

CROSSROADS

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

Sharing God's Love

St George's Church, Tuffley, GL4 0PE

CELEBRATING OUR PETS



SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 3PM

Bring your pet or soft toy for a blessing!

ST GEORGE'S

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

ST MARGARET'S

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

Parish Communion at 10.30am
Evening Prayer on Zoom at 5.00pm
Parish Communion at 10.00am
Evening Prayer at 5.00pm
Morning Prayer at 8.15am on Zoom
Evening Prayer at 5.00pm
Evening Prayer at 5.00pm
Evensong at 5.00pm
Parish Communion at 9.00am
Evensong at 5.00pm
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Parish Communion at 9.00am
Parish Communion at 10.30am

SEPTEMBER 2025

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RACHEL OUR VICAR WRITES...

As I write this on a bright sunny day, on the eve of Paul and I going on holiday, my heart is full of gladness and thanksgiving for you all. The benefice life full of love and joy that we saw encapsulated in the photos in the 'benefice profile' more than four years ago, has been so well reflected over these last few weeks! I will mention a few highlights below, but there are so many other things I could mention too!

Teddy bear zip-wire – what an amazing event this was again! The weather was kind to us, and many adults and children came along – a mix of those we already know well and some new faces. Fifty-five unique soft toys braved the ride, some enjoying multiple rides! Each cuddly was awarded with a certificate and many had their photo taken with the human in a rainbow photo frame. The afternoon had a lovely, relaxed atmosphere, full of smiles and laughter. Huge thanks to all those who were involved – it only went so well thanks to such a generous, helpful team of adults and young leaders. Special thanks to Derek, Jonathan and Mike who worked hard behind the scenes beforehand to get the zip-wire working, and to the churchyard volunteers who spent time and energy making the churchyard safe and beautiful!

Weddings – we've had two wonderful weddings at St Margaret's, only ten days apart! It was so lovely to see the couples, Adam and Heidi, and Jake and Joelle, and some of their family members, ahead of the weddings, and I hope many of you got to meet them. Some of you, of course, will have known Adam for many years since he is Hans' grandson. Although it was very sad that Hans wasn't able to be physically present for the wedding, he was no doubt with us in spirit (symbolised by a lit candle). Lola (dog) played her part perfectly, bringing the rings down the aisle, and it was lovely for the boys, James and Archie, to be involved in the service, including helping Jonathan to ring the bells (teddy Mr Frederickson also helped to ring the bells, just days after his adventure on the zip-wire!) Jake and Joelle's wedding, while a smaller, quieter one, was full of as much joy and love; and how amazing that they'd asked their guests to bring donations for the Foodbank as their wedding gifts!

Holiday Club – I won't say too much about this as Sylvia has written a fuller article about her impressions of Holiday Club later in Crossroads. I will just say what a fantastic week it was, and what a huge privilege and joy it was to explore Bible stories with the children, to hear their questions and thoughts, and to celebrate the love, joy, and hope that Jesus brings. Thank you so much to all those who were involved in any way (including those who couldn't physically

be present, but who prayed for the week, and those who graciously gave up Coffee Pot for a week!) – the Club is only able to happen thanks to the generosity of so many of you, including some fantastic young leaders! Let us continue to pray that the time was transformative for the children, and that they, and we, will know more of God's great love for us through that very special time spent together.

As I said, there is so much more I could mention that reflects our benefice vision of 'Sharing God's Love', but it would take up the whole of Crossroads (and I don't think the editor would thank me for this!) and some of the quiet, understated, everyday ways you live out the vision I probably don't even know about, but God does!

Thank you to you all for being part of our benefice life at St George's and St Margaret's and for all that you bring by being the unique person that God has made you to be.

With every blessing,
Rachel



Hi, this is me talking about my first holiday club...

ANTIQUA'S TALE OF HOLIDAY TREASURE

My first Holiday Club we dared to dream,
A treasure map, a bold red team!

As Antiqua, I held my ground,
With daily quizzes, wearing robes so grand.

The local market buzzed each day,
With tales of locals and games to play.

Swift stood tall, a guiding light,
Rachel kept our hearts so bright.

Through every storm, through every cheer,
Her steady hand would draw us near.

And Shiner, David, what a star,
His jokes brought giggles near and far.

A twinkle danced in every smile,
He made our journey well worthwhile.

Then Gioia, Keeper of the Keys,
Unlocked the treasures with quiet ease.

She led us to the prize we sought,
Through mystery's maze, with treasure caught.

We sang, we danced, we told our tales,
On glowing paths and story trails.

The firebugs flashed, the city gleamed,
Ancora's light came back! It wasn't a dream.

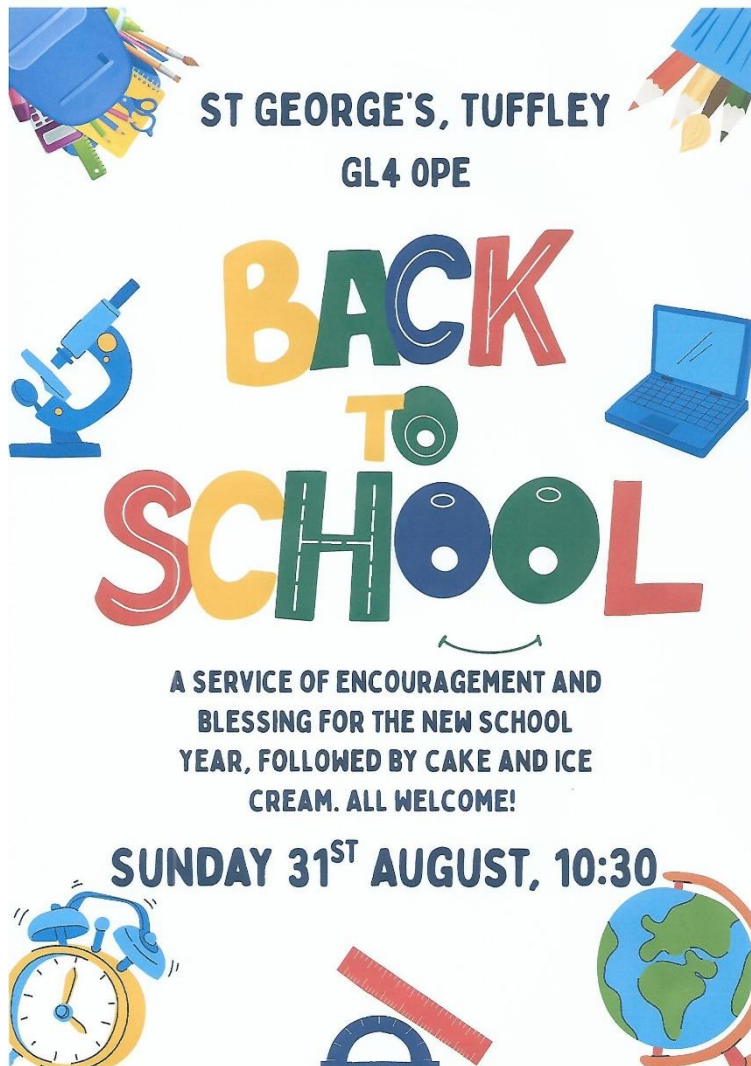
Each child a spark, each moment bright,
Together we restored the light.

To be part of this wonderland crew,
Is joy I'll carry all year through.

And though this year has reached its close,
Next summer waits like a blooming rose!

SYLVIA EVANS





ASPIRING TO HIGHER THINGS

As promised, here is a list of the tallest spires in Britain. You'll remember last month I was describing the wonderful church of St Walburge's, Preston, which has the third highest spire, just a few feet lower than Norwich Cathedral. Well, here are the top twenty. Please note this does not include the dome of St Paul's (365 feet), nor churches which have a tower, but no spire, such as the huge Anglican Cathedral at Liverpool (331 feet).

Of the top twenty, nine are mediaeval, or are rebuilds of mediaeval spires, and four are Roman Catholic churches.

Salisbury Cathedral	404 feet
Norwich Cathedral	315 feet
Preston, St Walburge RC	309 feet
Edinburgh, St Mary's Cathedral	295 feet
Louth, St James	293 feet
Coventry, Old Cathedral	290 feet

Grantham, St Wulfram	283 feet
Warrington, St Elphin	281 feet
Kensington, St Mary Abbots	278 feet
Chichester Cathedral	277 feet
Bristol, St Mary Redcliffe	274 feet
Londonderry, St Eugene's RC Cathedral	256 feet
Kilburn, St Augustine	253 feet
Lichfield Cathedral	252 feet
Truro Cathedral	249 feet
Wakefield Cathedral	247 feet
Hulme, St Mary	241 feet
Lancaster RC Cathedral	240 feet
Salford RC Cathedral	240 feet
Newark, St Mary Magdalene	236 feet

Several points....

- 1 Gloucestershire folk may note that, at a mere 186 feet, Tetbury spire does not feature, despite erroneous claims.
- 2 Just up the road from us, Painswick comes in at 174 feet.
- 3 Higher than both of those is the spire at St Gregory's RC church in Cheltenham, at 202 feet.
- 4 St Gregory's, like St Walburge's at Preston, was designed by Joseph Hansom, who also created the Hansom cab.
- 5 The last horse-drawn Hansom cab was in revenue-earning service as late as 1947.
- 6 That's enough trivia for today, JONATHAN.

Don't forget

Refresh

**on Tuesday 16th September will be at
St Barnabas Church at 7.30pm**

**Church in Tuffley Litter Pick 20th September
at 11.30am? from St Barnabas Church
(Please check meet up time)**



HARVEST SUPPER SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Bookings are now being taken for our Harvest supper, on Saturday October 11th, beginning at 6.30pm with a sherry reception. Tickets are £15.00 which includes a two-course meal (menu to be added next month) and coffee with mints. There will be a raffle and some form of entertainment. We hope you will support us. Any money raised, after expenses, will open the fundraising for the new heating system.

Kind regards
Helen & Sylvia



SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER - HARVEST FESTIVAL

9.00am St Margaret's

10.30am St George's

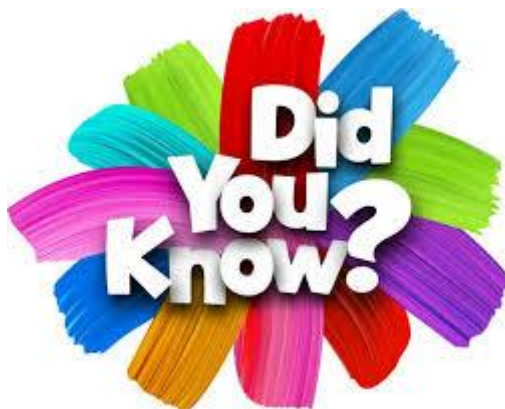
4.00pm Family Celebration at St Margaret's

More details will be available soon

ALL MY JOURNEY THROUGH returns...

On Sunday 26th October at 4.00pm in St George's

Hosted by Jonathan with Rachel being talked through her faith journey to God and ministry, punctuated by her favourite hymns and songs and music. Join Rachel and Jonathan for an insight to her very interesting life so far...



- 12th September 1908: Britain's first Women's Institute opened in Wales.
- 14th September 1752: The Gregorian calendar was adopted in Britain, causing a loss of 11 days.
- 15th September 1830: MP William Huskisson became the first rail fatality at the opening of the Liverpool Manchester Railway.
- 23rd September 1735: Sir Robert Walpole, Britain's first Prime Minister, moved into 10 Downing Street.
- 27th September 1825: The world's first public passenger rail service began, connecting Stockton and Darlington.
- September is unique in that it is both the ninth month and has nine letters.
- September is known for the Harvest Moon, the fullest moon of the year.

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**.

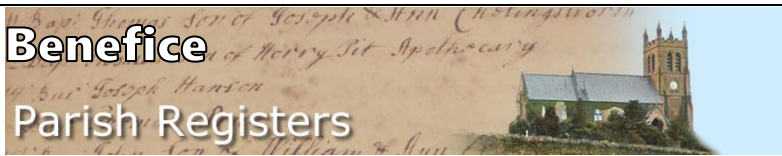
We did not meet in August, so our next meeting date will be 9th September when our speaker will be Kay Hesley she will be talking about Faith.

You are all welcome to join us on the 9th
in the small hall at St George's Centre.

GERALDINE

Benefice

Parish Registers



Baptism

Theo Brian Robert Leek

Elodie Mabel Jones

Wedding

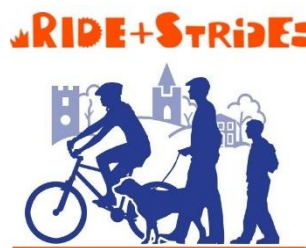
Adrian Malcolm Rowles and Heidi Louise Saunders

Jake Nicholas Parkman and Joelle Samantha James

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.

St Margaret's Church will be open as last year from 10.00am until 3.00pm; we're not planning refreshments, but the loo will be open of course.





GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for July

- 1 Speaking to the seventy Jesus said, "I am sending you out in the midst of ____". What is the missing word?
- 2 Jesus went on to instruct them, "Carry no purse, no ____, no sandals." What was the second item they were told not to carry?
- 3 After the seventy returned Jesus said, "I have given you authority to tread on ____ and ____". What were these creatures?
- 4 According to scripture who said to Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"
- 5 Having received Jesus' answer scripture reports, 'But wanting to ____ himself he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" '. What is the missing word?
- 6 Who welcomed Jesus into her home?
- 7 Scripture tells us the lady in question 6 was, 'distracted by her many tasks', so she came to Jesus and complained. Who was she complaining about?
- 8 One of Jesus' disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, as ____ taught his disciples. What word is missing?
- 9 In response Jesus said, "When you pray say Father". What is the next word Jesus spoke?
- 10 Jesus talked about Ask, Seek & Knock. He went on to say, "If your child asks for an egg, will you give a ____?" What wouldn't you give to the child?

The answers are printed later in Crossroads

***Check out September's Crossroads on our website,
to get the full colour version***



That to have your
OCTOBER 2025 CROSSROADS
ready for publication by **SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2025**

...ARTICLES NEED TO BE WITH THE EDITORS' PREFERABLY BY EMAIL
BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...
...Saturday 13th September 2025

Crossroads will be printed during week commencing 22nd September

Articles for Crossroads can be received by the editors at any time and will appear in the first Crossroads after receipt.

From Crossroads in September 1991

A Christian Aid article...

My popcorn runneth over

If, during your Harvest Festival service, the children offer you popcorn, you'll know that their leaders have been using Christian Aid's worship anthology; 'They shall not plant, and another eat!'

In India, at harvest time, the women cook Jaggery, a sweet brown substance produced from a kind of palm tree. When boiled, it bubbles over the top of the pot, and at this point the women shout, Pongalo Pongal – Ponguha Mangalamenken Ponguha,' which means 'Happy Harvest! Let love and good deeds overflow all over the world.'



The story of an Indian harvest is told in 'They shall not plant, and another eat.' Children and adults are invited to join in the celebration. Making Jaggery, would be difficult, but popcorn swells and overflows the pot in a similar way.

So let us celebrate a happy harvest and pray together that love and good deeds may overflow all over the world.

LAUGHLINES 1991

Back to school

A Vicar asked one of the boys in Sunday School, "When do you like school best?" *"Weekends, when I'm not there!" he replied.*

The same Vicar asked a little girl in Sunday School, "How do you like going to school?" She thought for a little while and then said, *"I like going to school, and the coming homes OK too, but it's the bit in between, I'm not so keen on!"*

Then he asked another boy what he had done at school recently. The boy said, *"Well I had to write a sentence for science homework about water, so I wrote, water is a colourless liquid that can be hot or cold and turns black when I put my hands in it."*

From George Lanning, Weymouth...

I once lived in a small village where the vicar began every service by thanking God for one of his many blessings. One Sunday, the weather was awful, gales, and torrential rain had fallen on us for hours. We wondered what the vicar would find to thank God for in such conditions. He climbed the steps, looked down from the pulpit on his small drenched and bedraggled congregation, and said, "Thank God the weather's not as bad as this every Sunday!!"

Also, from 1991...

The Editor writes... May I remind readers that if you have anything that you wish the parish to know about, then please tell the editors. This applies to individuals, groups, and sub-committees of the PCC. It is after all your Crossroads; the editors can only print what they are given.

ST GEORGE'S

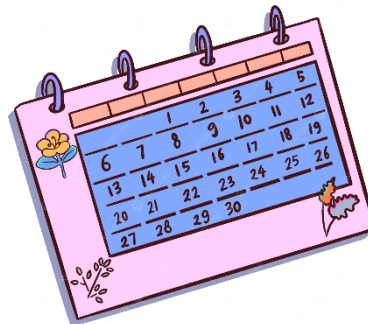


Sunday 14th September will be our next 100 Club Draw.

Would you please ensure that your fees are paid to your collector before the above 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 this month's draw and 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.



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING CREW
Saturday 6th SEPTEMBER from 10.00am onwards

We've had a break, and the Crew are raring to have a go at cleaning in St George's Church. Thank you to the Holiday Club team for cleaning up after your activities.

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!

S is for...

Simplicity according to Ruth Valerio in her book 'L is for Lifestyle.'

At first sight simplicity does not seem to be compatible with the complexity of everyday life in the present day and age. However, there is a saying 'Less is More,' although it sounds nonsensical initially, the more we think about it the truer it seems.

Life is about choices. If our lives feel overwhelming or far from simple perhaps, we need to ask ourselves the question, what choices have I made in the past which still control our present lifestyle?

The desire to live more simply may mean pressing the pause button more often and giving ourselves the time and space to consider, choose how we wish to live the rest of our lives and connect with God our creator in a more meaningful way.

Simple living is about being joyfully 'aware' of 'What we do,' 'Why, we do it,' and 'When we do it.' It is about reducing all the stuff, objects, and thoughts, which hinder our relations with God, others, the wider natural world, and our inner selves. Then there is hope of change, we hear God more clearly and align ourselves with His purposes more readily.

Our life values are often reflected by our use, or misuse, of time, perhaps our best way forward is to simply try to be more intentional in our use of time, looking for those 'natural breaks' which can become our pause and pray 'reset' spaces.

Richard J Foster, (Freedom of Simplicity: Finding Harmony in a Complex World. P8-9,14) advocates 10 principles of simplicity.

1. Buy things for their usefulness rather than their status.
2. Reject anything that is producing an addiction in you.
3. Develop the habit of giving things away.
4. Refuse to be propagandised by the custodians of modern gadgetry.
5. Learn to enjoy things without owning them.
6. Develop a deeper appreciation of the natural world.
7. Look with healthy scepticism at all 'buy now-pay later' schemes.
8. Obey Jesus' instructions about plain, honest speech. (Matthew 5:37)
9. Reject anything that breeds the oppression of others.
10. Shun anything that distracts you from seeking First the kingdom of God.

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: - Church Cleaning Crew, cleaning windows and frames, Tesco Blue Tokens, Secretary to the joint PCC, October Pet Service, Harvest Festival weekend. 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



Come along to **COFFEE POT** in the small hall on a Tuesday at 9.30pm
Tea/Coffee and a light breakfast, and plenty of chat!
What more would you want?

SEPTEMBER



- 1 Which British boxer became WBC World heavyweight champion in September 1995?
- 2 Which former US President died in April 1994?
- 3 Which unpopular tax was introduced in England and Wales in April 1990?
- 4 On what fictional island was the 1995 TV sit-com Father Ted set?
- 5 What was formally established when the Maastricht Treaty came into force in 1993?
- 6 Who succeeded Terry Venables as manager of the England national football team?
- 7 What was the name of the arcade game introduced by Sega in 1991 and still going strong today?
- 8 With which band did Justin Timberlake find fame in 1998?
- 9 Who did Shane Warne bowl out with the so-called "Ball of the Century" in June 1993?
- 10 Who at age 52 in 1999, became the oldest female to top the US charts?
- 11 Which supermarket group opened its first shop in the UK in Birmingham in April 1990?
- 12 What became legal for the first time in the Republic of Ireland in February 1997?
- 13 Created by Richard Curtis, which BBC sit-com starring Dawn French made its debut in November 1994?
- 14 Who scored both goals as Manchester United won the European Cup Winners Cup in 1991?
- 15 Which boy band announced their split in February 1996?
- 16 Who became the 42nd President of the USA in January 1993?
- 17 In winning his 26th Grand Prix in 1992, who became Britain's most successful racing driver?
- 18 Reflecting the day it was signed in 1998, what name is the Belfast Agreement often known by?
- 19 Known as "The Great One", which ice hockey player retire in 1999?
- 20 Guitarist Richey Edwards' car was found at the Severn Bridge in 1995 after he had gone missing two weeks earlier, of what rock band was he a member?

The quiz answers are printed later in Crossroads





ALGEBRAIC TERMS



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

Algebra, Binomial, Constant, Cubic, Degree, Equation, Linear, Monomial, Polynomial, Quadratic, Root, Trinomial, Variable, Zero.

The answer is printed later in Crossroads



JOTTINGS

From St Margaret's



Well here we are again folks, it's me that moaning Minnie that does the cleaning at St Margaret's Church, Whaddon with her best mates Marilyn and Dianne.

We will be doing some extra cleaning this week because we will be having a wedding on the 26th July, we must wish this couple all the very best as they are an older couple but we wish them all the luck in the world, may they have a very long and happy life together, best wishes are sent from everyone at St Margaret's.

On the 24th July we will be having our Teddy Bear Zip Wire event again in our churchyard. Last time my two teddies went down the zip wire, they almost fainted and told me never again. It was too high up and it was a long way to zip. I've never heard it said quite like that before but who am I to say any different. This year both Margaret and I will not be able to attend as Margaret has hospital appointments and other appointments on that day so we will be sending lots of love to all those teddies and dollies who will be very brave and going down the zip wire all by themselves.

When we do our cleaning we do still see people who like to come in and say hello, we never discourage them as we like to let them see the inside of our church and how much effort goes into the cleaning of our little church. She may be small but like the titanic you only see half of the job, the cleaning still goes on no matter what. Well my friends that's about all for now so until next time take care of yourselves and stay safe. I now have my cat walking all over my pad so.....

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



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Hi, Maya where are you going? I don't know Trixie, I just feel like having a meander around as I haven't seen Harry for absolutely ages and I thought that I would meander round to his place. Can I come Maya? Can I please, pretty please? Well, you've got to behave yourself and don't keep trying to but in when I'm talking to Harry. I won't Maya honest I won't. Are we off then? Yes, come on and don't forget we will have Rosie, the two gingers and Yasmin. Oh, I thought that Yasmin was confined to quarters after that last little escapade. You mean the one that you said she was on the roof and couldn't get down? Yes, I mean that one Trixie, you baited her to do it and then laughed your head off when she couldn't get down. So, you sent me up to rescue her. Maya, I didn't mean her to stay on the roof, but you must admit it was funny, and Harry didn't half laugh when we told him. I know Trixie, but I felt awful for her, it took me ages to convince her that it was all your doing and not mine. Oh, Maya don't be mad at me, let's just get over to Harry's and have a good catch up.

Hi Ya Rosie, how you doing? You going over to Harry's place same as me and Maya? Yes, Trixie I am as I thought that I would try to cheer him up a bit. I thought that too, Trixie, he's a lot brighter today, better than last week anyway. I think he misses Yasmin, you know that her mum stopped her from seeing him, what with her stuck up on their roof she nearly had a fit, good job you were there for her Maya, or she would have been still up there to this day. Never mind Rosie just as long as she's ok now. Look here comes the lady in question, how you doing Yasmin? I'm just fine Maya, no thanks to that sister of yours!! She didn't mean it though Yas; she just thought that you could find you way off the roof by yourself. It's a long way down, how I managed to get on the roof I will never know but thank you for helping to get me down. I have never been so scared in my life. I'm just glad that Harry is still speaking to me and isn't wanting me to do anything like that again. Oh, come on Yas, it was a bit of fun, and you found that you could get down on your own, you just needed a bit of encouragement. I know that now Maya, so let's get to Harry's place and do a bit of cheering up. Yes, let's do that, come on Trixie say cheerio to our friends.

Oh, ok, tata people see you next time and stay cool and safe, the same goes for me as well until next time bye for now and lots of love.

from
MAYA AND TRIXIE PONTER



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hello, it's your friendly feline here. How is everyone after all the heat? I'm always glad when it is so much cooler. I must say though, I like being outside doing my own thing! I don't like it when it rains though. I hate getting my fur wet and my feet wet.

My mum and Auntie Jill have been talking and mentioning that place of torture, you know where they stick sharp things in you and poke where you don't want to be poked and then try cutting your toes off. I try to hide but it's no good. I still get shoved into the box. At least I have company because Maya and Trixie have to go too. When it's all over I can't wait to be back in the safety of my box. I breathe a sigh of relief I can tell you. When I'm home I have a few biscuits and then have a little nap. I don't speak to my mum, I just turn my back on her to let her know just how upset I am. Oh well, never mind eh! Things could be worse I suppose but right now I'll just make hay while the sun shines. It's nice outside and I can hide under a bush if it is too hot. My mum asks me if I want my fur coat taken off. Of course I don't. Of all the stupid things to say. Maybe it's just a joke because she is smiling when she says it. It could be this hot weather and it is addled her brain, well if she had one in the first place.

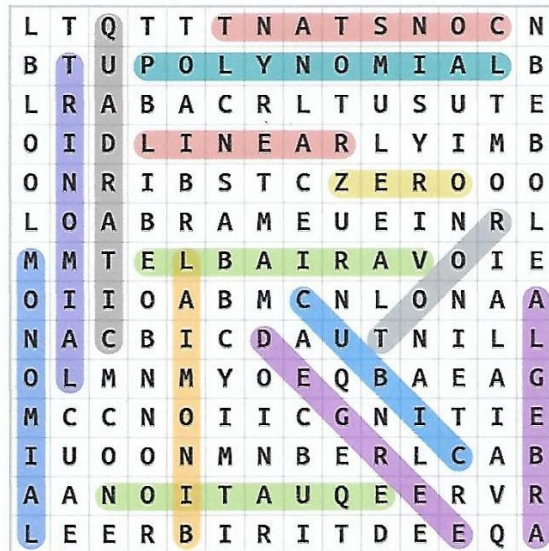
You should hear my mum and Auntie Jill; they laugh at anything funny. I don't know what they are laughing at but then simple things please simple minds.

I hope we have some rain soon because this humid weather is getting to me. I have got that I don't know whether I'm coming or going. Still, it can't last

forever. Mind you I don't like it when it rains. Well, I get my fur wet, and it looks spikey. I shouldn't grumble really, at least I can stay dry and comfy indoors, preferable on my mum's lap or the settee where I belong.

This is all for now, my paw aches, bye for now...
JoJo Whittle

ALGEBRAIC TERMS WORDSEARCH ANSWER



SEPTEMBER QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Frank Bruno: 2 Richard Nixon: 3 The Community Charge (Poll Tax): 4 Craggy Island: 5 The European Union: 6 Glenn Hoddle: 7 Sonic the Hedgehog: 8 NSYNC: 9 Mike Gatting: 10 Cher: 11 Aldi: 12 Divorce: 13 The Vicar of Dibley: 14 Mark Hughes: 15 Take That: 16 Bill Clinton: 17 Nigel Mansell: 18 The Good Friday Agreement: 19 Wayne Gretzky: 20 Manic Street Preachers:

SEPTEMBER GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Wolves: 2 bag: 3 Snakes and Scorpions: 4 A Lawyer: 5 justify: 6 Martha: 7 Mary her sister: 8 John: 9 hallowed: 10 a scorpion:



AUGUST

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
		Incorporating our Back-to-School service
	4.00pm	IGBO Meeting in small hall

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
		No Clubbercise tonight
	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
Monday 8	5.00pm	Evensong at Parish Church of St Margaret
	10.30am	Say Aphasia small hall
	5.00pm	Brownies main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	6.00pm	Rainbows in small hall
	7.15pm	Guides in main hall
Tuesday 9	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Communion in St George's Lady Chapel
	1.30pm	Safeguarding Training in Lady Chapel
	2.30pm	Mother's Union in small hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers in main hall
	7.00pm	Joint PCC Meeting in small hall
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 10	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
Thursday 11	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 12	7.30pm	G.A.G.S. in main hall
Saturday 13		October Crossroads deadline Ride and Stride taking place St Margaret's open
Sunday 14	10.00am	Karate in main hall
		St George's 100 Club Draw
	9.00am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret
	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St George
	3.00pm	Private Booking in main hall
Monday 15	5.00pm	Evensong at Parish Church of St Margaret
	5.00pm	Brownies in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

	6.00pm	Rainbows in small hall
	7.15pm	Guides in main hall
	7.15pm	Youth Group in small hall
Tuesday 16	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Communion in St George's Lady Chapel
	1.30pm	Fun & Free in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers in main hall
	7.00pm	Safeguarding Training in St George's Lady Chapel
	7.00pm	Communications Group meeting in the Vicarage
	7.30pm	Refresh at St Barnabas Church
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 17	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
Thursday 18	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 19		
Saturday 20	10.00am	Karate in main hall
	11.30am	Litter Pick starting from St Barnabas Church
Sunday 21	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St George
	5.00pm	Evensong at Parish Church of St Margaret
Monday 22	10.30am	Say Aphasia in small hall
	5.00pm	Brownies in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	6.00pm	Rainbows in small hall
	7.15pm	Guides in main hall
	7.15pm	Youth Group in small hall
Tuesday 23		October Crossroads to be printed
	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Communion in St George's Lady Chapel
	1.30pm	Fun & Free in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers in main hall
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall

Wednesday 24	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
Thursday 25	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 26		
Saturday 27	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 28		October Crossroads available this morning
	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 29	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	6.00pm	Rainbows in small hall
	7.15pm	Guides in main hall
	7.15pm	Youth Group in small hall
Tuesday 30	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Communion in St George's Lady Chapel
	1.30pm	Fun & Free in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers in main hall
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall

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Wednesday 1	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	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 2	10.30am	Thursday Club in small hall
	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St Margaret
	2.00pm	Art Group in main 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 3		
Saturday 4	10.00am	Karate in main hall

Sunday 5	10.00am	St George's Church Cleaning Crew
	10.30am	Communion at Parish Church of St George
	3.00pm	Celebrating our Pets at St George's
	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. Please see poster in this September's Crossroads and come along and join us.

Harvest Festival weekend: 11th/12th October across the Benefice, Harvest Supper Saturday 11th October at St George's. Please see Sylvia's article earlier in this Crossroads. There will be more information to come!

Sunday 12th October - Harvest Festival: 9.00am at St Margaret's, 10.30am at St George's, and 4.00pm Family Celebration at St Margaret's. Information regarding the charity the Benefice is supporting from Harvest donations will be made clear soon!

Sunday 26th October at 4.00pm All My Journey Through returns at St George's. Please read the short article in this month's Crossroads.

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.

**The Church of England
Advent and Christmas theme for 2025 is: -
THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS**



A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

Jack was in his local with some friends when a polar bear walks in and asks for a pint of beer at the bar. The barman says, "That'll be £17, please." The polar bear pays and takes a seat at the table next to Jack and his mates. Jack looks at the polar bear and says, "This is exciting, we don't get many polar bears in here!" To which the polar bear replies, "I'm not surprised with beer at £17 a pint."

Jack says to his friend: "Jill fainted whilst riding The London Eye yesterday. I just didn't know what to do." The operator said to me, "Don't worry, she's slowly coming round."

Jill was talking to the baker in the High Street when a duck walked into the Bakery. "Didn't you come in here yesterday morning," the baker said to the duck. "You asked for a pork chop! And I said that we weren't a butcher; we didn't sell meat here, and you left." "That's correct," said the duck. "Then you came back in the afternoon and asked the same question, and I said no, we are not a butcher and if you come here again, I will nail your feet to the floor; and here you are AGAIN" The duck asked, "Have you any nails?" The baker replied, "No." And the duck said, "Well, I'll have two pork chops then."

Jill's daughter Joy was complaining to her mother that her stomach hurt. Jill replied, "That's because it's empty. Maybe you should try putting something in it." The next day, the Vicar was over at Jack and Jill's family home for lunch. The Vicar mentioned that his head hurt, to which little Joy immediately replied, "That's because it's empty. Maybe you should try putting something in it."

Jack and Jill went for a walk in the park; they sat down on a bench to listen to the birds for a while. Soon they overhear voices coming from a secluded spot nearby. Suddenly, Jill realises that a young man was about to propose to his girlfriend. Not wanting to be eavesdropping during such an intimate moment, Jill gently nudges Jack and whispers, "Whistle, to let that young couple know that someone can hear them." To which Jack replied, "Whistle? Why should I whistle? Nobody whistled to warn me?"

Jack was at his local for Quiz Nite, it was the individual "Science & Nature" question round and Jack was asked. "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?" He thought for a while, and then asked the question master, "Is the vacuum on or off."

