

CROSSROADS

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

Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering



Growing God's Kingdom

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Friday 29th September
from 10.00am until 12.00noon
in our main hall

see page 13 for more details

ST GEORGE'S

Sunday

Parish Communion at 10.30am

Monday

Evening Prayer on Zoom at 5.00pm

Tuesday

Parish Communion at 10.00am

Evening Prayer at 5.00pm

Wednesday

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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VICAR, RACHEL WRITES...

For all that has been, THANKS, for all that is to be, YES!

September is often thought of as a time for 'going back'. Back to school, back to college, back to groups and activities that had a break over the Summer, back to the hustle and bustle of children, young people and families going to and from school. Although we might use the term 'going back' we are, of course, always going forward in our lives. We might go back to familiar places and routines, with familiar people, but inevitably things change and will be different. September seems to bring with it an air of anticipation.

At such times I find the phrase, "For all that has been, Thank you. For all that is to come, Yes!" very helpful. This phrase was written by Dag Hammarskjöld (a Swedish diplomat and second Secretary General of the United Nations) in the front of his journal. After his death in an airplane crash, at age 56, his journal entries were published under the title *Markings*. They were his conversations with God, and that first entry expressed the faith that was to uphold and inspire him in many peace negotiations and difficult work ahead. In these simple words, he points to the essence of our common life in Christ: the offering of thanks, and the willingness to meet all that is to come in the strength of Jesus. As we read in the letter to the Colossians 3.17, 'whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.'

As we enter the month of September, let's look back with thanksgiving for all that has been over the Summer, and look forward to all that will be. As a benefice, we have much to give thanks for; the Fun Day at St George's, the Holiday Club, Brian and Jenny's wedding, the faithful service of many that continued during the Summer such as the cleaning of the churches, the churchyard tidying, the vibrancy of Coffee Pot, our worship and fellowship together... I'm sure you can think of many more thanksgivings. As we look to what will be, we think of the Heritage Open Day and churchyard service at St Margaret's, two more weddings at St George's, a new art group emerging, a new discussion group, the Macmillan Coffee Morning... And lots more!

As an individual, I wonder what you are thankful for and what you are looking forward to this September. I continue to give thanks for you all and to look forward to our next steps with Christ here in this place.

With my thanks to you all,
RACHEL



Parish Registers

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

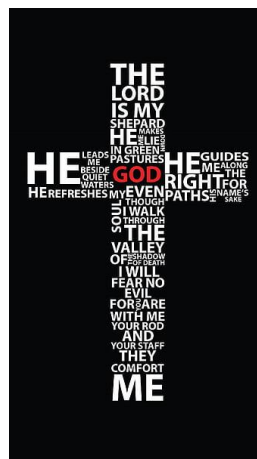
BAPTISMS

St George's

Logan James Griffiths

MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Making the sign of the cross is of marking the shape of the upon another person or back to the apostles, as fourth century when he said, mark with the sign of the cross the Lord” – that is, those who baptism. To this day, the forehead is a key part of the accompanying words, ‘Christ Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified”.



an ancient Christian practice cross of Christ upon oneself or object. The earliest roots go referenced by St Basil in the “the apostles taught us to those who put their hope in presented themselves for signing of the cross on the baptism service, with the claims you for his own.

Early Christians frequently marked their foreheads with the sign of the cross, as a sign of remembrance and affirmation of their baptism. They also traced the

sign of the cross onto their lips and breast when the Gospel was proclaimed as a quiet prayer of 'let the Gospel be in my mind, in my words and in my heart'. Some Christians still do this today during the Eucharist when the Gospel is proclaimed.

There is evidence from the 8th Century of Christians making the large sign of the cross using the thumb and two fingers (symbolising the Trinity) on themselves – in the West going from left to right shoulder, in the East from right to left shoulder. This again was a prayer of recognition and affirmation of being a Christian, of belonging to Christ.

There have been various traditions and patterns of when people might make the sign of the cross in worship, for instance at the invocation of the Trinity 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit', before receiving Communion, at the moment of recalling Jesus' words at the last Supper of 'do this in remembrance of me', at the beginning of Morning Prayer, at the Magnificat at Evensong... And many other places. People do this as an act of symbolism, a physical prayer, of reminding oneself of belonging to Christ.

As physical beings sometimes it can be helpful to use physical movements in prayer and worship – and making the sign of the cross is one of the ways we can do this. Not everyone finds this way of praying helpful and therefore not everyone should make the sign of the cross at any point. When I was training for ministry, we were encouraged to try different ways of praying and worshipping to see which ones helped us to connect with God and to express our faith. Making the sign of the cross was one of the practices that many people tried for the first time – some continued to do this and for others it felt uncomfortable and so they didn't continue. Symbolic acts of expressing our faith should only be done if they help us to connect with God and are meaningful to us, no one should feel obligated to do anything out of a sense of ritual and tradition.

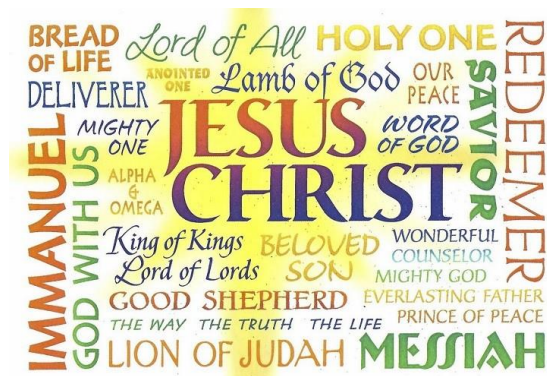
Prayer and worship over the centuries have often been aided by stimulating our different senses, such as the visual (using different colours for the different seasons in the Church year), the auditory (ringing of bells during the Eucharistic Prayer), the smell of incense etc. Some of these we still retain today... look out next month for an exploration of why we use the bells during the Eucharistic Prayer, especially as a question has just been submitted into the box about this!

If you've never made the sign of the cross in worship, perhaps give it a go, and see how it feels – but only if you would like to try it and only as a way of praying and connecting with God... And if it doesn't appeal to you, don't worry – we all pray and worship in different ways!

RACHEL

TALKING ABOUT JESUS

An invitation from Rev'd Mark Whatson



Some years ago, my Archdeacon at the time asked me as part of my annual review "What is your favourite task in ministry?" My immediate answer was 'Talking about Jesus' - in groups or with individuals.

In response to a number of queries placed in the box at the back of St George's, Rachel has invited me to share the leading of a group for four weeks to do just that. It's open to anyone who has an hour or two each Wednesday afternoon during September as per the details below, and these four sessions will focus on Jesus through the Creeds that we use weekly in our services. Each session is planned to be complete in itself, so it would not matter if you could not attend all four.

So, you are invited to listen to others and to share your thoughts to the extent you wish, but without pressure to participate.

WHEN? Weekly, starting on the afternoon of Wednesday 13th September 2023 (Last session 4th October).

WHERE? In the Lady Chapel at St George's

TIMING? Start at 2.00pm, Finish around 3.30pm.

My own experiences have shown me that groups make possible conversations and teaching that cannot easily be undertaken in a sermon. If you have taken part in groups before you will probably know what I mean. But if you have not, be assured that such groups are safe spaces in which to share our faith with

like-minded people, and hopefully to learn a little more about Our Lord. Please do come if you can

Thank you for reading this
MARK



ST MARGARET'S WHADDON PARISH CHURCH

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

Saturday 9th from 11.00am until 3.00pm
Wheelchair access to the church.
Parking at Wynstones School, Stroud Road.

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

Attendees will be able to have a go at ringing the bells at midday, 1.00pm and 2.00pm, and may have the chance of listening to the church organ being played too.

Nearest toilet facilities are at Pound Farm shop (200yds) where refreshments are also available in the Old Dairy Cafe.

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



This annual event also take place on Saturday 9th September it is supported by the National Churches Trust and organised locally by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT), this day sees cyclists, walkers and horse riders raising money visiting churches and chapels throughout the day. The money raised is shared between GHCT and local churches of all Christian denominations in Gloucestershire and North Bristol. Open to everyone.

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



Editor's Note: *The Tour of Britain Cycle Race is due to come through Gloucester travelling from Stroud along the A4173 around 2.30pm on Saturday 9th September and there will be rolling road closures for approximately 30mins before the race is due to come through and 30mins afterwards.*

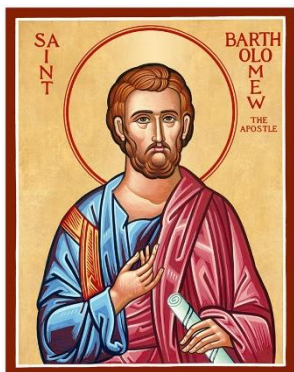
ART GROUP

A few people have expressed interest in coming together to do some amateur painting, and to hopefully learn from one another in a relaxed, friendly environment. There will be a trial period for this on Thursdays during September, from 2.00pm until 4.00pm in the Small Hall, and everyone is welcome. If you would like to know more, please talk to Paul or Angela.



BARTHOLOMEW – SAINT OF SUMMER

(AND HIS LOVELY HYMN, WHICH NO-ONE SINGS)



This year St Bartholomew's day, 24th August, fell on a Thursday, and I was able to speak about him at our 1030 service at St Margaret's.

And what do we know about Bartholomew? 'Norra lorra', as Cilla Black used to say. Beyond the fact that he was an apostle almost nothing is known for certain about his life.

It so happens that there is a lovely hymn written to commemorate Bartholomew, but trust his luck ... it is almost never sung, as it fits to no well-known tune. Added to which, his day is in late August when people are away, and choirs are on holiday.

And yet, and yet... the hymn conveys a vital truth which applies to every one of us, and I am sure it justifies a bit of space in Crossroads. It was written by Jan Struther, better known for "Lord of all hopefulness". Can I invite you to read it, quite slowly, if you have a moment?

- 1 *O Saint of summer, what can we sing for you?
How can we praise you, what can we bring for you?
Lost are your words, your deeds are nameless,
Saint without history, mute and fameless.*
- 2 *Said you wise sayings? No one has hoarded them.
Worked you great wonders? None has recorded them.
Only your name, time's hand defying,
Shines with the light of your faith undying.*
- 3 *So fade the words, so vanish the deeds from us
Of each lost summer, swift as it speeds from us;
We jest, we toil, we weep, but after
Slip from our memories grief and laughter.*

- 4 *Only the sun that cheered us and shone for us,
All else forgotten, ever lives on for us,
Kindling our hearts when summer's ended –
Soul of the summer, serene and splendid.*
- 5 *Time, take our words and do what thou wilt with them;
Death, take our hands and all that we built with them;
Only our faith, our soul's endeavour,
Take it, Lord, make it, Lord, shine for ever.*

Do you find those words strangely moving? They focus on the very fact that Bartholomew is a saint of whom we know so little, and who left seemingly no trace on the world. Jan Struther's words remind us that it will be just the same for us, too, after we ourselves die.

We read much the same in Psalm 103:

"The days of man are but as grass:
For he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone:
And the place thereof shall know it no more."

So our words and deeds fade into obscurity, and this is a truth we must accept.

Struther adds a note of nostalgia, as she speaks of the passing summers, taking us so swiftly from the springtime of childhood to the autumn of life. "So fade the words, so vanish the deeds from us / of each lost summer, swift as it speeds from us." Nostalgia for time past, but also a reminder of God's gift of time and our duty to use it well. This is powerful stuff indeed.

The idea of our earthly life leaving no trace on the world could be a slightly depressing one, but the hymn stresses that we give our lives, our faith, "Our souls endeavour", and offer them to the Lord. This is the true worth of our life.

The more I read through these five verses, the more I admire both the originality of thought and the craftsmanship of the poetry. So why don't we sing it ?

Sadly this lovely hymn has a very unusual metre, so no well-known tune will work, and so almost no-one knows or sings it.

Just as there are saints about whom we know very little, so there are hymns which for one reason or another are unlikely to feature on the music list of an average parish church. That does not mean however that they are without value, because hymns can be read and thought about, just as they can be sung and thought about.

I could have ended there, but guess what? Out of the blue, not so many weeks ago, an old and dear friend sent me a tune that he has written for these words. It's grown on me, and I think perhaps you might take to it as well. Maybe we should give it a try. Remember, we mastered a new tune for Rachel's installation, so don't let's say it can't be done!

JONATHAN

LOGO THOUGHTS

We've had a number of suggestions and comments regarding a new benefice logo, for which we thank everyone who has taken the time to think about and to make us aware of those thoughts for this important image. We are still collating responses so please consider further and let Rachel, Darrell or Dawn know what your thoughts are, we remain open to all other suggestions regarding this important logo, a logo that will make our benefice easily identifiable by anyone who sees it.

Many thanks
CONNECTIONS TEAM

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU THIS SEPTEMBER

Another evening of home-grown entertainment.
If you have a hidden (or not so hidden) talent.
might you be available on Saturday 16th September at 7.30pm.
There is still time to be added to the list of players
If so, see me, before I see you and I'll add you to the cast.

Cheers, Darrell

please
don't forget!

That to have your **OCTOBER 2023 CROSSROADS**
ready for publication on

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2023...

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

If you can get your articles to the Editors earlier than the above date, we
would be eternally grateful as Darrell is still recuperating from a medical
procedure.

Thank you for your help in this matter



Don't wait until January 2024 to make a New Year's resolution to start going to Slimming World; do it now. Slimming World meets in St George's Centre on a Wednesday and hold sessions at 3.30pm, 5.00pm and at 6.30pm. Contact Michelle on 07816 142261 for more information.

ST GEORGE'S ENTERTAINERS



There is only three months left until this year's pantomime. "Oh No There isn't!" "Oh Yes There Is!" PUSS IN BOOTS hits the stage on 17th and 18th November. So pop the dates into your diary and get practising your boos and hisses and don't forget the "He's behind you!!" Puss and the gang look forward to seeing you there.

Should you have any questions, or would like to get involved, please speak with Linda Brown our Chair.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



**Darrell and Glenda are co-ordinating this
fund raiser with your help**

Friday 29th September 2023

10. 00am until 12. 00noon

main hall,

St George's Centre

All proceeds to

Macmillan Cancer Support

HARVEST WEEKEND 2023



HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 7th October

St George's Centre, Grange Road

6.30pm for a 7.00pm start to include sherry reception.

2 courses for £18.00 - Menu to be announced

There is a payment scheme in place so, you don't have to pay all at once

See Sylvia Evans or Dot Martin for details

Book early, as only 60 places available

Good food, good company

SYLVIA EVANS

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HARVEST SERVICES 2023

Sunday 8th October

9.00am Harvest Parish Communion at St Margaret's

10.30am Harvest Parish Communion at St George's

4.00pm Harvest Family Praise at St Margaret's



Please keep an eye out for any amendments to the above information in Signpost and Crossroads.



Speak to Darrell if you'd like to take part but do it SOON!

church
CLEAN UP
ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING
Saturday 2nd September at 10.00am

Helper numbers were down again in August, but they were rewarded with not only tea/coffee but cake from two different suppliers as well. September, however, will bring a new challenge as its time to start thinking about the year-end so, we intend to move all the chairs onto the carpeted area in front of the Sanctuary step. Which will enable the wooden floor to be swept and checked for woodworm, which we haven't been able to do for a couple of years now. We will need extra help please, probably on Friday 1st September, to move and stack the chairs on the carpet.

So, who would like to join us this month?

We will need our usual flickers, pushers, cleaners, tidiers and sweepers, as well as a team to put chairs back in place ready for Sunday morning. We will still meet at 10.00am as always previous experience is unnecessary, and on-the-job training is always available.

Please read your Signpost for any new church cleaning update.

THE GLOUCESTER CHARTER CONCERT BAND

Do you or have you, played a wind instrument, woodwind, or brass to grade 3 level? Would you like to dust it off and start playing again?

Then the Gloucester Charter Concert Band who practice on a Thursday evening in St George' Centre would like to hear from you or even better meet you. Come along on a Thursday at 7.30pm to the small hall and introduce yourself. We play various genres of music such as "Frozen", "James Bond", "Star Wars" and "Air for Band".

You can message Rosemary through Facebook for more information or just to let us know that you are thinking of joining us.

<https://www.facebook.com/GlossCCB>



APPLIANCES

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G	N	W	A	S	H	I	N	G	M	A	C	H	I	N	E	P	D	Q

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

Air Conditioner, Blender, Blow dryer, Clothes iron, Coffee maker, Computer, Dishwasher, Dryer, Electric Fan, Food Processor, Freezer, Heater, Lamp, Microwave, Mixer, Oven, Radio, Refrigerator, Speaker, Stove, Television, Toaster, Vacuum Cleaner, Washing Machine.

The answer is printed later in Crossroads

FREEDOM

BY Tony J

Freedom from, a lingering pain
Freedom to walk out, in the rain
Freedom to do, what you will
Freedom with time you have to kill
Freedom when, a windfall arrives
Freedom to change, so many lives
Freedom when, the mortgage paid
Freedom always, when we prayed
Freedom when shaking, any hand
Freedom drawing, lines in the sand
Freedom on, retirement day
Freedom not worrying, what you say
Freedom to not, bow or scrape
Freedom to ignore, all red tape
Freedom when doors, open for you
Freedom when told, to jump the queue
Freedom to hear, with your aid
Freedom not, to be afraid
Freedom when, you wipe the slate
Freedom if, you have no hate
Freedom when, you can forgive
Freedom to decide, how you live
Freedom perhaps, when on release
Freedom finding, inner peace
Freedom begins, from the biblical cord
Freedom complete, when with the Lord



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for July

- 1 Thomas was often called another name. What other name was he called?
- 2 Thomas was told, "We have seen the Lord." He replied, "_____ I see the marks..." What word is missing?
- 3 Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation?" What age group did Jesus mention?
- 4 In the same passage of scripture Jesus mentions a prophet. Which prophet?
- 5 Jesus told a parable, "Listen! A sower went out to sow..." On what type of ground did the seed first fall.
- 6 At the conclusion of this parable which body part did Jesus mention?
- 7 Using another parable Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed." What type of seed was sown?
- 8 In the same parable who did Jesus say sowed the weeds?
- 9 In one passage of scripture Jesus mentions a number of parables. But how many parables did he mention?
- 10 Who did Jesus say would separate the righteous from the evil?

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

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



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

September

QUIZ

- 1 The name September comes from the Latin word 'septem', which means what?
- 2 Which two zodiac signs occur in the month of September?
- 3 True or false. September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as the number of the month?
- 4 The Anglo-Saxons called the month Gerstmonath, after which crop usually harvested in September which they used to make beer?
- 5 September's birthstone is which precious gemstone, a variety of the mineral corundum?
- 6 In 1752, September had only 19 days in the UK as which calendar was changed to the Gregorian calendar?

- 7 In the United States, which federal holiday is observed on the first Monday of September?
- 8 Which biennial sporting event was postponed in 2001 after the September 11th terrorist attacks on New York City?
- 9 Which world-famous festival, held annually in Munich, Germany, is a folk festival running from mid- or late September to the first Sunday in October?
- 10 The birth of Queen Elizabeth I happened on 17 September 1533, can you name her mother?

The answers to this quiz are printed later in Crossroads



JILL'S JOTTINGS
from St Margaret's

Well, here I am once more people, that silly woman who with her friends, Marilyn and Dianne clean at our little church in Whaddon.

Well, it was wonderful to welcome Marilyn back to cleaning, as you know she's been looking after her sister, Anne, who is well on her way to recovery but not 100% yet; but can cope mainly on her own. Dianne and I start off with a coffee and get our stuff out of the cupboard ready to begin cleaning. Dianne is always on furniture cleaning and I'm on the floor, Marilyn is back on brass duty. I'm sure that my friend Kath is looking down on us tut-tutting away as were not up to her high expectations, but we do our best.

We still get the odd churchyard visitor popping in to have a look at what we are doing. We give out the little pamphlet on the history of our church (pamphlet numbers are running low). We say that ours is the very best church

in the district and are often told that they didn't know that St Margaret's was there and were glad that they had popped in.

We three cleaners have such a laugh when we are together always putting the world to rights whilst cleaning our socks off. We are aware that there is a lot of sorting out to be done and that a number of people can't be with us owing to poor health. Just one additional helper would make such a difference, but we'll just have to wait and see if there is anyone out there who could come along and help us.

Well, my friends, it's time to close as I have a few other things which need to be finished; so, until the next time stay sake and God bless.

Jill Ponter

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Twin: 2 Unless: 3 children: 4 John the Baptist: 5 the path: 6 ears: 7 wheat:
8 an enemy: 9 five: 10 angels:

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya! MAYA PONTER! Where are you hiding? I know you're around here somewhere! Trixie, I'm up the stairs on the landing, I've been here for ages, I stay up here to make you keep looking for me. Maya, you are such a meany, frightening me like that! Oh, Trix, you are such a funny thing anyway have you seen anything of the gang lately? No, Maya, I haven't! but you just wait until I tell you what our mum said on that machine to Auntie Marg. Well come on Trixie, what did she say? Well, she said that we didn't have to go to the Vets on Wednesday after all its been re arranged for the following week! So it will be quite some time before we have to go to that place again. Trixie, you know our mum as well as I do, she may just take us there out of spite. You may be right, Maya!



Let's go and see if our mates are anyway near but which way should we go, left or right? Let's go right to see if we can find Yasmin and what do you know here

she is. Hiya, Yasmin, how on earth did you lose your mum today? It wasn't easy, I had to go to that woman with the brushes! She eyed me up like a piece of meat then she spoke to me all lovey-dovey, she grabbed one brush and then another... and then she puts me in a sink and wets me all over then out comes the shampoo, what a pong! It was awful then more water. It was excruciating, I can tell you then she put the blower on me, actually that was quite nice, being blow dried but then the brushes and comb came out again! Then she tied a bow on my head, I looked a proper Charlie, I can tell you. She even took my photo my mum said that I looked lovely, when I saw the photo I almost threw up. My mum said that she was going to send a copy of the photo to all her relatives, a photo of me looking like a proper Charlie. I'll never be able to look anyone in the eye again in case they saw the photo! Just imagine what they will say! I hear a snigger, Maya, a snigger, just cut it out! Oh, Yasmin, you paint such a marvelous picture, you really do. Have you told Harry about the photo? Yes I did, Maya, and he all but fell over, he just couldn't stop laughing!

Oh Trixie, there you are, I didn't think you were about, where have you been? I went to look for Harry, Yasmin but I haven't found him yet! What were you two laughing at, not at me I hope? No, nothing to do with you, Trix, now where are the rest of the gang? Oh hang on, here comes Rosie, I haven't seen you for absolutely ages, Rosie, how are you? What have you been upto? Hi, Maya, Trixie, Yasmin, well I've been on such an adventure; I went with my family and that dog to stay with our Gran in Norfolk. Do you know where that is boys and girls, well it's at the end of the earth. I had to stay cramped up in my box, I tried to get up and stretch but it wasn't much help. When we got to Gran's it was ever so dark, we got into the house and Gran said not to worry. I couldn't help thinking about the mischief I could get up to whilst we were there, but I was so tired I found a quiet corner and fell asleep and the dog cuddled up to me and kept me nice and warm. Maya, I'll tell you more about my adventures later. Ok, Rosie but we have to say cheerio to everyone, so come on Trixie, say tata to everyone. Tata peoples, until the next time and it's tata from me, Maya, so pleaselook after yourselves, staysafe...

Maya and Trixie Ponter



THROUGH THE WINDOW



Hello everyone, here I am again hasn't it been wet! I went outside and was very wet by the time I went indoors again. My mum was dry because she stayed inside and I didn't blame her for not going out, maybe, I'm stupid, but I needed to go out, my mum does go out with Auntie Jill, where to I just don't know. She always

gets back to give me my tea and have some herself, I'll be glad when it stops raining as that's all we're getting at the moment!

We've had a few bits of sunshine, then it's nice and warm. I haven't had to go to *that* place lately, and I don't want to, Maya and Trixie have though. I do speak with my cousins on *that* machine, honestly they have a whale of a time meeting up with friends and of course they have each other too. Sometimes, I wish that I had a brother or sister to curl up with, but I'm just on my own along with my mum. There is another feline who tries to push his way onto my domain but he doesn't get very far as I turf him out. He's not pinching any of my food!

When it's cold and wet, I'm so glad that I'm at home where it's warm and cosy. I can sleep on my mum's bed, sheer bliss! I have no worries, I can please myself what I do and where I go, but I don't go very far, I just wander next door, maybe go up the road to see who's there and generally mooch around and come home again. I do have to get my steps in every day as it keeps me fit!

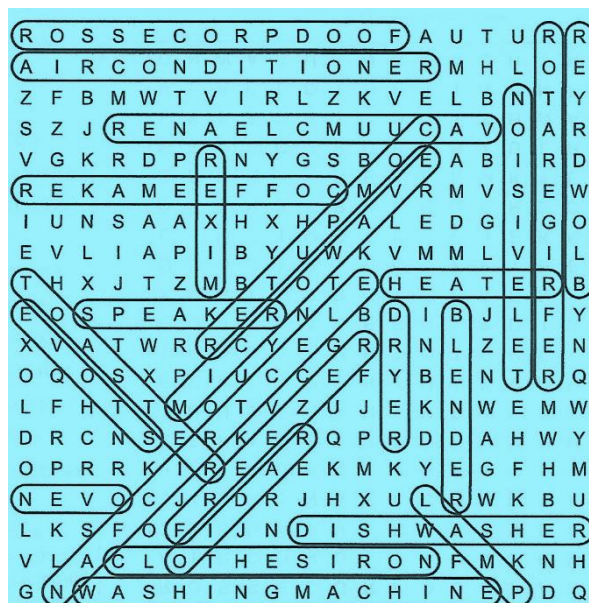
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JoJo (Miss)

AUGUST QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Seven. (It was the seventh month of the old Roman calendar.): 2 Virgo (until September 22) and Libra (September 23 onwards): 3 True. (Nine letters and the ninth month.): 4 Barley: 5 Sapphire: 6 Julian: 7 Labour Day: 8 Ryder Cup: 9 The Oktoberfest: 10 Anne Boleyn:

WORDSEARCH ANSWER



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH AND CENTRE

AUGUST

Sun 27	TRINITY 12		
	September Crossroads available		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	3.30pm	Messy Church	GB
	4.30pm	Charles Igbo let	SH
Mon 28	BANK HOLIDAY		
Tue 29	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel	St G's
Wed 30	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee	SL
Thu 31	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's

SEPTEMBER

Fri 1	3.30pm	Messy Church	St B
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH

Sat 2	10.00am	Karate	MH
	10.00am	Church Cleaning	St G's
	10.00am	Litter Pick	HP-tbc
Sun 3	TRINITY 13		
	10.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee	St G's
	2.00pm	Wedding	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 4	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tue 5	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	LC
	8.00pm	Karate - tbc	MH
Wed 6	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 7	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St G's
	6.30pm	Clubbercise	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 8	Tbc	Gas Boiler Service	Centre
	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	SH
Sat 9	10.00am	Heritage Open Day until 4.00pm	St M's
	10.00am	Karate	MH
	1.00pm	Wedding of Harry & Katy	St G's
Sun 10	TRINITY 14		
	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 11	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.00pm	Christmas Fayre Committee	V
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 12	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	1.30pm	Fun & Free	MH

	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	MH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	LC
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	7.00pm	PCC meeting	SH
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 13	October Crossroads deadline		
	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg	SH
	2.00pm	Talking About Jesus	LC
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 14	10.30am	Parish communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 15	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 16	10.00am	Karate	MH
	7.30pm	Let Us Entertain You	MH
Sun 17	TRINITY 15		
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	12.30pm	Baptism	St G's
	3.00pm	Churchyard Service	St M's
Mon 18	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 19	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	1.30pm	Fun & Free	MH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	LC
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 20	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg	SH
	2.00pm	Talking About Jesus	LC
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.30pm	Refresh	St G's
Thu 21	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH

Fri 22	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 23	10.00am	Karate	MH
Sun 24	TRINITY 16		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	10.30am	Messy Church	GB
	4.30pm	Charles Igbo	SH
Mon 25	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 26	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish communion	St G's
	1.30pm	Fun & Free	MH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	LC
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 27	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg	SH
	2.00pm	Talking About Jesus	LC
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee	SL
Thu 28	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 29	10.00am	MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning	MH
	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	GB
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 30	10.00am	Karate	MH
	10.00am	Church Cleaning	St G's
	2.30pm	Litter Pick - tbc	St G's

OCTOBER

Sun 1	TRINITY 17		
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's

St G's = St George's Church, St M's = St Margaret's Church, V = Vicarage,
 LC = Lady Chapel, MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge,
 EM = English Martyrs Catholic Church, St B's = St Barnabas' Church,
 GB = Grange Baptist, HP = Holmleigh Park

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

Jill said to Jack, "I feel like my body is totally out of shape, so I joined an aerobics class. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was already over."

Jack told his doctor that he had broken his arm in two places. His doctor told him to stop going to those two places.

Jill said, "Last night I dreamed that I was having a beautiful walk on a sandy beach". Jack replied, "At least that explains the footprints I found in the cat's litter tray this morning".

Jack volunteered to entertain in an old people's homes. On one occasion, in Stroud he took along his portable keyboard. After telling jokes and singing songs in the day room, on leaving he said, "I hope you get better." One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too."

Jill was walking past a clothes shop and saw a beautiful dress in the shop window. She went in and asked the shop assistant, "Hi, can I please try on the dress in the shop window?" "Of course," nodded the shop assistant, "but you know we also have changing rooms, right?"

"Hey Jill, what do you say to a nice walk?" "Oh Jack, that would be lovely!" "Wonderful, on your way back could you bring me some beer and a Daily Mirror?"

Jill said "It's been raining for days now, and Jack seems very depressed by it. He keeps standing by the window, staring. If it continues, I'm going to have to let him back in!"

Jill said, "Jack got really angry with his Sat Nav today. He even yelled at it to go to hell. 20 minutes later, he arrived in front of my mother's house".

Jack was working on his PC when Jill asked him what he was doing. He said, "I'm ordering a chicken and an egg online. I'll let you know which comes first".

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