colesbourne gardens near Cheltenham one year I had never appreciated this humble little white flower that is one of the earliest bulbs to appear. However, taking some time out to stop and stare or rather stop and compare the intricate differences between many different varieties, I became a galanthophile (snowdrop lover).

Talking of lovers, Saint Valentine's Day comes in the middle of February. We may sigh at the commercial pressures to buy cards, flowers and of course chocolate but a day dedicated to romantic love bridges the gap between Christmas and Easter. Valentine of Rome was martyred on 14th of February 269. At that time of persecution Valentine not only refused to worship Pagan deities, but attempted at his trial to convert the emperor himself. Another story about Valentine is he was prepared to secretly marry Christian couples at a time when the emperor preferred his soldiers to remain single.

On Shrove Tuesday, 21st February, Church in Tuffley will be holding their annual pancake and desserts party at English Martyrs and the season of lent will begin. So, remembering Christmas and looking forward to Easter, February is the ideal month to remind ourselves that we as the church are the bride of Christ and part of the most wonderful romance of all time.

With every blessing,
LORRAINE



Parish Registers

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

INTERMENT OF ASHES

St Margaret's

Gillian Stella Guy

FUNERALS

St George's

Nicola Davies RIP

Mike Mumby RIP

Crematorium

Eileen Goode RIP

Elizabeth Whitmore RIP

Olive Palmer RIP



AT ST M

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany (or ACE for short). In the secular world the focus is Christmas pure and simple, but for those Christians who love the annual procession of the Church's seasons, Advent and Epiphany are important too.

We started at St Margaret's with our Advent service "From Darkness to Light". I think we have cracked this now: it went very smoothly this year, starting in total darkness. I was really grateful to Paul for selecting the readings, and to Rachel for setting the scene before we started.

The following Sunday the weather changed, with a heavy snowfall and plunging temperatures. There was nothing for it but to cancel the Family Praise Christingle we had planned. I feel strongly that if a service is cancelled, one of us needs to be there, just in case someone turns up. This is not the merriest of tasks, but it had to be done. I combined it with a very chilly walk across the fields.

A few days later we had the same problem with the first of our two Candlelit Carol services. As last year, we had planned for two services, so as to avoid a capacity congregation - not a good idea post-Covid. It was a difficult decision to cancel, as there hadn't been any more snow, but with the low temperatures and icy conditions in the Lane and the Wynstones car park, it was wisest.

The following week conditions were much milder and the remaining carol service went very well. We had about eighty in the congregation, with several young families and it was great to welcome back some old friends. Sylvia Evans sang a lovely solo "Love came down at Christmas". And we all sang the Calypso carol for the first time at St M ("see him lying on a bed of straw") and it went fine, as it always seems to.

On Christmas Day we had an all age service at 10.00am, including a simple form of communion. We had a scratch nativity play with simple actions and noises for everyone to join in. This was great fun, though there was a slight mix-up with the bird whistles. It should have been the owl/dove one, for gentle cooing noises in the stable. I accidentally handed out the cuckoo one – both are very realistic noises, but the cuckoo not quite right in the circumstances!

On 8th January it was Family Praise once again, and this time we were able to do the Christingle service which we had planned for December. Many thanks to Laine and Susan for arranging this. Our congregation was not large, but it was a lovely surprise to welcome back a couple who got married at St Margaret's in 2019 and who now have a little girl who will be baptised in due course. Not only that, but one of our most faithful members is now thinking about confirmation, which is great news.

So much for our ACE season: next stop Candlemas!

JONATHAN



One of the delights of the Christmas period is the variety of services and other activities that are on offer, meaning that there should be something for everyone. This also means that inevitably we miss out on some things, and I therefore hope that this snapshot of my Christmas enables you to share some of the events that you didn't make.

I began with Explore Christmas when pupils from the local primary schools were able to come with their class to hear both the Christmas story and engage in some craft activities. Who knew how popular card sheep with cotton wool fleeces and clothes peg legs would be? Not to mention acetate sheets of stained glass windows and other opportunities to get involved with the story. The following week saw the schools back for their Christmas services – I missed Grange (still haven't sussed being in two places at once) but was able to enjoy Harewood Juniors celebrating both Christmas and the end of term. Then we had Messy Christingle, making the Christingles, edible candles out of Swiss roll and icing, and cardboard Christingles. The children then all gathered at the front holding their Christingles and listened intently as Rachel and Laine spoke about them before the candles were lit and 15 children sat quietly looking at the flames.

Family Carol Service was the next day and we all played Christmas Bingo and played our musical instruments, before watching (and joining in) what was my highlight (and I suspect for several others), the video of Puppet Nativity to Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody (Oh, my long lost youth!) Christmas Eve saw Family Nativity Fun with more activities, including a stable scene with jelly babies as the characters, followed by a short Nativity play which the children entered into with enthusiasm, and the adults obligingly provided the animal noises.

Christmas Day at St Margaret's gave us a playlet followed by a relaxed communion. And then the first Family Service at St Margaret's of the New Year

brought the postponed Christingle service where we once again made Christingles and added our hopes and fears for the year to a card Christingle. Because, while we celebrate the arrival of the light of Christ at Christmas, that light will continue to shine throughout 2023.

SUSAN



Soon a few of us will be meeting to mull over our Christmas Fayre which I understand made approximately £1,200.00. So well done to everyone who planned, helped, manned, and came along on the day, we wouldn't have been able to be as successful without you all. We will try and pinpoint what was good, what was bad, what worked, what didn't, what we can improve on, what to do again and what not to do again. So here are a couple of questions for you to think on...

Question 1

I'm sure that you will have your own thoughts about our Christmas Fayre; we would be so grateful if you would share those thoughts with us whether they be good or bad. We can't learn if we don't know how you felt about it. Catch up with me or Rachel and tell us. If it's easier for you to email me then do, ds52604@gmail.com will find me waiting for your thoughts.

Question 2

I suspect that Rachel might like your comments about Christmas Services in the Benefice too. So please let her know.

Question 3

What do you think we should do to celebrate St George's Day in April, the King's Coronation in May and whether or not we should have a Benefice Summer Fayre this year?

You can speak to me about any or all of these topics; our Fayre's group will meet on Wednesday 25th January (I know that you won't get this Crossroads until after this date) but if you have spoken to me or Rachel already that's great. It's not too late to pass your comments on. You might even like to offer to be on the planning team and/or help on the day of an event.

Many thanks, DARRELL

Having headlined this section as **We Need Your Help** I would like to ask if you might like to help St George's Centre Management Committee as we are looking for new recruits. A couple of places on the committee need to be filled if we are to maintain a working quorum, we meet on a Tuesday or Wednesday in the Softley Lounge every other month. Our next meeting is on 14th February at 7.00pm, which will also be our AGM when elections to the committee need to be made. Currently meetings last about an hour. If you are interested and would like some more information or have questions, please speak to me as soon as it's convenient for you.



Well Christmas has come and gone, but Mike and I were discussing how things have changed over the past year. We have welcomed you all back to church. We are able to talk to each other and we have been able to receive communion. We are even able to sing again. Sadly, it is not with an organist, but we hope the hymns and musical arrangements are making you smile. Wasn't it lovely to be able to celebrate the birth of Jesus all together?

As your churchwardens, Mike and I have been extremely grateful for all of your co-operation, from the early days to now. Thank you. Although we don't seem to do a great deal, apart from stand at the door and greet people, there are things that happen in the background, that need to happen to make the service take place. We are grateful to all of you who help, especially with the church

cleaning and the coffee rota. Please, please sign up and have a go at serving coffee! It is nothing onerous, but would make a big difference!

We both said the church was far more "peopley" this year (Yes! Peopley is the new word for 2023 :-)) Everyone seemed more relaxed and happy. I hope so. I think it was a joy to see the tree and stable and many smiling faces in the church. Isn't it nice that we do not wear masks now?

If there is ever anything you would like to see or if you have any problems, please come to us. Even if we are the problem, if you tell us, we can do something to put things right! We are all a part of a team at St George's, and we cannot do our job without all of you. Thank you, folks!

MIKE & SYLV X



LENT 2023

**Ash Wednesday is 22nd February
Communion including the imposition of Ashes
will take place at 7.00pm at St George's**

1st Sunday of Lent is 26th February

Lent...

Once Pancake Day, Tuesday 21st February is over, it's the start of Lent, Ash Wednesday is the very next day, 22nd February; Christians often use the time between Lent and Easter to do things that help them get closer to God. What will you do on your own, or with friends?

Lent IS A TIME TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS

Our Lent Groups in 2023 may well be based on the film The Greatest Showman. Groups will start on Wednesday 1st March at 2.00pm and Thursday 2nd March at 7.00pm with weekly groups meeting on ensuing Wednesdays and Thursdays thereafter for a total of five weeks. Viewing The Greatest Showman film in its entirety will most probably be on Wednesday 22nd February at 2.00pm and Thursday 23rd February at 7.00pm but these will be confirmed in Signpost soon.

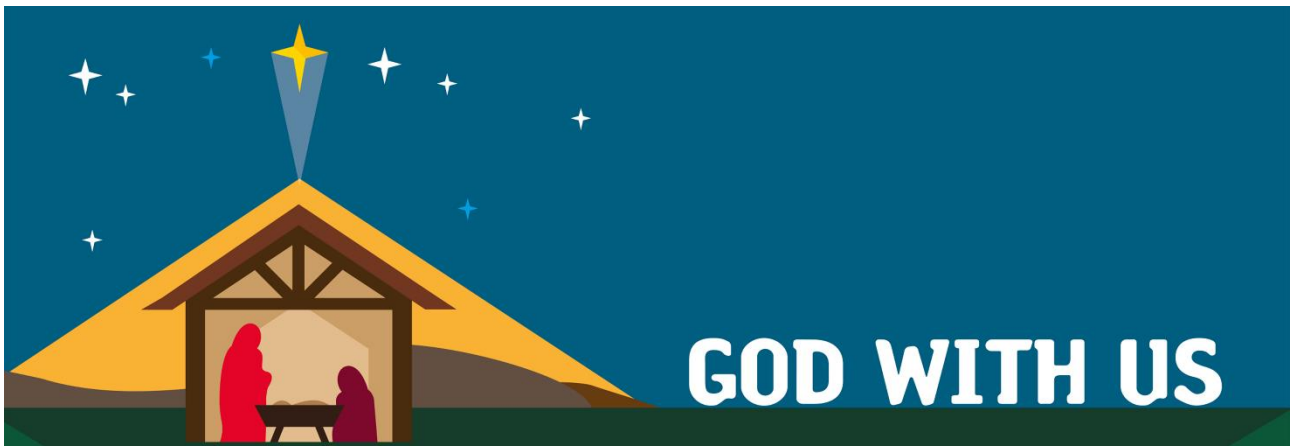


Some early thoughts on Palm Sunday we are contemplating a 10.30am Family Worship at St George's with a donkey as our guest. With a Benefice Palm Sunday Communion at St Margaret's at 5.00pm. Confirmation of these thoughts and more information will be available shortly.

Also, on Maundy Thursday at 7.00pm we may well sit down to an Agape meal, we are still cogitating on the menu for an Agape Meal but it will be simple fare.

Agape is a communal meal shared among Christians. The name comes from agape, a Greek term for 'love' in its broadest sense.

**February: May this month bring you more love, beautiful blessings
and fulfilled dreams which bring you closer to God**



REFRESH

7.30pm, 15 February 2023 at ENGLISH MARTYRS



YOUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP NEEDS YOU!

Our 'annual meetings' will take place on Sunday 21st May. This is the time we elect our Parish Church Councils, our Churchwardens etc. Please be on the lookout for people you may like to nominate for the privilege and responsibility of sharing the leadership of our churches in this way. And consider humbly and honestly whether you yourself might be willing to step up to the plate! But, most of all, please keep the matter in your prayers. Thank you

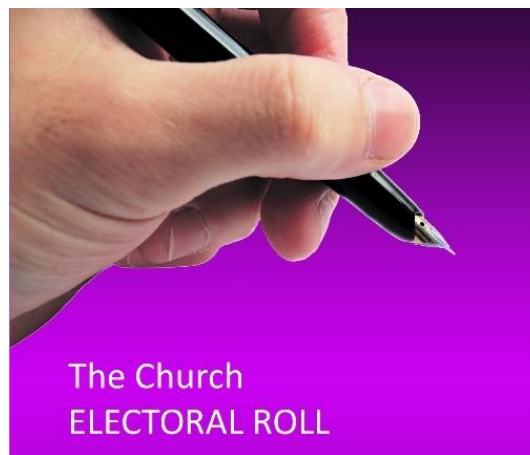
If you normally write a report for APCM Reports pack, it should be in preparation now as requested in recent Signposts. Please send it to Glenda as soon as possible by email. If your report must be handwritten, please let Glenda have it immediately, in order that she can process it in time for the Annual Report and Accounts pack.

Remember that your report covers the period...

1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER 2022 only

Only ONE has been received to date...

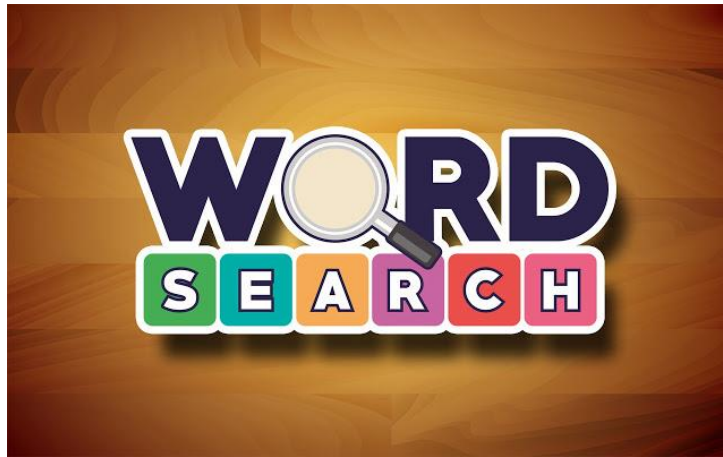
The deadline for the receipt of ALL reports will be **Sunday 1st May 2023**; your report will not appear in the reports pack if it is received after the set deadline date.



The meeting of this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is Sunday 21st May. Anyone whose name does not appear on the Electoral Roll is not eligible to vote or able to be elected to the PCC. The Electoral Roll will be displayed on the noticeboard in the porch a few weeks prior to the APCM. If you wish your name to be added to the list, forms can be obtained from me or from the table at the back of St George's. Completed forms should be handed to me, Glenda or a Churchwarden.

MARGARET BARBER
St George's Electoral Roll Officer

**February: New month, new mindset, new focus,
new intentions, new results.**



Flowering Plants

Find the words listed below in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction.
Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

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T C K S I C N I O E M N A N D
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A X O C W I C T O L A I E Y O
G L G F L D N S E R X L L C N
D E I Y L A E L M L G I A U S
F P W P S I M U I H O R Z D T
C R K Y Q X L E T L Z I A F S
J U R D A I S Y N O A S V P N
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ASTER, AZALEA, CHRYSANTHEMUM, CROCUS, DAISY, HYACINTH, LILAC, LILY,
ORCHID, PANSY, PRIMROSE, RHODODENDRON, SNOWDROP, TULIP, VIOLET,
CARNATION, CYCLAMEN, IRIS, MARIGOLD, PEONY, SNAPDRAGON, VIOLA

The answer is printed later on in Crossroads
Thank you, Angela



To have your **MARCH 2023 CROSSROADS** ready for publication on
SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2023...

...ARTICLES NEED TO BE WITH THE EDITORS' PREFERABLY BY EMAIL
BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...
MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023

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



CiT ENVIRONMENT GROUP LITTER PICK GROUP

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

Saturday 4th February at 10.00am meeting at Holmleigh Park School

Saturday 25th February 2023 at 2.30pm meeting at English Martyrs

Saturday 4th March at 10.00am meeting at Holmleigh Park School

Saturday 25th March at 2.30pm meeting at St George's

Please come along and join us



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING

Yes, our small group of duster flickers continues to meet on the first Saturday of each month. No previous experience is necessary and on the job training is always available, as is tea/coffee. I can't guarantee that we'll be working in high temperatures, so the advice is to dress accordingly.

See you on the 4th February at 10.00am.

DARRELL



QUIET PRAYER GROUP

Will meet on Friday 24th February 2023 from 2.30pm at St George's
Our next group meeting will be on Friday 31st March,

*Be before me, behind me, and beside me
protect me and move me toward that which will bring me closer to you.
Loving Father, bless my family with peace today.
Bless them not just with worldly favour in all they seek to accomplish
but with hearts and minds filled with your lovingkindness.*



I'm well on the way to being ready to draw St George's 100 Club winners on Sunday 12th March.

Are your numbers in the draw?

What, you haven't got any!!

See Darrell as soon as possible, before it's too late!

DON'T MISS OUT AGAIN!"

I can sort out your membership in time for you to be a part of our March 2023 draw, but you have to move quickly...

A full set of rules is available upon request.

Please talk to the promoter Darrell as soon as possible

If you are already a member and would like to increase your chances of winning you can see me to purchase further numbers. Also, don't forget to pay at least your first quarter's fees before the date of the draw.

Many thanks
DARRELL



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for December

- 1 Scriptures tell us someone appeared in the wilderness in Judea. Who was this?
- 2 He quoted an Old Testament prophet saying, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Who was the Old Testament prophet?
- 3 Which religious leaders came to him for baptism?
- 4 Speaking of Jesus, this character said, "He will baptise you with the ____ and ____". What are the missing words?
- 5 This character's disciples came to Jesus to ask Him, "Are you the one who is to Come". Where was the leader of these disciples?
- 6 Speaking of John the Baptist Jesus asked the assembled crowd three questions. Each question started with, "What did you go into the wilderness to see? What was the first answer Jesus gave?
- 7 What was the second answer Jesus gave to the question?
- 8 Jesus gave a third answer to the question. What was His answer?
- 9 Jesus quoted from the Old Testament, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you". Which Old Testament prophet was Jesus quoting?
- 10 The account of the birth of Jesus starts in Matthew 1:18. What information is given in Matthew 1:1-17

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

ANSWERS TO OUR CHRISTMAS QUIZ!

1 c): 2 a) Iceland: 3 5 days: 4 b) carpenter: 5 Three – Dasher, Dancer, Donner: 6 a) 12: 7 The Star of Bethlehem: 8 Christmas Tree (displayed in Trafalgar Square): 9 O Come All Ye Faithful: 10 Spanish: 11 Nativity: 12 6 types of birds: Partridge, Turtle Doves, French Hens, Calling Birds, Geese, Swans: 13 Let it snow: 14 Panettone: 15 b) Germany: 16 Father Christmas: 17 Japan: 18 Harry and Marv: 19 b) Deep and crisp and even: 20 c) St. Stephen's Day



TUFFLEY LIBRARY

New Year at Tuffley Library and a NEW monthly BOOK GROUP!

We are delighted and excited to announce that our NEW BOOK GROUP will meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 2.00pm until 3.00pm. It will be friendly and informal, a chance to chat about and suggest your favourite reads and socialise over tea and biscuits. Everyone is welcome. To start with we are using the titles from our Book of the Month but in time we hope participants will suggest their own titles. The library has an extensive number of reading group sets for this purpose.

Next Book Group date is Thursday 9th February 2.00pm

We will be focusing on "The Lying Room" by Nicci French
(We have plenty of copies available to borrow)

Our regular weekly activities continue as follows to which everyone is welcome...

Mondays from 2.00pm until 3.30pm Knit 'n' Natter

Thursdays from 10.30am until 11.00am Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Thursdays from 11.00am until 1.00pm Computer Club

Saturdays from 10.30am until 12.30pm Lego Club and Junk Modelling

Look Out for our Special FREE events for Children during the school holidays.

Stay in touch by visiting www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries

We hope to see you soon! Tel 01452 522160



- 1 What star sign, are you if you were born in early February?
- 2 February gets its name from the word 'februa', which comes from which language?
- 3 Valentine's Day is celebrated on which date in February?
- 4 The February Revolution was the first of two revolutions which took place in Russia in which year?
- 5 What happened in Britain on the 15th of February 1971?
- 6 Februalia was the Roman festival of ritual what?
- 7 On 16th February 1659, what was used for the first time in Britain as Mr Nicholas Vanacker settles a debt?
- 8 In leap years, February starts on the same day of the week as which other month?
- 9 Which violet variety of quartz, often used in jewellery, is the traditional birthstone for February?
- 10 In the DC Comics, on which date in February is Superman's birthday?
- 11 Which popular tradition is celebrated in the United States and Canada on February 2?
- 12 In which resort city on the Black Sea was the Crimea Conference held in February 1945?
- 13 In the sporting calendar, which event usually happens on the first Sunday in February?
- 14 Which American federal holiday is celebrated on the third Monday in February?
- 15 On the 12 February 1554, who was beheaded at the tower of London?
- 16 Which country's leader once said, "I have two generals who will not fail me: Generals January and February"?
- 17 In the poem called 'The Months' by Sara Coleridge, if 'hot July brings cooling shower' what does February bring?
- 18 True or false. It is possible to have Easter in late February?

Answers to this quiz are printed later in Crossroads

JILL'S JOTTINGS

from St Margaret's

Well folks, it's me again moaning Minnie from St Margaret's, I do hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and wish you all the best for the New Year.

Before Christmas owing to the atrocious weather, we had to cancel the first of our planned carol services, we didn't have a Christmas tree either. So, Jonathan said that he would get one from Pound Farm. We managed to get the tree sorted and after our Thursday Communion, David and Kim Westcott and I decorated it. The tree stood about five feet high, big enough to manoeuvre on to its plinth. It looked lovely with the baubles and lights. While I was looking at it I decided that it was time to get some new lights for next Christmas.

We had a lovely Christmas Day service with congregation interaction. It was smashing! Rachel did us proud, I'm so glad that we have her as Vicar. Our services have been a complete joy to attend. Thanks also to Jonathan for our Thursday services, he does make the service something special for those who attend. Thanks both!!

I had a word with Rachel and Jonathan about when the tree could be taken down, I was asked to leave it in situ until Epiphany, so it stayed until the 9th then it was stripped down. First to go was the Advent ring, then the figures from the Nativity scene. Which were put away safely for another year, next we tackled the tree itself. The boxes came out of the shed unfortunately many of the older baubles were broken and quite a few of the other Christmassy bits and pieces had to go too. I've been into town and found replacements so we will be very posh next Christmas.

We had our friend, Julie, with us on the 6th; she really is a lovely lady who gives us a hand whenever and wherever we need that extra pair of hands. Thank you, Julie. The Christmas tree is now at the bottom of the churchyard. Marilyn is to contact her friend, Phil, to tell him that the tree can be disposed of. So, thank you in advance, Phil. Well my friends, that's about all for now, I need to say thank you to David and Kim for their help with all the Christmassy jobs this year, it was lovely having their help . So goodbye until the next time, stay safe and well..

JILL PONTER

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 John the Baptist: 2 Isaiah: 3 Pharisees and Sadducees: 4 Holy Spirit and fire:
5 In prison: 6 A reed shaken by the wind: 7 Someone dressed in soft robes:
8 A prophet: 9 Malachi: 10 The Genealogy of Christ:

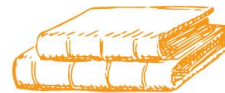
The Library



Tuffley Library

Book Group

A chance to discuss this month's book and share your best reads



Second Thursday of the month
starts 12 January 2023
14:00 - 15:00



To book, scan the QR code, visit
gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk
or book in the library.

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OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya, what are you doing, Maya? Trixie, I'm just looking out of the door! But, Maya, it's flippin' freezing out there!! I know Trixie, but sometimes I just like getting up my mum's nose, oh here she comes to shut the door. Blast, now I've got to go out, see you later Trix. Maya. I'm not going out in that! so there. Trixie you are such a wuss! Maya, I just don't care, I'm staying indoors where it's nice and warm.

Oh heck! Maya, how on earth did you manage to stay out in all that cold. Trixie, you just to know where to go to find a nice cosy corner. Trouble is, there's always some other feline who wants to get in with you. What did you do to keep your place then Maya? I just sat on their face and they moved over a bit and I just wriggled myself into their place, works every time, Trix.

Maya did you see anything of Harry and Yasmin when you were outside? No Trixie, I didn't, but I did see Rosie Posy and the two Gingers. We had a bit of a chat, but it was too cold to hang around, so I came home. They said that they would look out for Harry and report back when it gets a bit warmer. I told them that we would look out for them tomorrow, weather permitting. Maya, if it's too cold you can count me out, I like my mum to make a fuss of me and make sure that my food bowl is refilled. Trixie, you just like the good life, don't you. well, yes Maya, I do. When we have no sunshine, I just wish to stay indoors with mum, that's when she's in of course. Have you seen her? Just lately she's up and down the stairs like something gone bananas. What's she doing that for? I don't know, but she keeps putting little boxes up in the bedroom. I noticed that she put the little boxes in the cupboard under the bed. I always thought that she was nuts and that just about confirms it. I bet those little boxes don't stay under the bed for very long. Trixie, you have the best imagination of any cat I know. Maya, you know something, I just don't care because I just keep my eye

on our mum, and I know that those boxes will come down the stairs and go elsewhere any time soon!

Any way we'll be seeing Harry, I hope, but where are we going to meet up? Oh, down by the alley, the two Gingers are going to call for him, if they don't see him out and about. OK, Maya until tomorrow then, is Rosie Posy going to be with them? I think so, Trixie.

Is that Harry over there with Rosie Posy? I think Trixie, you may just be right! Harry, how the devil are you? Long-time no see. Well, how about that, how are you two getting on? It's been quite a time for all of us, how did you enjoy the Christmas festivities? Maya, what's festivities? And what on earth is Christmas, Trixie? Well, it's a time of celebration because it's someone's birthday Maya. Some bloke named Jesus. I heard, Maya. I think that's why our mum goes to that place called Margaret's. It's a church, so she says and it's where she goes to pray. Well Trixie, that's something I didn't know, but never mind, Harry, let's go somewhere we can catch up with everyone. Oh blimey here comes Yasmin and the two Gingers. Come on Trixie it's time to say goodbye to everyone. Tata folks, speak to you next time. It's also tata from me, Maya until the next time, Happy New Year from all of us...

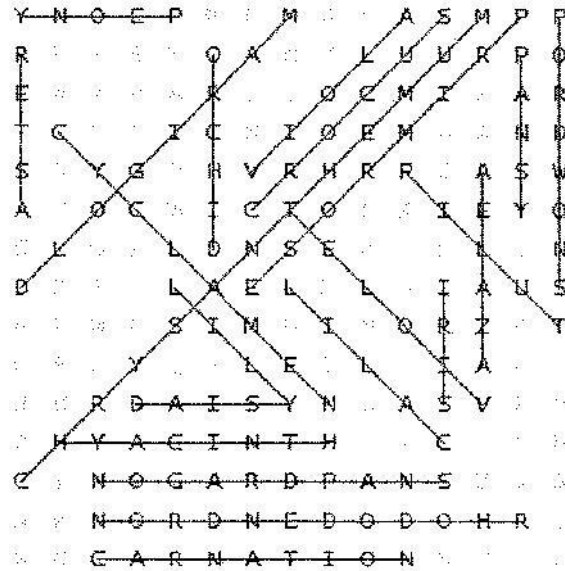


FEBRUARY THE QUIZ ANSWERS:

1 Aquarius: 2 Latin: 3 14th February: 4 1917: 5 Decimalisation: 6 Purification:
7 A cheque: 8 August: 9 Amethyst: 10 29th February: 11 Groundhog Day:
12 Yalta: 13 Super Bowl: 14 Presidents' Day: 15 Lady Jane Grey: 16 Russia's (Tsar
Nicholas I) 17 The rain: 18 False (March 22 is the earliest Easter can occur)

WORDSEARCH ANSWER

Flowering Plants



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH AND CENTRE

JANUARY

Sun 29	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE / CANDLEMAS FEBRUARY CROSSROADS AVAILABLE		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	10.30am	Messy Church	GB
	4.30pm	Charles private let	SH
Mon 30	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH

Tue 31	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	1.30pm	Fun & Free Tuesday	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	8.00pm	Karate	MH

FEBRUARY

Wed 1	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 2	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise Zumba class	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 3	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 4	10.00am	Karate	MH
	10.00am	Church Cleaning volunteers	St G's
Sun 5	3 BEFORE LENT		
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 6	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 7	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	1.30pm	Fun & Free Tuesday	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 8	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 9	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise Zumba class	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 10	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 11	10.00am	Karate	MH
Sun 12	2 BEFORE LENT		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	4.00pm	Family Praise	St M's
Mon 13	March Crossroads deadline		
	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH

	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 14	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	1.30pm	Fun & Free Tuesday	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	7.00pm	Centre Management Committee meeting	SL
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 15	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee meeting	SL
	7.00pm	Connections meeting	V
	7.30pm	Refresh	EM
Thu 16	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubercise Zumba class	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 17	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 18	10.00am	Karate	MH
Sun 19	SUNDAY BEFORE LENT		
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	12.30pm	Baptism	St M's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
	Schools Half Term Week		
Tue 21	Shrove Tuesday - (Pancake Day)		
	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	6.00pm	Pancakes social	EM
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 22	ASH WEDNESDAY		
	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Service with Ashing	St G's
Thu 23	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubercise Zumba class	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 24	2.00pm	Quiet Prayer Group meet at Christchurch	CCA
	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH

	7.30pm	Entertainers	SH
Sat 25	10.00am	Karate	MH
	2.30pm	CiT Environmental Group Litter Pick	EM
Sun 26	LENT 1		
	March Crossroads available		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
Mon 27	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 28	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	1.30pm	Fun & Free Tuesday	MH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	8.00pm	Karate	MH

MARCH

Wed 1	St David's Day		
	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 2	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise Zumba class	MH
	7.30pm	Charter band	SH
Fri 3	WORLD DAY of PRAYER		
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 4	9.00am	Diocesan Safeguarding training – tbc	SH
	10.00am	Karate	MH
	10.00am	St George's Church cleaning	St G's
	10.00am	Litter pick at Holmleigh Park School	HPS
Sun 5	LENT 2		
	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, MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall,
SL = Softley Lounge, V = Vicarage, CCA = Christchurch Abbeydale.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

Why did an old man fall in a well? Because he couldn't see that well!

Why did the actors fall through the floorboards? They were going through a stage!

Why did a scarecrow win a Nobel prize? He was outstanding in his field!

What did the duck say after she bought chapstick? Put it on my bill!

What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta!

What did the three-legged dog say when he walked into a saloon? "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw!"

How do you tell the difference between a bull and a cow? It is either one or the udder!

What's red and smells like blue paint? Red paint!

What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo? One is very heavy; the other is a little lighter!

Why can't you send a duck to space? Because the bill would be astronomical!

What happened when the world's tongue-twister champion got arrested? They gave him a tough sentence!

What did the mama cow say to the calf? It's pasture bedtime!

What did one plate say to the other? Dinner is on me!

Two muffins are baking in an oven. One of them looks to the other and says, "Phew, it's getting hot in here!" The other looks back and says, "Arrgh! A talking muffin!"