

# CROSSROADS

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

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering**



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# **ST GEORGE'S TUFFLEY WITH ST MARGARET'S WHADDON**

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## **OUR READER WRITES...**

Dear Friends,

The first Covid lockdown started very nearly a year ago – 18th March to be precise. It has been a year none of us could have predicted. The length and depth of the crisis, and the human cost, has already far exceeded what even the most pessimistic might have expected back then.

Already it seems a long time since we were last able to meet for worship together, and even then, we were very restricted in what we could do in church. Apart from that, all of us will have had some close encounter with the sheer suffering that is going on in our midst. Just this morning we had a Zoom meeting of our Mission Group, and it was dominated by discussion of pastoral concerns about the sick and the bereaved. These are indeed hard times.

“Now hang on, Jonathan”. (I tend to talk to myself quite a bit, I’m afraid.) “This is all horribly true, and I know you’re trying not to pull your punches, but come on, can’t you say something to cheer people up a bit?!” Well, yes, I honestly think I can.

The Church of God, of which we are privileged to be a tiny part, exists for one thing above all. It exists to celebrate the love of God, and to build his Kingdom on earth. And is that happening? Most certainly it is. The media are packed full of bad news, and as we all know, good news stories seldom seem to feature.

Well, here’s a flavour of love in action. Pastoral visits are exceptional at the moment for obvious reasons, but not long ago I made a visit just a couple of hours after the death of one of our parishioners. I saw at first hand the sympathy and the sensitivity of the GP, two nurses from Sue Ryder’s, and of two neighbours. For the medical people it is a situation they face every day, but I saw the quality and the sincerity they brought to their tasks. And I multiplied that in my mind as I thought of similar scenes going on all over the country. This is God’s love in action, dear friends, and it is a privilege to be part of it.

It is often the case that the worst of times can bring out the best in people. I believe the best is usually driven by love. And we know that God is Love (1 John 4.8)

JONATHAN

## **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

Our sympathies to the family and friends of: -

Joy Mellor RIP Hilda Morgan RIP

Raymond Manley RIP Joan King RIP

## **LOVED AND LIKED: SIX SESSION COURSE**

This course offers the chance to explore how we are all uniquely made, and that God actually loves and likes us. It looks at questions of identity, calling and service, and includes amazing true stories of local people. Using easily downloadable videos and materials the course is freely available at [www.lovedandliked.life](http://www.lovedandliked.life). Hard copies of the workbooks can be obtained from [pgodfrey@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:pgodfrey@glosdioc.org.uk)



In response to the Government's current Covid restrictions, St George's Church, St Margaret's Church and St George's Centre are all closed until further notice. Our Joint Standing Committee and PCC will be discussing the reopening and reintroduction of worship for the parishes once the restrictions change. As much notice as possible will be given to enable you to rearrange your week.

The Church Office is closed currently but, Glenda is working from home during this latest lockdown please use the contact information at the front of Crossroads should you need to get in touch.

## THE PIONEERING JOURNEY



Dearly loved friends

We are approaching the final lap of the Tuffley Pioneer project in its present form.

As your old(!) vicar, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have supported the project.

The initiative has been possible only with your prayers, your financial giving, some of you sharing in the steering committee, and your participation and encouragement in so many other ways.

We have been greatly blessed by having the multi-talented and highly committed Helen to trail-blaze among us, and by terrific support from Pete and Lorraine.

It has been a fantastic road travelled. Much of it is visible to all; perhaps even more has been hidden to most.

I guess when Helen leaves to be ordained in June, it will be tempting for everyone to put your feet up! But this won't be the end; just the end of a chapter. For the story must continue, as the church engages within the communities to be and bring the 'good news' of God's kingdom in and around Tuffley.

I believe that what has been done so far will provide solid foundations on which God will build His Kingdom more and more through your worship, caring, and pioneering, with the fresh leadership of your new vicar, and in ongoing partnership with the rest of God's church in and around Tuffley.

Thank you all for your share in this exciting adventure!

I thank God for you now and I always will.

God bless you  
BRUCE



## **CHURCH in TUFFLEY LENT 2021**

As we approach Easter 2021, we are very much aware that we are still unable to meet face to face. This year, we will be coming online, as The Church in Tuffley, to journey through Lent together. Two groups will run on Monday evenings and Friday mornings so there is opportunity to select the group that works best for you. Helen will be partnering with Hilary and Pippa from St Barnabas in leading the sessions, using material from the book Holy Habits: Following Jesus by Andrew Roberts. (You do not need to purchase the book)

The Friday morning sessions will run for 6 weeks and started on Friday 19 February, meeting at 10.30am. The Zoom link will be open at 10.00am for anyone wishing to bring a coffee and chat.

The zoom link for each of the morning sessions is: -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86226730943>

Meeting ID: 862 2673 0943

The Monday evening sessions will run for 6 weeks and started on Monday 22 February, meeting at 7.30pm. The Zoom link will be open at 7.00pm for anyone wishing to bring a coffee and chat.

The zoom link for each of the evening sessions is: -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88225816677>

Meeting ID: 882 2581 6677

If you would like to join the group but need some help getting connected to the sessions, please do ask Helen.

Get involved with a Lent Group in 2021, Speak to Jonathan or Helen



As this issue of Crossroads will be edited and printed before our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, expands on his (and our) Government's thoughts to relax lockdown and Covid restrictions, we are unable to be confident that we can be back in Church for Easter.

So please watch out for announcements in our weekly newsletter, Signpost, and on our website for news about Easter Services at St George's and St Margaret's.

If you do not currently receive a copy of Signpost or are unable to access our website do please contact Glenda, or me, and we will do our best to make sure that you do not miss out.

Darrell

### **MARCH 100 CLUB DRAW**

Will take place on Sunday 14 March. Please contact your collector if you need to pay your fees before the draw is made. There are a few members of the 100 Club that have dues outstanding for 2020 so if you are unable to get in touch with your collector; you can always contact me on 01452 410507.

Cheers, Darrell

### **CARTE D'OR TUBS**

Does anyone use Walls Carte D'Or ice cream? Jonathan needs some empty tubs please. If you have any available, could you let him know? 01452 502174 or [jonathanmj@virginmedia.com](mailto:jonathanmj@virginmedia.com)

## **“WHERE ARE THEY NOW?”**

*Steve and Ann Morris*



I'm tempted to cry out, in pantomime style, "He's beside you!" as Ann and I now live close by in Quedgeley. We've come full circle (and a bit) in our journey these last thirty years; Tuffley, the City Centre, Churchdown, Barnwood and now Quedgeley. As Ann says of our time in Gloucester so far, "We've just moved around the ring road."

We arrived among you all in 1990. Clare was just three months old at the time. Soon after she could walk, she learned to climb. Some people might remember one Sunday morning at St. George's, when Clare climbed up the back of the piano and peered over whilst Ann was playing it!

My memories of St. Margaret's and St. George's are very much of people working together. I'd often think to myself, "Wherever I move to, if I work with a PCC half as good as these two, I'll be very happy." The Dragon Club weeks naturally also stay very much in my mind; people really had to work together for that to work – and you did! The Circus, and that Pirate Ship – so amazing, they inspired me to write those theme songs which we all would sing each morning; 'we' being many adults and over two hundred kids who attended each day! I did enjoy playing guitar with the band those weeks, but I was very glad that Brian was our 'Master of Ceremonies' those days; he was far more skilled at holding children's attention than I could ever be. And, of course, there were so many other people, working behind the scenes and running the various workshops. It was an amazing experience.

In 1994 I became half-time Associate Minister in the City Centre Churches. Three parishes to begin with, then four. Because we were a family of six, we lived in the nearest available church house that could accommodate us, which was in Hempsted. So, I worked in four parishes and lived in a fifth; quite unusual. Mind you, all that cycling to work each day, Hempsted to the City Centre and back gave me some much-needed exercise. Even more exercise for me when in 2002 and 2003 I was half-time Associate Minister at St. Lawrence's Barnwood. Sometimes I would even cycle from Hempsted to Barnwood three times a day.



Ann became a Reader at St. Swithun's, Hempsted, but received a very definite call from God to ordained ministry. After a very enjoyable curacy at St. John's, Churchdown, Ann became Priest-in-Charge at St. Lawrence's, Barnwood in 2007. Ann's ten-year ministry there was very successful, and it was a very happy time for us. Some people did initially assume that I was also back as a minister at St. Lawrence's and I had to explain that I was now purely there as 'vicar's husband' and my Chaplaincy was now my sole ministry, even though it had to remain a half-time post.

I served as the Diocesan Chaplain among Deaf & Hard of Hearing people for over twenty-five years. Sadly, it was reduced further, becoming a quarter-time post in 2015. However, the work was always there to do regardless, so quite often I was working most days of each week anyway.

Ann retired in June 2017 and we moved to Quedgeley, effectively becoming your near neighbours. This was rather handy at holiday times when covering some services for Bruce. My final service with Deaf people was on Sunday 13th September 2020, and when I saw that you were seeking cover for the services at St. Margaret's and St. George's on Sunday 27th September, the last Sunday before my retirement, I just knew that it had to be me leading worship for you that day.

What a privilege to both start and end my ministry conducting services with you all. My great regret was being unable to stay and talk with you afterwards as we all left the church promptly as was expected because of what I term 'this blessed virus'. It had been exactly the same at my final service with Deaf people two weeks before; service over – everyone up and leave. All so very sad. I'm sure though that there will be other times when we can meet and worship together again. I very much look forward to that occasion.

And now? I really must give time to my hobbies. The study will become my music room and my garden shed will house a model railway. And Ann? She's been given a plot of land which she has cultivated as an allotment. So, whatever happens, we're not about to go hungry.

Warmest regards to you all,  
STEVE & ANN



## **ALAN DREWETT WRITES...**

In 1944 the first of 130 pioneering Sikorsky R-4 helicopters went into production for the US Navy. Powered by a 180bhp Warner Super Scarab piston engine, the R-4 was used to evacuate casualties during the closing stages of World War II. However, the first extensive military use of helicopters came during the Korean conflict of 1950-1953.

While the Gloucestershire Regiment were earning their United Nations Distinguished Unit Citation in the struggle against Communism, helicopters such as the Sikorsky S-51 were busy taking wounded soldiers to mobile army surgical hospitals, plucking downed airmen from the sea, or making daring rescues behind enemy lines.

Against this background, a helicopter department was formed by the Bristol Aeroplane Company at Filton – then in Gloucestershire – late in 1944. With the addition of Austrian rotorcraft designer Raoul Hafner to the new outfit, BAC was able to respond to Ministry of Supply Specification E20/45 which called for a small helicopter similar to the American Sikorsky S-51.

The S-51 first flew on 16 February 1946 and would be built on licence by Westland of Yeovil as the Dragonfly from 1948.

Bristol's answer to this challenge was the Type 171 Sycamore, first flown on 27 July 1947 in Mark 1 form with a 450 hp Pratt & Whitney Wasp Junior engine. The light alloy cabin was allied to a stressed skin tail boom and three wooden rotor blades.

From the Mark 2 version, a 550 hp Alvis Leonides power plant was fitted while the Mark 3 saw accommodation rise from three to five passengers. The main production variant Mark 4 had taller landing gear, four doors and the pilot's seat moved from port to starboard.

Sycamores served with all three British armed forces, many overseas air arms, including those of West Germany, Belgium, and British European Airways. The Bristol Sycamore was also the first British designed and built helicopter and the first to receive a British Certificate of Airworthiness.

The Sikorsky S-55 helicopter meanwhile, built in the UK as the Westland Whirlwind, was one of the most successful early helicopters with examples being used all over the world.

The first S-55s received by the Royal Navy in 1950 were built by Sikorsky, but Westland acquired a license in 1950 and the first British-made S-55 flew at Yeovil in November 1952. Like the American models, the first Whirlwinds had Pratt & Whitney engines and were delivered to No.705 Squadron based at Gosport.

The RAF also ordered this helicopter for transport and rescue missions: The Whirlwind HAR Mk.2 (the same as the naval version except for some differences in equipment) joined the Transport and Coastal Command Units from 1954. With Wright R.1300 engines, the Whirlwind Mk.3 went into production for the Royal Navy in 1953 and operated for many years from both ship and shore bases.

The subsequent RAF HAR Mk.4 version was modified for use in the tropics and fitted with a new variant of the Pratt & Whitney R-1340. This was used in Malaysia, while some ex-military Whirlwinds joined British European Airways, include XA865.

ALAN

## **#LIVELENT**

The Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2021. This year's #LiveLent challenge offers a series of reflections, readings and prayers. Author Hannah Steele will unpack ways to share the Gospel story afresh and share how we can live Jesus' story in our own lives simply by allowing people to be drawn to him through our natural gifts. Why not read the book as a worshipping community and use the videos together each week?

Visit [www.churchofengland.org/livelent](http://www.churchofengland.org/livelent)



- 1 The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
- 2 What 8 letter word can have a letter taken away and it still makes a word. Take another letter away and it still makes a word. Keep on doing that until you have one letter left. What is the word?
- 3 What can point in every direction but can't reach the destination by itself.
- 4 What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?
- 5 A man rode out of town on Sunday, he stayed a whole night at a hotel and rode back to town the next day on Sunday. How is this possible?

*"Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes,  
the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year."*

*Ogden Nash*

**Just a  
reminder...**



To have your **APRIL 2021 CROSSROADS** ready for publication on Sunday 28 MARCH 2021

**ARTICLES NEED TO BE IN THE EDITORS' HANDS  
PREFERABLY BY EMAIL BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...  
...SATURDAY 13 MARCH**

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**



## **GOSPEL QUIZ**

Questions based on the Gospel readings for January

- 1 When the Magi visited Herod asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews.", what was Herod's initial reaction to this news?
- 2 Having consulted with the chief priests and the scribes where did Herod send the Magi?
- 3 Having found the child and then worshipped him, the Magi were warned not to return to Herod. How were they warned?
- 4 Due to the way he dressed John the Baptist was regarded as being something of a wild character. His diet was mentioned in Mark's gospel. What did Mark say he ate?
- 5 John the Baptist declared that one more powerful than he was coming. He declared he was not worthy to stoop down and do what?
- 6 Philip, Andrew and Simon Peter were all from the same city. Which city?
- 7 The wedding feast at Cana. How many water jars were there?
- 8 Once the water was turned into wine who did Jesus instruct the servants to take the wine to?
- 9 The Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon he would not see death until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Who guided Simeon to the Temple?
- 10 Anna was a member of the tribe of Asher. What was her father's name?

*The answers to this month's Gospel Quiz  
can be found later in this issue of Crossroads*

*"Today is the day when bold kites fly,  
When cumulus clouds roar across the sky.  
When robins return, when children cheer,  
When light rain beckons spring to appear."*

*Robert McCracken*

APCM  
Annual Parochial  
Church Meeting

Although no dates for our APCMs can be confirmed just yet, preparations still need to be put in hand. As you are aware everyone is welcome, to come and hear about the past year and take part in discussions on directions for the following year.

If you are on the church's register of electors, you can also vote for who you would like your representatives to be for the ensuing year.

*If you normally write a report for either APCM, it should have been prepared by **NOW** and sent to Glenda; please note the report deadline below. Emailed documents are preferred; but if your report is handwritten Glenda must have it immediately, in order that she can process it in time for the Annual Report and Accounts packs to be printed.*

**Remember your report covers the period...  
1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2020 only**

The deadline for ALL reports is **NEXT SUNDAY, 6 MARCH**; your report will not appear in the report pack if it is received after this date.

Many thanks  
DARRELL

**YOUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP NEEDS YOU!**

Our 'annual meetings' usually come up in April. This is the time when we elect our Parish Church Councils, Churchwardens, and other officers. Please think about who you may like to nominate for the privilege and responsibility of sharing the leadership of our two churches in this way. And consider humbly and honestly whether you yourself might be willing to step up to the plate! But most of all, please keep the matter in your prayers.

Thank you

## **ELECTORAL ROLL**

ELECTORAL ROLL: The 2021 Annual meetings of St George's and St Margaret's will be held at some point in 2021. If your name does not appear on the current Electoral Roll you will not be eligible to vote at the APCMs or be elected on to either PCC.

The Electoral Roll for St George's and St Margaret's would normally be displayed on the notice board from Sunday 6 March 2021 until the 27 March 2021 but neither church may be open during that period.

If you wish your name to be added to the list, forms can be obtained from Margaret Barber, for St George's or Jill Ponter, for St Margaret's (see contact details at the front of Crossroads).

Completed forms should be returned by no later than Sunday 27 March 2021.

**VOLUNTEER**

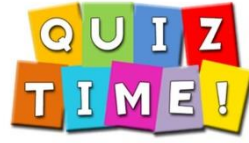


### **CLEANING OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH**

We urgently need to put together a rota for the cleaning of St George's Church. So, if you can help let Mike or Sylvia know as soon as you can. The number of people who come forward will decide whether you are asked to clean once a month or possibly once every two months; a couple of hours each time is all you are being asked to do on a rota basis. Please don't put off speaking to Mike and Sylvia, you'll only forget...

This is particularly necessary should our Government's restrictions be amended, and we can reopen St George's Church sometime in March/April.

# PETER'S MARCH



- 1 Born in February 1828, which Frenchman went on to write 'Journey to the centre of the earth'?
- 2 What is the name of the competition referred to as the "World Cup of Tennis" that was established in Feb 1900?
- 3 In 1964 who made their first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show to a record breaking 73 million viewers in the United States?
- 4 February 1986 was the most recent time that which celestial feature was able to be seen with the naked eye, it only appears every 75 or 76 years?
- 5 Created by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera, which pair of cartoon rivals made their first appearance in Feb 1940?
- 6 In Feb 1996 what did the supercomputer, Deep Blue, manage to do for the first time?
- 7 Which Illinois senator announced in Feb of 2007 that he would be a candidate for the 2008 presidential elections?
- 8 Known at his death in 1567 as Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley, he was the second husband of which Queen?
- 9 Nelson Mandela, after spending 27 years as a prisoner, was released in February of which year? a) 1990 b) 1992 c) 1996.
- 10 In Feb 2013 which pope resigned due to his failing health and old age, becoming the first pope to relinquish his title in almost 600 years?

## **ANSWERS TO PETER'S FEBRUARY POSERS**

1 New York: 2 New Order: 3 Newmarket: 4 New Hampshire: 5 New Seekers:  
6 Hampshire: 7 Santa Fe: 8 Peter Bonetti: 9 Newcastle-upon-Tyne:  
10 New Delhi



## **JILL'S JOTTINGS**

from St Margaret's

Well folks, it's me again, that certain person who does the cleaning with my mates, Marilyn and Dianne.

We haven't been doing anything at St Margaret's at moment as we're not allowed to; but we will be going in to take down the Christmas tree and to put all the decorations away for another year. It's very difficult to do things when it's not allowed but the St Margaret's will need a very good clean after the tree comes down; but with Jonathan's help it won't take us long to do.

So, I will let you know how we get on in the next issue, so, for now please take care and stay safe.

Best wishes,  
JILL PONTER

## **NEWS FROM THE BIRD TABLE**

Hurray! At long last we have a proper bird table to supplement our hanging feeders. It was designed and made by a practically-minded friend, and it should be cat and squirrel proof. The post is encased within a length of black plastic drainpipe. Try climbing that, you pesky squirrels!

After fixing it firmly, we watched and waited. And waited. You've guessed it – barely a beak! As always, a little patience was needed. After a few weeks, along came the 'Beast from the East' and temperatures plummeted. The feathered friends soon discovered the benefits of a high-class bird table.

A robin has been enjoying the half coconut intended for the tits, but has to flap its wings while feeding, rather like a hummingbird. Meanwhile, the long-tailed tits, and the blue and great tits are familiar visitors, but they are now joined by what I think is a marsh tit. A curious name, as they have nothing to do with marshy terrain but according to the books, they are seen in gardens adjoining woodland.

One of my favourite visitors is back – the blackcap. A member of the warbler family, with a lovely shape, and a much more slender bill than the usual seed-eating garden birds. The female has a lovely chestnut-brown cap, in contrast to the black of the male.

I spend far too much time on the computer, but one compensation is the chance of bird-spotting, as my study window has a nice view of the oak tree in our garden. This I think must be about fifty years old and is good habitat. If it's a good autumn for acorns there is a chance of seeing a jay, but the slightest move is enough to scare them off. A while back I was delighted to see a nuthatch, demonstrating its ability to forage on a tree-trunk, walking downwards. No other bird does that. It appeared the next day, but I haven't seen it since. It was my first good sighting of a nuthatch in forty years.

Two goldfinches appeared recently, feeding on some seed heads, but again, haven't been back, more's the pity. At other end of the size range is the raven. They don't of course visit the garden, but their croaking voices are heard more and more, or so it seems to me. I have often heard them over Whaddon village. And they get a nice mention in Psalm 147: "He giveth fodder unto the cattle: and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him".

So, there you are: feeding the birds isn't just a nice thing to do. It has biblical authority. And you read that first in Crossroads.

JONATHAN

*"One swallow does not make a summer, but one skein of geese,  
cleaving the murk of March thaw, is the Spring."*

*Aldo Leopold*

### **RIDDLE-ME-REE ANSWERS**

1 Footsteps: 2 The word is starting! starting, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I:  
3 Your finger: 4 Charcoal: 5 His Horse was called Sunday:



Maya, Maya, where are you? Look, Maya, what is this stuff? I think that is ground frost, Trixie. Frost Maya? Is that why my feet get so cold, Maya? Yes, Trixie, that's the reason, but our Mum does make sure that we can get in; our house is always nice and warm. Yes, Maya, that's true, but how does it get so frosty? Trixie, I haven't a clue, I just don't know what makes it so frosty, must be something to do with the weather!

Maya, Maya, there seems to be frost falling down from the sky, and it ain't half cold, and it's all white! I know Trixie, our Mum has just been on the machine to Auntie Marg to tell her that it's snowing. What's snow, Maya? I think it's when we get rain falling and it freezes. How does it do that, Maya? Trixie, I don't know how it happens, it just does! Oh, Maya, you're so clever, I just don't know how you do it. I don't know either, Trixie, maybe it's because I listen to our Mum all the time and you just play all the time!

Trixie, where are you now? Oh blimey, there you are what on earth are you doing up that tree? Well, Maya, I was looking at all this white stuff and something fell on top of my head. I don't know where it came from so, I just thought I would climb up this tree, just to see where it came from. So, where did it come from, Trix? I still don't know, Maya, I've been up and down this tree and I'm still none the wiser! Trixie, could it have been a lump of snow? I don't know, Maya, your guess is as good as mine.

Oh, look Trix, it's Harry and Star! Hello, guys, how are you these days? Well. Trix, we haven't been out much, as it has been freezing. Trixie, what are you looking up that tree for? Well. Star, something fell on my head when I was passing underneath, I still don't know what it was, but never mind. What are you two getting up to today. We just don't know at the moment, girls. What will you be doing? Well, I thought we could see what was going on up the alley. We've

seen some other felines and puppies going past, so we thought we could go and introduce ourselves. Well, that's a plan, come on everyone let's go and see.

Trixie, have you been over to the cul-de-sac, lately? No, Harry, we haven't, we've been up the path opposite our house. Our Mum goes up there all the time and we don't see her for ages, but there's lots of people who know us. They call us, but we always run away as our Mum has told us not to go to anyone but her.

Oh, Harry, what have you got there? Well, Trix, I just bumped into the two Gingers, they were coming over to see us. They have just seen two very strange things in a cage next door to them. Come on, let's go as have a look guys! Oh, Harry, it's a bunny rabbit or two. How do you know, Maya that they are bunny rabbits? Well, guys, when our Mum takes us to that certain place, that we don't like. I have seen some in boxes, they have a box, just like ours. Their noses twitch all the time; you can see it from here. Why do they twitch their noses, Maya? I don't know, Harry, maybe that's how they test that all is OK around them. Maybe, the smells around them tell them that we are near them, Maya, because we have a different smell to them. Harry, you could be right, what else is there Harry? I don't know Maya, but I think that we ought to be getting back home. I think that white stull is coming down very fast again.

OK, everyone, Tata, Gingers, Harry and Star, see you again soon, I hope! So come on Trixie, our Mum is calling us. OK, Maya, the last one home is a silly billy. Trixie say Tata to everyone. Tata, everyone. It's Tata from me, Maya, until the next time...

TRIXIE AND MAYA PONTER

### **GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS**

1 He was frightened: 2 Bethlehem: 3 In a dream: 4 locusts and wild honey:  
5 untie Jesus sandals: 6 Bethsaida: 7 Six: 8 Chief Steward: 9 The Spirit:  
10 Phanuel:



## **THROUGH THE WINDOW**

Hello everyone,

Here I am sitting on the windowsill in my Mum's bedroom. I like sitting up here because I can see what's going on outside; I have a bird's eye view, so to speak! I witter at the birds, but they don't take any notice of me. I only want them to come and play (I think!)

A couple of weeks ago we had some white stuff falling. Boy! Was it cold; I didn't like it one little bit! I'm glad I had a nice warm bed to curl up on. My Mum had to go out in it, but only to put the green boxes out by the front gate. She came back in looking like a snowman, she doesn't like the snow either. It's been very cold, very frosty, I thought I'd get frostbite in my paws. So, I had to lick them to warm them up again and to dry them. Roll on Spring, when it gets a little bit warmer. My Mum made me go outside and it was raining, I hate the rain too and it was windy, I hate the wind too. I don't like the wind but the rain with it, well! I just don't like it at all!!

I talk to my cousins on that machine and they tell me that Auntie Jill shoves them out in the rain too. Trixie dives back in as soon as she can, but Maya is more adventurous. They both like their home comforts, Trixie likes to cuddle up with her Mum, but Maya, will sleep on the pillows in the spare bedroom or on top of the wardrobe in a box. I think that she feels safe up there. My Mum says that I'm in and out like a yoyo, well I have to make sure everything's alright, don't I! I walk around my domain and check next door as well. Sometimes, if I see one, I even chase a squirrel, I never catch it though because it climbs a very high tree, and I don't climb. I do chase birds though, but I'm more mature now, so I don't see the point of it.

A little while ago I was out in the garden (it was dark!) when suddenly I was attacked by another feline, well I held my own and gave as good as I got. Luckily, I didn't get hurt. I showed them, I can tell you! My Mum opened the back door and I shot in, she laughed at me because my tail looked like a toilet brush. Cheek!! I'll sign off now...

Bye, for now, JoJo Whittle

# MARCH

## DIARY...

### FEBRUARY

Sun 28		LENT 2	
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### MARCH

Mon 1	7.00pm	CiT Lent Group	Zoom
Tue 2	10.00am	Food Parcel collection until 12.00noon	St G's
Wed 3	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Fri 5		<b>World Day of Prayer</b>	
	10.00am	Food Parcel collection until 12.00noon	St G's
	10.00am	CiT Lent Group	Zoom
	7.30pm	Entertainers AGM on a Facebook room	
Sun 7		LENT 3	
Mon 8	7.00pm	CiT Lent Group	Zoom
Tue 9	10.00am	Food Parcel collection until 12.00noon	St G's
	4.00pm	Vacancy Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 10	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Fri 12	10.00am	Food Parcel collection until 12.00noon	St G's
	10.00am	CiT Lent Group	Zoom
Sat 13		<b>April Crossroads deadline</b>	
Sun 14		LENT 4 / Mothering Sunday	
Mon 15	7.00pm	CiT Lent Group	Zoom
Tue 16	10.00am	Food Parcel collection until 12.00noon	
Wed 17	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Fri 19	10.00am	Food Parcel collection until 12.00noon	St G's
	10.00am	CiT Lent Group	Zoom
Sun 21		LENT 5	
Mon 22	7.00pm	CiT Lent Group	Zoom
Tue 23	10.00am	Food Parcel Collection until 12.00noon	St G's
	4.00pm	Vacancy Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 24	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Fri 26	10.00am	Food Parcel collection until 12.00noon	St G's
	10.00am	CiT Lent Group	Zoom
Sun 28		PALM SUNDAY	

		<b>Clocks go forward</b>	
		<b>April Crossroads available</b>	
Mon 29	7.00pm	CiT Lent Group	Zoom
Tue 30	10.00am	Food Parcel collection until 12.00noon	St G's
	7.00pm	Benefice Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 31	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

**APRIL**

Fri 2		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
Sat 3		<b>EASTER EVE</b>	
Sun 4		<b>EASTER DAY</b>	

**THE ABOVE DATES REMAIN PROVISIONAL ONLY**

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*Should you know of anything missing from the above listing of dates please let us know so we can update our information for the future. Many thanks*

It was one  
of those  
*March*  
days when the **SUN** shines hot  
and the  
*wind blows* **cold:**  
when it is **summer** in the *light,*  
and **winter** in the  
**shade.**

~Charles Dickens

## **LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...**

What is the best day to go to the beach? Sunday, of course!

What bow can't be tied? A rainbow!

How many tickles does it take to make an Octopus laugh? Ten-tickles.

How does a dog stop a video? By hitting the pause button!

People think "icy" is the easiest word to spell. Come to think of it, I see why.

My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them, "Just you wait!"

A grasshopper sits down at a bar. The bartender says, "We have a drink named after you!" The grasshopper replies, "Who names a drink 'Steve?'"

What's a balloon's least favourite type of music? Pop.

I went into a store to buy some books about turtles. "Hardbacks?" asked the shopkeeper. "Yes," I replied. "And they have little heads, too."

What does the world's top dentist get? A little plaque.

I used to be addicted to not showering. Luckily, I've been clean for five years.

Have you heard about Murphy's Law? Yes. Anything that can go wrong will go wrong. How about Cole's Law? No. It's julienned cabbage in a creamy dressing.

How does a farmer mend his overalls? With cabbage patches.

I got my husband a fridge for his birthday. His face lit up when he opened it.

Which rock group has four guys who can't sing or play instruments? Mount Rushmore.