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

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Growing God's Kingdom

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



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

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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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FROM THE VICARAGE...

Dear friends,

I find it amazing that only three years ago I just about knew where Gloucester was, I had driven past it numerous times on the M5 as I went on holidays to the West Country and Cornwall! Then came an advertisement for the post as Vicar of St. George's, Tuffley and St Margaret's, Whaddon. My wife Rachel applied for the post! She was the successful applicant and my life changed that day. After twenty happy years in Lincoln city, we were moving to a place I'd only seen on a YouTube bus video and a house I had only glimpsed once through mostly blind covered windows! I had just completed some treatment for cancer and found the moving day a bit traumatic as I travelled here as a passenger in a friends Camper Van.

Well today St George's Vicarage is our home and as the 'husband of the Vicar', Rachel, we have found a new life here amongst you in Tuffley and Whaddon. We have found here a lovely community of folk who are kind, friendly and very supportive. I often hear people say, 'I'm lonely and don't see anybody from day to day'. My suggestion is 'go to Church, there is a whole community of lovely, friendly people there who will welcome and befriend you!'

Less than three years on we both feel that Tuffley is 'Home'. We love the folk we meet day by day. So many of you support us and walk the road of following Jesus in daily life. The 'Church in Tuffley' is another bonus, as we can walk hand in hand with our brothers and sisters from the Roman Catholic and Baptist churches and St Barnabas Church, up on the roundabout.

Thank you, every one of you who have welcomed Rachel as your Vicar and me Paul, as 'the husband of the Vicar!'

If you'd like to know more of the 'happenings' at the Vicarage, then read my future articles!

PAUL



Parish Registers

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

St Margaret's

Flora Jane Behan

St George's

Gemma Louise Gardener

Alana Louise Gardener-Michael

WEDDINGS

St George's

Troy Donahue Fachedo Moncrieffe & Gillian Beverley Russell

Harry James Walters & Katy Ann Larkham

CREMATORIUM FUNERALS

William Ronald Sollars RIP

Kenneth Wing RIP

LET'S SUPPORT OUR HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

I wonder how much you know about the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust?

For a start, you may assume that it only helps ancient churches like St. Margaret's. If so, you'd be wrong. Over the years the GHCT has taken a very broad view of the 'H' word. St. Georges, for example, may be an unlisted 1950s church, but it is already older than many of its congregation, and it's definitely 'historic' in the life of Tuffley as we know it.

And here's something else... But before I go further, I'd better come clean and declare an interest, as a trustee of GHCT. For ten years I was the grants secretary, and now focus more on PR work. So, having got that off my chest... The Trust helps churches of any denomination, not just the C of E. It helps with grants for almost every conceivable scheme of repair or improvement. It's run by volunteers, so almost every penny it raises is spent on grants for churches. It's been going for over 40 years and has so far given away over three million pounds. At the moment, we give grants of £150,000 per annum.

Any church treasurer will tell you how painless the application process is. That's intentional: the Trust prides itself on being user-friendly. Often our grant is the first success for an appeal treasurer, and encourages other grant makers to follow suit.

So far, so good. I'm afraid that as with everything, there is a 'BUT'. The Trust has of course always wanted to make bigger grants, and more of them, but we can't do that unless we can increase our income. Where does the money come from? We have capital of nearly £2 million which produces dividends and interest, and there is our annual Ride+Stride, which Malcolm Martin and Mike Mumby supported faithfully for many years.

We have had some generous legacies over the years, but of course you can never know when these may arrive. This leaves donations, from churches and individuals. This is the area which we MUST increase. To be blunt, unless we succeed, we will have difficulty in maintaining our present level of grants, let alone seeing them increase as we would like them to.

I'm delighted to say that St Margaret's PCC has just agreed to set up a standing order for an annual donation of £100 to the GHCT.

Maybe some of you reading this are already wondering whether perhaps you might be able to help with a regular donation of your own. If you would like to know more about our work, have a look at our website ghct.org.uk Or talk to me!

Setting up a standing order is very simple – here is the account info:

Account name: Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust
Sort code: 30 : 92 : 06

Account number: 00543967
Lloyds Bank

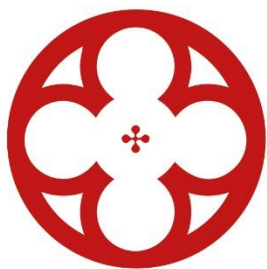
Be assured that your money will not be spent on admin, but on helping churches like ours.

Thank you for reading this far, and please think about this appeal.

JONATHAN



Reroofing at St Margaret's in 2017, helped by a grant of £10,000 from GHCT



Gloucestershire
Historic Churches Trust





Yes, we have started to look at what our Christmas Fair 2023 will look like, we would prefer that it shouldn't be a mirror image of 2022. So, we would like your thoughts, please. But we need them as soon as possible.

We know that we're going to be serving some food and drinks from the Servery into the small hall and that Santa will be in his grotto (Lady Chapel) There will be a Grand Draw, Cake Stall and Tombola but what else would you like to see at our Christmas Fair?

Did you make things to sell last year would you be happy to do that again this year? We would like to have fewer external selling stalls and will come up with a system of booking tables to ensure that there is little or no duplication. We will have Christmas music in the main hall, small hall and in the church. We will encourage children to decorate biscuits again and have a colouring competition with local school involved.

The main questions for now are, what would you like to see at the Fair and what can you do by organising a stall, or helping out on a stall.

As usual all proceeds will go to St George's.

So please help us out with your thoughts and suggestions. We, as an organising committee meet next on Tuesday 10th October so might it be possible to have your comments by Friday 7th October just so we have a chance to sort through your many responses, thank you.

RACHEL, DAWN, DARRELL, SYLVIA E AND JONATHAN T





ST GEORGE'S AND ST MARGARET'S CHRISTMAS 2023

Advent Groups

"Unwrap Christmas" – 3 short films (30 mins each) filmed in the Holy Land

The Journey

Guided by Dr Peter Walker, a Bible teacher, academic theologian, and expert on the history of the Holy Land, we will travel over three weeks from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We will see the likely site of Jesus' childhood home, the shepherds' fields below Bethlehem (known by the young David 1000 years earlier), and finally arrive at Manger Square to discover the traditional site of Jesus' birth.

See Christmas through fresh eyes this year with Unwrap Christmas!

Advent Groups to meet in our Lady Chapel: -

Monday evenings: - 7.30pm until 9.00pm on December 4th, 11th, and 18th.

Wednesday afternoons: - 2.00pm until 3.30pm on December 6th, 13th, and 20th.

December 2023

Sunday 10 th	at 4.00pm	Family Praise Christingle at St Margaret's
Saturday 16 th	at 10.00am	Christmas Family Fun at St George's
Sunday 17 th	at 4.00pm	Carol Service at St George's
Friday 22 nd	at 6.00pm	Candlelit Carols at St Margaret's
Sunday 24 th	at 9.00am	Usual Holy Communion St Margaret's
	at 10.30am	Usual Holy Communion St George's
	at 2.00pm	Chill out at Christmas at St George's
	at 11.30pm	Christmas Communion at St George's
Monday 25 th	at 10.00am	Christmas Communion at St Margaret's (Relaxed/informal/all age focussed)

Sometime in week of 18th December carol singing in the Pike with CiT?

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

I am sorry that I couldn't put together another evening of home-grown entertainment on Saturday 16th September. But we already have a date in the diary for Let Us Entertain You at Christmas on Saturday 2nd December. And I've already got some names to be in the show. Would you like your name added? If so, speak to me soon and get practising your Christmas party pieces.



Cheers, Darrell

ART GROUP

At the beginning of September a few of us at St George's decided we would get together to experiment with drawing, painting and pastelling. None of us is an expert, but we thought that if we gathered together with like minded people we could encourage each other. So on THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER we met in the Small Hall at St George's and to our surprise there were nine of us!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY - do join us on the remaining Thursdays in September and into October from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. Bring your own art items, or just come along and we have paints and paper you can use.

At the end of September the group will have decided how often it will meet in the future, so do watch this space! For now, we would love you to join with us on THURSDAYS at 2.00pm.

THE ART GROUP

Between the August, 28 over 20 transported called Ancora a little bit like Church).



22nd and 24th children and adults were to a place (which looked St George's Ancora is a

fictional city of light located on high on a hill as a beacon for all around. However, some of the light had been lost from Ancora and the city had become a little dark and dim. Two characters who knew all about Ancora, Cal and the Keeper of the Keys, explained that there was a Hall of Memories in the city where Bible story artefacts and treasure were stored. Unfortunately, some of the artefacts had been lost and that was why some of the light had gone out! Ancora needed help to find the lost Bible story artefacts and to bring back the light. The children and adults agreed to help and became guardians and elder guardians of Ancora!

Over the three mornings in the city, the guardians and elder guardians not only discovered the lost artefacts, but also explored the stories that they belonged to: the calling of the disciples (Luke 5.1-11), Jesus healing the man who came through the roof (Luke 5.17-39), and the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9.12-17). There were treasure hunts, songs, games, quizzes, making and sailing of boats, junk art modelling, shaping, and baking of bread dough, and much, much, more! At the end of the three mornings the guardians' families were invited into Ancora to hear about the quest and to join in with the singing and dancing. Ancora was once again full of light – the light brought by Jesus' love and forgiveness – which was experienced by all through the joy of being together for a final picnic! All the families stayed for the picnic and the sun shone down – the light really had returned to Ancora!

What an amazing three mornings (which felt like much longer, in a good way!) and what a joy and privilege for us to spend time with some precious children from our community. Thank you so much to everyone who made the week possible, especially to Laine who worked tirelessly in the background preparing and organising everything from January onwards! Thanks too to Lynne for helping us to make sure we had all appropriate safeguarding measures in place. Thanks to the planning team, the registration team, the kitchen team, the group leaders and helpers, the fish point collector (if you want to know more, do ask

Dot!) and everyone who supported the club in the background with cutting, baking, designing, donating of food, and most importantly for all the praying! What a fantastic team effort in reaching out to our community in the light and love of Jesus.

Thank you!
RACHEL

TUFFLEY LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

After many years of service, Margaret has now retired. We're wishing her all the best for the future. I'm Max, one of Tuffley Library's delightful Library Assistants. I'll be in charge of writing the article from now on – it's lovely to meet you!

As the school holidays have drawn to a close, so too has The Library Challenge. Congratulations to all the children took part and gained some wonderful memories (and prizes!) We've got some great things coming up over the next few months! Keep your eye on the library website. (gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk) for the latest news.

Our regular adult groups are:

Book Club: The 3rd Monday of every month, from 10:30am until 12:00pm.
Computer Club: Every Thursday at 11.00am.

Our regular activities for children:

Baby Bounce and Rhyme: Every Thursday from 10.30am until 11.00am. Booking is essential.
Lego Club and Junk Modelling: Every Saturday from 10.30am until 12.30pm.

We hope to see you soon.

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please
don't forget!

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

SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER 2023...

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

If you can get your articles to the Editors earlier than the above date, great!!

Thank you for your help in this matter



Sunday 29th October 2023 in St George's Church at 3.00pm

Each year, at about this time, we hold a special service to remember all those who have died and whose funerals we have conducted in our Benefice. On behalf of all at St George's and St Margaret's, may I extend a warm invitation to you, your family, and friends to attend this year's service.

As usual this will be a simple reflective service, suitable for all ages, with some favourite hymns and readings. During the service, the names of all those who have died will be remembered, and you will have an opportunity, if you wish, to light a candle in memory of your loved one(s).

There will be sheets out at the back of both churches soon so you can write the names of those to be remembered on. So, if you know of someone who might benefit from this service; please do let them have the details.

All the information you need is there, but if in doubt, as always, please speak to Rachel.

As many of you will know, over 43 years ago, the then Vicar of St George's, Hedley Ringrose had the inspiration for a Day Centre at St George's Centre. The Centre ran on a Thursday, offering activities through the day and a hot meal, with the occasional well remembered trip out (sometimes in the church minibus!) Over the last four decades the Centre has continued to run, thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers.



There are too many names to mention all the volunteers over the years, but we must pay tribute to the Rackham's, with Marion being one of the first cooks for the Day Centre, and Hans being the co-ordinator of the Centre in the more recent decades. We must also say thank you to Chris, who is a member of the current volunteer team, and has been dedicating her Thursday every week to the Centre for nearly 30 years!

Day Centre continues to this day, although in more recent months it has had a name change to Thursday Club. Many of the members had been calling it Thursday Club for some time, and there are perhaps different connotations with the term 'Day Centre' today than there were 40 years ago. So, 'Thursday Club' it now is. Whatever we call it, I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have been involved over the years and to the current team and members. I never cease to be amazed at what a joyful, welcoming, supportive place it is – through bingo, cards, raffle and lunch there is so much fellowship and companionship offered between one another and I always feel uplifted having spent time with them (I think the members feel similarly, as the few times we had to ring and cancel the club around Easter, so many people said, 'oh, but it's my favourite day of the week'!)

Please do give thanks to God for all those who have been on the volunteer team over the years, and for the generosity and commitment of the current team: Marlene, Joe, Chris, Paulette, Rose, and Carol. Please would you also think and pray about whether you, or anyone you know, might be able to join the team to help with the cooking (no previous experience is needed, as Marlene and Joe are very happy to give guidance and support to anyone who is interested).

RACHEL

ST GEORGE'S ENTERTAINERS



It's panto time again! We're only weeks away from this year's production of Puss in Boots. The cast and crew are all very busy; straightening whiskers and polishing boots.

Our performances will be on the:
November 17th at 7.30pm
November 18th at 2.30pm and 7.30pm

This year we are pleased to be supporting Charlie's Cancer Support and Therapy Centre, helping local people and their families.

So, now's the time to dust off your dancing shoes, practice those boos and "he's behind you"s and we look forward to seeing you there.

Adult tickets £5, Children £3. If you would like tickets call 07974798325 or 01452 307456.

REVEREND CANON DAVID RUSSELL

Many of our readers will be aware of David and his Curacy here at St George's and at St Margaret's. He was here between 1994 and 1998 at the same time as Brian McQuillen and Hugh Broad who as Vicars spanned his Curacy ; Jan Taylor and Steve Morris both Curates and probably Fred Smith who was an NSM here at the time.

Well David has now retired after 25 years at Holy Trinity, Wickwar. During this period he brought together the parishes of Rangeworthy, Hillesley and Charfield with Kingswood to form a United Benefice with him as Rector.

So, it was a great pleasure for Glenda and I to attend his final service at Wickwar before he and Susanne retire to Hyde in Kent (once they've got everything into boxes). From the amount of gifts David and Susanne received after his final service in Wickwar he will need more boxes and a bigger lorry to transport them!

It was also a pleasure to meet up with Brian and Melva McQuillen who have kept in touch with David since Brian left St George's and whilst David and Susanne were in Wickwar. Brian also baptised David and Susanne's two daughters. So a pleasing day all round but the congregations of the United Benefice are sure going to miss David and his family.

As a bonus it was a pleasure to meet up with Linda and Barry Medwell at the service too.



Look out for Melva and Susie McQuillen in the Christmas special of "Beyond Paradise" where they are extras in the series. Susie has also been standing in for one of the Atomic Kitten singers on a recent concerts in Denmark.

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

The first Coffee Morning was held in 1990, when a local fundraising committee held a coffee morning where the cost of the coffee was donated to Macmillan. The first ever nationwide Coffee Morning took place in 1991 with 2,600 supporters taking part. Since then, the World's Biggest Coffee Morning has come a long way; it is now the largest and longest-standing fundraising event of its kind in the UK. Over the years, some Coffee Morning hosts have taken their fundraising to the next level. This includes a Coffee Morning 100 feet underground in Poldark mine in Cornwall, a Coffee Morning on a jet fighter and the most distant Coffee Morning being held in Antarctica.

So, do come along to our modest main hall in St George's Centre and support this worthy cause. Thank you.

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

01452 416184

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.

church
CLEAN UP
ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING
Saturday 7th October at 10.00am

Thank you to everyone who came along last month and inspected, then cleaned the wooden floor of St George's. And those of you in St George's on following Sunday morning will be very pleased that they put all the chairs back as well. We were a couple of our usual helpers short but those that worked their little cotton socks off!! I hope that they enjoyed their tea/coffee and cake afterwards, I'm assuming that they did as no cakes were left!!

So, we move on to our clean on 7th October; probably this month we ought to look around our church to see what needs to be tidied away before getting ready for ALL the many and varied happenings that occur in the lead up to that awesome period of Christmas. If you spot an area of cleaning concern, why not come along on the 7th and we'll see if we can get it sorted.

There's always tea and cake!!

Please check your Signpost for any new church cleaning update.





Human Bones

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

Clavicle, Coccyx, Femur, Fibula, Hamate, Humerus, Malleus, Mandible, Metatarsal, Patella, Radius, Scaphoid, Stapes, Sternum, Talus, Temporal, Tibia, Trapezium, Ulna.

The answer is printed later in Crossroads



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for August

- 1 Scripture tells us, "Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray." What well known event occurs on this mountain?
- 2 Which Old Testament characters appear in this passage of scripture?
- 3 As these 3 disciples witnessed this scene what overshadowed them?
- 4 Having fed the crowd with 5 loaves and two fishes what instruction did Jesus give his disciples?
- 5 As the disciples travelled scripture tells us, "the wind was against them." In what were the disciples travelling?
- 6 Jesus gave information about what defiles a person. How many of the seven attributes can you recall?
- 7 What district, north of the sea of Galilee, did Jesus then travel to?
- 8 A woman, from that region, came to Jesus asking him to, "Have mercy." The woman is regarded by scripture as being 'A _____'. What is the missing word?
- 9 Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Where was Jesus when he asked this question?
- 10 Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus then blessed Simon Peter. Who, according to scripture, was Simon Peter's father?

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



MEMORY LANE

By Tony J

We love to walk, down Memory Lane
Exercising body, and the brain
Recalling moments, plus days gone by
Can't remember names, how hard you try
The mates you had, at school or play
Where are they now, I hear you say
Holidays spent, with Mum and Dad
Then with your kids, a Grumpy Grandad
Calamine lotion, a bucket and spade
Woolly trunks, that Granny made
Different jobs, perhaps another land
Travelling the Globe, like sifting sand
Creating homes, with laughter galore
The empty nest, required no more
As you take your thoughts, down Memory Lane
Experiencing happiness, forgetting pain
Sad losses though, don't fade away
But the Grandchildren remind me - to enjoy today

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 In October 1926 this book was published and written by A. A. Milne. What was the book?
- 2 In Oct 1915 the man often regarded as the greatest cricketer of all time died, what was his name?
- 3 In 1936 which man was named as the Head of State in Spain?
- 4 In 1936 200 men marched from their hometown to Westminster to highlight the poverty caused by the closure of their shipyard. What was the march known as?
- 5 In 1941 Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after how many years a)14: b)18: c)22:
- 6 1956 saw the death of the founder of the modern frozen food industry, what was his name?
- 7 1940 saw the U.S. premiere of which Charlie Chaplin film?
- 8 In 1991 the creator of Star Trek died, what was his name?
- 9 The United Nations was formed in 1945, what organization did it replace?
- 10 In 1965 which iconic building, the then tallest in London, was officially opened, a title it kept until 1985?

The answers to this quiz are printed later in Crossroads



JILL'S JOTTINGS

from St Margaret's

Well people, it's me again, that moaning person who, with her mates does the cleaning at our lovely little church at Whaddon. Dianne and I get to St Margaret's for 8.30am in the morning which allows enough time to set things up ready. Dianne is the number one coffee maker on our cleaning Mondays and that starts our day, coffee and putting the world to rights. I place our cleaning bags at strategic points around the church. This week I was floor polishing by the pulpit; it's been quite a while since I last did that! Marilyn had been flower arranging and spilt some water on the floor, so I waited until it was all dry. I picked the last of the Asparagus Fern from my garden for the flower arrangements as it looks really good. I have other ferns in my garden so I will be cutting those for use in the future to go with our flowers and that will make them look their very best. With Dianne on the furniture polish, Marilyn on the brass when we leave the church it looks and smells very clean making us feel that we've done a good job. I'm sure that the Lord looks down with a smile on his face.

We have been carrying out a big clean up around the churchyard the little bushes were overgrown and straggly, my friend Kath used to bag the throw-outs from Pound Farm and planted them around the church, we tried to keep them up together but when Kath died, I managed to keep control for a while, then the weather intervened, and I had to leave it. So, I'm saying thank you to all the volunteers who cleared the ground, you can see the church now! All we must do now is keep it nice and tidy.

Well, my friends, that's all for now so until the next time, stay safe and God bless.

Jill Ponter
Deputy Churchwarden

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 The transfiguration: 2 Moses & Elijah: 3 A cloud: 4 get in the boat and go to the other side: 5 a boat: 6 evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander: 7 Tyre and Sidon: 8 Canaanite: 9 Caesarea Philippi: 10 Jonah:

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya! Maya! Where are you? I'm going to do for you when I get my hands on you. Trixie, what has got into you today? You know what's got into me. You said that we would not have to go back to that place, and what happened, there I was just settling down for a snooze and our mum brings you down the stairs in her arms and when she was talking to you, you never said a word! Now, Trixie, what could I say. There I was sound asleep, when I felt mum's hands on me and off I



was in her arms and then in that box thing. But you said we wouldn't have to go in that box. I know I did, Trixie, but our mum is so devious, she says one thing then forgets. Well I just don't know what's going on anymore, Maya! That lady doctor really hurt me, Trixie. What are you going on about, I was first out of the box and all she did was weigh me! Her hands were a bit cold as well you know. It felt a bit strange my mum was with me all the time, whispering sweet nothings in my ear, then I had a pin and a gob stopper shoved down my neck and to top it off she tried to cut my toes off however she only cut my nails! Then it was your turn.

I never heard anyone yell quite as loudly as you did, Trix, you never had anything for me, there I was just minding my own business then off to those scales I went. I was never so frightened in my life, she said I was looking so much better than the last time. I told her thank you very much and then what did she do, she gave me a great big pin in my neck! I'm sure it went in one side and out the other then like you I had a gob stopper and nails clipped. I'm sure our mum does it all on purpose. Trixie we have to have them done so we don't catch anything nasty. Do you remember that nice little pussycat which used to come round well she had something nasty and went to the animal hospital and never came back home again. Mum just wants us to be safe and healthy. Ok I will believe you this time but I'm not going back there. Well Trixie, you have to admit that your fur is looking much thicker and shinier since treatment. But it still hurts, Maya! Trixie you're such a moaner, you really are!

Let's go outside to see if the rest of the gang are about, come on; look who's coming over the road, it's Dosie Rosie, long time no see Rosie, where have you been and what have you been doing? Well Maya, I've been on holiday with my hoomaans and their dog. We went to Grandma's and the seaside. I never went

anywhere near any water Maya, but the dog did. Grandma had to give her a cold shower everytime she came out, she didn't even mind getting under the shower. She got towelled dry and looked all fluffy. I was so glad to come home though as I've missed you all, even Yasmin. Maya shall we go and look for the rest of the gang and have a jolly good feed somewhere and lots of chat. Got that in one, Rosie. Come on Trixie, cheer up and say cheerio to everyone. Alright Maya, see you next time folks and it's cheerio from me too until next month.

Best wishes
Maya and Trixie Ponter



WORDSEARCH ANSWER



OCTOBER QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Winnie-the-Pooh: 2 W. G. Grace: 3 General Francisco Franco: 4 The Jarrow March (Crusade):
5 a) 14: 6 Clarence Birdseye: 7 The Great Dictator: 8 Gene Roddenberry: 9 The League of
Nations: 10 The Post Office Tower (now BT Tower):

THROUGH THE WINDOW



Hi everyone, I'm back to bring you up to date with what I've been doing, I must write that my mum's been horrible to me lately. She won't let me out when I want to go; I do go out but not late at night. When I come in of an evening, that's it until around 5.00am, then after my breakfast I go out and I'm out, all day. I might go in for a little drink from the bathroom sink then I'll be set for the day.

My mum goes out with Auntie Jill, where they go, I have no idea. I do like to make sure I'm there when she come home, so I greet her at the gate and welcome her home. It's been a bit too warm lately and I've got a fur coat on! I do try and find a somewhere cool to hide, but it's not easy. When my mum and Auntie Jill go out on a Friday I think they go shopping first, then they go out again! I've got no idea what they're upto but they're not out for long, no longer than a couple of hours maybe. I sometimes speak with Maya and Trixie on the machine. Coor! you'll never believe what they get upto. Sometimes I can hear Aunty Jill shouting at them. Boy! Can she tell them off! She says it's for their own good. She feeds the outside cats as well, my mum doesn't, she's got enough trouble feeding me!

Sometimes I stay out all night, I know my mum doesn't like it, but it's just too hot to stay inside. I do like to go in for my food and then go out again for a little while. I don't like it too hot but I don't like the rain or anything else wet either especially that white stuff. That makes my paws very cold.

My mum and Aunty Jill go to see their friend Lynne who has two dogs. Rusty and Daisy, they're both cocker spaniels and are as daft as brushes. Daisy will growl at Rusty if he tries to get on the settee she's already on. She doesn't like to share! Rusty will share with her as he's more easy going. My mum has seen Daisy curl her lip at Rusty so he leaves her alone. She not only likes a cuddle with my my or Auntie Jill, she demands it! I don't like dogs, any of them, but I think I've told you that before. Well that's me done for another issue so 'til the next time.

Yours, JoJo (Miss)



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH AND CENTRE

SEPTEMBER

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
	6.00pm	Mondays @ 6!!	St G's
	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
	7.00pm	Communications	V
	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
	2.00pm	Art Group	SH
	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
	4.00pm	Private let	MH

OCTOBER

Sun 1	TRINITY 17		
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 2	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	6.00pm	Mondays @ 6!!	St G's
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 3	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 4	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg	SH
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 5	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	2.00pm	Art Group	SH
	6.30pm	Clubbercise	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 6	3.30pm	Messy Church	St B
	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	SH
Sat 7	10.00am	Karate	MH
	10.00am	Church Cleaning	St G's
	10.00am	Litter Pick	HP
	7.00pm	Harvest Supper	MH
Sun 8	HARVEST / TRINITY 18		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	4.00pm	Family Praise	St M's
Mon 9	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH

	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	6.00pm	Mondays @ 6!!	St G's
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tue 10	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	1.30pm	Fun & Free	MH
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union with Becky Phillips from the Cathedral Archives	SH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	LC
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers	MH
	8.00pm	Karate	MH
Wed 11	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg	SH
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 12	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 13	NOVEMBER CROSSROADS DEADLINE		
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 14	10.00am	Karate	MH
Sun 15	TRINITY 19		
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 16	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	6.00pm	Mondays @ 6!!	St G's
	7.15am	Guides	MH
Tue 17	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 18	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg	SH
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee	SL
	7.30pm	Refresh	Tbc
Thu 19	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 20	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 21	10.00am	Karate	MH
Sun 22	TRINITY 20		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
Mon 23	10.30am	Aphasia-Now	SH
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies	MH
	6.00pm	Rainbows	SH
	6.00pm	Mondays @ 6!!	St G's
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Tues 24	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 25	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg	SH
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
	7.00pm	Gardening Club Committee	SL
Thu 26	10.30am	Parish communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 27	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	St G's
	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
Sat 28	10.00am	Karate	MH
	2.30pm	Litter Pick	Tbc
Sun 29	BIBLE SUNDAY / LAST OF TRINITY		

	Clocks back/ November Crossroads available		
	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 30	HALF TERM BREAK		
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Tue 31	9.30am	Coffee Pot	SH
	10.00am	Parish Communion	St G's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	LC
	8.00pm	Karate	MH

NOVEMBER

Wed 1	ALL SAINTS DAY		
	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	8.15am	Phonics with Robot Reg	SH
	3.30pm	Slimming World also at 5.00pm & 6.30pm	MH
Thu 2	10.30am	Parish communion	St M's
	10.30am	Thursday Club	SH/SL
	6.30pm	Clubbercise	MH
	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH
Fri 3	3.30pm	Messy Church	St B
	7.30pm	Gardening Club	MH
	7.30pm	Entertainers	SH
Sat 4	10.00am	Karate	MH
	10.00am	Church Cleaning	St G's
	10.00am	Litter Pick	HP
Sun 5	3 before ADVENT		
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St G's
	3.00pm	Time to Remember	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...

Jack asked Jill, "Why do you let our kids lick the egg whisk?" Jill replied, "Because they like it" Jack suggested "Don't you think that you should turn it off first!"

Jill said to a Mum in the Library, after reading the sign: Silence is golden. "It is, unless you have children, then silence is suspicious".

Jack asks, "What's for dinner?" Jill replies, "Food!" Jack questions, "What kind?" Jill shouts, "The kind you eat!!".

Jill said in the Supermarket queue, "I'm not a fan of spring cleaning, but to be honest, I'm not into summer, autumn, or winter cleaning either".

Jack started up a new hobby, running a dating service for chickens, but he gave it up as he struggled to make hens meet.

Jack went to see his doctor recently and said, "Doctor I can't stop singing the 'Green Green Grass of Home'. His doctor said, "That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome." "Is it common?" Jack asked. "Well, it's not unusual" his doctor replied.

Jill had been to a posh dinner and was seated on a table with Garry Kasparov, the former world chess champion. When she got home Jack asked, "Did you have a good time?" To which Jill replied, "The table was covered with a check tablecloth, and it had taken Kasparov two hours to pass her the salt".

Jack and Jill's teenage daughter brought her new boyfriend home to meet her parents. They're appalled by his haircut, his tattoos, his piercings. Later, Jill said to her daughter, "Dear, he doesn't seem to be a very nice boy." "Oh, please, mum!" says the daughter. "If he wasn't nice, would he be doing 500 hours of community service?"

In the library, Jack with his new library card questioned the pretty librarian. "Do you mean to say," he asked, "that with this card I may take out any book I want?" "Yes," she answered. "And may I take out record albums, too?" "Yes, you may." "May I take you out?" he ventured. Drawing herself up to her full height, she replied, "The librarians, sir, are for reference only."

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