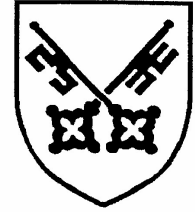


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God in the Sciences

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

A Scientist Reflects: Suffering and the Image of God

Since the cost-of-living crisis in 2021/22, food Banks have become a necessity for many desperate families. When they are given food, people reveal a variety of emotions: from relief, happiness and hope, through to quiet sadness, resignation, and desperation. Most often they display a mixture of several of these feelings at the same time.

I believe that our cries for answers at times like this, and our deep longing for things to be better, kinder, more just, less painful and chaotic, are a sign that we are made in the image of God. The Bible describes God creating men and women, instructing them to rule over the earth, and giving them the freedom to choose what they will do. The world God made was described as "very good", but human wrongdoing caused a rift between people and God, and also between us and the rest of Creation.

From a scientist's perspective, it seems that the *potential* for accidents, disease and death – for both animals and humans – may

have been part of God's very good creation, and there was a real threat of famine, albeit far rarer than in our current mismanaged version of creation? How would we have managed life in what Genesis describes as an un-subdued world if our relationship with God hadn't broken down, and evil hadn't been unleashed? Maybe painful experiences would have been experienced as challenges that brought us closer to each other and to God, rather than bringing us the experience of suffering (which I would define more particularly as involving distress, isolation and fear)? Of course, these are theoretical questions that no one can answer, but perhaps they are worth exploring.

God has already responded to suffering at a root level by taking it on Himself. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus broke the power of sin and death. We do not yet see the final results of those decisive actions – the end of suffering for all those who trust Him – but we can already feel their impact.

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For example, many people have experienced the wonderful effect, either in their own lives or by receiving kindness from others, which is described by these words: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).

Some of the people who receive food are, in the words of one community leader, "really desperate", but yet they still trust God to meet their needs. My hope is that the worldwide Church will, with God's help, be part of the answer to their prayers – demonstrating our true status as people made in the image of God.

Time Prayer

Father,

We are all so busy. We rush here and there, trying to meet deadlines, trying to fit more and more into our already full days. So often we seem to run out of energy and time. Sometimes we wonder what it's all about.

Help us, Lord to recognise that we *have* time. You have given us every day of our lives. Help us to choose wisely how we use our life time. Help us to spend time with you first; to learn your ways; to encounter the living Jesus in the Bible and in prayer. And everything else will fall into place.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Quiz & Chips – 2025-26 Season Review

'providing an opportunity to drink beer for a good cause'

The twenty-second quiz season is completed and we are looking forward and preparing for the twenty-third! The quizzes continue to be a fun evening with many people commenting over the year on how well run and enjoyable they are. This season our numbers have been slightly down on last year but the event remains a crucial fundraiser for St. Peter's and, through the charity raffles, a chance for us to engage with and support important work in our local community.

This year the charities we have supported have been: **Footsteps Foundation, TRAIN, Cornermen, Reducing the Risk, Didcot Baby Monday, Wallingford Accessible Boat Club and Sustainable Didcot.** In total, we raised **£3040.19** for these charities and although this was also slightly down on last year, it is a significant sum and many thanks to all those who contributed. One of the most rewarding things about the quizzes is hearing about the work of so many extraordinary people doing wonderful and much needed things in our community.

The team **Gangreen** retained the trophy for the best team of the season and they have established themselves as the team to beat. They are far from invincible as other teams have shown but none of the challengers has been able to put in a really consistent run of performances. Maybe next season . . .

Many people contribute to the successful running of the

quizzes, and we are particularly grateful to Frances and Caroline our scorers and the many people who help set up and clear up. **The Didcot Fish Bar** continues to do a wonderful job in supplying us with food. As always, the biggest thanks go to the people who set the quiz questions, without them we don't have a quiz! This year they have been Katherine, Martin, Andy, Jack, Geoff, Richard & David, LucyAnne and Alison & Jon.

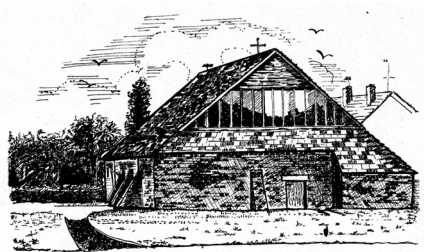
One significant change this year has been in the bar, where we have been including guest ales each quiz from the **LoveBeer** brewery, enabling us to support local beer as well as local charities. The new beers have proved popular with the punters and huge thanks to Anita and Alan for making this happen and for running the bar so efficiently.

The quizzes are an important fundraiser but also extremely good fun – I'm not convinced that there is a better night out in Didcot. We do **need more teams** in order for the event to continue to be successful. If you are interested in being in a team or know anyone you think might be, please talk to Hugh or Alan.

We are looking forward to our 23rd Season which begins on **September 19th** and we look forward to seeing you there.

*Alan Wilson & Hugh Collins
Rice*

St Peter's Church Quiz & Chips
Dates for 2026-27



2026
19th September
17th October
21st November
2027
16th January
27th February
17th April
15th May
19th June

Contact quiz@stpeters-didcot.org.uk, or Hugh
on 01235 811465.

June Quiz Winners - Gangreen



Trophy Winners for 2026 season - Gangreen



Sustainable Didcot – June Charity



Prayer Intentions: July 2026

<p>1st: Readings: Psalms 91; Judges 15: 1-16:3; Luke 18: 15-30 .</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Church Street, East Street. Wednesday Church, and for adults with learning disabilities and dementia.</p>	<p>2nd: Rdgs: Psalms 90, 92; Judges 16: 4-end; Luke 18: 31-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: High Street, Bourne Street. The Citizen's Advice Bureau and Christians Against Poverty.</p>	<p>3rd: Thomas Readings: Psalms 146; 2 Samuel 15:17-21; John 11:1-16.</p> <p>Thomas established the Church in India. Prayer intentions: Northbourne Court, Pease Place. Those who have doubts about their faith.</p>	<p>4th: Readgs: Pss 96, 97, 100; Judges 18: 1-20, 27-end; Luke 19: 11-27.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Ridgeway Road, Beech Lane. Those who work to keep the church spick and span</p>
<p>5th: Trinity V Readings: Psalm 56; 2 Samuel 2:1-11; 3:1; Acts 28: 1-16.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Sinodun Road, Bridge Close. Our Sunday School leaders.</p>	<p>6th: Readgs: Pss 98, 99, 101; 1 Samuel 1: 1-20; Luke 19: 28-40.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Kynaston Road. Eucharistic Ministers and those receiving Home Communion.</p>	<p>7th: Readings: Psalm 106; 1 Samuel 1: 21-2:11; Luke 19: 41-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Vicarage Road, Broadway. The PCSOs and Police in Didcot.</p>	<p>8th: Readgs: Pss 110-112; 1 Samuel 2: 12-26; Luke 20: 1-8.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St Andrew's Road, St Peter's Road. Our Church Wardens.</p>
<p>9th: Readings: Pss 113, 115; 1 Samuel 2: 27-end; Luke 20: 9-19.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Wessex Road. Those who maintain the Church grounds and Gardens.</p>	<p>10th: Readings: Psalm 139; 1 Samuel 3: 1-4: 1a; Luke 20: 20-26.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Lower Broadway, Roebuck Court. Our Director of Music, and choir.</p>	<p>11th: Benedict Readings: Pss 120-122; 1 Samuel 4: 1b-end; Luke 20: 27-40.</p> <p>Benedict was the founder of the modern monastic movement, with his Rule based around hospitality, prayer and community. Prayer intentions: Hagbourne Road. Former community of Alton Abbey & CSMV Wantage.</p>	<p>12th: Trinity VI Readings: Psalms 64, 65; 2 Samuel 7: 18-end; Acts 28: 17-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Ernest Road, Edmund's Court. The congregations of St Peter's, Ladygrove Church, GWP Church, and All Saints.</p>
<p>13th: Readings: Pss 123-126; 1 Samuel 5; Luke 20: 41-21: 4.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Fairacres Road, Marlborough Court. Staff of Didcot Library, those who rely on the services they provide.</p>	<p>14th: John Keble Readings: Pss 132, 133; 1 Samuel 6: 1-16; Luke 21: 5-19.</p> <p>A leader in the Oxford Movement - the Anglo- Catholic tradition within the Church of England. Prayer intentions: Oatland Road, Samor Way. All primary school children leaving this week. The Northbourne Leavers' Service.</p>	<p>15th: Swithun Readgs: Ps 119: 153-end; 1 Samuel 7; Luke 21: 20-28.</p> <p>9th Century Bishop of Winchester, noted for his charitable works and the weather forecast. Prayer intentions: Mereland Road, Laburnum Grove. Bishop Gavin and his staff</p>	<p>16th: Osmund Readings: Pss 143, 146 ; 1 Samuel 8; Luke 21: 29-end.</p> <p>Accompanied William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings, later made Bishop of Salisbury. Prayer intentions: Abbott Road, Abbott Close. St Stephen's House, Westcott House and those training clergy in the Catholic tradition.</p>

Prayer Intentions for July 2026

<p>17th: Readings: Pss 142, 144; 1 Samuel 9: 1-14; Luke 22: 1-13.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Richmere Road, The Croft. The work of the Mothers' Union worldwide.</p>	<p>18th: Readings: Psalm 147; 1 Samuel 9: 15-10: 1; Luke 22: 14-23.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Marsh Cottages, Jubilee Way, Regent Gardens. Didcot Community Hospital's patients and staff.</p>	<p>19th: Trinity VII Readings: Psalm 71; 1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 16-end; Acts 4: 1-22.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Saxon's Way, Viking Drive. All those being having their banns read in St Peter's this July</p>	<p>20th: Margaret Antioch Readings: Psalm 1, 2, 3; 1 Samuel 10: 1-16; Luke 22: 24-30.</p> <p>Martyred in 304 during the Dioceltian persecution of Christians</p> <p>Prayer intention: Oriel Court, Lincoln Gardens. Our communications team.</p>
<p>21st: Readings: Pss 5, 6; 1 Samuel 10: 17-end; Luke 22: 31-38.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Beaufort Close, Worcester Drive. The PCC meeting tonight.</p>	<p>22nd: Mary Magdalene Readings: Psalm 30, 150; 1 Samuel 16: 14-end; Luke 8: 1-3.</p> <p>Mary is the Apostle of the Resurrection.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Exeter Court, Magdalene Court. The Didcot Food bank and all who use it.</p>	<p>23rd: Bridget of Sweden Readings: Psalm 14, 15, 16; 1 Samuel 12; Luke 22: 47-62.</p> <p>Bridget founded an order of nuns after the death of her husband. She is remembered for her charitable acts and piety.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Merton Close, Somerville. Those moving into Didcot from other areas.</p>	<p>24th: Readings: Psalms 17, 19; 1 Samuel 13: 5-18; Luke 22: 63-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Nuffield Close, Dirac Place. Schools and churches providing care for children over the Summer.</p>
<p>25th: James Readings: Pss 7, 29, 117; 2 Kings 1:9-15; Luke 9:46-56.</p> <p>James, son of Zebedee, brother of John. The first Apostle to be martyred.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Fleet Way, Kibble Close. Those who care for the Church linens.</p>	<p>26th: Trinity VIII Readings: Psalm 77; 1 Kings 6: 11-14, 23-end; Acts 12: 1-17.</p> <p>The parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St John's Close, Ruskin Close. Those who read the scriptures in Church.</p>	<p>27th: Readings: Psalms 27, 3; 1 Samuel 14: 24-46; Luke 23: 13-25.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Shannon Road, Severn Road Those who produce the Magazine and weekly sheets.</p>	<p>28th: Readings: Psalms 32, 36; 1 Samuel 15: 1-23; Luke 23: 26-43.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Kennet Place, Thames Court. Parents, carers and toddlers during the summer holidays.</p>
<p>29th: Mary, Martha and Lazarus Readings: Psalm 34; 1 Samuel 16; Luke 23: 44-56a.</p> <p>Friends and companions of Jesus, living at Bethany.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Medway Grove, Tyne Square. Our sides- people and Welcomers.</p>	<p>30th: Wm Wilberforce, Oludah Equiano Thomas Clarkson Readings: Psalm 37; 1 Samuel 17: 1-30; Luke 23: 56b-24: 12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Western Avenue. Those working to help those caught-up in modern-day slavery.</p>	<p>31st: Ignatius of Loyola Readings: Psalms 31; 1 Samuel 17: 31-54; Luke 24: 13-35.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Bradbery Gardens. Spiritual Directors.</p>	

Prayer Intentions for August 2026

<p>1st: Readings: Pss 41, 42, 43; 1 Samuel 17: 55-18: 16; Luke 24: 36-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Edwin Road; Elder Close. Those who keep the church clean and tidy.</p>	<p>2nd: Trinity IX Readings: Psalm 85 1 Kings 10: 1-13; 2 Peter 1: 1-15.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cockcroft Road, Mowbray Road. Those newly ordained settling in to their curacies.</p>	<p>3rd: Readings: Psalm 44; 1 Samuel 19: 1-18; Acts 1: 1-14.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barnes Road, Barnes Close. For an increase in vocations to the Religious life and the priesthood.</p>	<p>4th: Readings: Psalms 48, 52; 1 Samuel 20: 1-17; Acts 1: 15-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Loyd Road; Miles East Our Eucharistic Ministers and those receiving Home Communion.</p>
<p>5th: Oswald Readings: Ps 119: 57-80; 1 Samuel 20: 18-end; Acts 2: 1-21.</p> <p>Oswald was King of Northumbria in the 7th Century, who united the region and encouraged the growth of Christianity.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Green Road; Green Close. Those who normally attend Wednesday Church.</p>	<p>6th: Transfiguration Readings: Psalms 27, 150; Exodus 34:29-end; 1 John 3:1-31.</p> <p>The Transfiguration of Jesus revealed Christ's divinity to Peter, James and John, with the holiness of God, shown in his face, being too much for human sight.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Royal Berkshire Close. Our families and church family.</p>	<p>7th: J.M. Neale Readings: Psalms 51, 54; 1 Samuel 22: 6-end; Acts 2: 37-end.</p> <p>Hymn writer and translator.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Queensway; Hardings Strings. Our church musicians and Director of Music</p>	<p>8th: Dominic Readings: Psalm 68; 1 Samuel 23; Acts 3: 1-10.</p> <p>13th Century priest and monk, founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominican Order).</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Tavistock Avenue; Bowness Avenue. The Anglican Communion team of Lambeth Palace.</p>
<p>9th: Trinity X Readings: Psalm 88; 1 Kings 11: 41-12: 20; 2 Peter 3: 8-13.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Warner Crescent; Morse Road. The work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world</p>	<p>10th: Laurence Readings: Psalm 71; 1 Samuel 24; Acts 3: 11-end.</p> <p>A Deacon of the Church in Rome who was martyred in the year 258.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: South Park Avenue; Downs Road. Those who prepare the intercessions for Sunday worship.</p>	<p>11th: Clare of Assisi Readings: Psalm 73; 1 Samuel 26; Acts 4: 1-12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Newlands Avenue; Larch Drive. Bishop Gavin and the staff of the Diocese of Oxford.</p>	<p>12th: Readings: Psalm 77; 1 Samuel 28: 3-end; Acts 4: 13-31.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Glebe Rd; Lynmouth Rd. Those providing children's activities and meals in Didcot.</p>
<p>13th: Florence Nightingale Readings: Psalm 78: 1-39; 1 Samuel 31; Acts 4: 32-5: 11.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Craven Way, Hillary Drive; Lockinge Close. Those who cannot afford to go away for holidays, and struggling to entertain their children.</p>	<p>14th: Maximilian Kolbe Readings: Psalm 55; 2 Samuel 1; Acts 5: 12-26.</p> <p>Volunteered to die in place of Franciszek Gajowniczek, a Polish army sergeant, in Auschwitz. Gajowniczek died in 1995, after living as a missionary.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cullen Place; Hanover Court. Prisoners of conscience and persecuted Christians.</p>	<p>15th: Blessed Virgin Mary Readings: Psalm 132 Isaiah 7:10-15; Luke 11:27-28.</p> <p>The feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, when she is believed to have been taken bodily into heaven.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Clarence Place; Frideswide's Court. Those who sit alongside and minister those close to death.</p>	<p>16th: Trinity XI Readings: Psalm 92; Jonah 1; 2 Peter 3: 14-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Wantage Road; Colbourne Road. The Mission to Seafarers, and those whose work keeps them far from home.</p>

Prayer Intentions for August 2026

<p>17th: Readings: Psalm 80; 2 Samuel 3: 12-end; Acts 6.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barleyfields; Elbourne. St Peter's outreach to the community.</p>	<p>18th: Readings: Pss 87, 89: 1-18; 2 Samuel 5: 1-12; Acts 7: 1-16.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Drake Avenue; Collingwood Avenue. The council workers who keep our parks and green spaces clean and beautiful.</p>	<p>19th: Readgs: Ps 119: 105-128; 2 Samuel 6: 1-19; Acts 7: 17-43.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Park Road; Park Close. Those who put together the Church weekly sheet and magazine.</p>	<p>20th: Bernard of Clairvaux Readings: Psalms 90, 92 ; 2 Samuel 7: 1-19; Acts 7: 44-53.</p> <p>Helped the Cistercian order of monks to grow and spread. Worked to heal the Schism in the C12th Church.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Garden Close; Rutherford Place. Our Church Wardens.</p>
<p>21st: Readings: Psalm 88; 2 Samuel 7: 18-end; Acts 7: 54-8: 3.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Norreys Road; Norreys Close. Those who have experienced abuse in a church setting.</p>	<p>22nd: Readings: Psalms 96, 97, 100; 2 Samuel 9; Acts 8: 4-25.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Meadow Way; Brunel Road. Didcot Citizens Advice Bureau, Sofea, and the SOHA Community Hub.</p>	<p>23rd: Trinity XII Readings: Psalm 95; Jonah 2; Revelation 1.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Portway; Wheatfields. The Community Pantry, and those relying on their support, training and services.</p>	<p>24th: Bartholomew Readings: Psalms 86, 117; Genesis 28:10-17; John 1:43-end.</p> <p>Usually identified with Nathanael, introduced to Jesus by Philip, and became one of the first disciples.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cromwell Drive; St Ann's Court. All those involved in evangelism.</p>
<p>25th: Readings: Psalm 106; 2 Samuel 12: 1-25; Acts 9: 1-9a</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St Hilda's Close; St Hugh's Rise. The emergency services, shop workers and all those who work shifts all year round.</p>	<p>26th: Readings: Psalms 110-112; 2 Samuel 15: 1-12; Acts 9: 19b-31.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Campion Hall Drive; Pebble Drive. Those who are housebound, and may not see a friendly face to day.</p>	<p>27th: Monica Readgs: Pss 113, 115 ; 2 Samuel 15: 13-end; Acts 9: 32-end.</p> <p>Monica prayed for the conversion of her wayward son, Augustine.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Stonesfield; Mansfield Gardens. Those who pray for family members who aren't Christian.</p>	<p>28th: Augustine of Hippo Readings: Psalm 139; 2 Samuel 16: 1-14; Acts 10: 1-16.</p> <p>After his conversion to Christianity, he devoted his life to theological reflection, becoming one of the greatest Doctors of the Church.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Linacre Close; Balliol Drive. Those who work with children at St Peter's.</p>
<p>29th: John the Baptist Readings: Pss 120-122; 2 Samuel 17: 1-23; Acts 10: 17-33.</p> <p>The date we commemorate the death of John the Baptist</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Sycamore Way; Willow End. Those who keep the church grounds and gardens neat</p>	<p>30th: Trinity XIII Readings: Psalm 26; Jonah 3: 1-9; Revelation 3: 14-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Buckingham Close; Balmoral Road. Those preparing to go back to University, college and school.</p>	<p>31st: Aidan Readings: Pss 123-126; 2 Samuel 18: 1-18; Acts 10: 34-end.</p> <p>Founder of the monastery on Lindisfame, Aidan travelled extensively through Britain preaching the Gospel.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: The finance team.</p>	

Year's Mind for July

1	Eric Slade	17	William Pryor
2	Sylvia Ligat		Thomas Digweed
	Charles Thomas		Philip Barker
3		18	Iris Wren
4	Percy Garnsey	19	Christabel Lyford
	Eileen Watts		Elizabeth Bristow
5	Charles Hansford	20	Arthur Moss
	Grace Bean		Shirley Powditch
	Joan Spratt	21	Leslie Harris
6	Edith Cox		Violet Bennett
	Beatrice Clifton		Henry Walker
	Albert Austin		Bernard Lilly
7	Elizabeth Griffiths	22	John Hannaford-Hill
8	Lilian Capron		Nellie Shaw
9	David Walkinshaw		Marion Clibbon
	Loreen Grimes		Edward (Ted) George Darc
	Mildred Marks	23	Violet Wing
10	William Crabtree	24	Mildred Nicholls
	Catherine Hine		Joyce Hall
	Annie Barnett	25	Beatrice Green
	Ronald Brown		Edith Harris
	James Lawler	26	Elizabeth Stewart
	Irene Orr		Albert Weston
11	Ruby Greenacre		Roland Jones
	Dilys Slade	27	Albert Powell
	Kevin Jones	28	Olive Tolley
12	Mary James		Edith Harris
	Winifred Broad		Geoff Arrowsmith
	Helen Nolder		Mair Weston
13	Ellen Cox		Barbara Welch
	Jack Winkworth	29	Sarah Fisher
	Primrose Ball		William Jarvis
14	Richard Strand		Lucy Ostler
	Bertha Monger	30	Herbert Lowthian
	Phyllis Aplin		Douglas Hall
15	Kenneth Vaughan		Mary Waller
	Louisa Collins		David Handley
	Ernest Smith		Thomas Tyler
	Zoe Hitchman		Joan Veronica Brooks
	Keith William Stone	31	Arthur Turner
16	William Fernback		Winifred Bullock
	Eric Atkins		Winifred Barnes
	Basil Dix		

Year's Mind for August

1	Gary Jennings	15	George Bishop
	Roy Griffiths		Thomas Haxton
2			Tracey Pye
3	Robert Thompson		Gordon Marsh
	Dorothy Clark	16	Francis Davidson
4	Emily Pearson		Ian Jones
5	Ernest Osborne	17	Edna Kellar
	Dennis Jaynes	18	Christopher Clarke
	Alfred Randell	19	Elsie Taylor
	Esther Gale		Elsie Gregory
	Barrie Pow		Ethel Reed
	Tony Harper		Thomas Benson
	Gwendoline Turner		Ivo Belcher
6	Gwenda Woolcombe	20	
	Florence Pavely	21	Arthur Newman
7	Maurice Humphries		Beatrice (Trixie) Stroud
8	Hattie Tredwell		Eileen Skelton
	William Clements	22	Alfred Haywood
	Martyn Berry	23	Sidney Payne
	Gary Purvis		John Barnes
	Constance Goodenough		Frieda Huggins
9	Cyril Richardson		Phyllis Jones
10	Philip Hall		Ted Wright
	Annie James		Ernest Wheeler
	Ella Weston	24	David Drewett
	Ronald Pinner	25	Clifford Whetton
	Rose Sutton	26	John Burnham
	Dorothy Frost		Timothy Bickell
	Ivy Aust	27	George Dorling
11	Evelyn Cherrill		Margaret Stephens
	Dorothy Whitehead		William Warr
	John Fisher		Albert Digweed
	Winifred Evans		Maurice Youngs
	Jean Eustace		Sidney Napper
12	Alexander Stevens	28	Frederick Hawyes
13	Leonard Turrell		Stanley Hann
	Duane Atkinson		Flossie Lewis
	Edward Barnes	29	Richard Oxley
14	Kathleen Carter		John Ralph
	Olive Webb		Elsie Barnes
	Nancy Shepherd		Rosemary Parsley
	Brian Amphlett		Sylvia Perry
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Festival of Cultures

The Festival of Cultures is coming up on Saturday 11th July from 10am to 3pm at Cornerstone. Do **please advertise** in your churches - it is designed for all ages and has a mix of performances and activities to be involved with.

Churches Together in Didcot and District has a table in the Gallery and **we need your help:**

* Andrew Jones is organising a **rota** of people to be available on the table through the day - do let him or me know if you could be there for an hour or so.

* It would be lovely to have **images and resources** on the table to illustrate the many cultures of those involved in our churches - do let me know if you have photos of your church community.

* We could also highlight links we have with churches and projects around the world - do say if you have a photo and short description

There is obviously not space on one table for everything! But it would be good to be able to share and invite people to glimpse Jesus and come along to our churches as part of this day.

It depends on who you are, as to what you see...

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out...

~ A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."

~ An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall down there."

~ A mathematician calculated how deep the pit was.

~ A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit.

~ HMRC asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.

~ A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits."

~ A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit."

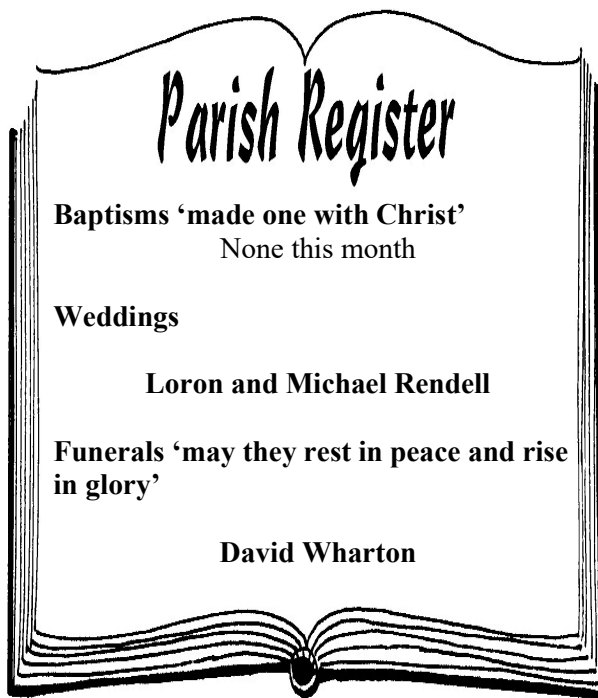
~ A psychologist noted, "Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit."

A self-esteem therapist said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that pit."

~ An optimist said, "Things could be worse."

~ A pessimist claimed, "Things will get worse."

Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.



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'Learn, Laugh, Live!' if you are retired or semi retired why not consider meeting up with like minded individuals and enjoy a healthy, convivial walk or learn to play an instrument, exchange horticultural ideas in a gardening group, or try one of the Wine Appreciation groups, then consider joining the **Didcot & District U3A** with over **30 Interest Groups** (full details can be found on **Didcot.u3a site.uk**) there must be something for **You ?!**

New members are always warmly welcomed to join (first visit is 'free to see') and chat over tea and biscuits at the monthly meetings are held on the **third Tuesday of every month** for this nationwide self-help teaching and learning organisation in the **Didcot Civic Hall, meetings start 2:30 pm.**

Meetings during the Summer months include;

June 16th An ABC of Victorian painters from Simon Evers.

July 21st A is for Arsenic (poisons used in Agatha Christie novels) by Dr Kathryn Harkup

August 18th - The Flanders and Swan story - James Mitchell and James Williams

September 15th - Wild Homes? - David Baily

October 20th - Sing with Mandy - Amanda Shora

Don't delay, more information for those wishing to **'Learn, Laugh, Live!'** head over to **Didcot.u3asite.uk**

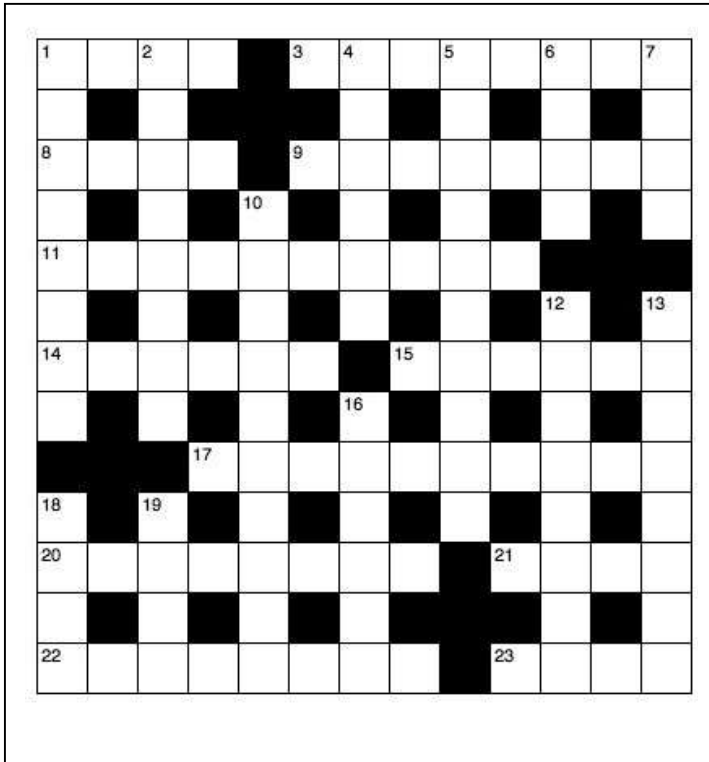
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Wednesday 26 August 2026 is the next magazine deadline.

Please email the editor with any articles—

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July Crossword



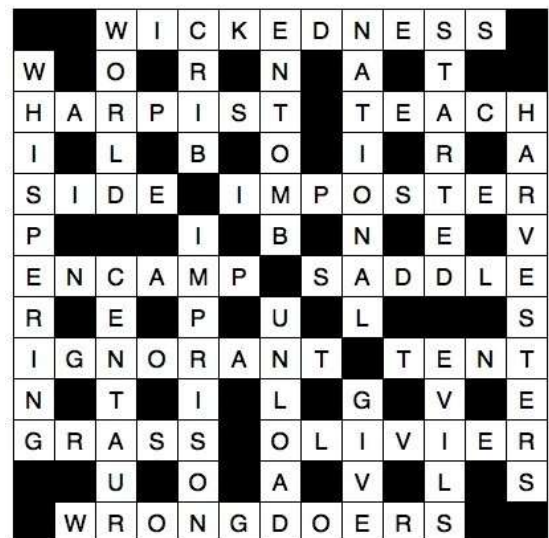
Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John 10:22)(10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear (James 2:21)(8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis 25:34)(4)
- 19 Rear (anag.)(4)

Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my —' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14 In Cain (anag.)(6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to —' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in —' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

June Crossword Solution



Church Calendar for July and August 2026

SERVICES IN CHURCH - JULY

Wednesday 1
10.00AM-Wednesday Church

Thursday 2
9.30am—Said Mass

Sunday 5 Trinity V
10.00am-Parish Mass

Thursday 9
9.30am—Said Mass

Sunday 12 Trinity VI
10.00am—Parish Mass

Monday 13
9:15AM- Pebbles Baby Church

Thursday 16 Osmund
10.00am —Said Mass

Sunday 19 Trinity VII
10.00am—Parish Mass

Thursday 23
9.30am—Said Mass

Sunday 26 Trinity VIII
10.00am—Parish Mass

Thursday 30 William Wilberforce
9.30am – Said Mass

SERVICES IN CHURCH - AUGUST

Sunday 2 Trinity IX
10.00am-Parish Mass

Thursday 6
9.30am—Said Mass

Sunday 9 Trinity X
10.00am-Parish Mass

Thursday 13
9.30am—Said Mass

Sunday 16 Trinity XI
10.00am-Parish Mass

Thursday 20
9.30am—Said Mass

Sunday 23 Trinity XII
10.00am-Parish Mass

Thursday 27
9.30am—Said Mass

Sunday 30 Trinity XIII
10.00am-Parish Mass

ONLINE SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS MONTH

Monday - Thursday & Saturday
9.00AM Morning Prayer (Excluding week of 20-26th July as Rev Hannah is on leave)

Sunday
10.00AM - Parish Mass—live streamed from church



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