

CROSSROADS

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



DRAW NEAR

**LIFE-GIVING
HABITS FOR LENT**

ST GEORGE'S

Sunday	Parish Eucharist at 10.30am
Monday	Evening Prayer on Zoom at 5.00pm
Tuesday	Parish Eucharist 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	Evensong at 5.00pm
2nd Sunday	Parish Eucharist at 9.00am
3rd Sunday	Evensong at 5.00pm
4th Sunday	Parish Eucharist at 9.00am
5th Sunday	Parish Eucharist at 9.00am
Thursday	Parish Eucharist at 10.30am

MARCH 2026

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RACHEL OUR VICAR WRITES...

Should we be more like donkeys?

What a strange question, I hear you ask!

When thinking about the parable of the Good Samaritan with children, sometimes we ask, 'which character in the story would you like to be?' I was surprised when a child said, "I want to be the donkey". When we go in as the Open the Book Team to schools, this can be because they want to put the donkey costume on, but this answer came after the costumes had been allocated! When we asked the child, why, they said because without the donkey, the Good Samaritan wouldn't have been able to get the injured man to the inn. The donkey was really helpful by being who they were, and that's what they wanted to be too! How profound in simplicity... "Out of the mouths of babes" as the saying goes.



Indeed, donkeys are important in the Bible – appearing more than 150 times! Most notably there is the donkey who speaks truth and wisdom to Balaam (Numbers 22:21-34), the many donkeys that offer essential transport to people on important journeys, such as Abraham (Genesis 22), Moses (Exodus 4), and Abigail (1 Samuel 25), and then of course the donkeys featured in the Gospel. Whilst there is no explicit mention of a donkey in the Nativity account, it is thought most likely that there would have been a donkey with Joseph and Mary on the journey to Bethlehem. Whether Mary rode this donkey or not seems to be up for debate, but no doubt the donkey was used to carry clothing and essentials.

There is explicit mention of the donkey used by Jesus to enter Jerusalem in all four of the Gospel accounts (Matthew 21, Mark 11,

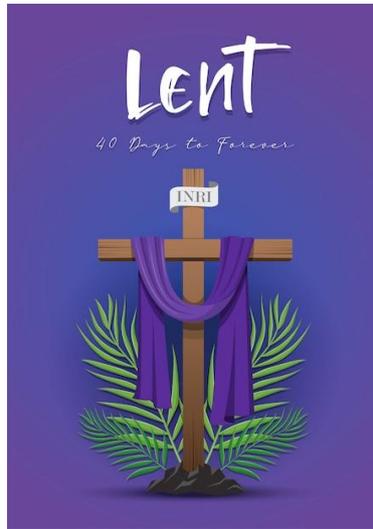
Luke 19, John 12). Jesus deliberately chose this animal rather than a horse, as was prophesied would happen (Zechariah 9). Why? The horse was associated with war, conquest and worldly might, whereas the donkey was a symbol of peace, humility and service. Jesus was showing the people then and us today, what sort of King and Messiah he is – not one that comes with worldly force and might, with wealth and privilege, but one that comes in humility and service, bringing peace and compassion. The donkey that Jesus rode in on, is essential to the story, just like the one in Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, in bringing Jesus' message of love, peace and hope to the world.

May we too be humble messengers of Jesus' love, peace and hope, as we go about our everyday lives. Not trying to bring glory and praise to ourselves, or to be seen as important or wealthy, but to be living out Jesus' message of love, peace and hope, and pointing to him as our King and Messiah.

With every blessing to you all,
RACHEL

To remind ourselves of the place of the donkey, we will once again be joined by a donkey (Daphne or Denzil!) from Stroud Mini Farm on Palm Sunday (29th March) for our Church in Tuffley walk of joyful witness. We will begin in English Martyrs car park around 10.00am, walk to Grange Baptist Church, and then onto St George's – waving our palms and singing Hosanna! Hopefully at St George's, we will then have an outdoor Easter play led by children from Harewood Junior (where Gioia and I are currently leading a Drama Club). Please do put this date in your diary and come along if you possible can. There were well over 100 of us there last year!

To enable as many of us as possible to take part in this walk of witness, there will not be a 9.00am Eucharist at St Margaret's on 29th March, but there will be a 5.00pm Eucharist instead.



ANOTHER STORY MUST BEGIN

a Lent Course based on Les Miserables

Our Lent Group using the film version of Les Miserables will take place on Wednesday 25th February 4th, 11th, and 18th March from 7.00pm until 8.30pm at the Vicarage and repeated on Thursday 26th February 5th, 12th, and 19th March from 2.00pm until 3.30pm in our Lady Chapel.

EXPLORING LENT AND PASSION WEEK

through art and music

These sessions will take place on Wednesday 25th March and Wednesday 1st April from 7.00pm until 8.30pm at the Vicarage and repeated on Thursday 26th March and Thursday 2nd April from 2.00pm until 3.30pm in our Lady Chapel.

Please speak to Rachel and/or Gioia for more information about either of these thought-provoking events.





**Our time of contemplation and prayer in the presence of the blessed sacrament at St George's has restarted...
...on Sunday 22nd February at 3.00pm in our Lady Chapel,
and will continue on Wednesday 25th March at 7.00pm,
and also, on Sunday 24th May at 3.00pm**
Find out more from Rachel and Gioia

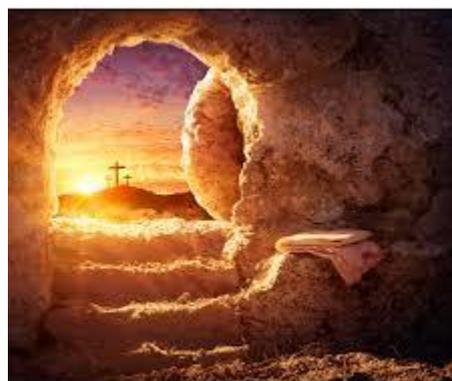
JANUARY/FEBRUARY's REGISTER ENTRIES

Baptism
Raeleigh Jade Douglas



Sunday 15th March

"Thank you for teaching me to walk in faith and love.
Happy Mothering Sunday."



EASTER 2026

Palm Sunday 29th March

Walk of Witness from English Martyrs via Grange Baptist to St George's where there will be an Easter Play by Harewood Junior School children.

There will be a joint Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's at 5.00pm on this day.

Stations of the Cross Wednesday 1st April

Our yearly Stations of the Cross will take place at St George's Church at 7.00pm

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

There will be a joint Parish Eucharist at St George's at 7.00pm

Good Friday 3rd April

Easter Eve Saturday 4th April

Our annual Easter Eve Vigil service will take place at St Margaret's at 8.00pm

Easter Day Sunday 5th April

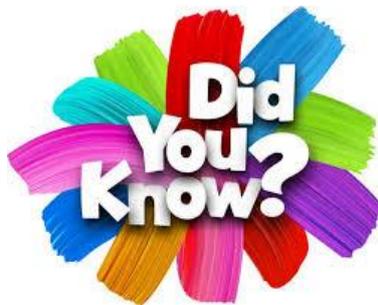
Our Benefice Easter Eucharist will be at St George's Church at 10.30am. With a service of Family Praise for Easter at St Margaret's Church starting at 4.00pm

There will be additions to the above list, in due course, please keep your ears and eyes open for announcements from the clergy team either following a service or through Signpost and April's Crossroads.

LOST AND FOUND

I'm still trying to discover the owner of a patterned gold ring dropped in St George's Church towards the end of 2025. I found one a little while ago during cleaning and had assumed that it was a member of the choir that I sing with had lost it, but no!

So, if you have any knowledge about this ring, please speak to Darrell.



The word 'March' comes from the Roman 'Martius.' This was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after Mars, the god of war. March used to be the first month of the year

March was the beginning of our calendar year. We changed to the 'New Style' or 'Gregorian calendar in 1752, and it is only since then when that each year began on 1st January.

The Anglo-Saxons called the month Hlyd monath which means Stormy month, or Hraed monath which means Rugged month.

If Easter should fall on Lady Day (March 25) then some disaster will shortly follow: 'When my Lord falls in my Lady's lap,

The last three days of March were said to be borrowed from April.



At our February meeting we had a DVD called Magdalena it was Mary Magdalen telling the story of her life following Jesus through to his crucifixion and his resurrection. It was a very emotional film which was very much enjoyed by us all. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th March when Mark Whatson is giving a lent talk.

You are all welcome to join us.

GERALDINE



We're looking forward to our first draw of 2026 on Sunday 8th March. Please make sure that your 100 Club fees are paid up before the above date to make sure that your number(s) are in

the draw. Also, I've had a couple of enquiries asking how to be a part of this fundraiser, so, 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 our draws in the future.



GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for January

- 1 Where does scripture tell us the 'Wise men' came from?
- 2 When King Herod heard who the 'Wise men' sought he was frightened. With whom did he consult?
- 3 Scripture tells us "On entering the house, they (the Wise men), saw the child with Mary his mother and they ____ ____ and paid him homage." What words are Missing?
- 4 Jesus came to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him. Where had Jesus travelled from?
- 5 John preached a baptism of repentance. What characteristic of Jesus did John believe about Jesus that made Jesus' baptism unnecessary?
- 6 Who said, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."?

7 Two men followed Jesus and asked him, "Where are you staying?"

One of these men is named, who was he?

8 This same person sought out a relative. Can you name this relative?

9 Jesus gave assurances that, "Those who have followed me will also sit on ____ thrones." What is the missing word?

10 Jesus also said, "The ____ will be ____ and the ____ will be ____."

There are two key words missing from this statement. What are they?

The answers are printed later in Crossroads

APPCM

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCMs will take place on Sunday 17th May following our 10.30am service at St George's and following our 4.00pm service at St Margaret's.

There will be a presentation of annual reports and of course elections of Churchwardens, some PCC members etc.

If you haven't already written your report for the year 2025 please do so as soon as possible, Darrell is happy to receive them and to collate them ready for making them available to our congregations nearer the APCM.

Should you need to contact the Crossroads editors

You can at

Or on 01452 410507

Y is for...

Yachts? Yahoo? Yodelling?

According to Ruth Valerio's penultimate chapter in her book *L is for Lifestyle*, Y is for Young People.

Ruth begins her chapter with some personal examples of where personal or community action has made potentially life enhancing differences to the lives of young people.

All is not well however, a NSPCC report found that 14% of 16 to 24-year olds reported experiencing abuse during childhood, the NHS reported that 1 in 10 children had mental health problems and the Children's Society found that 1 in 4 14-year old girls had self-harmed. Previous chapters of Ruth's book have mentioned the increasing pressure on young people due to the internet, (see *T is for Technology*) and advertising, (see *N is for Needs*).

Despite falling birth rates in the west, globally the current generation of young people is the largest in the history of the world. Half the world's population is under 30 and a quarter is under 15!

90% of these young people live in the developing world and it is estimated that over 500 million children and adolescents grow up in families surviving on incomes of less than £45 a month, (£1.50 a day). Many young people live in even more vulnerable situations, facing armed conflict, life in displacement camps (or on the streets) and modern-day slavery in bonded labour or the sex industry. Girls and young women can be especially vulnerable.

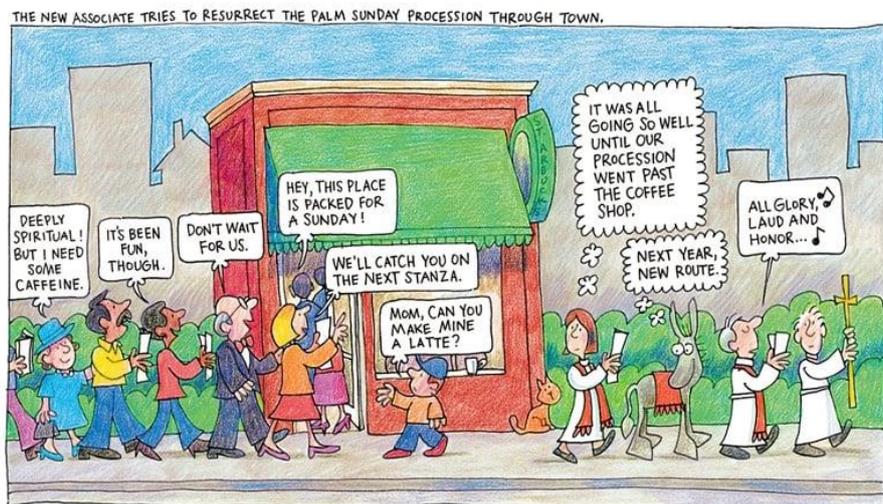
As we pray for all young people and especially for those we know or see around us, may we be the friendly face, the listening ear, and if we see an opportunity, may we too be willing to help make a positive difference to their lives.

Love and blessings
LORRAINE



- 1 What astronomical event marks the 1st day of spring?
- 2 When does daylight saving time officially begin in March?
- 3 In the spring, do we gain or lose an hour for daylight saving time?
- 4 What mathematical holiday do we celebrate in the middle of March?
- 5 Which stretchy desk supply item was created in March of 1845?
- 6 What famous doll was introduced to the world in March of 1959?
- 7 Why is Easter sometimes in March and sometimes in April?
- 8 Which famous song, which is used in celebrations with cake and presents, was published in a songbook in March of 1924?
- 9 True or False: Saint Patrick was Irish.
- 10 Which Roman ruler was assassinated on the Ides of March?
- 11 Which inventor, responsible for the creation of the telephone, was born in March
- 12 In Roman times, the "Ides of March" was the deadline for what?
- 13 What is the last Sunday of Lent called?
- 14 What Islamic holiday is celebrated in March?
- 15 What colour shouldn't you wear on St. Patrick's Day?

The quiz answers are printed later in Crossroads



IN PRAISE OF JAYS

On Robinswood Hill you can see six of the seven members of the crow family that are normally seen in England. The Raven, the Carrion Crow, the Rook, the Jackdaw, the Magpie and the Jay. Sadly, no chance of the seventh member of the family, the red billed Chough – in England, they are confined to the rocky cliffs of Cornwall.

Most of the crow family are black (though the magpie of course is black and white), so the brightly coloured Jay is the exception. And what a handsome bird it is – as you can see from this photo



There are eight different types of Jay around the world, and no fewer than 33 sub-species. As it happens, I think that our own European Jay is as good-looking as any of them.

The Latin family name for the Jays is Garrulus - which, like the English word 'garrulous', means chattering or noisy. In fact the Jay is more often heard than seen. They are shy birds, but the alarm call can sound like a football rattle. They are also good at mimicking other birds.

They prefer woodlands, but are quite often seen in suburban gardens, especially in the autumn, after a good harvest of acorns. I was lucky enough to see a pair of them alternately flying into and out of my garden on 1st February, repeatedly picking up acorns. A wonderful sight, but the slightest move from within the house, even picking up my binoculars, was enough to frighten them off.

I thought it was quite unusual to see two jays together, but I do remember thirty years ago in Brittany, flushing out a group of about six jays as we drove along a country road. Then in 2002 in Turkey, we saw - believe this or not - a large flock of jays feeding on the ground in a field. The Turkish jays evidently have totally different habits from ours.

In the UK, the jay is a major force in the propagation of oak trees: each bird can spread more than a thousand acorns a year, carrying these up to twelve miles. The jay fortunately, is not under any particular threat, save for the gradual destruction of habitat.

The blue wing feathers are exquisitely beautiful if you are fortunate enough to find one. They are highly prized and cost £40 each if you want to buy them online! Between the black bars the blue areas are shaded, and each one is slightly different. Truly Mother Nature is an incomparable artist.

So many English birds are little brown fellows, and identifying them is for the expert ornithologist. It's very different with the jay, and there are no prizes for recognition. But so often, all you see is the white rump of the disappearing bird. Better luck next time!

JONATHAN

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING CREW

Saturday 28th February at 10.00am

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

We will be in St George's Church from 10.00am on Saturday 28th February if you would care to join us for our second clean of 2026. I'll bring some cakes; you bring the elbow grease and your St George's sparkling Easter and beyond!



CHURCH CLEANING CREW!

JOTTINGS

From St Margaret's



Well, hello everyone, it's me that one person who with her friends Marilyn and Dianne does the cleaning at St Margaret's Church

On the first of February we had our Candlemas Service, this service is the last service that the Christmas candles are all lit. It is the service that ends the Christmas season. We leave our Christmas decorations up until after the Candlemas service. We have done this for many years and then we meet up the next day to take the tree and the decorations down.

Dianne, Marilyn, Jonathan and I met at St Margaret's to dismantle the tree and to take down the rest of the decorations. We took the nativity scene down first and Jonathan crawled underneath to get the light plugs from the wall. It is always sad to see the tree decorations come down, Jonathan said we have enough baubles to restock a shop

but the baubles always look so beautiful. St Margaret's has at least six boxes full of baubles, so Jonathan said enough is enough, we were at St Margaret's for three and a half hours. It was a joy to do, we had to get the vacuum cleaner going to clear up the floor. It's not all bad but we will have to do more cleaning on the following Mondays as there were a lot of needles on the floor. That's the trouble when you have a real tree but never mind it's all part of Christmas and New Year.

Well my friends that's all for now so until the next time a very Happy New Year and all the best for the year ahead.

Best Wishes
JILL PONTER



Your help would be very much appreciated during the lead up to Easter or, whenever you can offer it

Church Cleaning, help out at Youth Group meetings, elections to PCC, reports for APCMs, sign up to a Lent Group, Easter Family Fun helpers amongst others...

"Many blessings and good wishes to you this Lent."



I know that you won't forget but...
...to make sure that your contribution for
our **APRIL 2026 CROSSROADS** is included
...ARTICLES NEED TO BE WITH THE EDITORS' PREFERABLY BY EMAIL
BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...
...**Friday 13th March 2026**

In order that Crossroads is ready for publication on
SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2026
It will be printed week commencing 21st March 2026
With or without your contribution

Articles for Crossroads can be received by the editors at any time
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OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Oh, hi ya Maya, what are you doing now? What do you mean Trixie what am I doing? I'm not doing anything; I'm just sitting here looking. Looking at what Maya? I'm just looking at everyone and making sure that they are doing what they want to be doing. Maya that makes no sense at all. It may not make any sense to you Trixie, but it does to me. Maya, you get dafter by the day, did you know that? I do Trixie I

do but there are lots of things that I do not understand in life, but I just shrug my shoulders, have a giggle to myself, and just carry on.

Maya are you ok? You seem to be in a bit of a tizz today, ever since you woke up you have been running around like something demented. What on earth has got into you? I don't quite know Trixie I have been trying to figure it out myself. I was just having a bit of a tidy up and I felt such a pinch on my side. I thought it was our mum playing round but it wasn't her so I thought I would just see who else could have been but there was no one around, but I did see a big fly thing flying around in the kitchen but when mum opened the door the fly flew out so I'm no closer to knowing who it was who pinched me, but never mind all these things are sent to try us. Oh, Trixie have you seen that little feline that has been hanging around our house? Yes, Maya I have and it's a lady cat and her name is Masie. How did you manage to find out her name Trix? Well, it was like this Maya, I was talking to Yazmin a few days ago and that little feline just happened to see us and she came over to us and introduced herself to us. She said that she had just come up from the country, well from a place called Stroud Road. How far is that? Oh, it's miles away and I was put in a box and brought to my mum and dad's and I've been with them ever since. I have just come from the hospital as I had to have an op-er-ation. What's that when it's at home? Well, she didn't know what that was, so I just shut up. You Trixie, you shut up, you don't know how to. Maya that's not a nice thing to say. It's true but you don't have to rub it in. Oh, look here she comes, hello Masie how are you today? May I please introduce you to my sister Maya. Hello Masie, I hope you are enjoying living in this part of Gloucester? Yes, Maya I haven't seen much of it so far as my mum wouldn't let me out after my op-er-ation. Why do you say that word like that Masie? Maya it's the only way I can remember how to say it. How are you Yazmin? I hope you are okay. I'm fine Masie, any way girls I think it's time I went home; my mum will be having kittens. Ok Yazmin I'll see you in the week. Come on Masie it's time to say goodbye to everyone. Oh,

do I have to say goodbye Maya? Yes, you do and so do Trixie and me. So, goodbye everyone until the next time.

So that's all for now folks, from Maya and Trixie Ponter (Miss)



Easter Family Fun: Saturday 28th March 2026 at St George's

Palm Sunday: We have booked a donkey to lead us from English Martyrs to St George's via Grange Baptist on Sunday 29th March and hopefully there will be an Easter Play at St George's by Harewood Junior School children. Parish Eucharist will be at St Margaret's at 4.00pm on this day.

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

APCMs date for St George's and St Margaret's is **Sunday 17th May 2026**

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

Summer Holiday Club: Tuesday 4th to Thursday 6th August 2026 at St George's

CiT Mission weekend with Bishop Rachel from 11th to 13th September we will be joined by eight curates (not Gioia sadly!) – likely to be a celebratory community event on Saturday 12th and joint worship on Sunday 13th.



Come along to our **COFFEE POT** in the small hall each Tuesday from 9.30am. Tea/Coffee and a light breakfast, and plenty of chat and laughs! Old friends meet new friends. What more could you want?

MUPPETS WORDSEARCH

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

Animal, Beaker, Camila, Constantine, Crazy Harry, Dr Teeth, Floyd, Fozzie. Gonzo, Janice, Kermit, Mahna Mahna, Miss Piggy, Newsman, Pepe, Rizzo, Rowlf, Sam Eagle, Swedish Chef, Sweetums, Walter, Zoot.

The answer is printed later in Crossroads

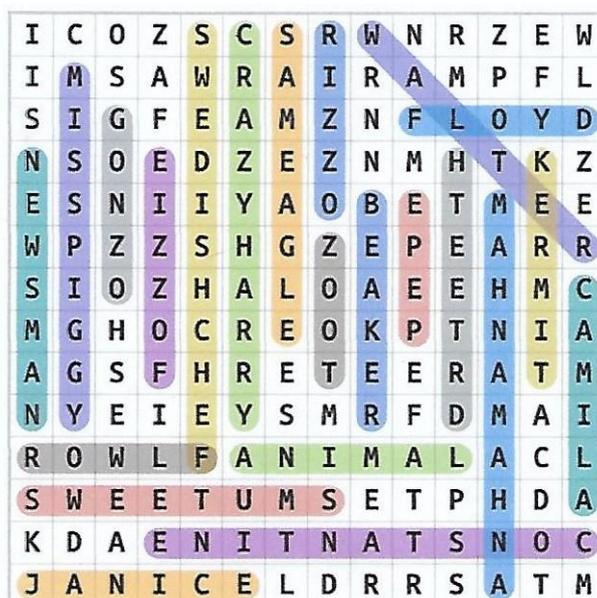
MARCH QUIZ ANSWERS

1 The vernal equinox: 2 On the 2nd Sunday of the month: 3 Lose an hour: 4 Pi Day: 5 The elastic band: 6 Barbie: 7 The date is determined by the 1st full moon, following the spring equinox. Easter occurs on the 1st Sunday following this event: 8 Happy Birthday to You: 9 False: 10 Julius Caesar: 11 Alexander Graham Bell: 12 Paying off debts: 13 Palm Sunday: 14 Ramadan: 15 Orange:

GOSPEL QUIZ ANSWERS

1 the East: 2 Chief Priests and scribes: 3 knelt down: 4 Galilee: 5 Jesus was Sinless: 6 John the Baptist: 7 Andrew: 8 Peter (or Cephas): 9 twelve: 10 first last:

MUPPETS WORDSEARCH ANSWER



Please don't forget to let Laura in the Church Office know if you are arranging anything in St George's church, St Margaret's church or St George's Centre or if there is a change to your normal let of St George's Centre. Thank you



**WHAT'S
GOING ON?
IN THE BENEFICE**

FEBRUARY

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| Sunday 22 | 9.00am | Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church |
| | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist at St George's Church |
| | 3.00pm | Reflect in St George's Lady Chapel |
| | 4.00pm | IGBO Meeting in small hall |
| Monday 23 | | Schools are back after half term |
| | 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 24 | 9.30am | Coffee Pot in small hall |
| | 10.00am | Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel |
| | 2.30pm | Fun and 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 25 | 8.15am | Morning Prayer on Zoom |
| | 9.30am | Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall |
| | 3.30pm | Slimming World in main hall |
| | 5.00pm | Slimming World in main hall |
| | 5.00pm | Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel |
| | 6.30pm | Slimming World in main hall |
| | 7.00pm | Lent Group meet at the Vicarage |
| Thursday 26 | 10.30am | Thursday Club in small hall |
| | 10.30am | Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church |
| | 2.00pm | Lent Group in St George's Lady Chapel |

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 27 6.00pm Christ Mandate Fellowship in main hall
 Saturday 28 10.00am Karate in main hall
 10.00am **St George's Church Cleaning Crew**
(Moved from 7th March)

MARCH

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 5.00pm Evensong at St Margaret's Church
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 6.30pm Clubbercise in main hall

Friday 6	7.30pm	Charter Band in Small Hall
	6.00pm	Christ Mandate Fellowship in main hall
Saturday 7	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
	10.00am	Karate at Grange Baptist
	1.00pm	Janet and Roland Thanksgiving for Marriage service followed by reception
Sunday 8	9.00am	Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist at St George's Church
Monday 9	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 10	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel
	2.30pm	Fun and Free in main hall
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union in small hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers in main hall
	7.00pm	PCC meeting in small hall
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 11	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	7.00pm	Lent Group meet at the Vicarage
Thursday 12	10.30am	Thursday Club in small hall
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church
	2.00pm	Lent Group in St George's Lady Chapel
	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 13	6.00pm	Christ Mandate Fellowship in main hall
	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 14	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 15		Mothering Sunday
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist at St George's Church
	5.00pm	Evensong at St Margaret's Church
Monday 16	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 17	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel
	2.30pm	Fun and Free in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers in main hall
	7.30pm	Refresh at Grange Baptist
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 18	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	12.00noon	Sr Judi first profession with refreshments in Small Hall <i>see Signpost for more details</i>
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Slimming World in main hall
	7.00pm	Lent Group meet at the Vicarage
Thursday 19	10.30am	Thursday Club in small hall
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church
	2.00pm	Art Group in small hall
	2.00pm	Lent Group in St George's Lady Chapel
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Clubbercise in main hall
	7.30pm	Charter Band in Small Hall

Friday 20	Red Nose Day
	6.00pm Christ Mandate Fellowship in main hall
	7.30pm Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 21	10.00am Karate in main hall
	11.30am CiT Litter Pick starting at English Martyrs?
Sunday 22	9.00am Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church
	10.30am Parish Eucharist at St George's Church
Monday 23	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 24	9.30am Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel
	2.30pm Fun and 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 25	8.15am Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	3.30pm Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm Slimming World in main hall
	5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm Slimming World in main hall
	7.00pm Reflect at the Vicarage
Thursday 26	10.30am Thursday Club in small hall
	10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church
	2.00pm Reflect in St George's Lady Chapel
	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 27	6.00pm Christ Mandate Fellowship in main hall
	7.30pm Entertainers in main hall

School term ends

- Saturday 28 **10.00am Easter Family Fun at St George's**
10.00am Karate in small hall
Clocks go forward (so you miss an hour)
- Sunday 29 **Palm Sunday**
A donkey leads a walk of witness from English Martyrs to St George's, stopping at Grange Baptist on the way
4.00pm Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church
4.00pm IGBO Meeting in small hall
- Monday 30 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
- Tuesday 31 9.30am Coffee Pot in small hall
10.00am Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel
5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
8.00pm Karate in main hall
- APRIL
- Wednesday 1 8.15am Morning Prayer on Zoom
3.30pm Slimming World in main hall
5.00pm Slimming World in main hall
5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
6.30pm Slimming World in main hall
7.00pm **Reflect at the Vicarage**
- Thursday 2 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
10.30am Thursday Club in small hall
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church
2.00pm **Reflect in St George's Lady Chapel**
2.00pm Art Group in small hall
5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
6.30pm Clubbercise in main hall
7.00pm **Parish Eucharist at St George's**
7.30pm Charter Band in Small Hall
- Friday 3 **GOOD FRIDAY**
6.00pm Christ Mandate Fellowship in main hall
7.30pm Entertainers in main hall
- Saturday 4 **EASTER EVE**

10.00am Karate at Grange Baptist
10.00am St George's Church Cleaning Crew
8.00pm **Easter Eve service**
at St Margaret's Church

Sunday 5

EASTER DAY

10.30am Easter Eucharist at St George's Church
4.00pm Family Praise at St Margaret's Church

At the weekly Liturgy Meeting



*"Good luck on your spiritual journey this spring.
May God give you strength and help you succeed."*

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...

Jack was in his local and talking to his mates, "You know that we're always saying that people who live in Stroud are thick." Charlie replied, "Yes, we do." "Well," said Jack, "I was reading in the Citizen the other day about how the population of London is the densest in the whole country."

Towards the end of their night out Jack says to Charlie, "You shouldn't drink anymore, Charlie, you've had enough." Charlie replies, "How do you make out, that I'm drunk?" "Well," replied Jack, "Because your face is getting all blurry."

Jill was talking with Jack over breakfast the next morning. "They've put a new sign up in Primark. It says, 'DOGS MUST BE CARRIED ON THE ESCALATOR' Do you know it took me an hour to find someone who would let me borrow their dog so I could get up to the children's clothes section!" "When I gave the lady her dog back, I told her that her dog doesn't half bark a lot. She replied that it was a known fact that a barking dog never bites. So, I said, you might know that, but is your dog aware?"

Jack and Charlie decided to go out for the day to Birmingham because Charlie had told Jack that he'd never been there. Jack led Charlie around the City of Birmingham pointing out various places and buildings which made Charlie's head spin. Then Charlie points out a large building and says to Jack, "Is that a palace, Jack." "No," replies Jack that's the 'Council House'." "Blimey, I got my name down for one of them!"

Back in their local, later that same day, Jack asks Charlie, "What's the difference between a buffalo and a bison?" Charlie replies, "I don't know, I've never washed my hands in a Buffalo!"