

CROSSROADS

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

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering



Growing God's Kingdom



10th June at 7.30pm

(see article on page 8)

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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PETE, ONE OF OUR ASSOCIATE PIONEERS, WRITES...

When, in 1934, George Gershwin wrote "Summertime and the living is easy" I wonder if he was looking forward to warm days and summer sun?

These last few months the weather has been anything but warm and the Met Office have confirmed the amount of rain that fell in March and April was the most for the past 90 years. I suspect that you, like me, are looking forward to welcoming the warmer days of summer.

As we look back at the month of May, we can reflect on the warmth expressed to Charles and Camilla of the thousands of people who lined the route leading to Westminster Abbey. Doubtless that warmth was expressed by millions of people up and down the country as they watched from the comfort of their own homes or celebrated the event with family and friends in street parties. The highlight of the service perhaps was at the beginning of the ceremony as a young chorister welcomed Charles in the name of the King of kings; to which Charles responded, "In His name and after His example I come not to be served, but to serve".

On the 4th June, the weekend after Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate TRINITY Sunday recognising God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and all they mean to us, the church. In addition, in June, we celebrate the apostle Barnabas (12th), the birth of John the Baptist (24th) and the apostles Peter and Paul (29th).

Each of the above knew the warmth and compassion of the Father as they served their Lord. A warmth which we as servants of Christ are asked to pass on; not only to friends in our fellowships, but to everyone we meet.

Almost 190 "Welcome Packs" have been presented to families who have moved into new homes in Tuffley and Whaddon. Many of these families have welcomed the packs with a warm smile and thank you.

As summer warmth approaches let us look forward to giving a warm welcome to those families who are attracted to the various services and events the church facilitates not forgetting we, like Charles, are here to serve.

PETE



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

DEATHS

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St Margaret's

Vivien Sinnott Smith

ABSENT FRIENDS

by Tony J, the Tuffley Poet

We like to reflect on times gone by
Unable to forget, no matter how we try
Fortunate to ride, the storms of life
Overcoming, grief and strife
Rarely alone, someone to share
A special person, no longer there
You visualise days, at work and play
Even when perhaps, nothing to say
Their very presence, always brought some joy
In equal measure, they could also annoy
But always there, steadfast and true
Then suddenly taken, gone out the blue
A gap you just, cannot fill
Remembered not, as one of the mill
Time to appreciate, these absent friends
Knowing we'll meet again, when our journey ends

VIVIEN SINNOTT SMITH: A FAMILY FAREWELL

A very special memorial service was held at St Margaret's on Sunday 30th April for Vivien, the last of Colonel Sinnott's children, who died in November aged 105.

Colonel Sinnott was churchwarden through the 1920s and 30s, and lived at Tuffley Grange, in what is now Holmwood Drive. The house is still there, though the area has changed almost beyond recognition with the building of the Grange estate. In those days, Tuffley was a tiny settlement, and it was open countryside from the Grange to St Margaret's. Life at the Grange was not luxurious, and it was interesting to learn that the children were encouraged to go around in bare feet, to toughen up.

The Sinnott family has seen much tragic bereavement over the years. The Colonel lost both his two sons: the elder was killed in North Africa in 1941, and the younger had died aged nine. There were also five daughters, but sadly their mother died in 1920, and Colonel Sinnott's second wife also died. some twenty years before him, in 1943.

Way back in 1993, we held a festival to mark the 900th anniversary of the death of St Margaret of Scotland, and we invited Carew, the eldest daughter, who lived near Monmouth. I later visited Sylvia and Diana, two more of the five sisters, at their home in Hampstead in London. Around 1995 there was a big family gathering when the two memorial windows were re-lead and protected, and again in 2017, when we dedicated the fine new churchyard gates, which the family gave in memory of Sylvia.

Vivien's great age gave a special feeling to the memorial service. Her name can be seen, with those of the rest of the family, at the bottom of the window dedicated in 1920, and yet here we were, bidding her farewell in 2023. Indeed, there cannot be many still alive who were born during the Great War.

Vivien spent much of her life in Milan, working as a translator. Her husband, Harvey Smith, from Westbury on Severn, was another tragic casualty of war, and her only daughter died in 1998. Vivien lived with her Italian partner until his death. She returned to England 2011 to help look after her sister Diana, while still looking after herself, and still translating for an Italian firm – this in her mid-nineties.

She was a strong-minded woman who couldn't abide 'fuss', and I wondered what she (and her father) would have said about the dozens of candles which we lit for her in the chancel! Members of the family, including Paola from Italy, paid wonderful tributes in music, poetry and memories.

We buried Vivien's ashes in the family grave, with the feeling that this was the end of an era. I hope that it was not the last of the gatherings of the family at Whaddon, but who can say? For me it was a sad moment as the family took their leave, but I can say that I am proud, as churchwarden, to be a successor of Colonel Sinnott, and to have met his remarkable daughters and many of the younger members of the family.

JONATHAN



Colonel Sinnott at 100, with his daughters (l to r) Diana, Carew, Elinor, Vivien and Sylvia



FUN AND FREE TUESDAY'S
at St George's
Each Tuesday in term time from 1.30pm

Come along and see for yourself...

You'll be made most welcome

Should you be able to help, please speak to Rachel, Susan or Laine



On Saturday 3rd June from 9.30am until 11.00am we will be having a Saturday morning Spring Fun session for children and families looking at Pentecost. We will have breakfast in the small hall and Softley Lounge followed by activities and story in the Church and hopefully weather permitting we will also have some fun outside too!!

Please invite children in your family or families in your street and if you would like to come and help, we would love to have you onboard

Please speak to Rachel, Susan or Laine to offer your help or for more information



ARCHDEACONS' VISITATION SERVICE 2022

Monday, 13th June commencing at 7.30pm

All Churchwardens are invited to the Archdeacons' Visitation Service being held on this occasion at St Philip and St James' Church, Hucclecote Gloucester, GL3 3NS. Any Churchwardens who are retiring from

their role are most welcome to attend as there will be an opportunity in the service to express thanks for their ministry.

Anyone from this Benefice can attend and you will be made very welcome.

SATURDAY 10th JUNE AT 7.30pm

Let Us Entertain You...

Everything is falling into place for this evening of words, music and who knows what else!! The list of acts is growing, however, if I haven't approach you...yet, please speak to me as soon possible. Tickets are available NOW! Darrell and Glenda at £5.00 each, please bring your own food and drink. As you know there are supplies of glasses and plates etc in the kitchen.



All proceeds from the evening will go towards St George's Church.

THANK YOU
DARRELL



**Took place on SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023
after the morning and evening services**

The results of the various elections were not known before this issue of Crossroads was printed, so they will appear in Signpost and or Crossroads in due course.

We may even try to post them on our website!!

MY JOURNEY TO JESUS, WHY ME?



In recent weeks Rachel has been encouraging members of the congregation to say a few words about how they came to Christ. Here is the tale of my journey...

I grew up with two sisters and three brothers living with our parents in a three bedroomed terraced house in Stratton Road: Tyndale Congregational Church was at the top of the road, so that's where the family went on Sundays. Sunday school, choir and eventually youth club were the journeys we all made. I subsequently also went to the Church of Christ (aka The Tabernacle) in Derby Road, I think I started going there as well as Tyndale because the Minister also held occasional sex education classes for their youth club.

At some point I was encouraged to join with Tyndale's youth club members and other youth clubs in the area in a trip to Bristol for a 'Youth Crusade'; the sort of thing that Billy Graham did, but it wasn't him it was some other American bloke. I wasn't very sure of anything at that time, I was probably 13 or 14 and too easily led, I guess. Anyway, during the evening which I think was at the Hippodrome, the Pastor, the music, the stewards, and the youth leaders were encouraging those who felt the 'pull of Christ' to go up on stage. Well, the music and singing were building to a crescendo and the Pastor was shouting and many, many people started making their way from their seats towards the stage. I felt the urge to join them, but I sat down, thinking he doesn't want me! why would he want me? I can't remember the hymn everyone was singing but I remember that it was coming to an end, and I couldn't hang back anymore, my legs had a life of their own and then I was on the stage too. The Pastor,

took my hand, asked my name, but all I could mumble was: 'Why me?' 'Because he does', was his reply. The rest of the evening was a blur, but I remember the coach ride home, I was sat all by myself when the Minister from Tyndale, Ronald Russ, came and sat by me and started talking, I haven't a clue what he was saying all I could say was, 'Why me?' To which his words too were 'Because he does'.

There have been many times in my life, good, very good, bad and very bad, thus far when I've said to myself 'Why me?' But I know that there will come a time when Jesus calls a final time, and I'll no longer say, 'Why me?' I will say 'Here I am'.

DARRELL

THE GUARDIANS OF ANCORA HOLIDAY CLUB **from 22nd to 24th August**

Ancora needs you! Plans are well underway for our three day holiday club for children school years Reception to 5. We have our planning team, we have teaching material from Scripture Union, we have a timetable, and we are collecting resources but now we need you!! We have various roles available without which the club can't happen! There has been a full sign-up sheet at the back of Church since Sunday 21st May but in the meantime please read these roles and descriptions and start praying about where God can use you to tell our local children about Jesus!



Lots of people have mentioned they are worried about not knowing what to do. I promise everything will be explained, there will be demo's and written instructions. We will go through everything at the meetings and I can see people individually too so that everyone feels comfortable.

Resource Team: In advance during the months of July and August cut out / prep items for activities. This can be done in your own time and home, and everything will need to be ready by Sunday 19th August.

Registration Team: You must be able to smile! You will be the first people the children meet! You will be seated and need to tick their name of the list, give them their name badge and a collection token to the adult collecting them. We

will need you for three days ideally but even if you can just do one day we would love to have you! Times for registration team are between 9.00am and 10.00am. You are welcome then to join us on another team for the rest of the morning or you can go home.

Snack Team: You must be able to smile! You will prepare the snacks and drinks in the kitchen and serve them from the hatch or a trolley and then clear up. We need you between 9.00am and 11.15am We will need you for three days ideally but even if you can just one day we would love to have you! You are welcome then to join us on another team for the rest of the morning or you can go home.

Kids Teams: You must be able to smile, be friendly and get involved. There are three age groups: 5's and 6's, 7 and 8's and 9 and 10 and we need people for each. Just join in what's happening and help anyone who needs it. We will need you for three days ideally but even if you can just one day we would love to have you! Times for kids' team are between 9.00am and 12.30pm.

Clear up /Set Up Team: 3 options for you here:

- 1) Help set up Monday 21st August between 10.00am and 12.00noon
- 2) Help clear up Friday 25th August between 10.00am and 12.00noon
- 3) Help daily (or any days as you can) between 11.30am and 1.00pm

So, there you go! Lots of options lots of variety. Teams will need to be able to attend two pre club meetings one date to be confirmed on 19th June at 7.00pm and one on August 14th daytime. Even if you can't make those meetings please volunteer and I will make you a cuppa and fill you in on another date.

This is an exciting outreach opportunity! Can't wait to have you join us!

LAINE



**BENEFICE FAMILY FUN DAY
SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2023**

from 12.00noon until 4.00pm



This event will be full of fun and games for all the family. We're looking at many types of stalls, but mainly the fun and games type. We're looking at food stalls (hot dogs, burgers, ice creams, strawberry teas, teas, coffees and squash and possibly canned pops) face painting, a cake competition, a

nail bar, skittles. We are also thinking about some demonstrations by Centre users and others.

Please put the date in your diaries, and share the date with your friends, families, and neighbours (and please pray for good weather!) Would you have any ideas and suggestions to 'throw into the pot'? Please let Rachel, Darrell, Dawn, Jonathan T, or Sylvia know. We would love to have you on board to add your input.

We are ready now to receive donations for the Grand Raffle, a bottle stall, a family tombola as soon as possible (we have the storage space!)

The Fun Day Group will meet again soon in the Vicarage to carry on with the planning. So, look out for the date and let us know if you can help out.



To have your **JULY 2023 CROSSROADS** ready for publication on
SUNDAY 25th JUNE 2023...

**...ARTICLES NEED TO BE WITH THE EDITORS' PREFERABLY BY EMAIL
BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN... ..Tuesday 13th JUNE 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

ST GEORGE'S ENTERTAINERS



Have started planning their 2023 Pantomime, (oh yes, they have!!) and it will be our take on the 'Puss in Boots' story. Rehearsals start on Friday 16th June, (oh yes, we do... rehearse!!).

Performance dates will be Friday 17th November at 7.30pm: 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 18th November. So put these dates in your diaries now and let's ensure that we have the numbers in the audience that we had for last year's production.

I'll keep you upto date with how matters are progressing on an occasional basis, but if you have any questions about joining us or helping out in any other way, please do see Linda Brown, the secretary of St George' Entertainers.



CiT ENVIRONMENT GROUP LITTER PICK GROUP

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

Saturday 3rd June at 10.00am at Holmleigh Park School Tbc

Saturday 24th June at 11.30am at St Barnabas

Saturday 1st July at Holmleigh Park School Tbc

Please come along and join us



Herbs and spices



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

All Spice, Basil, Bay Leaves, Cacao, Caraway Seeds, Cardamom, Chervil, Chilli Powder, Chives, Cinnamon, Cloves, Cumin, Curry Powder, Dill, Fennel, Garlic, Lavender, Mace, Nutmeg, Rosemary, Saffron, Tarragon, Turmeric, Vanilla,

The answer is printed later in Crossroads



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday 10th June at 10.00am

(Delayed by 1 week due to Spring Fun happening on 3rd June)

Yes, our band of duster flickers, Hoover movers, light bulb changers, window washers and cobweb shifters continue to meet on the first Saturday of each month. We do have a supply of dusters and cleaning materials, but if you have a favourite or tailor-made dusters etc bring them along, they'll be made very welcome. No previous experience is necessary, and on-the-job training is always available, as is tea/coffee and possibly cake!

Surely, the weather will have settled down by 10th June, so the advice is to dress accordingly in case you get a sweat on!

Let's see if we can beat the 10 flickers, movers, washers, changers and shifters we had recently!!!!

DARRELL



So, are your numbers in the next draw?

What, you still haven't got any!!

See Darrell as soon as possible! £1.00 per number per month

DON'T MISS OUT AGAIN!"

I will sort out your membership in time for you to be a part of our next draw

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.



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for April

- 1 Where was Jesus when he asked two of His disciples to 'go into the village and bring Him a colt which had never been ridden'?
- 2 As Jesus rode along what were the crowds spreading on the road?
- 3 The disciples were praising God. Some Pharisees asked Jesus to command His disciples to stop. Jesus replied, "If these were silent, the _____ would shout out". What word is missing?
- 4 The angel of the Lord moved the stone and sat on it. What were the first 4 words he said to the ladies who had come to the tomb?
- 5 The angel then gave them an instruction, "Go quickly and....". What was the rest of the instruction?
- 6 According to the angel where was Jesus to meet His disciples?
- 7 The disciples were in hiding from the Jews. When Jesus appeared to them what did he show them to prove it was Himself?
- 8 Jesus warned His disciples they would be hated. Who would hate them?
- 9 Jesus gave the parable of the 'Good Shepherd'. What was the reaction of the crowd?
- 10 Referring to the parable of the 'Good Shepherd' when Jesus said, "I AM", what description of Himself did He make?

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



*Please remember the **Foodbank** when you next do your big shop of the week*

Check out the Donation Genie for upto date information on what your Foodbank is in urgent need of at www.donation-genie.co.uk/

TUFFLEY LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

We were proud to host a beautiful display of commemorative Coronation plates by pupils of Harewood Junior school. Thank you!



To see this picture in all its colourful glory, please view it online but I will print a copy and pin it up in St George's Church

Our current regular groups are: -

Knit and Natter: each Monday at 2.00pm

Baby Bounce and Rhyme: each Thursday at 10.30am until 11.00am

Computer Club: each Thursday at 11.00am

Lego Club: on Saturdays from 10.30am until 12.30pm. We cater for all ages as we have Duplo too so make it an outing for the whole family. Just turn up to discover this week's theme and let your imagination run wild!

Our New Book Group for adults is thriving and happy to welcome new participants. It meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2.00pm. It is an informal friendly group, relax with tea and biscuits and make new friends!

Our next two titles are: -

Just My luck by Adele Parks on 8th June

One Minute Out by Mark Greaney on 13th July

OUR COMPUTER BUDDY is available for a FREE one to one session on a Thursday morning. Bring your own device or use a library computer. Sessions must be booked in advance! Tel 01452 522160

To find out more about any of these events and/or to book a place please call in, email or phone.

As ever we have books, audio books and a home delivery service. If you know of anyone who can't get out and would appreciate a book or spoken word delivery, do please let us know.

If you haven't already, check out the Gloucestershire Libraries website.

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

You will find eBooks, eMagazines and a comprehensive virtual reference library.

Remember too that the library space is available as venue hire for your club or meeting when we are closed. It is here for you all.

We hope to see you soon.

Margaret and Max Tel 01452 522160 tuffleylibrary@gloucestershire.gov.uk

JILL'S JOTTINGS

from St Margaret's

Well, folks it's me again, that person who does the cleaning at St Margaret's with her friends, Marilyn and Dianne. There is not so much going on at the moment; the Easter services have happened but were so special to all of us who came along. Our Vicar, Rachel, continues to try different approaches to worship in an attempt to engage her parishioners in the new/different activities.

Our services are a joy to attend; on alternate Thursdays Rachel and Jonathan lead our Parish Communion, on Sundays, Rachel leads both Communion and Evensong when they take place. We always have a laugh before the service, Rachel and I, as I finish off whatever I'm doing.

I'm still trying to get my hands on some old-fashioned metal cleaner, but I'll have to give up looking, as every avenue I've tried come up blank! So Brasso it'll have to be for us. Marilyn said that we can only use what we can get our hands on, so if that means Brasso padding, then Brasso padding it will be. I still do the floors and the Vestry; there's always clutter in there, so I clear it away. We do try and leave our church in a better state than we find it. Dianne is still No. 1 lady with furniture polish and I'm No. 1 with floor polish. I use our floor cleaner that has such a good suck it's divine; all the muck goes up the pipe, so we have clean floors if only for a little while.

Well, my friends, I think that is about it from me for another month as I've used up all my think, so until next time, stay safe and well.

JILL PONTER

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 the Mount of Olives: 2 their cloaks: 3 stones: 4 Do not be afraid: 5 tell his disciples: 6 Galilee: 7 his hands & side: 8 the world: 9 They didn't understand: 10 the gate:

COFFEE POT **in St George's small hall**



Every Tuesday from 9.30am
Tea, coffee and a chat,
what more could you want!



QUIZ

- 1 Trooping the Colour is held in London annually on a Saturday in June, on which parade ground?
- 2 June has two zodiac signs, name both?
- 3 What in the UK is celebrated on the third Sunday of June?
- 4 Which animated cartoon character has three triplet nieces named April, May, and June?
- 5 What is June's birthstone?
- 6 'Seven Days In Sunny June', by Jamiroquai, is the soundtrack when Andrea and Christian meet at James Holt's party in which 2006 American film?
- 7 In which year did June Brown first play the role of Dot Cotton, in EastEnders?
- 8 Which historical novel begins in 1815 and culminates with the 1832 June Rebellion in Paris?
- 9 The longest day of the year can occur on one of three dates in June, name any of the three?
- 10 In its own country it is commonly known as the June Fourth Incident; where did this incident happen?

The answers to this quiz are printed later in Crossroads

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya, are you up there Maya? Of course, I'm up here, I've only just woken up, you 'nana. I didn't know that Maya, I just wanted to know how you are, you wus. I had the most awful dream Maya, I dreamt that we had to go to that place again, you know how our Mum is so sneaky about getting us into that box, but I woke up when she went to pick me up, but she was just moving the chair in front of my bed, phew, what a relief, Maya I came all over peculiar. Well Trixie I can assure you that you have not been anywhere near that place, I will look after you anyway. Come on Trix let's go out and see if we can see Harry and Co, you never know we might find him. Ok with me Mayo.



Well as I live and breathe Harry, how are you? Long time no see. I know Maya, blimey, it's been for ever! I know Harry, what have you been up to? Well Trixie, it was like this. You know when I was at that animal hospital, when I was so poorly, well! I met this lovely lady doctor, she had to look after me and I fell in love with her. My mum asked her for lots of advice on how to look after me when I got home. Well, I nearly fell over when she came to our house, she said that she was living in the area and decided to call in and see how I was doing. She had a little pup with her, she was such a little cutie, she stayed quite a long time, after she had checked me over, she put me on the floor and the puppy came over and sniffed me all over, then she decided that I was too old and stiff to do her any harm, so we just cuddled up together and went to sleep. The lady doctor has been to our house quite a few times now, she smells ever so nice, and she brings her puppy with her, she smells smashing as well. Yasmin is not too keen on puppy dogs, so we haven't seen too much of one another for a little while, mind you she still looks the bee's knees when I do see her, but you know what she is like when she gets it into her head about anything. I just leave her alone and she will talk to me eventually, but she knows that I love her so that's all that matters.

So where are the rest of the gang Maya? Well, the last time I saw the two Gingers they were just coming up the road. Oh look, here they come now looking for trouble no doubt. Hiya boys, how are you? we are fine aren't we Ging? Yes, we are, we were looking for you Harry, but you were nowhere to be found. I know Gingers, I have been out of commission for a while, the wounds

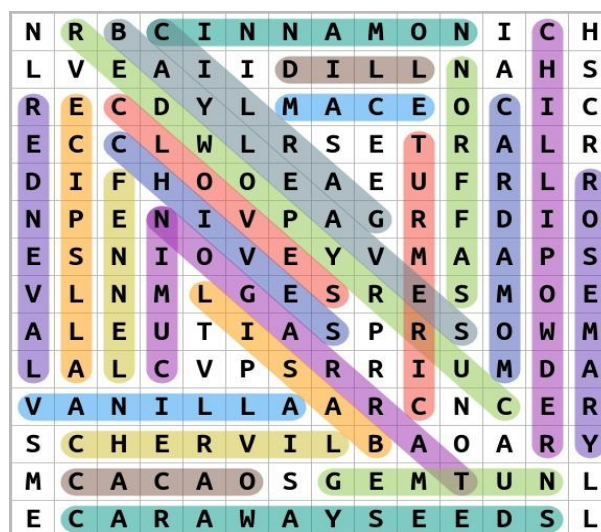
I got a little while back were playing me up, so I had to go back to the doctor lady. She put me right and her puppy dog came round and played with me. You never said anything about a dog being at your house Harry. Well not every dog will bite your head off Ginger, she is a very well-behaved dog, and she is my friend, so let's not say any more about that shall we? So, what shall we get up to now folks? We have such a lot of catching up on and I think that Yasmin is on her way Harry. I wonder what window she managed to get out of this time so come on everyone let's go, come on Trixie, say cheerio to everyone. Oh yes, tat ta everyone until the next time and it is goodbye from me Maya until next time, stay safe.

From Maya and Trixie Ponter

JUNE QUIZ ANSWERS:

1 Horse Guards Parade: 2 Gemini (until June 20) and Cancer (from June 21 onwards): 3 Father's Day: 4 Daisy Duck: 5 Pearl or alexandrite or moonstone (it seems to have three!): 6 The Devil Wears Prada: 7 1985: 8 Les Misérables: 9 20th, or 21st, or 22nd: 10 Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China (1989):

WORDSEARCH ANSWER





English Martyrs
Summer Fete
Tuffley Lane

Saturday the 17th June from 12.00noon until 4.00pm.

Bric-a-brac, toys, handbags/scarves, books, toiletries, bottle and, cake stall

Plus many many more...

We're not selling electrical goods or videos

Thank you all in advance for your continued support of our events.

ST BARNABAS CHURCH
Stroud Road



GLOUCESTERSHIRE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
SUMMER CONCERT

7.30pm on Saturday 17th June

St Barnabas, Stroud Road, Gloucester, GL1 5LJ

There's a subtle nod to the Coronation in GSO's Summer Concert programme,
which features the beautiful Overture

'Proud Thames' by English composer Elizabeth Maconchy.

Tickets £12, under 18s free.



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH AND CENTRE

MAY

Sun 28	PENTECOST / Whit Sunday 7th Sunday of Easter Crossroads available		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	4.30pm	Charles' Igbo Group	SH
Mon 29	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY Half Term Week		
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tue 30	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel	St G's
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 31	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH

JUNE

Thu 1	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise Zumba	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 2	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 3	9.30am	Spring Fun at Pentecost	St G's
Sat 3	10.00am	Litter pick	HPHS
	10.00am	Karate	MH
Sun 4	TRINITY SUNDAY		
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	12.30pm	Baptism tbc	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 5	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15am	Guides	MH
Tue 6	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH

	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	1.20pm	Fun & Free	MH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel	St G's
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 7	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee	SL
Thu 8	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubercise Zumba	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 9	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 10	10.00am	Church Cleaning	St G's
	10.00am	Karate	MH
	7.30pm	Let Us Entertain You	MH
Sun 11	TRINITY 1		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee & 100 Club Draw	St G's
	4.00pm	Family Praise	St M's
Mon 12	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 13	9.30am	Coffee Pot	S/H
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	1.30pm	Fun & Free	MH
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union meet	SH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel	St G's
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation at St Philip & St James Hucclecote	
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 14	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.30pm	Refresh meet	TBC
Thu 15	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubercise Zumba	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH

Fri 16	6.00pm	Private Let	SH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	S/L
	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
Sat 17	6.00am	Private Let	SH/Kitchen
	10.00am	Karate	MH
	12.00noon	Summer Fete until 4.00pm	EM
Sun 18	TRINITY 2 / FATHERS' DAY		
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 19	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 20	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	1.30pm	Fun & Free	MH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel	St G's
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	7.00pm	Connections Group meet	V
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 21	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.30pm	Refresh	St B
Thu 22	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise Zumba	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 23	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 24	10.00am	Karate	MH
	11.30am	Litter Pick	St B
Sun 25	TRINITY 3 Crossroads available		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	10.30am	Messy Church	GB
	12.30pm	Baptism & Party – tbc	St G's
Mon 26	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH

	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 27	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	1.30pm	Fun & Free	MH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Lady Chapel	St G's
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 28	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	12.00noon	Mothers' Union Deanery Lunch	SH
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 29	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise Zumba	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 30	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	Tbc
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH

JULY

Sat 1	10.00am	Church cleaning	St G's
	10.00am	Karate	MH
	3.00pm	Private let – tbc	MH
Sun 2	TRINITY 4 / Thomas the Apostle		
	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, HPHS = Holmleigh Park High School
Tbc = To be confirmed.

June

During the month of June...

Whatever you are today, whatever you have received today, and whatever you will become tomorrow, is out of God's kindness. It is therefore required of you to extend this grace to others. Thank God for the fact that you can share more kindness today and be a medium through which God brings healing and comfort to others.

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

Jack and Jill sit on a sofa. Jack has foot odour and Jill has bad breath. After a moment of awkward silence, Jill says, "Jack, I have to tell you something." "No need," Jack raises his hand, "It's OK, Jill. I know you ate my socks."

"Women really know how to hold a grudge," said Jack. "Jill asked me to pass her a lip balm, and by mistake, I gave her a tube of Super Glue. It's been a month now and Jill's still not speaking to me!"

Jack was talking to Jill and said, "last night I dreamt of a beautiful walk on a sandy beach." Jill replied, "At least that explains the footprints I found in the cat litter box this morning."

Jack broke an old vase at his Mother-in-laws house. Jill got extremely angry and yelled, "Do you even know how old the vase was? It was from the 17th century!" Jack said, "Oh good, I'm really glad it wasn't new."

Jack asks a farmer near a field, "Sorry sir, would you mind if I crossed your field instead of going around it? You see, I have to catch the 4.23pm train to London." The farmer says, "Sure, go right ahead, but if my bull sees you, you'll catch the 4:11pm one."

Jack was talking to Jill and said, "A very nice Chinese couple gave me this Canon camera down by Buckingham Palace today". "I didn't really understand what they were saying, but it was very nice of them."

Jack brought the child home from playschool and said to Jill, "He's been crying the whole way home. Is he sick or something?" Jill replies "No, he was just trying to tell you he isn't our little boy!"

In a fish shop Jack said, "Could you throw that fish at me, please?" "Why?" Jack replied, "So I can tell Jill wife that I caught it all by myself."

I got all sentimental when I saw Jack looking at our marriage certificate for half an hour yesterday; then I found out he was looking for the expiry date.

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