

**CROSSROADS**  
The Parish magazine for



**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

## BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVINGS

A visit from Community of the Resurrection Monk 55years on...!

When Laura and I were going through records in the office, we came across posters and planning for Operation Breakthrough! Some of you may remember this parish mission, which looks to have coincided with the opening of the Church Centre, in 1971! It was headed up by a monk from Mirfield, Fr Aidan Mayoss, who also preached at the dedication of the new Centre. The then Vicar, Bill Barber, having trained at Mirfield, invited Aidan to come and lead the Mission. It involved several Religious (Monks and Nuns) coming to Tuffley to join with local congregation members in a series of prayer meetings, discussions, joint meals etc with the aim being to share faith and encourage one another.

Or in the words of Bill Barber at the time, *'which aims at stirring us up and also making new friends'*.

The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield (near Wakefield in West Yorkshire) has been a very special part of my spiritual journey – being the place I have been going on retreat for over twenty years. My Spiritual Director, who is now the Superior (Head of the Community) at Mirfield, Fr Oswin, was in Gloucester this week for Fr Hugh Broad's funeral. Hugh had been parish priest of the church in Hereford where Oswin grew up and first had the stirrings of a call to ordination – a vocation which was nurtured and encouraged by Hugh. I was delighted that Oswin asked if he could come and see St George's whilst he was here. Some who met him, including Margaret and Mark Barber, were very pleased to tell him about Aidan's visit all those years ago (Mark not personally remembering it, I hasten to add!)

Thinking back to Operation Breakthrough Mission also links to the Mission here in Tuffley in September 2026! The weekend of 11-13<sup>th</sup> September we will have Bishop Rachel and a team of eight curates with

us helping to lead a Mission in the community across the Church in Tuffley. The current plan is for iSingPop to work in the local schools in the week, putting on a concert on the Friday (11<sup>th</sup>) late afternoon followed by BBQ. On the Saturday there will be a big Messy Church type event, alongside sports for children and young people too, a joint picnic together, and then perhaps an afternoon disco! On the Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>) at 3pm there will be a big joint worship event, like a Songs of Praise.

Everything will be taking place on Grange Primary field with arrangements in place for a huge marquee! For now, please do put these dates in your diary, it will be a fantastic weekend for all the churches – aiming to share faith, fun and food – and making new friends!

Connections and relationships are so important to us as human beings, and as Christians. As we are reminded on Trinity Sunday, we have a relational God – who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our relationships with one another and with those who have gone before are very important; we see God through these people and relationships. May we give thanks for one another and for all those who have lived faithful lives here in Tuffley, Whaddon and Podsmead over the years, witnessing to the love of God.

With every blessing to you all,  
**Rachel**

Editors' Note: Some documents from 'Operation Breakthro' appear on the following two pages...



# OPERATION BREAKTHRO

WE THINK YOU MAY LIKE TO KNOW .....

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH in Grange Road is the Parish Church for the large area which includes Podsmead, the Grange Estate, the Holmleigh Estate, the Holmwood Estate and the older houses this side of the main line to London and Bristol.

The Church buildings include a fine Hall, a Lounge, a Kitchen, and modern Cloakrooms. You will have seen the carpark. The whole complex forms an excellent Church Family Centre.

From October 15 to 30 we are running Operation Breakthro - which aims at stirring us up and also making new friends.

'Stirring us up' includes deciding on a better Sunday programme and (we hope) adding to our weeknight activities. So we cannot give you the exact times of Sunday Services after October 30.

From October 15 to 30 we have a Family Service at 10 am and an Evening Service at 6.30 pm preceded by a Sing-in at 6 pm. And most weeknights there are services at 7.30 and meetings at 8.15.

YOU CAN FIND ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED ON THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE CHURCH PORCH. The Porch is open every day.

.... Or ask someone who goes to the Church. Or ring me (20851)

The buildings are warm and attractively decorated.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. GEORGE'S.

Thank you for reading this

WILLIAM BARBER Vicar.

PRAYER CARDS FOR MISSIONS ETC. TO THE FOLLOWING IN ADDITION TO ALL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES. (45 in number) + 58 km = 103 + 6 = 109

# AWAY TEAM ☩

- FR. AIDAN MAYOSS C.R.
- FR. STEPHEN FAUSSETT C.R.
- BRO. DAVID CRAIG C.R. (Nov.)
- SISTER LILIAN C.S.A.
- SISTER NORA LUCILLA C.S.P.
- SISTER JOYCE C.S.P.
- MRS. MARGARET MADDOCKS
- MISS MABEL HARTLESS
- MRS. PETER HASELER
- MISS IY BAYLISS
- DR. MARJORIE PITMAN

# HOME TEAM ☩

- MR. & MRS. RON MERCER
- MR. & MRS. TERRY OVERTHROW
- MRS. FREKE MRS. BARBER
- MRS. SPAREY
- MRS. WILSON
- MR. M. WADLEY
- MR. B. WESTCARR
- MRS. REG. OVERTHROW
- MISS AVERIL ALLEN
- MR. R. PARSONS
- MRS. M. WOOLLEN
- MR. & MRS. OWEN-JONES
- REV. W. BARBER

MARY AND DWYER  
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## ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION SERVICES 2026

Archdeacon, the Venerable Katrina Scott, is looking forward very much to seeing the Churchwardens at this year's visitation service. This year, our churchwardens will mainly be going to the service at St Mary's Newent GL18 1AP on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm, as will Rachel and Gioia. If you would like to go along with them for support, please let Rachel know.



## Diocese of Gloucester

The Reverend Mark Siddall from St James' Church Quedgeley was our speaker in May. He and his wife are keen cyclists; they have electric tandems and go camping with their children. He was living in London and moved to Chichester a journey of some 200 miles which took them 10 days on their bikes with camping equipment in a trailer. He did the same when they moved to Gloucester. His talk was most enjoyable.

At our meeting in June, we are being joined by other members of the Mothers' Union for a social to celebrate 150 years of the Mothers' Union.

### GERALDINE



## AN AMAZING DEPUTY WARDEN

I'm writing these words only a week after hearing from Jilly that she would have to give up her church work. We knew of course that she was finding it hard, but characteristically she had soldiered on despite awful pain. But the time had come to draw a line, after well over thirty years as general factotum extraordinaire.

This morning, a typically grey bank holiday, I had to pop down to St Margarets for something, and found the church open. Inside were Marilyn and Dianne, doing their traditional Monday morning polishing and tidying session, but this time without Jilly. After I joined them, I decided this could make a little write up for Crossroads, as a tribute to Jilly's inimitable 'Jottings from St Margarets.'

It was a very amiable hour or so, and I really enjoyed it. As well as some brass polishing, I changed the altar frontal, with an eye to our late friend Joan Chapman, whose ashes were to be laid to rest in her parents' grave the following Sunday. Joan donated a new all-seasons frontal, with a range of fabrics for the different seasons. These have been in use for well over thirty years, and are still going strong. But... we have reintroduced the Sinnott gold frontal of 1922 for the Easter season, and it seemed right to use Joan's one for next weekend.

What else? Well, emptying the bin and the recycling bag in the vestry, and paring down the candles for the altar, from 1½ inch to an inch and three eighths. Doesn't sound much, does it, but it's quite a bit of work with a knife. I must say Marilyn is brilliant at supervising me, so that I don't leave a trail of half cleared-up mess in my wake. (My stepdaughter Rachael will tell you that I am rather Paddington-like in my habits).

Well, Jilly, somehow, we must manage without you on the many jobs you did for so long. We hope you soon get the medical attention you need,

and that before too long you and Margaret will be back with us at St Margaret's for the services you love.

## JONATHAN



There must be a caption for this ...  
Jilly after Rachel's very first service in the benefice, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
**Suggestion to the Editors please**



## CLERGY (AND OTHERS) OF THE PAST...

Those who knew him will be saddened to have learned of the death of one of our previous Vicars, the Reverend Canon Hugh Broad, many of St George's and St Margaret's congregations attended his funeral in the Cathedral in May. The condolences of all of us, no doubt, go out to his wife, Jackie, and their family.

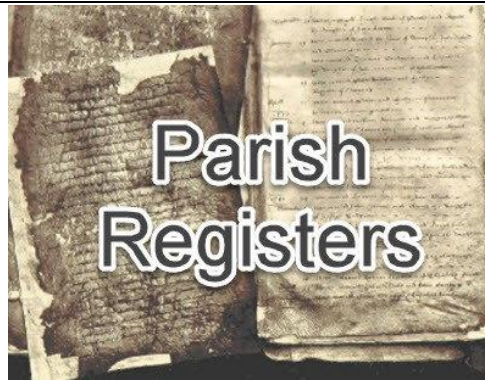
Also, many of our congregations will also remember the Reverend Brian McQuillen who joined us at St George's and St Margaret's in 1989 following Reverend Hedley Ringrose's move on to Cirencester. Brian remained Vicar until 1996 when he took up the position of Vicar in the parish of Looe, Cornwall. We and others will remember the parish outing to Looe for his installation and the hospitality we were all afforded. Well, on a Sunday in June 2026 Brian celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the ministry; there will be a service in Goran Church in Cornwall to commemorate this occasion.

Having mentioned the Reverend Hedley Ringrose earlier it was so nice to meet up with his wife, Rosemary, at St Margaret's for the interment of Joan Chapman's ashes. We also spoke with Sue and Barbara, Joan's sisters, who are both well.

## EDITORS



It's always coffee time at our **Coffee Pot** on a Tuesday.  
**Coffee Pot opens at 9.30am** for Tea/Coffee and a biscuit  
Plenty of chat and laughter, a chance for old friends to meet new friends  
**What more could you want**



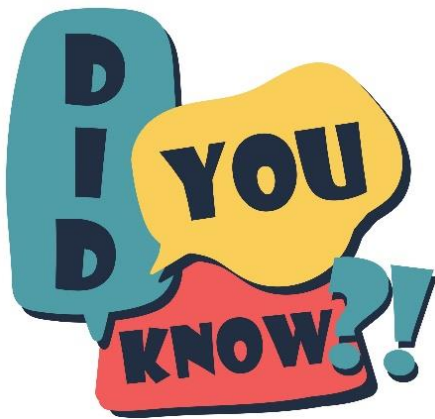
Recent entries...

### Baptisms

Anthony Alexander Scarborough  
Stephen Taylor  
Grace Kate Ferris

### Interment of Ashes

Joan Chapman



**Summer Solstice, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** The longest day of the year, frequently celebrated with large gatherings at Stonehenge to witness the sunrise.

**Glastonbury Festival:** One of the world's most iconic music festivals takes place in late June, marking the height of the British summer festival season.

**Trooping the Colour, 13<sup>th</sup> June:** The official birthday parade of the monarch is held in London in June, featuring extensive military pageantry and the Royal Family.

**Father's Day:** Father's Day in the UK is on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June. It is celebrated annually on the third Sunday of June to honour fathers, grandfathers, and father figures with cards, gifts, and family time.

**Wimbledon Tennis Championships:** Typically beginning in late June, this historic tournament is a major cultural event.

**Flowers & Nature:** June is considered the "month of roses" in England, with nature in full bloom and hedgerows at their peak.

**Pride Month:** June is celebrated as Pride Month, featuring marches and events supporting the LGBTQIA+ community.

**Refugee Week:** Starts on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June it's a nationwide program of arts, cultural, and educational events celebrating the contribution of refugees.

**Historical Anniversaries:** June has strong historical ties, including the anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Sausage Roll Day:** Is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> June every year to appreciate, eat, and relish the mixture of meat, seasoning, and buttery pastry. Do you know that sausages have been around for over 2,000 years? That earns it the title of one of the oldest consumed foods in the world. Sausages are generally made by mixing chopped or minced meat with different seasoning and cereals, and inserting it into a casing of animal intestine.

# Confirmations

SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY

We are delighted that Bishop Rachel will be with us at St George's on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July to lead a Confirmation Service at 10.30am. Confirmation is an opportunity to publicly affirm your Christian faith, especially if you were baptised as a baby or child. If you would like to know more, or are interested in being Confirmed by Bishop Rachel, please do speak to Rachel or Gioia. Usually this would be for people ten years and older. We already have a few youth group members and a few adults who are interested, so you wouldn't be alone! Also, please would everyone put the date in the diary and if at possible aim to be present, as this will be a great celebration in the life of our Benefice.

**RACHEL**

# APCM

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

### The outcomes for St George's were as follows: -

At our meeting of Parishioners; Helen and Sister Judi were elected as our Churchwardens for the ensuing year. Sylvia Evans was thanked for all she had done over her tenure. Susan, Sylvia E, Derek, and Darrell were elected as deputy wardens.

At our APCM; Were advised that our Electoral Roll was now at 74 members. Dawn was thanked for her work with our Electoral Roll, and she confirmed that she was prepared to continue in the role for another year. Rachel confirmed that our annual report had been circulated and remained available if anyone hadn't picked up a copy yet. David introduced our financial report, he explained some matters and there were no subsequent questions on St George's finances, but he did state that should anyone have questions he was available.

The Fabric report was presented.

Derek Kingscote was elected to the Deanery Synod; there remains a further vacancy.

David Westcott and Jonathan Tamblyn were elected to St George's PCC; there remains two vacancies. Our current church examiner was re-elected for a further year.

This brought our two meetings to a close, except for the thanking of Rachel, Paul, and Gioia for all they do for the Parish.

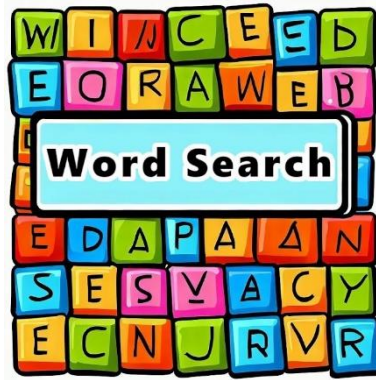
We will catch up with the outcomes of St Margaret's meetings in our July issue.



## JUNE QUIZ

### Questions based on the Gospel readings for April

- 1 Scripture tells us, 'as the first day of the week was dawning'. What day preceded the first day of the week?
- 2 Suddenly there was a great \_\_\_\_\_. What was this sudden event?
- 3 Scripture tells us, "the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear". Who or what were the disciples fearful of?
- 4 In one chapter of John's gospel Jesus greets his disciples on three separate occasions. What words formed this greeting?
- 5 Scripture tells us, "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples which are not recorded in this book." What was the message John was giving us about the Messiah?
- 6 After the reports of Jesus resurrection two of the disciples were headed for a village. Can you name the village?
- 7 One of these disciples was named. What was that name?
- 8 Scripture goes on to tell us, "The Lord has risen indeed and he has appeared to \_\_\_\_". Who was this person?
- 9 Jesus was described as the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. What words fill the blanks?
- 10 Jesus said, "The thief comes only to kill and steal and destroy." What two words sum up what did Jesus come to give?



## SINGERS WITH ONE NAME WORDSEARCH



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

Aaliyah, Adele, Akon, Beyonce, Bono, Dido, Duffy, Eminen, Enya, Ludacris, Madonna, Mika, Moby, Pitbull, Seal, Shaggy, Sting, Tiffany, Timbaland, Usher, Yazz.





**YES!** There will be a Holiday Club again this year, but as always, we will need your help, so, if you are able and willing to volunteer to help out, we would be so grateful.

This year's dates will be **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August**. We will need enough adult helpers confirmed before we can go ahead and advertise our Holiday Club to families. We will confirm the finer details and logistics including the maximum number of children who can meet across St George's Church and Centre once the planning group is up and running.

**Have you offered your help at our Holiday Club, YET?**



**There are so many opportunities to...**





## 15 QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS MONTH

- 1 Trooping the Colour is held in London annually on a Saturday in June, but on which parade ground?
- 2 June has two zodiac signs, name both?
- 3 What in the UK is celebrated on the third Sunday of June?
- 4 Which animated cartoon character has triplet nieces named April, May, and June?
- 5 What is June's birthstone?
- 6 'Seven Days in Sunny June', by Jamiroquai, is the soundtrack when Andrea and Christian meet at James Holt's party in which 2006 American film?
- 7 In which year did June Brown first play the role of Dot Cotton, in EastEnders?
- 8 Which historical novel begins in 1815 and culminates with the 1832 June Rebellion in Paris?
- 9 The longest day of the year can occur on one of three dates in June, name any of the three?
- 10 In its own country it is commonly known as the June Fourth Incident; where did this incident happen?
- 11 In 1968, June Whitfield began her long television partnership with which actor and comedian?
- 12 Which 1956 film adaptation of a Rodgers and Hammerstein stage musical of the same name features the song 'June Is Bustin' Out All Over'?
- 13 The name June for baby girls in the UK dropped out of the top thousand in 1986, but in which 20<sup>th</sup> century decade did it peak at 39<sup>th</sup>?
- 14 What takes place near Pilton in the last week of June, each year?
- 15 Which historical event happened on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944?

## **DUSTERS AT THE READY!**

Come and join St George's Cleaning Crew



**CHURCH CLEANING**  
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP...

on the first Saturday of each month from 10.00am

**Many hands make light work!**

Come along and help to keep St George's Church  
clean & tidy and looking like it should.

**We'll be here from 10.00am until 12.00noon  
on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June then Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Refreshments available for all cleaners**



Many of you will be aware that all the jobs she has done for Margaret's and at St most sincerely for her carried out those duties. So many friends to step forward



Jill Ponter has had to relinquish a number of years both at St George's. We thank Jill energy and wit whilst she now is the time for her and to fill Jill's slippers!

Marilyn and Dianne are happy to continue with the regular fortnightly Monday morning clean and would welcome anyone else to join them. There will also be an invitation to join a larger cleaning team occasionally, to coincide with the churchyard volunteer team, as we know some people prefer to tend the outside and some the inside. It can be a joint time together, morning or afternoon, ending with a drink of something together, and maybe a cake (or apple!)

Jill did other things like run Coffee Pot on a Tuesday morning at St George's. Dianne and Rachel are working on getting a rota together for that – so if you can step in for a Tuesday a month, or even a Tuesday here and there, please let them know. It can be to serve directly from the kitchen or to set everything up for people to do a DIY (and help with washing up is much appreciated).

Jill also delivered Crossroads to a number of houses within the Tuffley area, I have asked Jill to let me have a list of addresses which she delivered to, if you would like to deliver some (or all) please speak to Darrell or Glenda, Crossroads' editors. Jill also ensured that a bunch of Crossroads were available in St Margaret's.

Volunteering is an important part of the life of any church, please pray that her friends step forward in these unfortunate circumstances, and we wish Jill better health in the future.

**EDITORS**

## **GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL**

Three of the Gloucester Cathedral Organ Festival events have been rescheduled (note, the Gloucestershire Cantata date remains the same). Rather than a weekend of events, there will now be a series of events across June, July, and September. This decision enables us to give our newly installed organ additional time after its completion to settle, undergo final tuning and refinement ahead of its celebration - so that you can experience it at its very best.

A landmark moment for Gloucester Cathedral - the unveiling of our magnificent new organ in a celebration of music for all. The Gloucester Cathedral Organ Festival will showcase the extraordinary capabilities of the new instrument.

Featuring leading international organists, a gala concert and recital, and a special workshop, you are welcome to join us for this spectacular occasion. Highlights of the weekend include:

A gala concert on Saturday evening with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and internationally renowned soloist Thomas Trotter (programme to include works from Joseph Jongen and Camille Saint-Saëns).

On Sunday families are warmly invited to a joyful concert featuring a newly commissioned song cycle by Lin Marsh, performed by local schools and children from our Singing Academy.

Sunday evening, audiences can attend an organ recital with the exceptional Wayne Marshall, followed by a masterclass for organ students on Monday.

Booking required for most events.

# Looking Ahead...



**Confirmations at St George's with Bishop Rachel has been arranged for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am.** See Rachel's article in this Crossroads for more information.

**Summer Fun Day 2026: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026.** From 12.00noon until 3.00pm, in the Church, in the Centre and in the grounds of St George's. Fayre's Group meet again on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June in the Vicarage at 7.00pm to finalise the arrangements for the event; so, if you have any ideas or offers of help, please feed them through to the names below in time for the group to complete their plans for the Fun Day. If you have new items for Grand Raffle prizes and full bottles for the bottle stall, please pass them to Helen, Sylvia, Jonathan T or Darrell at any time before the end of June.

**Summer Holiday Club: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026** at St George's. see article on page 15 of this issue.

**CiT Mission weekend with Bishop Rachel from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September** eight curates will join us – likely to be a celebratory community event on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and joint worship on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2026.** From 12.00noon until 3.00pm, in the Church, and in the Centre of St George's.

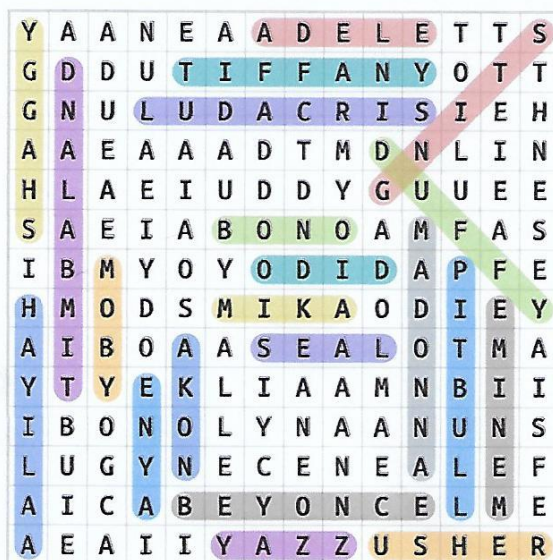
## **JUNE GOSPEL QUIZ ANSWERS**

1 Sabbath: 2 earthquakes: 3 the Jews: 4 Peace be with you: 5 through believing you may have life in His name: 6 Emmaus: 7 Cleopas: 8 Simon: 9 Good Shepherd: 10 Abundant life:

## JUNE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Horse Guards Parade: 2 Gemini (until June 20) and Cancer (from June 21 onwards): 3 Father's Day: 4 Daisy Duck: 5 Pearl or alexandrite or moonstone (it seems to have three!): 6 The Devil Wears Prada: 7 1985: 8 Les Miserables: 9 20<sup>th</sup>, or 21<sup>st</sup>, or 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10 Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China (1989): 11 Terry Scott: 12 Carousel: 13 1920s (1925): 14 Glastonbury Festival: 15 Normandy beach landings:

## SINGERS WITH ONE NAME WORDSEARCH SOLUTION



May

Sunday 24

**PENTECOST**

9.00am Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church

10.30am Parish Eucharist in St George's Church

3.00pm Pentecost Reflect in Lady Chapel

- Monday 25 **SPRING BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**  
**SCHOOL'S HALF TERM HOLIDAY WEEK**  
 10.30am Say Aphasia in small hall  
 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
- Tuesday 26 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
- Wednesday 27 8.15am Morning Prayer on Zoom  
 3.30pm Slimming World in main hall 5.00 and 6.30pm  
 5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
- Thursday 28 10.30am Thursday Club in small hall  
 and Softley Lounge  
 10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church  
 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 29 7.30pm Entertainers in main hall
- Saturday 30 10.00am **Spring Family Fun at St George's**  
 10.00am Karate in main hall
- Sunday 31 **TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 9.00am Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church  
 10.30am Parish Eucharist in St George's Church  
 12.30pm **Baptism of Jenson in St Margaret's Church**  
 1.00pm Private let of main hall  
 4.00pm IGBO meeting in small hall
- June**
- Monday 1 **SCHOOL'S HALF TERM HOLIDAY WEEK ENDS**  
 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/Softley Lounge

Tuesday 2	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel</b>
	1.30pm	Fun & Free in main hall
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel</b>
	6.30pm	Cubs & Beavers in main hall
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Fayre's Group meeting in the Vicarage</b>
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 3	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer on Zoom</b>
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall 5.00 and 6.30pm
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel</b>
Thursday 4	10.30am	Thursday Club in small hall and Softley Lounge
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	2.00pm	Art Group in small hall
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel</b>
	6.30pm	Clubbercise in main hall
	7.30pm	Charter Band in small hall
	Friday 5	<b>Sausage Roll Day</b>
7.30pm		Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 6	10.00am	St George's Church Cleaning
	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 7	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist in St George's Church</b>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Evensong in St Margaret's Church</b>
Monday 8	10.30am	Say Aphasia in small hall
	5.00pm	Brownies in main hall
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer on Zoom</b>
	6.00pm	Rainbows in small hall
	7.15pm	Guides in main hall
	7.15pm	Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge
Tuesday 9	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel</b>
	1.30pm	Fun & Free in main hall
	2.30pm	Mother's Union in small hall

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 Saturday 13 **Charles III's Official Birthday so trooping the colour**  
 10.00am Karate in main hall  
 Sunday 14 **100 Cub Draw**  
 9.00am **Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church**  
 10.30am **Parish Eucharist in St George's Church**  
 1.30pm Church Centre booking  
 Monday 15 **Refugee Week starts**  
 5.00pm Brownies in main hall  
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 7.30pm **CiT Refresh at St George's**  
 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 5.00 and 6.30pm  
**5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel**
- Thursday 18 10.30am Thursday Club in small hall  
 and Softley Lounge  
**10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church**  
 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 7.30pm Entertainers in main hall
- Saturday 20 10.00am Karate in main hall  
**11.30am CiT Litter pick from St George's**
- Sunday 21 **Father's Day**  
**Summer Solstice therefore longest day**  
**10.30am Parish Eucharist in St George's Church**  
**5.00pm Parish Evensong in St Margaret's Church**
- 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/Softley Lounge
- Tuesday 23 9.30am Coffee Pot in small hall  
**10.00am Parish Eucharist 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 5.00 and 6.30pm  
**5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel**

- Thursday 25    10.30am    Thursday Club in small hall  
and Softley Lounge  
**10.30am    Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church**  
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    7.30pm    Entertainers in main hall
- Saturday 27    10.00am    Karate in main hall
- Sunday 28    **Revd Brian McQuillen's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**  
**9.00am    Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church**  
**10.30am    Parish Eucharist in St George's Church**  
4.00pm    IGBO Meeting in small hall
- Monday 29    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/Softley Lounge
- Tuesday 30    9.30am    Coffee Pot in small hall  
**10.00am    Parish Eucharist 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
- July**
- Wednesday 1    **8.15am    Morning Prayer on Zoom**  
9.30am    Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall  
3.30pm    Slimming World in main hall 5.00 and 6.30pm  
**5.00pm    Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel**
- Thursday 2    10.30am    Thursday Club in small hall  
and Softley Lounge  
**10.30am    Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church**  
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 3	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 4	10.00am	St George's Church Cleaning
	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 5	10.30am	<b>Confirmation Service with Bishop Rachel including Parish Eucharist in St George's Church</b>
	5.00pm	<b>Evensong at St Margaret's Church</b>



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# HUMOUR



Jack and Jill's son was playing cricket for his local junior club when during a break the coach asked him, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" Tommy nodded in the affirmative. "Do you understand that what matters is whether we win together as a team?" Tommy nodded again. "So," the coach continued, "when howzat is called, or you're out at first, you don't argue or curse or attack the umpire. Do you understand all that?" Again, Tommy nodded. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain it to your mother."

Jack and Jill were relating their holiday experiences to friends in their local. "It sounds as if you had a great time in Texas," one of them observed. "But didn't you tell us you were planning to visit Colorado?" "Well," Jack said, "we changed our plans because, uh..." Jill cut in, "Oh, tell the truth, Jack!" He fell silent, and she continued, "You know, it's just ridiculous. Jack simply will NOT ask for directions."

Jack was sitting at the table one morning, reading the paper after breakfast. He came across an article about a beautiful actress who was about to marry a football player known for his lack of IQ. He turned to his wife Jill and said, "I'll never understand why the biggest jerks get the most attractive wives." Jill replied, "Why, thank you, Dear!"

An exasperated Jill, whose son, Tommy was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" Tommy thought it over and said, "Well, I'd run in and out and in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Tommy, either come in or stay out!'"

In Jack's local, a German chap asked a Mexican chap if they have any Jews in Mexico. The Mexican says, "Sí, Señor, we have orange jews, apple jews, and grape jews!"