

CROSSROADS

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

Sharing God's Love



These are the final versions of our new logos...

ST GEORGE'S

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday

Parish Communion at 10.30am
Evening Prayer on Zoom at 5.00pm
Parish Communion at 10.00am
Evening Prayer at 5.00pm

Wednesday

Morning Prayer at 8.15am on Zoom
Evening Prayer at 5.00pm

Thursday

Evening Prayer at 5.00pm

ST MARGARET'S

1st Sunday
2nd Sunday
3rd Sunday
4th Sunday
5th Sunday
Thursday

Evensong at 5.00pm
Parish Communion at 9.00am
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Parish Communion at 9.00am
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Parish Communion at 10.30am

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GIOIA OUR CURATE WRITES...

As I write this, we are just at the start of what promises to be a really exciting summer here at St George's and St Margaret's. We have just had our wonderful summer fun day where – despite the heat! – lots of people turned up for a fabulous day of games, food, and entertainment. It was a wonderful day, and so lovely to see so many families (many we know from our other events, but some we don't) having a brilliant time, and we have many more exciting events to come. During the fun day I thought back to this time last year, then only a few weeks into my time here with you, when we held our community BBQ: I remember being so struck then by how well everyone got stuck in, how cheerful and welcoming all the volunteers were and how they made it such a genuinely lovely and fun place to be for everyone. A year later, I now know that these lovely elements – that sense of genuine joy and welcome – weren't a one-off, but are in fact fundamental to who we are as a church community. Throughout this year I have been blown away again and again by the generosity with which people have shared their time and their gifts in supporting so many one-off events, as well as our many and varied weekly groups. (And we must always remember that this includes those who may not be able to attend these events to help physically, but who support us through their prayers – this too is such a vital and appreciated way of helping). It was fabulous in the middle of July (so appropriately on the Sunday when we heard the parable of the Good Samaritan) to be able to celebrate and recognise so many of our volunteers who help with our work with children and young people: how incredible that we could identify over 25 people helping with this ministry!

All of this generosity and enthusiasm speaks so powerfully to our vision of 'sharing God's love', something that we can all endeavour to do, in whatever ways work best for us: whether that is helping to volunteer at a church event or a community group, or even just being a smiling and encouraging presence for those we meet in our day to day. (I'm sure we can all think of times when a small act of kindness from someone has totally transformed a difficult day). In a recent sermon I ended with this famous poem from St Teresa of Ávila (a brilliant 16th Century Spanish nun, and writer of the powerful spiritual classic *The Interior Castle*) and I think it's really worth returning to often as a reminder of the importance of all that we do in seeking to show welcome, hospitality and joy to others:

'Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.'

A less well known, but equally powerful quote of Teresa's, is this: 'The Lord does not look so much at the magnitude of anything we do, as at the love with which we do it.' I hope that this summer brings times of joy and times of rest for all of us, and that it will be infused throughout with the joyous and generous sharing of God's love.

JOINT PCC OUTCOMES

At our most recent Joint PCC meeting Roger Meadows was confirmed as Vice Chair of St George's and Mike Smith was confirmed as Vice Chair of St Margaret's.

David Westcott was confirmed as Treasurer for our Joint PCC.

Other confirmations at the meeting were Georgina Wood as minute recorder at our Joint PCC meetings, with Darrell Stevens taking responsibility for the collating and distribution of reports and minutes to Joint PCC members.

St George's Safeguarding Officer was confirmed as Sylvia Evans with Mike Smith having that responsibility for St Margaret's. Electoral Roll Officers were confirmed as Jill Ponter for St Margaret's and Dawn Dolphin was welcomed into that role for St George's.

Joceline Blunt and Georgina Wood remain as Health and Safety leads.

The Joint Standing Committee members were confirmed as being Vicar, Vice Chairs, Treasurer and Churchwardens.

GIOIA PRIEST!

Huge Congratulations to Gioia who was ordained Priest at Gloucester Cathedral in June, it was a fabulously joyful service and wonderful to see as many as 45 people from St George's and St Margaret's there to be a part of Gioia's ordination support team.

What a glorious weekend for our parishes, thanks so much to all who were able to be there. Then, there was our joint-parish service when Gioia celebrated the Eucharist for the first time. Followed by a shared lunch party, with much laughter, toasts and thanksgivings and a fabulous celebratory cake, thanks to Hilary!



Thanks to Sylvia, David, and others for the photos

Holiday Club

Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th August 9.30am until 12.00noon

This will be our third Holiday Club for children who have complete their reception year upto years 5/6. We will have a mix of stories, games crafts and snacks of course. The themes this year will be the Calming the Storm, Lost Sheep, and the Good Samaritan. Rachel, Gioia, and Susan have more information.

The Holiday Club will take over the whole Church and Centre complex so make sure that any group/activity you partake in, is actually taking place this week.

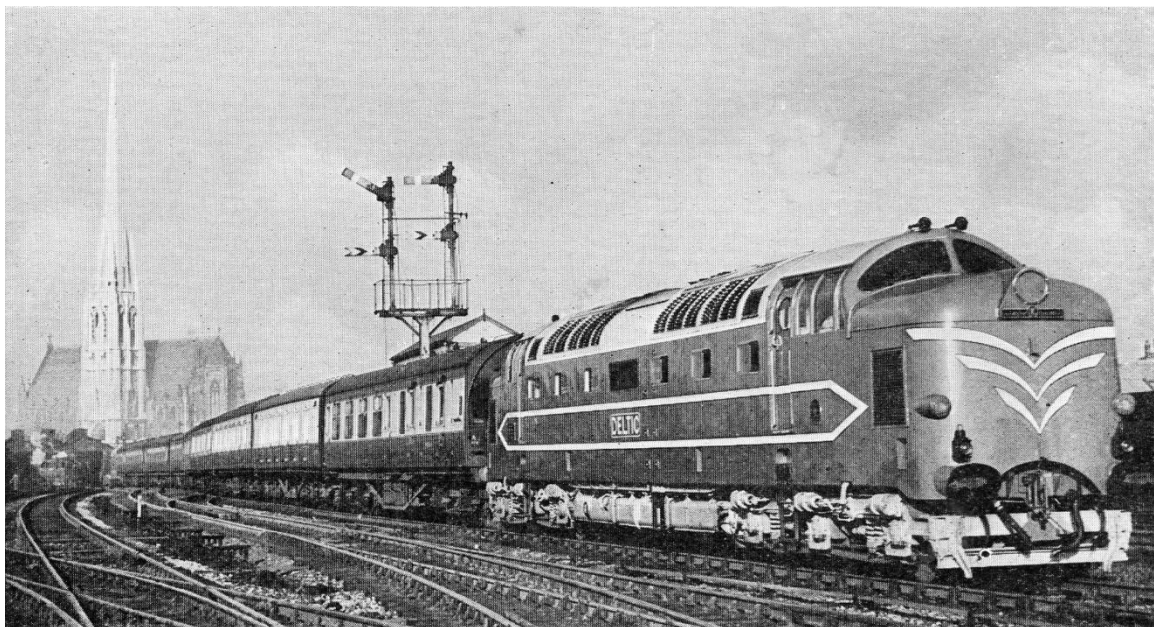
Don't forget

Refresh

**on Tuesday 19th August will be at
St Barnabas at 7.30pm**

NORTHERN HOUSE OF PRAYER

You probably know that Salisbury Cathedral has the highest spire in Britain, at 404 feet. You may know that Norwich Cathedral comes second at 315 feet. But I bet you can't name the third highest spire. No, it's not Tetbury, though that claim is sometimes made. It's St Walburge's RC church at Preston, Lancs. Let me now show you a picture from one of the very first books I ever acquired, a rather battered copy of the Ian Allan Locospotters' Annual, 1958.



It shows the prototype Deltic running into Preston with a test train. Behind in the background, dominating the scene, is the colossal church of St Walburge, with its slender spire of 309 feet.

I have often looked at the photo and marvelled at the size and scale of the church, but only recently have I succeeded in visiting it. Just last month in fact, perhaps 63 years after first seeing the picture. Rachael and I were heading for Blackpool at the time, where we would spend two days in our beloved Tower Ballroom. This was a detour worth making.

It was a stunning experience to approach this shapely masterpiece and then, joy of joys, to find the church open. The interior is a surprise: a vast nave and sanctuary with no arcade, but a hammer-beam roof leading the eye up over 80 feet, and with life-size figures of the saints. The church seats a thousand people and no doubt in its heyday there were huge congregations drawn from the terraced streets below.

St Walburge's is no longer a parish church, but is used by a traditionalist group of Catholic clergy and sisters, known as the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. Masses are usually in Latin, and there is a strong emphasis on adoration of the Sacrament. How interesting it would be to arrange things on a future trip so that we could join them for worship (even though, sadly, communion cannot be shared by non-Catholics). Perhaps we will do this one day.

There is a community of sisters living next door, and trainee priests. They have a remarkable routine: later in the week there was to be an all-night adoration

of the Sacrament. How on earth would one cope spiritually and physically with that, I wonder?

All this may seem a very different world from our own Anglican life and worship, but wouldn't it be a boring Church if we all approached our Lord and Saviour in the same way? (I said as much many years ago, when I attended a black-led Pentecostal service, and the preacher very nearly went into orbit, and the jazz saxophonist likewise).

I do wish the clergy and the sisters, and their faithful congregation, every blessing in all they are doing. Without their special ministry, St Walburge's church would actually have closed for worship a decade or so ago. And what a tragedy that would have been for such a noble house of prayer.

JONATHAN

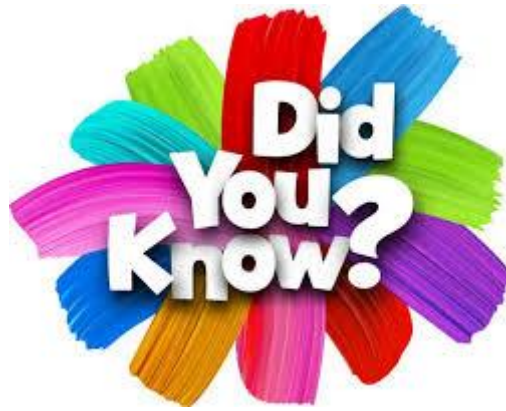
PS: Next month they will be named! See September's Crossroads for a list of the top twenty British church spires.



A remarkable interior



St Walburge's from the east



- That a silverback gorilla can lift over 1,763 pounds (almost 123 stones).
- Winds on Neptune can blow faster than 1,200 miles an hour.
- Salvador Dalí designed the logo for the Chupa Chups lollipop brand.
- The Caesar salad was invented in 1924.
- The sun is about 400 times larger than the moon.
- The average person blinks 14 to 17 times per minute.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH FUN & FREE EQUIPMENT



If you shop in Tesco, to vote for **St George's Church Fun & Free Equipment** please would you collect your blue tokens and put them down the **St George's Church Fun & Free Equipment** slot, there are three slots to choose from, but the **St George's Church Fun & Free Equipment** slot **is the one you want**.



This month, July Mothers' Union held their social meeting where members read funny poems and extracts from books by various author's; among them very interesting verses by the gardener and broadcaster Alan Titchmarsh.

We followed this with a lovely cream tea which we all enjoyed.

We do not meet in August, so our next meeting date will be 9th September when our speaker will be Kay Hesley she will be talking about Faith. You are all welcome to join us on the 9th.

GERALDINE



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for June

- 1 Scripture tells us, "Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed, " ____ ____ ". What words are missing?
- 2 Continuing in prayer Jesus said, "The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be __, as we are __, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely ____ ". The same word is repeated 3 times. What is the word?
- 3 Replying to a request from Philip Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my ____ ". What word completes the statement?
- 4 What word did Jesus use to describe, 'The Spirit of truth'?
- 5 We celebrated Trinity Sunday. What event took place the week before Trinity Sunday?
- 6 Speaking of the Holy Spirit Jesus declared, "He will ____ me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you". What will the Holy Spirit do?
- 7 Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite _____. Where are the Gerasenes opposite?
- 8 Jesus sent him away saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." To whom was this instruction given?
- 9 Where was Jesus and his disciples when he asked, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
- 10 Answers given to 9 included John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the Prophets. Who else was named?

The answers are printed later in Crossroads

A LOVE LETTER FROM THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED ON...

Take the love you have for me
And radiate it outwards
Allowing it to touch and impact
others

Take the memory you have of me
And use it as a source of inspiration
To live fully, meaningfully, and
intentionally

Take the image you have of me in
your mind
And allow it to fuel you
To take action
Seize the day
And be reminded of what is most
important in life

Take the care you have for me
And let it remind you
To care for yourself fully
And shower yourself with your own
love

And take the pain and grief you feel
Following my loss
And alchemize it into
Love, compassion and beauty

Build a castle
From the wreckage of my passing

Allow it to unlock your greatness and
potential
And empower you to become more
than you ever thought you were
capable of being

And know that I can never truly leave
you
And will always remain beside you
Watching over you in spirit
And that the love I have for you lives
on
Through the connections you form
The kindness and compassion you
share
And the future relationships and
friendships you cultivate.

And until we are one day reunited
I will remain with you
Through the storms and chaos of life
And am always beside you
Walking with you, laughing with
you, crying with you, and smiling
with you

I am proud of you for being strong
I am proud of you for being brave
And I am proud of you for being you.

SYLVIA



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to get the full colour version*



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BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...

...Wednesday 13th August 2025

Crossroads will be printed during week commencing 18th August

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appear in the first Crossroads after receipt.

From Crossroads in May 1993

Over the Fence a view from the Vicarage

It was the middle of the week of the DRAGON CLUB and also the middle of the night! Melva woke me from that sort of deep sleep that afflicts teachers and those who work with large numbers of children. "I can hear a funny droning noise" she said. From the open window of our bedroom all was still, except for the throaty drone of an engine from over the fence.

Hastily donning clothes and shoes, I crept downstairs, round the house and opened the side gate overlooking the church carpark. There was the culprit; a car with the engine running and no one about. I cautiously approached, keeping well clear, looking out for intruders who might be in the church, their

car ready for a quick getaway. So, I made a getaway and closed the carpark gates to prevent their quick getaway! Back safely inside the Vicarage I telephoned the police who arrived within two minutes. The very, very brave police constable approached the car, still parked facing the covered way. From my position of safety behind the closed gates, I saw two shadowy figures inside the car suddenly sit bolt upright! No burglars! Just a young couple planning on increasing the membership of 1999's Dragon Club!

Life is never dull in the ministry! Even when at my busiest more astounding things happen. I do note that when I am fully stretched and life appears to be just too, too much, then EXTRA demands come along. How do I cope? "When I am weak, then I am strong" wrote St Paul. And thank you Lord for your strength and guidance to cope with those 'extras' over the fence.

Brian

From Crossroads in July 1993

Gwen Hall provided the following piece: -

This is a story about four people named, EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, and NOBODY.

There was an important job to be done, and EVERYBODY was asked to do it. EVERYBODY was sure that SOMEBODY would do it, ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it. SOMEBODY got very angry about it because it was EVERYBODY's job. EVERYBODY thought that ANYBODY could do it, but realised that EVERYBODY wouldn't do it. But NOBODY realised that EVERYBODY wouldn't do it.

It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY when NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done!

ST GEORGE'S

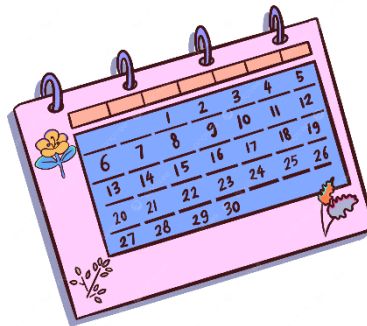


Our next 100 Club Draw will take place on Sunday 14th September.

Should you need to pay fees check in with your collector to ensure that you are up to date. You wouldn't want to miss out, would you!

Of course, if you would like to know more about this draw, please speak to Darrell as soon as possible

Good luck to all participants in all future draws.



Should you be arranging an event/meeting in our church or centre don't forget to check with Laura, our Parish Administrator so space can be booked, and your event/meeting can be added to the diary and avoid you/or your group turning up and finding that someone else has booked.

Sad news, there will not be a Coffee Pot
on Tuesday 5th August owing to
St George's Holiday Club taking place, BOO!
But we will be back again on Tuesday 12th August,
HOORAY!!



Good news, HOORAY!

We had visitors from afar on Tuesday 15th July at Coffee Pot, David and Angela Smith popped in on their way to stay with their daughter in Cheltenham. David was in the area because he remains part of the chaplaincy team for the Royal International Air Tattoo at Fairford. There were many chats over coffee with many of those present in fact Coffee Pot was cleared up and put away before David and Angela left.



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING CREW **~~Saturday 2nd AUGUST from 10.00am onwards~~**

As a group, we've decided not to meet in August. The Holiday Club is meeting in early August, and the Holiday Club team will thoroughly tidy up and clean once all activities have ended.

Your Church Cleaning Crew will be back on 6th September when we will start our build up to having as clean a St George's as possible for Christmas. If you would like to join us, please put Saturday 6th September at 10.00am in your diaries now, and come along, and see just what we do. We can always find a job for willing spare hands, and of course there are rewards of tea, coffee, and cakes for all helpers.

CHURCH CLEANING CREW!

R is for...

Rabbits? Rhubarb? Romance?

Ruth Valerio in her book *L is for Lifestyle* is very down to earth with her choice for the next chapter heading. R is for Recycling.

The good news is that Recycling has become much more accessible for the majority of UK households in recent years. Progress has been made, but...

It is estimated that in the UK an average adult throws "away" six times their own body weight of waste over the course of a year for the municipal authorities to collect and reprocess or dispose of. Having remembered to put the correct bins out for collection on the correct day, most of us then conveniently forget that that rubbish has not really gone away, it's just become someone else's problem. In 2004 almost 90% of that rubbish went straight to Landfill. Nowadays alternatives such as Incineration have reduced that percentage to under 50%. However, Incineration done badly can cause more environmental problems than it solves.

A publication called "Alternative Energy News" has tried to rank the best ways to deal with the ever-present waste problem.

1. Reduce.
2. Reuse.
3. Recycle.
4. Recover energy through Composting, Anaerobic digestion, or Incineration.
5. Resort to Landfill

The problem with the fifth and final alternative is that we live on a relatively small island, and we are rapidly running out of Landfill space.

There is much we can do to accept our own responsibility to take care of God's Creation by playing our part. In nature nothing goes to waste, the output from one organism becomes the input for another.

We can focus our Action Plan this month by looking into our own bins. What exactly do we throw away? What could we reduce, switch to a reusable alternative, or recycle in the future? Are there gaps in our local council's recycling provisions?

We can pray and support anti-waste and zero-waste campaigns. For example, "Waste Aid" is a charity which offers training to communities in simple and affordable waste management and recycling skills, and WRAP is an organisation working towards practical solutions to improve resource efficiency. Together we can make a difference...

Love and Blessings,

LORRAINE



Editors' note: *As always there are many requests for your help and your support in Crossroads again this month so, please consider offering your help at any of the following: - Summer Holiday Club, cleaning windows and frames, Tesco Blue Tokens, Secretary to the joint PCC.*

Your help would be very much appreciated.

*Should you need to contact the Crossroads editors
You can at ds52604@gmail.com
Or on 01452 410507*



AUGUST



- 1 How long is the gestation period of an African elephant?
- 2 What's the scientific name of a wolf?
- 3 What is a female donkey called?
- 4 Which mammals have no vocal cords?
- 5 What's the fastest land animal in the world?
- 6 How many eyes does a bee have?
- 7 Which animal symbolizes good luck in Europe?
- 8 What name is used to refer to a group of frogs?
- 9 How many hearts does an octopus have?
- 10 Do sponges have hearts?
- 11 What is the world's largest living reptile?
- 12 What is the largest species of bear?
- 13 What is the only marsupial native to North America?
- 14 Which marine animal is known for its ability to change colour and camouflage itself in its surroundings?
- 15 Which large sea mammal is known for its song-like vocalisations?

The quiz answers are printed later in Crossroads





ON THE BEACH

S	H	U	K	S	E	V	A	W	F	F	S	I	S
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P	A	L	M	T	R	E	E	I	S	K	A	U	S
O	I	T	F	O	S	E	S	P	L	S	S	E	I

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

Beach Towels, Crab, Dolphins, Hammock, Kite, Lifeguard, Ocean, Palm tree, Pier, Sand, Sea food, Seashells, Sharks Starfish, Sunburn, Sunscreen, Swimsuit, Tide, Waves, Whales.

The answer is printed later in Crossroads

JOTTINGS

From St Margaret's



Well my friends, it's me that moaning Minnie from St Margaret's, who with her mates does the cleaning. Well, we have had quite an eventful couple of weeks, Gioia's been ordained priest so we had to get our church clean and tidy before she took her first Parish Communion at St Margaret's. There was so much to do, so we just got on with it! It has been so very hot of late so it was a relief to be inside a cool church with me doing the floor, Marilyn on't brass and Dianne on't furniture. We use an old toothbrush, which we found in our cleaning bag, on 'Fred' the eagle's eyes. There was so much more we found in that bag, many tins of Brasso and a

knife we didn't know we had. Once the bag had been sorted out we got 'Henry' going he does keep the Sanctuary area so clean. You may noy know this but, there is a mat behind the altar which Marilyn has to stand on one end so I can 'Henry' it, which we always have a good giggle about.

We are very co-ordinated with our cleaning processes, I follow Dianne up the aisle with 'Henry' whilst she is polishing the furniture, I go in and out of the pews with 'Henry'. Once we have finished with our cleaning, polishing, and brassing we always leave with a light heart. Aware that our little church on this special ocassion is all ready for Gioia's first celebration of the Eucharist in St Margaret's. So, we await our Curate, Gioia, to continue her ministry, we all wish her the very best for the future.

Well my friends, that's about all for now as it's getting warm again, so until the next time bye for now, so please stay safe and cool...

...all the very best
JILLIAN R PONTER
Deputy Churchwarden



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya, where have you gone, Maya? Oh, flamin' Ada not again, what's the matter now Trixie? Well, Maya, it's not in here. What's not where? It's not in the magazine! What's not in what magazine? Trixie, sometimes you talk in riddles, So, do you. Well. I was looking in that magazine that our mum delivers to houses on the estate, you know the one. Yes, Trixie, I do know which one, but what's not in the magazine. Our JoJo, Maya, our JoJo. I looked back to front and back again, but it's not there. Let me have a look, Trixie. Well, I'll go to the foot of our stairs. No, it's not in there.

I'll give her a call on that machine. Hello, JoJo, is that you? I've been looking in that magazine that you and us write for, but you're not in it at all! So, whatever happened to you. She did what? She never did? But where on earth had she put the pad? In her craft bag, why? She was putting her craft cards in the bag and picked up the pad as well. What about the pen? She's always losing the pen; you're not surprised about that? So, what are you going to do to put the pad where you can find it. What you've already put it, where? Somewhere you can find it, well good on you JoJo. Speak to you again soon, see, ya!

There you go Trixie, you heard what she said, her mum lost the pen and pad, which she does with regular monotony. I don't know how she does it, but she does. Have we got time to find out what the gang is up to. Hi ya, Rosie, what are you up to today. Well Maya, I've been out with our next-door neighbour's feline, she's getting on a bit now and doesn't hear so well, so I make sure that she meets up with her mates across the road, they make sure she gets back home again. How's the pup getting on these days. Oh, he's all right, but he got stung by a bee or something the other day, he had to go to the Vet, he was there for ages and ages, but he's ok, now. He's been told not to play with bees and other stingy things in the future! If he does it's back to the Vet again so he's staying close to mum as she's his comfort person so to speak.

But never mind let's try and find the Gingers and Yasmin. Come on Trixie let's say cheerio to our readers. Oh, yes, cheerio people and its goodbye from me, Maya, until the next time, stay safe and cool during this very warm weather.

MAYA AND TRIXIE PONTER



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hello everyone, I'm sorry that I didn't do a write up last time, I forgot, then it was too late to do anything. Now I'm back to give you all my news (such as it is!) My mum has been here, there, and everywhere, doing what, I don't know. I have spoken with Maya and Trixie, and they've been telling me about their mum. Maya always has a moan about something so, Trixie tells her off. Not that stops her, but I don't grumble about my mum (well hardly ever!) She tells me off if I bring a mouse or a bird into the house. Well, I like to bring my mum presents now an again, but she doesn't always appreciate it!

It's been very hot recently, and I don't like it. Even my mum slept on top of the bed covers and she had a fan going in the bedroom, to try and keep us cool. Thank goodness that, as I write this, it's gone cooler; I don't think that are many animals that like it very hot. I know I don't!! I hide in the shade or under a bush wherever it might be cool. My mum stays indoors out of the heat. I do like being outside even though it's hot; Mind you I do like my creature comforts, my tummy full and a place to sleep. I don't see many felines and they're not allowed into my home to pinch my food.

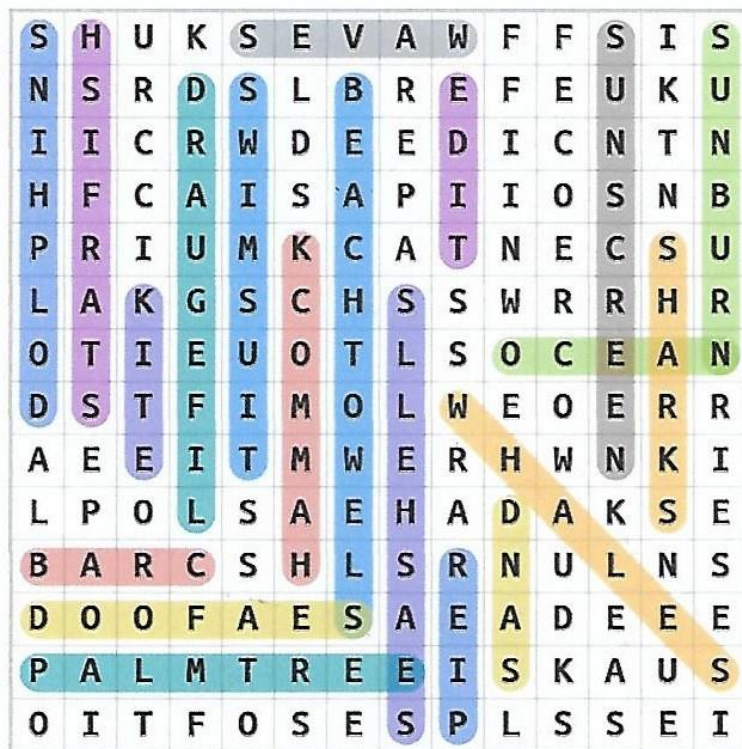
I wouldn't mind a little pal to play with, but I'm getting on a bit now, so I don't think I'll bother! I'll just stay as I am comfy and cosy with my mum. My mum tells me off when she walks up the garden or is in the kitchen and she almost trips over me. Oh Boy! Do I get shouted at then.

I just want her attention, that's all. I need to tell her that it's my food time or that it's time for bed or, please open the door and let me out. I don't have my own door because other felines might try to come it, and I'm not having that! Still, that's life, I suppose. I'll close now because I've run out of think and my paws have had enough.

Bye for now...

JoJo Whittle

ON THE BEACH WORDSEARCH ANSWER



AUGUST QUIZ ANSWERS

1 22 months: 2 Canis Lupus: 3 A Jenny: 4 Giraffe: 5 Cheetah: 6 Five: 7 Ladybird: 8 An army: 9 Three: 10 No: 11 Crocodile: 12 Polar Bear: 13 Opossum: 14 Octopus: 15 Whale:

AUGUST GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Holy Father: 2 one: 3 Commandments: 4 Advocate: 5 Pentecost: 6 glorify: 7 Galilee: 8 the demon possessed man: 9 Caesarea Philippi: 10 Jeremiah:



WHAT'S GOING ON? IN THE BENEFICE

JULY

Sunday 27	9.00am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret
	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St George
	4.00pm	IGBO Meeting in small hall
Monday 28	10.30am	Say Aphasia in small hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 29	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Communion in St George's Lady Chapel
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 30	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
Thursday 31	10.30am	Thursday Club in main hall
	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret
	2.00pm	Art Group in small hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Clubbercise in main hall
	7.30pm	Charter Band in small hall

AUGUST

Friday 1		
Saturday 2	10.00am	Karate in main hall
		No St George's Church Cleaning in August
Sunday 3	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St George
	5.00pm	Evensong at Parish Church of St Margaret
Monday 4	10.00am	Setting up Holiday Club in Church and halls
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 5	9.00am	Holiday Club in Church and halls
		No Coffee Pot this week
		No Holy Communion today at St George's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall

Wednesday 6	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.00am	Holiday Club in Church and halls
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	G.A.G.S. in small hall
Thursday 7	9.00am	Holiday Club in Church and halls
	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Clubbercise in main hall
	7.30pm	Charter Band in small hall
Friday 8		
Saturday 9	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 10	9.00am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret
	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St George
Monday 11	10.30am	Say Aphasia in small hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
Tuesday 12	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Communion in St George's Lady Chapel
		No meeting of the Mother's Union in August
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 13	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
Thursday 14	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Clubbercise in main hall
	7.30pm	Charter Band in small hall
Friday 15	7.30pm	G.A.G.S. in main hall
Saturday 16	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 17	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St George
	5.00pm	Evensong at Parish Church of St Margaret
Monday 18	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 19	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Communion in St George's Lady Chapel
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	7.30pm	CiT Refresh at St Barnabas Parish Church
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 20	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall

Thursday 21	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Clubbercise in main hall
	7.30pm	Charter Band in small hall
Friday 22		
Saturday 23	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 24	9.00am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret
	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St George
Monday 25	10.30am	Say Aphasia in small hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 26	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Communion in St George's Lady Chapel
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 27	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
Thursday 28	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Clubbercise in main hall
	7.30pm	Charter Band in small hall
Friday 29		
Saturday 30	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 31	9.00am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret
	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St George
	4.00pm	IGBO Meeting
SEPTEMBER		
Monday 1	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 2	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Communion in St George's Lady Chapel
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	7.00pm	Fayres and Fun Day planning group at Vicarage
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 3	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	G.A.G.S. in small hall
Thursday 4	10.30am	Thursday Club in small hall
	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret

	2.00pm	Art Group in small hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Clubbercise in main hall
	7.30pm	Charter Band in small hall
Friday 5	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 6	10.00am	Karate in main hall
	10.00am	St George's Church Cleaning Crew
Sunday 7	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St George
	2.30pm	Deanery Gathering and Worship at St James' Quedgeley
	5.00pm	Evensong at Parish Church of St Margaret

Remember that dates can change, be cancelled, or added so keep an eye on our weekly Signpost Newsletter for the latest information



Pet Service at St George's: 3.00pm Sunday 5th October (or Saturday 4th TBC) St Francis of Assisi.

Harvest Festival weekend: 11th/12th October across the Benefice, Harvest Supper Saturday 11th October at St George's. More information to follow.

Time to Remember: St George's will host the Church in Tuffley, Time to Remember service this year, on **Sunday 2nd November at 3.00pm.** Please do put this very special service in your diary.

Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir: Will be singing in St George's Church on **Friday 21st November at 7.30pm.** More information to follow.

Christmas Craft Fayre: Our Fairs and Fun Day planning group have set the date for St George's Christmas Craft Fayre for **Saturday 29th November 2025 from 12.00noon until 3.00pm.** More details will be available soon. The group will meet again on Tuesday 2nd September so please pass your suggestions onto Rachel, Gioia, Dawn, Helen, Sylvia E, Jonathan T or Darrell as soon as you can.

Wedding Fayre / Celebration of Marriage: Sunday 25th April 2026 (and/or Saturday 24th TBC) More information to follow.

Summer Fun Day 2026: Saturday 11th July 2026 is the provisional date for next year's Summer Fun Day.

Please make sure that you have the above dates in your diary and where you can please offer to help.



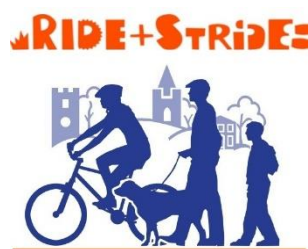
RIDE AND STRIDE IS BACK FOR 2025

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) is delighted to announce that Ride and Stride is back for 2025, taking place on 13 September.

This annual event invites people across Gloucestershire and North Bristol to visit churches by walking, cycling, horse-riding or using public transport, all while raising money to support their upkeep. Funds raised are split between the participant's chosen church and GHCT, which provides grants for vital repair and improvement work.

In 2024, Ride and Stride raised over £36,000, supporting projects such as roof repairs, fire door replacements and improved wheelchair access.

If you'd like to get involved this year, whether by taking part in the Ride and Stride itself or by putting on an event at your church more details are available from the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride website.



A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

Jack really wasn't having much luck lately; he was rushed to A&E the other day after inadvertently drinking a bottle of invisible ink. He was there for eight hours before anyone could see him!

Jack and Jill's eldest boy arranged a date with a gypsy girl from his year at school the other evening, they went to the pictures, had popcorn and a coke. Once the film was over, she asked him if he wanted to go back to her place for a good time... She wasn't kidding either; they went on the dodgems, the waltzers, the ghost train and he came home with a goldfish!

It still wasn't Jack's week! He got pulled over by the police. The police constable said, "Turn around". Jack said, "Every now and then I get a little bit lonely and you're never coming round" The police constable repeated, "Turn around." Jack said, "Bright eyes". And that's when he got tasered!

Jill was being interviewed for a job and the interviewer wanted to find out a little about Jill's personality. She said, "If you could have a conversation with anyone, alive or dead, who would it be?" Jill replied, "I'd have to say the living one."

Jack and Jill were sitting in their living room and Jack thought that the time was right to have the conversation about what happens after death. So, he said to Jill, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." So, Jill got up, unplugged the TV, and threw out all his bottles of beer.

Jill goes to her doctor. She has a breadstick up her nose, a potato in her right ear and string bean in her left ear. Jill says, "Doctor, can you help me? I just don't feel well, and I cannot figure out what's wrong." The doctor looks at her and replies; "Well, you are clearly not eating properly."

A police officer sees Jack driving in a truck full of penguins. He pulls Jack over and says, "You can't drive around with penguins in this town! Take them to the zoo immediately." Jack says okay to the police constable, and drives away. The next day, the same police officer sees Jack still driving around with the truck full of penguins, but they're all wearing sunglasses. He pulls Jack over again and demands, "I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo yesterday?" Jack replies, "I did, and today I'm taking them to the beach!"