

Proclamation

February 2026



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Parish Announcements

Update

On-line Service - Monday to Friday at 8 am

Church Service at Streatley – Sunday at 9.30 am

Church Service at Parish Centre – Sunday at 11.15 am

Parish Centre Service – Wednesday 10.15 am

Private prayer – by arrangement only

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Dear Friends

As I wrote in the last 'proclamation', I will shortly be leaving for pastures new and therefore this will be my last 'from the vicarage' entry. My heart is full with gratitude for the past six years in the Parish of St Margaret's and I thank you all.

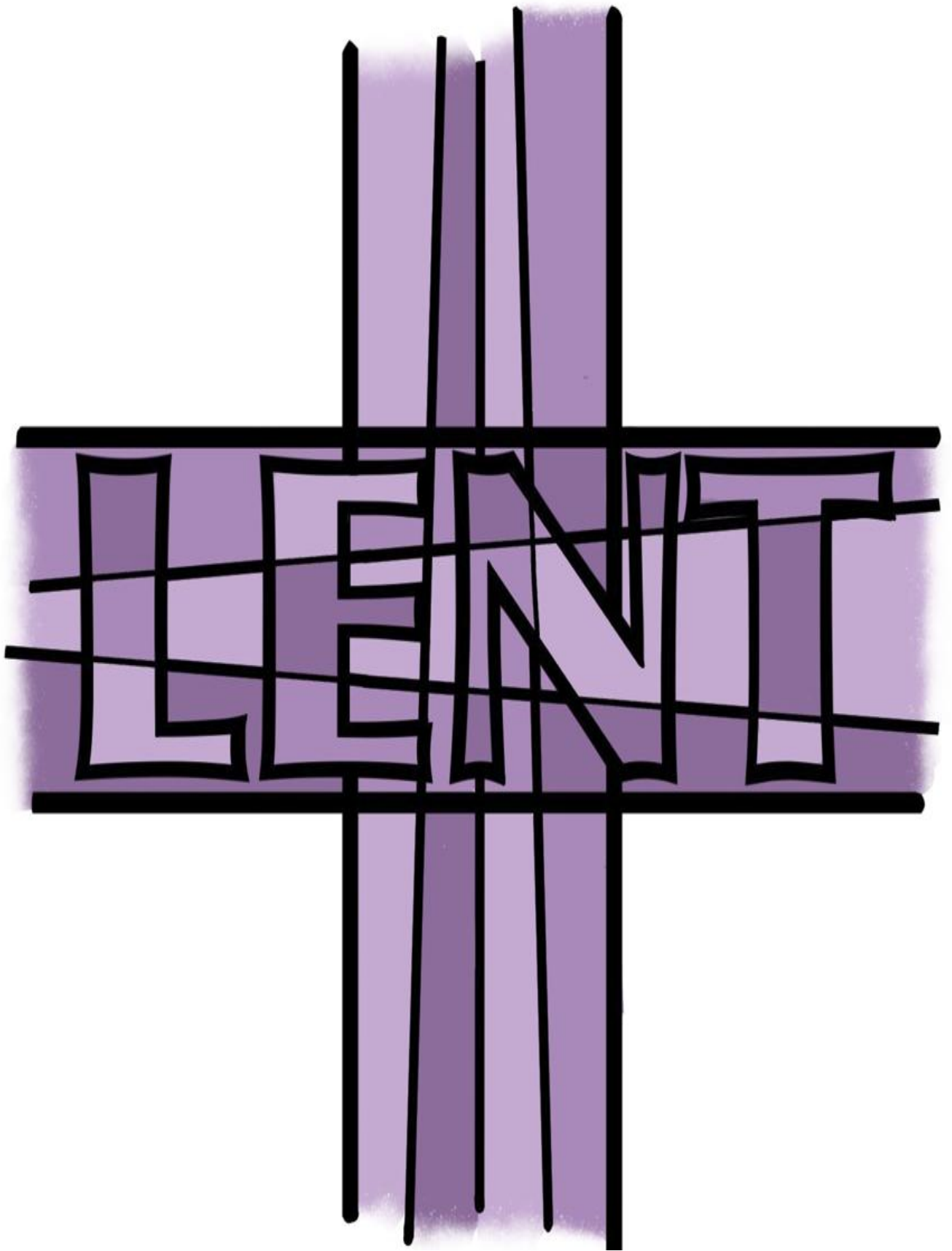
Being the vicar of Streatley and also the Chaplain at Keech has been an amazing honour, sharing as I have in people's joys, sorrows and everything in-between.

We've sung and danced, laughed and cried, and together we've moved a million chairs in the parish centre. And I've been genuinely moved by some of the kind words I have received since I made this announcement.

But now dear friends it's time to go and I wish you all the very best. May God's light continue to shine brightly through you all.

With much love and blessing.

Revd Nigel



St Margaret's Church, Streatley



From the Registers

Funerals

8th January. 11am Veronica Guiney. @ St Margaret's church

21st January. 10.30 Shirley Weedon @ St Margaret's church

27th January. 11am Linda Tucker @ the Vale

To celebrate or commemorate a special occasion, please contact Pam Hooker by 1st of the previous month, via email Pam.norm1@gmail.com Sponsorship £5 per week.

Altar Sponsorship

Would you like to sponsor flowers for the Altar pedestal to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, wedding, anniversary, christening, or any other celebration or may be in memory of a loved one? There is a record of sponsorship in a book on the chest in the Cross Aisle in Church and as a token of thanks you will receive a commemorative card with a photograph. If you are interested, please contact Brenda on 01582 575 620 who will be happy to discuss your needs.

FEBRUARY 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

February 2026 Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
9.30 Parish Communion at St Margaret's	8.00 O/L Morning Prayer	8.00 O/L Morning Prayer	8.00 O/L Morning Prayer	8.00 O/L Morning Prayer	8.00 O/L Morning Prayer	
11.15 Informal Parish Communion at the Parish Centre	13.00-17.00 Vicar at Keech	9.00-14.00 Vicar at Keech	10.15 Parish Centre Communion	9.00-14.00 Vicar @Keech Coffee Morning at the Parish Centre		
12.00 Home communion visits		2.00-4.00 Keech Buddies	12.00 Talking Elephants 14.30 Barton Lodge Visit			
8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th
9.30 Parish Communion at St Margaret's	8.00 O/L Morning Prayer	8.00 O/L Morning Prayer	8.00 O/L Morning Prayer	8.00 O/L Morning Prayer	8.00 O/L Morning Prayer	Happy Saint Valentines day
11.15 Informal Parish Communion at the Parish Centre	13.00-17.00 Vicar at Keech	9.00-14.00 Vicar at Keech	10.15 Parish Centre Communion	9.00-14.00 Vicar @Keech Coffee Morning at the Parish Centre Compline	Church Choir Practice	
12.00 Home communion visits		2.00-4.00 Warblers and Wobblers				

15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
9.30 Parish Communion at St Margaret's			10.15 Parish Centre Communion	Coffee Morning at the Parish Centre	Church Choir Practice	
11.15 Informal Parish Communion at the Parish Centre			11.30 Disharmony Choir practice	Compline		
VICARS LAST DAY						
22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
9.30 Parish Communion at St Margaret's			10.15 Parish Centre Communion	Coffee Morning at the Parish Centre	Church Choir Practice	
11.15 Informal Parish Communion at the Parish Centre			11.30 Disharmony Choir practice	14.00-16.00 Monthly Food Bank collection at the Parish Centre		

The Services at St Margaret's – Are you on Duty?		
1st February	09.30	Parish Communion
4th after Epiphany	Reader	Ray Harrison
	Sidesperson	Tony Bains
	Intercessions	Paul Ingram
	Coffee	Judy Seymour, Maureen Ingram
	Cleaning	Jean Kain, Pat Wren, Jenny Armstrong
8th February	09.30	Parish Communion
2nd Sunday before Lent	Reader	Jan Williams
	Sidesperson	Rod Giles
	Intercessions	Nigel Richards
	Coffee	Carol Hodges, Wendy Dyer
15th February	09.30	Parish Communion
Sunday next before Lent	Reader	Alan Williams
	Sidesperson	Ray Harrison
	Intercessions	Teresa Dales
	Coffee	Val Blewitt, Linda Stephenson, Jan Williams
22nd February	09.30	Parish Communion
Lent 1	Reader	Brenda Daniells
	Sidesperson	Richard Daniells
	Intercession	Dorothy Iszatt
	Coffee	Janet Giles, Beryl Gold
	Cleaning	Carol Hodges, Wendy Dyer, Ray Harrison
	Laundry	Pat Wren

Shirley Ann Weedon

17th August 1935 - 21 December 2025

It is with great sadness that the Weedon Family announce the passing of Shirley.

A vibrant member of the church community for many years and a true friend to many, she will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Shirley's funeral is on 21st January 2026, 10.30 am in St. Margaret's Church, Streatley, then afterwards at Putteridge Bury

In Our Hearts

We thought of you today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
Now all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.



First “A Little Bit O’This...” then “And A Little Bit More”; and now a collection of thoughts entirely of a spritual theme - Just “Him and Me..” is now available!

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A poster for a farewell party. At the top, a string of Welsh flag bunting (green and white squares with a red dragon) hangs across the frame. Below the bunting, on the left, is a portrait of a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit, holding a small, scruffy dog. The background of the poster is a solid reddish-brown color. On the right side, the text 'REV'D NIGEL'S' is written in a large, green, arched font. Below this, a black oval with white laces contains the text 'FAREWELL PARTY' in white. Further down, the date and time are listed: 'Sunday 15 February 2026' and 'Parish Centre at 3pm'. Below that, it says 'Hot and Cold Buffet'. Then, 'RSVP' is written in green, followed by 'For Health and Safety Compliance only those with a ticket will be allowed entry.' in green. At the bottom right, it says 'Please contact Julia or Wendy to reserve a space/s' in green.

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FAREWELL PARTY

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Parish Centre at 3pm

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CHURCHWARDENS' NEWS

A resolution to the ongoing electrical problem at church has not been found. There is no consistency to when the fuse is tripped and it cannot be triggered during testing. Our electrician has been very patient and attended the church several times and provided with almost daily instruction but to no avail.

The allotment lease agreement will be distributed to all tenants in the next week or two and will have been received by all tenants before the magazine goes to print. The tenants have been notified of our intention which was received with positive feedback, This was announced at the pre-Christmas get together at the Chequers where several members gathered for a drink and/or a bite to eat.

The specification sheets have been prepared by our architect for the repairs reported in the Quinquennial Report. These have been presented to the DAC for approval or tweaking. They have also been sent to three different contractors requesting quotes be submitted.

Due to sickness of different church members, help to carry out church duties is needed. If you are interested in getting further involved in the church, please contact us to register an interest for training.

As always, if you want to receive a copy of Sunday's weekly service sheet into your in box every week, please send Wendy your email address at gigels47@hotmail.com .

Julia and Wendy

Hymn of the Month: February

**Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine in the darkness
by Bernadette Farrell.**

An appropriate hymn for Candlemas (February 2nd) is a relatively modern hymn, not in our hymn book, and taken from the Catholic repertoire.

“Longing for light we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth, we turn to you,
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.”

The hymn summarizes the problems we are all aware of in our world.

“Longing for peace, our world is troubled”

We all continue to pray for areas of war and those living in devastated areas where seemingly there is no end to conflict and strife.

“Longing for food many are hungry”

The need is immense and we can do our bit in village supermarket and Church food collections.

“Longing for shelter many are homeless”

There are hundreds of displaced people seeking refuge. May our Church show warmth and hospitality to any who visit us. Many people need our prayers.

“Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong”

We all have something to offer to others,

“let us be servants, one to another”.

As we progress into the new year, we ask that

“Christ be our light, shine in our hearts
Shine in our Church gathered today.”

Barbara Donaldson.



Christmas Flowers at St Margaret's Church, Streatley - December 2025

Thank you to all our lovely creative flower
arrangers who helped to make
Christmas in our beautiful church such a
colourful and happy occasion.

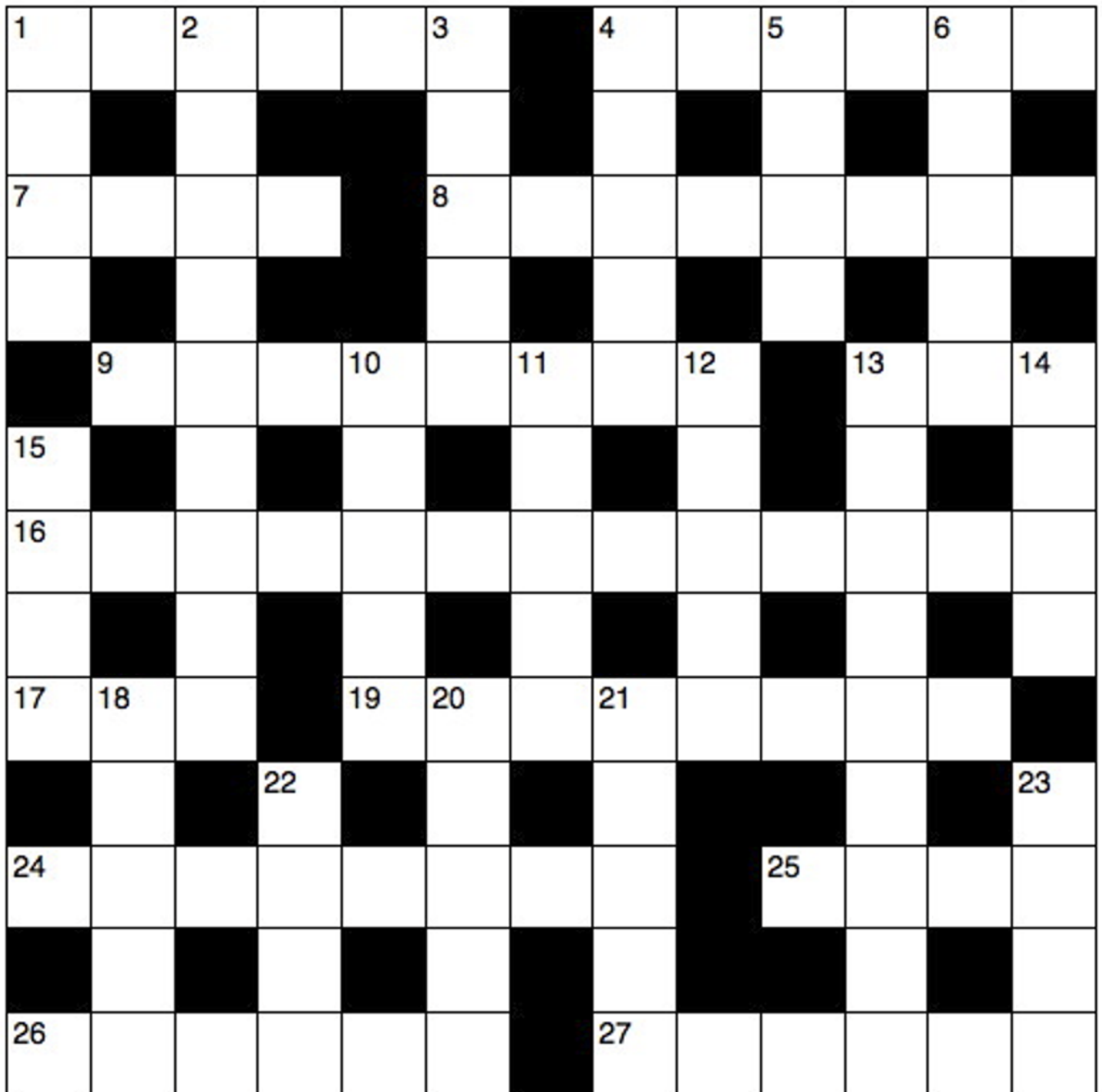
Your support is so appreciated by all who join in our celebrations.



Wishing you
and all those you
love, peace, good
health, happiness
and prosperity for
2026



CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)
- 4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)
- 7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)
- 8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)
- 9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)
- 13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)

- 16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)
- 17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)
- 19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1–2) (5,3)
- 24 Simon had (anag.) (8)
- 25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)
- 26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)
- 27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Down

- 1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)
- 2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)
- 3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)
- 4 Belief (5)
- 5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)
- 6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)
- 10 A seer (anag.) (5)
- 11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)
- 12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)
- 13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)
- 14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of
- 16 Across, — and Dolls (4)
- 15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)
- 18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)
- 20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)
- 21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)
- 22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)
- 23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

LAUNDRY ROTA – 2026

Unfortunately, as several ladies are no longer able to do the laundry, I have decided that as there is so little dirty washing these days to allocate 2 turns a year to those still able to do so. If however, there should be lots then I am happy to share the load Judy - 01582 883308

I am currently looking for somebody to replace Jean for March and September - if anyone can offer to do this I would be very grateful.

January	and	July	Beryl Gold
February	and	August	Pat Wren
March	and	September	
April	and	October	Judy Seymour
May	and	November	Carol Hodges
June	and	December	Maureen Ingram

Many thanks to you all and to all those who have previously done laundry for the church. Your efforts are most appreciated.



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ST. MARGARET'S LADIES GUILD

JANUARY 2026

Unfortunately due to the predicted heavy rain and wind forecast locally for 2 pm today 8th January it was decided to cancel this afternoon's meeting. This is the first time we have had to cancel a January meeting since we introduced it several years ago. I am sorry if many were looking forward to this afternoon's talk - India part 2 - but the speaker has said he will be willing to come later.

Sadly, for those who don't know, Shirley Weedon, a long-time member of the Mothers' Union and Ladies' Guild passed away on 21st December. Shirley was an extremely active member of the Guild and for many years was involved in organising the entertainment for the Ladies' Guild Christmas Party, something she and fellow committee members thoroughly enjoyed. She had great fun sorting out and making costumes. We have really missed her input recently and thank her so much for all the fun and pleasure she gave to many!

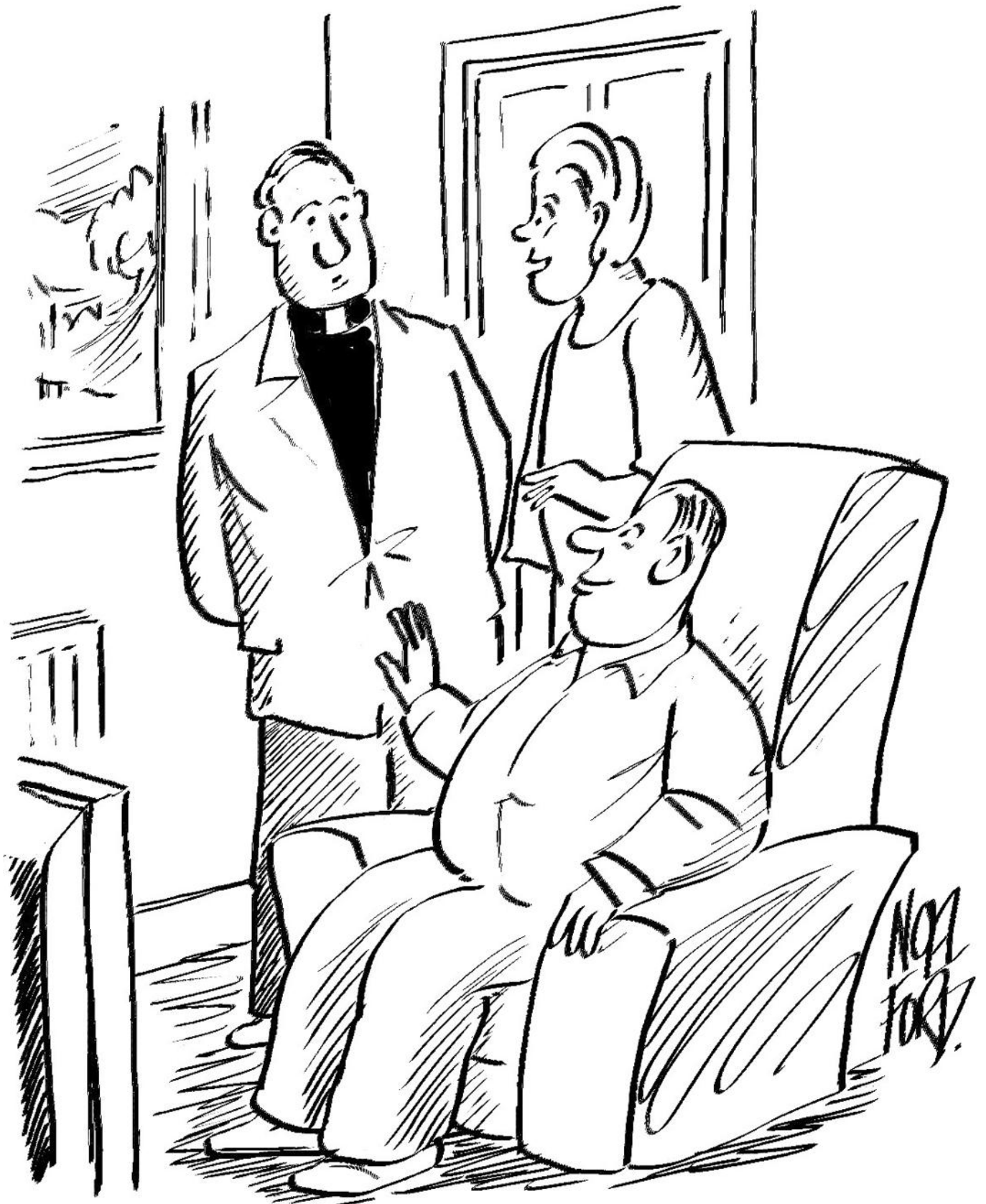
Shirley Thank you and God Bless you. RIP

REMINDER for FEBRUARY meeting - Annual Subs now due £22

If possible, the speaker has asked that we bring along a soft toy

A BELATED – HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Judy - Chair



Henry is making a real effort for Lent –
he's giving up the remote control and
walking to the TV

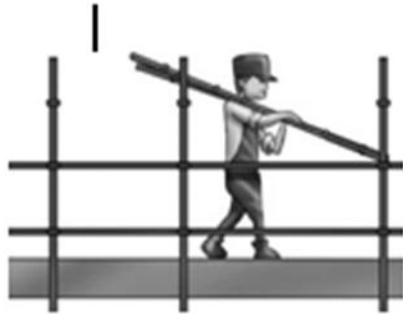
ST MARGARET'S LADIES' GUILD PROGRAMME

2026

12 th February	Linda Stephenson - Puppets
12 th March	Gerard McMahon - Mary's Meals
9 th April	Isabelle Dudley - Three Star Coaches
14 th May	AGM from 3 pm Armchair exercises with Hannah
11 th June	Howard Chandler - Leagrave
9 th July	Afternoon tea, followed by quilting demonstration
13 th August	Bill Hamilton - good news/bad news

New members always welcome. Please contact Judy on 01582 883308 or any Committee member - Maureen Ingram, Kathy Rutherford, Barbara Pattenden, Pat Wren or Anne Beard

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I would be grateful to receive contributions, where possible, in Word.

Thanks, Cathy Aizlewood

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