

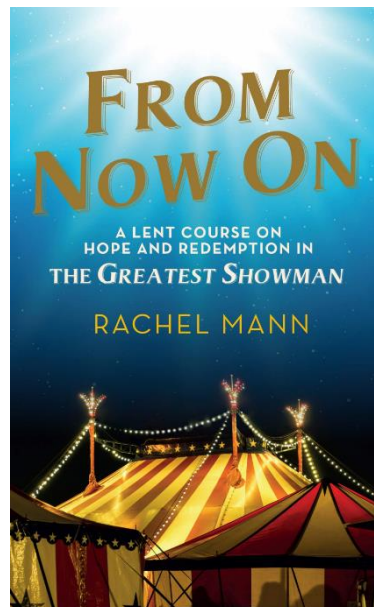
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The magazine for
St George's Tuffley and St Margaret's Whaddon

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering



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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REV RACHEL WRITES...

Dear friends,

As I write, there are signs of Spring in the air; snowdrops are flourishing, crocuses are appearing, and there are glimpses of daffodils. We are seeing light earlier in the mornings and later in the evenings and we are starting to feel the warmth of the sun on our skin once again. It's a hopeful, positive time of year with the promise of new life all around.

In terms of Church seasons, by the time you are reading this, we will be in Lent. The start of Lent, Ash Wednesday, being 22nd February this year. Lent has often traditionally been thought of as a penitential time; a time to deny yourself some of the simple pleasures of life, be it chocolate, coffee or alcohol! However, I want to suggest that Lent can also be a hopeful, positive time, with the promise of new life for us all, through the resurrection of Jesus.

The Church of England's 'branding' for Lent this year is, 'Dust and Glory' which at first sight might seem a bit obscure. On Ash Wednesday we are marked with ash (thank you to those who brought their palm crosses back to make the ash!) and reminded that we are made from dust, and to dust we shall return. Life is precious and fragile, each day being a gift to cherish. As the ash is marked in the shape of the cross on our foreheads (just as happens with oil or holy water at baptism) we are also reminded to be faithful to Christ.

What does it mean to be faithful to Christ, to live our lives faithfully? This is the question we sit with during Lent, as we reflect on our daily walk with Jesus and the difference faith makes to our everyday lives. If giving up chocolate, coffee, alcohol, or anything else, helps us to reflect on this, then let's do that during Lent. It might be that there are other ways that help us to reflect on how we live every precious day of our lives as faithfully as we can.

There is a wonderful selection of books at both churches, thanks to Sarah and Derek, to help us in our reflections. Some books designed to be read from start to finish, others to dip into, others to read a short section each day – do have a look and borrow whatever appeals to you. There are also the Lent discussions (Wednesdays 2.00pm to 3.30pm and Thursdays 7.00pm to 8.30pm in St George's Lady Chapel) focussing on the film, The Greatest Showman. Everyone is very welcome to come along, even if you can only make one or two of the

sessions, and to contribute as little or as much as you would like. There will also be the opportunity to join with others in prayer at 5.00pm Monday to Wednesday, on Zoom Monday and Wednesday, and in person on Tuesday in St George's Lady Chapel.

This Lent, please do whatever helps you to reflect on the difference faith in the new life promised to us through Jesus makes in your life. The wonderful truth that although we come from dust, we have glorious potential through Jesus, and are all promised access to eternal glory through the resurrection of Jesus.

With every blessing for a hopeful, positive Lent
RACHEL



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

INTERMENT OF ASHES

St Margaret's

Margaret Lilian Bruton

BURIAL

St Margaret's

Ivor Herbert Reginald Panting

FUNERAL

St George's

Jean Mary Reeves

'How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.'
Winnie the Pooh



Thousands of men, women and children have died and thousands more are struggling to survive, in makeshift shelters and tent cities, following the deadliest recorded earthquake in more than 20 years in Turkey and Syria.

As aid starts to reach the affected areas, a national appeal is underway, organised by the member charities of the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee).

Bishop Rachel and Bishop Robert said, "We know that you will join in us in heartfelt prayers for the people suffering in the aftermath of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Please do consider donating to the Earthquake Appeal, to help bring hope in this crisis."

Church congregations are being urged to help support these efforts. "Every prayer, every gift, every action brings hope to all those affected by this disaster," the CEO of international development charity Christian Aid, Patrick Watt said.

There is a bucket at the back of St George's for your donations please give as generous as you can. The bucket will remain for as long as possible, for the people of Turkey and of Syria it is going to be a long time before normal returns again!

A prayer for the people affected by the earthquake

God of time and space, we cry to you for your children – our neighbours – in southern Turkey and northern Syria, following the earthquake that has devastated hundreds of lives. Only they and you know what it is like to experience such trauma in the middle of the night.

We give thanks for the aid that is already being given and for the promises of help that have been made by many nations.

Comfort, we pray;

those who are trapped in collapsed buildings;

those who have lost loved ones;

those who wait for news and

those digging through rubble to save others.

Grant the gift of hope so that those caught between life and death know that you are with them and that others are ready to support them as they seek a future that overshadows the experiences of today.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who endured so much for love of them.

Amen

This has come through Tear Fund recently. A series of powerful earthquakes hit Syria and Turkey on Monday 6 February. At the time of writing, more than 40,000 people have died. The situation is urgent. Please join us in prayer at this critical time. The first earthquake struck while people were inside their homes, asleep in their beds. Many people were unprepared for the disaster. Rescue teams are still working to locate survivors and people have been left without shelter in freezing conditions.

'The needs of those affected by the earthquake are for shelter, warmth, clothes, food, health supplies and, in the longer term, rebuilding,' shares Martin Leach, who oversees Tearfund's work in the region.

The city of Aleppo in Syria, which was badly hit by the earthquake, is home to millions of people who have already faced more than a decade of conflict. Many hospitals have been damaged in the fighting. People who have been made homeless by the conflict and were living in tents before the earthquake struck are now hosting families whose homes have been destroyed.

Tearfund's local church partner is responding in Syria. They have opened three shelters in Aleppo for people made homeless by the earthquake and are providing them with essential items, such as blankets and warm clothing.

'The Syrian Orthodox Church in Aleppo have opened their doors so that people who have lost their homes can come and have somewhere to be safe, be warm and get a hot meal and something to drink,' says Martin.

Many people in northern Iraq, who are rebuilding after years of conflict, and in Lebanon, also felt the earthquake tremors. Our local partners already offer

trauma support in these areas and it is likely the need for this will grow, as the earthquake has brought up painful memories.

'It means so much to our team that we have people like you, who support us faithfully in prayer,' shares Martin. 'We know prayer changes things, so thank you. Thank you for standing with those affected by the earthquake at this critical time.'

God of refuge, You are an ever present help in time of need. Please be this to the people of Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon today. Provide people with safe shelter and the essentials they need. Be a comfort to those who are grieving and who are traumatised. Be people's strength and rock as they work together to rescue people, treat the injured, care for those in need and rebuild after this tragedy. In Jesus' name, amen.

'He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power his understanding has no limit.' Psalm 147:3-5



Our Lent Groups in 2023 will be based on the film The Greatest Showman. The **'From Now On' Lent Groups** will start on Wednesday 1st March at 2.00pm and on Thursday 2nd March at 7.00pm in St George's Lady Chapel with weekly groups meeting on each Wednesday and Thursday thereafter for five weeks.



We are going to be holding a summer holiday club for children in year Reception to Yr5 from 22nd to 24th August this year. We will be using set material from Scripture Union. We will also be having a special group over lunchtimes on the Tuesday and Wednesday for those in

school Yrs6 to 8. On Thursday we will invite everyone who has attended the club and the older group and their families to join us at 12.30pm for a hot dog lunch! We will need help in various forms over the three days and also on Monday 21st to set up the club and Friday 25th to take down/clear up. The club will consist of games, quizzes, crafts, Bible stories and songs and loads of fun and laughter. Please mark the dates in your diaries and look out for more updates monthly in Crossroads and Signpost.

L A I N E



Bring your Donkey to Church Family Worship at St George's

On Palm Sunday, 2nd April, we are arranging Family Worship at 10.30am with a pony as our guest. A Benefice Palm Sunday Communion will take place at St Margaret's at 5.00pm.

On Maundy Thursday at 7.00pm we will sit down to an Agape meal, the menu for which will be confirmed soon, but it will be simple fare.

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the *koinonia* (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.



Holy Week and Easter dates and information

Sunday 2 nd April	Palm Sunday
9.00am	Holy Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Family worship (no Holy Communion) at St George's with a real live donkey, which looks uncannily like a pony!
5.00pm	Evensong at St Margaret's
Monday 3 rd April	Holy Monday
5.00pm	Evening prayer on Zoom
7.30pm	Candlelit Compline at St Margaret's
Tuesday 4 th April	Holy Tuesday
10.00am	Parish Communion at St George's
10.30am	Stations of the Cross at St George's
5.00pm	Evening Prayer at St George's
Wednesday 5 th April	Holy Wednesday
8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Thursday 6 th April	Maundy Thursday
10.30am	Parish Communion at St Margaret's
7.00pm	Agape Meal at St George's (More details to follow)
Friday 7 th April	Good Friday
	<i>Together as the Church in Tuffley</i>
10.00am	Messy Easter at St Barnabas until 12.00noon
1.00pm	Walk of witness beginning at English Martyrs
2.00pm	Hot Cross buns at St George's
2.30pm	Holy Communion at St George's
Saturday 8 th April	Holy Saturday
9.30am	Easter Fun for all the family at St George's until 11.00am
8.00pm	Easter Vigil at St Margaret's
Sunday 9 th April	Easter Day
9.00am	Holy Communion at St Margaret's
10.30am	Holy Communion at St George's
4.00pm	Easter Family Praise at St Margaret's



7.30pm, 15 March 2023
here at St George's

Rest when you're weary. Refresh and renew yourself, your body, your mind, your spirit. Then get back to work. Ralph Marston

ST GEORGE'S SUMMER FAYRE
COME FAMILY FUN DAY
SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2023
from 12.00noon until 4.00pm



After the very positive feedback following the Christmas Fayre at St George's, it was suggested that we try a Summer Fayre as in years gone by. This event will be fun and games for all the family, accompanied by hot dogs and strawberry teas, and a Grand Summer Raffle. Since we're not thinking of having a lot of stalls, maybe the description, Family Fun Day would be better than Summer Fayre – what do you think?



Whatever you think of the name, do please put the date in your diaries, and share the date with your friends, families, and neighbours (and please pray for good weather!) If you have any ideas or suggestions for the day, please let Rachel or Darrell know, and if you would like to join the planning team, we would love to have you on board!



CHURCHWARDENS

Churchwardens are the senior lay people of the parish, and they are officers of the Bishop.

Churchwardens are nominated at the Annual Meeting and may hold office for up to six years unless the Annual Meeting specifically decides this may be longer. They are ex-officio members of the PCC. Each parish is to have two churchwardens.

The way in which churchwardens exercise their office will vary from parish to parish, warden to warden, but there are certain key functions given by Canon law which states that 'they shall be foremost in representing the laity and in cooperating with the incumbent' and that 'they shall use their best endeavours to encourage the parishioners in the practise of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them'. Churchwardens are key people in exercising the ministry of welcome to visitors and care for the needs of the congregation and parish.

Churchwardens have a significant role in overseeing the practical care of the church building and its contents. They must maintain the inventory of the church and a logbook of work done and should produce a report on this to the annual meeting of parishioners. They are also required to make reports each year to the archdeacon, who admits them into office on behalf of the Bishop.

Beyond this, local custom will determine what churchwardens do, which varies enormously, from setting up for services, to practical tasks and even the leading of morning and evening prayers.

Above all else they should be the 'critical friend' of the incumbent, loyal and supportive but also honest, the person the incumbent can turn to for good advice and encouragement.

Next month, we shall look at PCC members in the lead up to our APCM on Sunday 21st May.

ANNUAL REPORTS

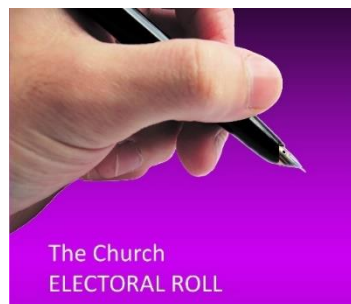
If you normally write a report for the APCM Reports pack, it should be in preparation now as requested in recent Signposts. Please send it to Glenda as soon as possible by email. If your report must be handwritten, please let Glenda have it immediately, in order that she can process it in time for the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

Remember that your report covers the period...

1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER 2022 only

Only THREE have been received to date...

The deadline for the receipt of ALL reports will be **Sunday 30th April 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 on Sunday 21st May in both of our churches. Anyone whose name does not appear on the Electoral Roll is not eligible to vote at that meeting 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

Editor's note: for St Margaret's you will need to speak with Jill Ponter, who is St Margaret's Electoral Roll Officer



TREES

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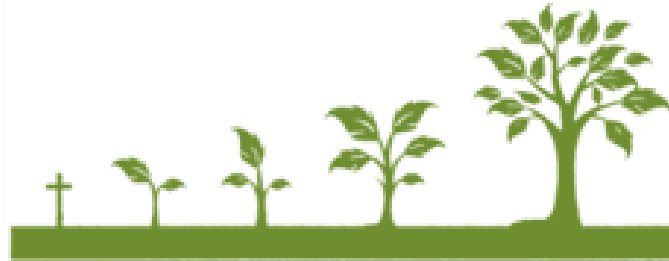
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Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

Alder, Ash, Birch, Blackthorn, Box, Crab Apple, Dogwood, Douglas Fir, Elder, English Oak, Eucalyptus, Hawthorn, Hazel, Holly, Hornbeam, Horse Chestnut, Juniper, Larch, Leyland Cypress, lime, Maple, Monkey Puzzle, Pear, Plane, Plim, Poplar, Rowan, Scots Pine, Spruce, Sycamore, Walnut, Whitebeam, Willow, Yew.

The answer is printed later in Crossroads

Thank you again, Angela



What does this image make you think of?

You have probably seen it or looked at it many, many times in recent years it appears on lots of documents, posters and screens. Please tell us, we are really interested to know, there is a box at the back of church with some response slips. If you can fill one in, that would be great; please be as open as you can be, we won't be offended in any way by your comments.

SIGNPOST
the weekly newsletter of
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with St Margaret's, Whaddon

Whilst we are asking for your opinions, might you be able to let us know what you like and what you don't like about Signpost. Does Signpost give you the information you expect? Might there be too much of one thing and not of another? In your opinion is there anything missing that you would have expected to see or be told on a regular basis in Signpost. Or, perhaps there is something which you would prefer not to see as often as you do in Signpost. We are aware that the website version differs because of presentation preferences to the paper version of Signpost available on a Sunday morning.



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...ARTICLES NEED TO BE WITH THE EDITORS' PREFERABLY BY EMAIL
BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...
MONDAY 13th MARCH 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 March at 10.00am meeting at Holmleigh Park School
Saturday 25th March at 2.30pm meeting at St George's
Saturday 1st April at 10.00am at Holmleigh Park School
Saturday 29th May at 2.30pm meeting at TBC

Please come along and join us



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING

Yes, our small band of duster flickers and cobweb shifters continue 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. The weather will have, hopefully, started to improve, so the advice is to dress accordingly in case you get a sweat on! Next month we will get together on Saturday 1st April when the lead up to Easter is upon us so it would be good to have your help in ensuring that St George's is looking its best for Palm Sunday and Easter Day a week later.

See you on Saturday 4th March at 10.00am at St George's

DARRELL



QUIET PRAYER GROUP

Will meet on Friday 31st March 2023 from 2.30pm at TBC
Our next group meeting will be on Friday 28th April at TBC
Keep an eye out in Signpost for the missing information



I'm already for our next draw
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



19th March 2023 is...



Loving God,
Thank you for mums and children
And for all the joy of family life.
Be with those who are grieving
Because they have no mother.
Be close to those who are struggling
Because they have no children.
Be near those who are sad
Because they are far apart from those that they love.
Let your love be present in every home,
And help your church to have eyes to see
And ears to hear the needs of all who come.
We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen



Thank God
for Mums!



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for January

- 1 Which chapter in Matthew tells us about, "The Escape to Egypt"?
- 2 Who prophesied the massacre of the infants?
- 3 Once Herod died who ruled over Judea?
- 4 How were the wise men warned not to return to Herod?
- 5 The scriptures quote, "Land of _____ and land of _____, on the road by the Sea." Can you name these two lands?
- 6 Who were the first two disciples Jesus called?
- 7 Who was the father of two of the disciples?
- 8 The scriptures read, "Jesus went throughout _____, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. What word is missing?"
- 9 Mary was expected to offer what the Law of the Lord stated, "a pair of turtledoves or Two young pigeons". Which Old Testament book gives this law?
- 10 To whom did the Holy Spirit reveal that they would not see death before they had seen the Lord's Messiah?

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

ROGER WESTERN RIP

Gloria Wiggall writes... It is with sadness that I write this; Roger Western passed away on 31st January at the age of 95yrs, his funeral took place on 15th February at St Andrew's, in Churchdown a place he had lived for a number of years. Many of you will remember his wife Anne, a Churchwarden at St Margaret's for many years and Roger has continued to support St Margaret's in her memory since she passed away. I've kept in touch with Roger, and it was earlier in January that I spoke with him to thank him for his continuing gift. Sadly, this brings to end a very long relationship with Roger and his late wife, Anne. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family as they come to terms with their loss.



TUFFLEY LIBRARY



Join us to celebrate **World Book Day** on Thursday 2nd March. The day promotes children reading for pleasure. All our libraries will be open as usual, so drop by to browse and borrow books for free.

Need a Costume, or have one from last year to donate?

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

Stay in touch by visiting www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries
We hope to see you soon! Tel 01452 522160

MARCH QUIZ

- 1 What is the birth flower of March?
- 2 Which UK Saints Day is on March 1st?
- 3 The lives of the four March sisters feature in which famous novel?
- 4 The March Hare is a character from which book?
- 5 St Piran's Day, held on 5 March every year, is the national day of where?
- 6 Which annual health awareness day takes place on the second Wednesday in March?
- 7 What is the full name of the actor that won Academy Awards for Best Actor in both 1946 and 1932?
- 8 Symbolizing courage, name March's birthstone?
- 9 March is named after Mars; what is Mars the Roman god of?
- 10 What's the zodiac signs for early March until March 20? And what about the sign for the latter part of March?
- 11 The Ides of March is a day on the Roman calendar that corresponds to which date?
- 12 On the 5th of March 1946, what did Churchill warn was falling across Europe?
- 13 Complete the saying: 'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a'?
- 14 On what date in March is Saint Patrick's Day?
- 15 In British tradition, which quarter day falls on March 25th?

The answers to this quiz are printed later in Crossroads



JILL'S JOTTINGS

from St Margaret's

Well, my friends, it's that certain moaning Minnie that does at St Margaret's, Whaddon with her friends Marilyn and Dianne and we always put the world to rights!

All the Christmas paraphernalia has been put away for another year, I went early one Thursday to take down the stable and put the figurines back in the box safely. It only took a little while but once done, I said a little 'Thank You' to our church for letting me be there and to enjoy the quietness.

Our cleaning duties enable us to take stock of what we can do extra to make our church more pleasing. I know that we do give everything a really good scrub and Marylin give the brass a good polish. I always give the floor extra attention and Dianne is a marvel with polish and duster. Nothing stops us as we carry on regardless!

We've had a couple of very sad months; first we lost our dearest friend Mike Mumby ex churchwarden for many years alongside Malcolm Martin. If anything was needed to be done, you only had to mention it to Mike, and he and Malcolm would sort it. When we had our fundraising lunches Mike would bring his tables and chairs. He and Malcolm would put up gazebos and take them down again afterwards. We were always very appreciative of what they did for us at those events and rewarded their hard work with an appropriate bottle of wine, which they were always very thankful.

Another friend of St Margaret's was Roger Western who died recently, Roger's wife Anne was a church warden at St Margaret's too and Treasurer for many years. Anne is buried in our Churchyard where many of her family and friends are buried too. We send our condolences to Roger's family.

I know that my jottings this month have a very sad tinge to them but that's how it goes sometimes; looking forward to more cheerful months ahead so until the next time look after yourselves and stay safe.

JILL PONTER

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Chapter Two: 2 Jeremiah: 3 Archelaus: 4 In a dream: 5 Zebulun and Naphtali:
6 Simon (Peter) and Andrew: 7 Zebedee: 8 Galilee: 9 Leviticus: 10 Simeon:

*Sunday April 23rd at 7.00pm
St George's Supper in St George's Centre*



*Celebrate our patron Saint with a two-course meal (menu to be announced)
at the reasonable price of £15.00 each.*

You can pay in instalments if it's easier.

Afterwards you can join in with a sing song of patriotic songs.

Bring your own drink - unless we can run a bar

We hope you will join us

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hi everyone, I must apologise for not writing last time, but time just ran away from me. Doesn't time fly when you're having fun!

I've been going out when my mum opens the door. Sometimes she makes me go out even if I don't want to. My paws get really cold and when I ask really

nicely to come in, she ignores me; it's even colder when its dark too. Eventually she relents and I'm allowed in, and I curl up on my mum's lap to warm up again. We've had some very cold mornings with white stuff on the ground, but it soon goes when the sun shines.

I do have a little chat on that machine that you talk into. Well, they couldn't understand why I hadn't done anything for that special book, so I had to tell them that I couldn't find my materials. So, I promise that I won't let it happen again, well, I'll try not to...

I do get tired easily these days, it must be my age or something. When it's cold outside I do intend to sleep on my mum's bed; it's nice and cosy. When it warms up a bit then I decide to go out in the sunshine. I'll be out a lot more when it warms up somewhat. My mum and Auntie Jill still go out a lot, I don't know where, but sometimes they come back smelling of other felines. Whatever floats their boat I suppose.

Sometimes, I can smell dog on them! I don't like dogs because they chase me, I soon outrun them though, not that it happens often!

I still get horse pills shoved down my throat, and I still don't have a clue why! Well, when you have an itch, you have to scratch where you can reach. Sometimes I go a bit overboard with my licking and make whatever sore, then I'm told off. A girl has to do what a girl has to do. Never mind eh!

Bye for now,
JoJo Whittle



Sunday 26th March



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya, she's not in here Maya. Who isn't in what, Trixie? It's JoJo she's not in that magazine the thing our mum brings in. Trixie don't be daft she's always in it! Well, Maya, I've looked from front to back and I can't find it in here anywhere. No Trixie, she's not in here, I think I will give our JoJo a ring on that machine. JoJo, is that you? Well Trixie and I have been looking in that magazine and we can't find you in it! She what? She what? You don't say! Well, I never did! OK JoJo, speak to you soon, look after yourself.

What did she say, Maya? What did she say? She said, that her mum lost the pad and she couldn't find the pen. She was not a happy puss, but she said that she will make sure she'll have something for the next issue. Whatever that means! So, there you are Trixie. You just make sure that we have the pad and the pen ready to do our article. So come on let's go and find Harry and the rest of the gang.

Harry is over there with Yasmin, Trix. I wonder what they are doing there? Harry, Harry, what on earth are you doing over here. Well, girls it's like this, we met up with the Gingers this morning and they said that they were looking for Dozy Rosie. She fell over the fence and they can't find her, so we thought we would have a look for her too. Wait a minute, what's that coming through the long grass? Hiya fellas, it's me Rosie, what you been doing? Rosie, where have you been? We saw you fall over the fence and then disappear. I know, I fell down a hole and I couldn't find the way out, so I carried on walking, and it went under a hedge and came out by the railway embankment. Then I got caught up in all this stuff. What is it? I don't know Harry, looks like last week's washing! Well let's get it all off you. Oh, thank you, Maya, and you Trixie, blimey Harry, what on earth are you looking at? Well Rosie, you look like you were pulled through

a hedge backwards and your head is through some very interesting ladies underwear! Harry what on earth do you mean? Well look at it Rosie, you have been carrying on your head for ages. I know Harry and I kept tripping over it too when I was trying to find you, but I must say that I don't know what they do with it, but it nearly blinds you when it falls over your face.

Come on Rosie, now you're free we can get on and have a good catch up. Well girls, you know that I don't gossip about anyone. Oh yes, Rosie we do know. Now then, Maya there is no need to say it like that! I just know that we all like to have a chat to our new neighbours and she said that she had a puppy-baby and a baby-baby. What do you mean, Rosie, a baby-baby? Well Trixie, it bawls every time I puts my head round the door. It bawls and the puppy-baby just wants to play with my tail! The new neighbour looks on with distaste at all of them!

Oh Rosie, you are so funny! Maybe it's because we love you so much that we can all see that you care far too much about all of us. So lets have a group hug and get back to what we like doing best, and that's playing!

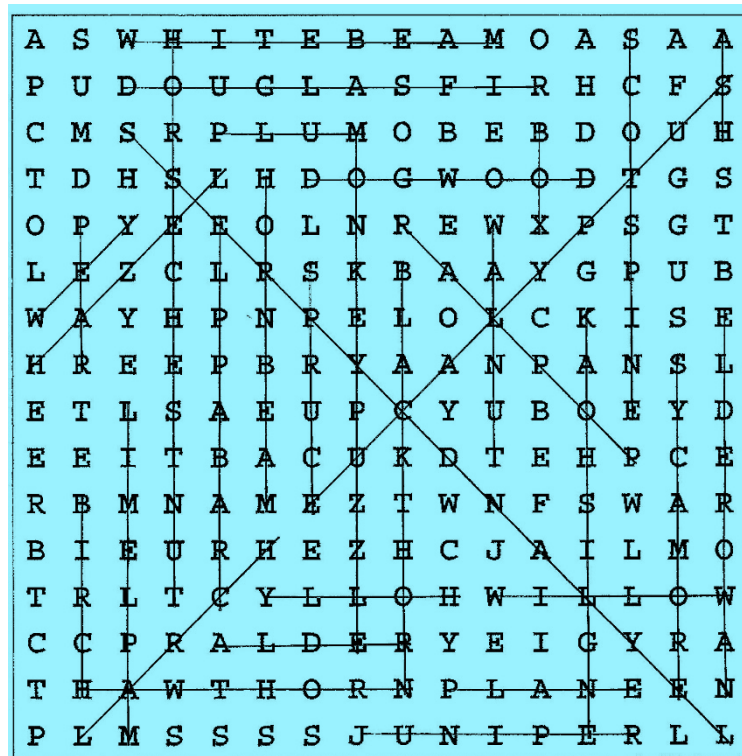
Trixie, before we all forget, say goodbye to everyone. Oh, OK, Maya, tata everyone from me Trixie and it's goodbye from me Maya and all the rest of the gang until the next time.



MARCH THE QUIZ ANSWERS:

1 Daffodil: 2 St David's: 3 Little Women (Louisa May Alcott) 4 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (by Lewis Carroll): 5 Cornwall: 6 National No Smoking Day: 7 Fredric March: 8 Aquamarine or bloodstone: 9 War: 10 Pisces (until March 20) and Aries (March 21 onwards): 11 March 15th: 12 An Iron curtain: 13 Lamb: 14 17th March: 15 Lady Day:

TREES WORDSEARCH ANSWER



I'm putting together another **'Let Us Entertain You'** evening on Saturday 10th June at 7.30pm in our main hall. If you would like to be part of the evening's entertainment, please let me know. If I don't hear from you then I'll have to make the first approach; I have a list of previous LUEY acts and will follow you around until you say YES. I'm not sure at this point about eats and drinks for the audience so, probably it's best to assume that you are to bring your own.

I will, however, confirm the final arrangements as soon as possible. Also, I will get tickets printed and ready for sale late February/early March. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to St George's Church. Thank you, Darrell



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH AND CENTRE

FEBRUARY

Sun 26		LENT 1	
March 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
	4.40pm	Charles Igbo Group	SH
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
	2.00pm	'From Now On' Lent Group 1	LC
	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
	12.30pm	Funeral for the late Daphne Joan Reeves RIP	St G's
	6.30pm	Clubbercise Zumba class	MH
	7.00pm	'From Now On' Lent Group 1	LC
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 3	WORLD DAY of PRAYER		
Sat 4	10.00am	Karate	MH

	10.00am	St George's Church cleaning	St G's
	10.00am	Litter pick	HPHS
Sun 5	LENT 2		
	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
	2.00pm	'From Now On' Lent Group	LC
	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	MH
	7.00pm	'From Now On' Lent Group 2	LC
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Sat 11	10.00am	Karate	MH
Sun 12	LENT 3		
	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	APRIL 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
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	SH
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	7.00pm	PCC meeting	SH
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 15	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

	2.00pm	'From Now on' Lent Group 3	LC
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club meeting	SL
	7.30pm	Refresh	St G's
Thu 16	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	7.00pm	'From Now On' Lent Group 3	LC
	6.30pm	Clubbercise Zumba	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Sat 18	10.00am	Karate	MH
		CiT Litter Pick	St G's
Sun 19	MOTHERING SUNDAY / LENT 4		
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	1.30pm	Private Party	SH
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 20	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 21	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 22	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	2.00pm	'From Now On' Lent Group 4	LC
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 23	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise Zumba	MH
	7.00pm	'From Now On' Lent Group 4	LC
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 24	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
Sat 25	10.00am	Karate	MH
	Clocks forward one hour tonight		
Sun 26	LENT 5 / April Crossroads available		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	2.30pm	Diocesan Treasurer's meeting - tbc	St G's

	4.30pm	Charles Igbo Group	SH
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
Wed 29	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	2.00pm	'From Now On' Lent Group 5	LC
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Fayres' Planning meeting	V
Thu 30	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Day Centre	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubercise Zumba	MH
	7.00pm	'From Now On' Lent Group 5	LC
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 31		END OF TERM	
	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	Tbc

APRIL

Sat 1	10.00am	Karate	MH
	10.00am	Church Cleaning	St G's
	10.00am	CiT Litter Pick	HPHS
Sun 2	PALM SUNDAY Deadline for the Annual Reports		
	10.30am	Family Worship with a donkey	St G's
	5.00pm	Benefice Communion	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, HPHS = Holmleigh Park High School
Tbc = To be confirmed

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

Does anyone need an ark? I Noah guy.

A man died after drinking varnish. It was a terrible end, but a beautiful finish.

What's the difference between Prince William and a tennis ball? One is heir to the throne, and one is thrown in the air.

Why was the broom late for a meeting? It over swept.

What's the best part about Switzerland? The flag is a big plus.

You know why they called it "the dark ages?" There were too many knights.

What's the loudest kind of pet you can get? A trumpet.

Why did the picture go to jail? Because it was framed!

What did the princess say in the photo booth? "Someday my prints will come."

How many bugs do you need to rent out an apartment? Tenants.

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

What's a foot's favourite snack? Dori-toes.

The shovel was a truly groundbreaking invention.

I left my job at a shoe disposal plant. It was sole destroying.

The past, the present and the future walked into a bar. It was tense.

Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.

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