

# CROSSROADS

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

Sharing God's Love

## Confirmations

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am with Bishop Rachel



Don't forget our annual Summer Fun Day will take  
place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
from 12.00noon until 3.00pm

## INTRODUCING ... WHADDON WAFFLE



One of the many skills Jill has shown is not only her friendly chat when we meet her, but also her ability to chat to us all in writing, during her Jottings from Whaddon each month in Crossroads. Whilst I won't be as knowledgeable about the comings and goings at St Margaret's, I will try to fill Jill's space while she is recovering.

My name is Julie and I live in Whaddon, just a few doors away from St Margaret's and sharing the same beautiful views across the big sky and fields towards Brookthorpe, Haresfield Beacon and Standish Woods. Unlike Jill and many of you who have lived here for many years – some since childhood - my husband Adrian and I moved here from Wiltshire with my mother-in-law three years ago to be nearer our son and our daughter and their young families. We were greeted by the warmth of Whaddon and Tuffley benefice in Rachel and Jonathan, two of our earliest visitors, and Nigel from Brookthorpe who welcomed us to the area, along with a few of our neighbours. We met new, friendly faces at St Margaret's Evensong and grew to know names very quickly - feeling part of that small congregation and meeting more local faces at Pound Farm and as we attended more events at St George's.

I understand the life of a small community as I grew up in a village where my father was a dairy and arable farmer, as generations had been, and my two brothers keep sheep and beef cattle. I understand the attachment of a place where happy, kind and caring



childhood memories are made and the importance of family throughout the years, and, like Jill, the value of a sister. I left the village to go all the way to Cheltenham

where I trained to be a teacher, loving Gloucestershire almost as much as Wiltshire, where I returned later. But both feel like home.

One of my simple pleasures is sharing the awe and wonder of nature and God's creatures with our grandchildren. Luckily, they all indulge me with looking closely at the wings of a peacock butterfly and comparing them with a brown moth crawling out of a dark corner.

We love watching the lambs playing like children in the field – we make up conversations that they might have. We move a snail from the road and apologise for changing its route but saving it from sudden death by car tyre. We thank the robins that sing so beautifully as we walk along Church Lane.



Looking at a hoverfly and knowing it's unlikely to sting but watching a honey bee or a 'bumber bee' with respect from a three-year old is a heartwarming moment. We watch the collared doves share with wood pigeons as they pick out the crumbs from under the bird feeders, and the goldfinches, blue tits and great tits, siskins and hedge sparrows sharing the seeds and nuts with the occasional great spotted woodpecker or being moved along by a squirrel or two.

All these antics of wildlife in our garden and church locality will keep me filling Jill's slot until she shouts, "Enough!". And now you know a little about me, I look forward to knowing a bit about you!

**JULIE**

(With thanks to RSPB for the illustrations)



We've made some changes to Sunday Eucharists at St Margaret's, they will now take place at 5.00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. There will not be a Sunday morning service at St Margaret's until future notice.

# APPCM

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The outcomes for St Margaret's meetings on 17<sup>th</sup> May were as follows: -

At our meeting of Parishioners; Jonathan MacKechnie-Jarvis and Mike Smith were elected unopposed as our Churchwardens for the ensuing year. Malcolm Martin was elected as deputy warden.

At our APCM; We were advised that our Electoral Roll was now at 38 members. Jill was thanked for her work with our Electoral Roll, and with the advent of a United Parish a new combined Electoral Roll would be needed in the future. 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 Margaret's finances, but he did say that should anyone have questions he was available.

The Fabric report was presented.

Lorraine Best was elected to the Deanery Synod.

It was noted that there are four PCC vacancies, currently.

Tribute was paid to the late Marlene Thomas for her faithful work for Thursday Club. She would be greatly missed. Also tremendous thanks to Jilly for all her hard work over very many years at St Margaret's especially.

# Confirmations

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am

Our service of Confirmation with Bishop Rachel is not far away now...

If the above date isn't in your diary yet, please would you add it and if at possible aim to be present, to support and pray for those who have made the commitment to being Confirmed it will also a great celebration in the life of our Benefice.



## TAKING TIME TO STAND AND STARE

We give thanks for the wonder of creation. Every element of the whole creation and the way it works together is brilliant. We stand on a planet moving around the sun and travelling at 67,000 miles an hour. Our moon orbits the earth and the alignment and distances of the earth moon and sun are just perfect for eclipses both solar and lunar.

I have referred before to Graham Kendrick's hymn The Servant King.

Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered

We are part of that. The light from our local star – the sun takes eight minutes to reach us. For some stars we talk in light years, that is the

distance and time that light travels (at the speed of light) for each year. And most stars are many light years away.

There is heat in the desert and cold at the poles, - we take the gift of creation for granted, night and day, rain or shine. We need to retain our curiosity and sense of wonder and wisdom in the stewardship of earth's resources. Spend a few moments here reflecting on the beauty of creation . . .

So often we have no time to stand and stare - the poem Leisure by W H Davies bears studying and reflecting and the artist Pablo Picasso said: "There is only one way to see things, until someone shows us how to look at them with different eyes." For artists, looking and seeing are two very different activities.

Next time you go somewhere picturesque, (and there are plenty in this part of the world) slow down and drink it in. We are fortunate that for most of us, within 10 or 15 minutes from home we are in the countryside.

I had a postcard once that said it's hard to write on a moving planet! If there's someone you haven't contacted for a while, find some time and "keep in touch" and if you have photos you can send, it's a chance to spread some joy.

**DEREK KINGSCOTE**

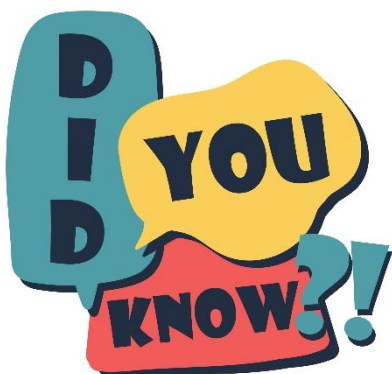
## **THE TRINITY MONOLOGUE**

The Early Fathers of the church, in Asia Minor (that's Turkey to the likes of you and me) once decided that nothing would be finer than to have a get-together by the sea. In AD 325 (or somewhere near)

they found a place with which they were content:  
they looked around and said Well, it's Nicaea -  
just the place to have a Council! - so they went.  
They did things to make religion more reliable,  
outed heresies and voted bishops in,  
even settled on which books make up the Bible -  
then sat back and let the great debate begin.  
On one side they said that God was undivided;  
on the other, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
For a time it seemed that it would be decided  
by the volume of the side that shouted most.  
But the Council wouldn't let this fuss defeat it -  
a resourceful synod it would prove to be,  
for they saw that they could have their cake and eat it  
and they came up with the Holy Trinity.  
God was One, and he could not be put asunder:  
yet His oneness had three persons, they'd evince.  
It was settled! They shook hands in peace and wonder -  
and we've been trying to understand it ever since.  
You can think of him as one, and that's no bother;  
you can think of them as three, and that's just fine -  
but if you try to mix one thought in with the other  
you can never tell where you should draw the line.

Like that picture of the candlesticks and faces,  
or Escher's stairways that go down, yet don't go down,  
or like being the same time in different places -  
it's just something we can't get our heads around.  
For a Hindu, twenty gods are not too many,  
while one deity alone is allowed by Jews;  
Buddhists calmly smile and say they haven't any  
(Jehovah's Witnesses do everything in twos)  
but when a Christian tries to do this calculation  
it's a method's that's as old as is the sun

the answer is to use multiplication -  
for one times one times one is always one.  
You might think this sleight of hand a bit surprising,  
or that theology's completely on the rocks,  
but I think our knowledge of our God is rising  
when we find we've stumbled on a paradox.  
He's a puzzle not for those who are faint-hearted -  
he does stuff that can make Einstein look a dunce.  
He will finish things before he's even started  
and be everywhere - and nowhere - all at once.  
It's a riddle that's as elegant as any -  
as one person can be body, mind and soul,  
or as a family is one, and yet is many  
so the Godhead is both separate, and whole.  
When we try to label, pigeonhole or brand him  
and to make God in our image, we've been blind.  
Do we really think that we could understand him?  
or them? or those? Or - oh, look, never mind -  
it's a lesson that's been handed down by history -  
there's a time to kneel and not keep asking why,  
only worship God in all his ancient mystery -  
One-in-Three, and out of time - and so am I!



**The "Dog Days" of Summer:** run from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>, a period associated with the heliacal rising of Sirius, the "Dog Star." Ancient Greeks and Romans believed this alignment brought scorching, unbearable heat, causing madness in people and dogs.

**Alice's Day:** on 4<sup>th</sup> July is an annual event in Oxford, Mad Hatters can dress up and join the festivities celebrating Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

**World Chocolate day:** is celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**The Rainy Legend:** According to traditional British folklore, if it rains on St Swithin's Day (15<sup>th</sup> July), it will continue to rain for the next 40 days. Conversely, a sunny day means a dry 40 days ahead.

**Julius Caesar's Month:** The month was named in honour of Roman Emperor Julius Caesar, as it was his birth month.

**Picnic & Ice Cream Month:** July is officially celebrated as both National Picnic Month and Ice Cream Month across the country.

**Birthstone:** People born in July have the ruby as their birthstone, which is the second hardest natural gemstone after diamonds.

**The Larkspur:** is the flower for July.

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



Hello

We are excited to be able to offer a FREE Summer Holiday Club again this August. The Club will be called the **Guardians of Ancora, Treasure Seekers** and has an adventure theme!! There will be games, craft, Bible Stories, songs, and snacks!

The Holiday Club will run on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August from 9.30am until 12.00noon each day** and is for those already in school year Reception up to the end of school Year 6. There are 36 places available, and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis, based on when the forms are returned. We will make contact to confirm places.

On the final day, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August we will invite the whole family to join us for a **free** pizza and ice cream lunch from 12.00noon onwards, hopefully in the sunshine! There will also be the opportunity to see and hear what the children have been doing at the Club, and to celebrate together.

To book your child/children a place, please complete the form (available from the back of St George's Church) and return it to either the Church Office letterbox (on the outside wall of St George's Centre), hand it to a leader on Tuesday's Fun 'n Free sessions or email it to Gioia at [revdgbarnbrook@gmail.com](mailto:revdgbarnbrook@gmail.com)

If you have any questions, please email Gioia at the above email address, or Rachel at [revrachelbeck@gmail.com](mailto:revrachelbeck@gmail.com) or Susan at [susan.scothern@hotmail.com](mailto:susan.scothern@hotmail.com)



Did you know that we are now running two, yes two weekly Youth Groups during term time. We run a group on Tuesdays as usual and a new group on Wednesdays for Year 6 pupils. Both groups start at 7.15pm. If you would like to help out, please talk to Rachel.



## **JULY'S GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ**

### Questions based on the Gospel readings for May

- 1 Who said, "Lord, we do not know the way you are going. How can we know the way?"
- 2 Who said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."?
- 3 Jesus said, "Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the \_\_\_\_ themselves." What is the missing word?
- 4 If we love Jesus what should we keep?
- 5 Jesus promised He would ask the father to give the 'Spirit of truth' whom the world cannot receive. Jesus gave another name for the 'Spirit of truth', what did He call it?
- 6 When Jesus prayed, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you." Where was Jesus looking?
- 7 Jesus added, "And this is eternal life, that they may know you, \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ God." What 3 words did Jesus use in this description of God?
- 8 On behalf of all those who had believed God had sent Jesus into the world, Jesus made one request of His Father. What did Jesus ask His father to do on their behalf?
- 9 Having been resurrected Jesus stood amongst the disciples and having greeted them he breathed on them. In doing this what command was Jesus giving His disciples?
- 10 How many disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them?

*The answers are printed later in Crossroads*

# Mothers' UNION

## Diocese of Gloucester

Our June meeting was a celebration of 150 years of the Mothers' Union. Members of other Gloucester branches were invited to a bring and share buffet. It was a delight meet other MU members and have a social afternoon. A raffle was held which made £30.00 to support the work of the Mothers' Union.

Our next meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> July is entitled "Life and Times", Sylvia Chamberlain will be our speaker.

Everyone is welcome to join at our meetings.

### GERALDINE



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

**What more could you want**

If you should have time on a Tuesday morning and would like to help out at Coffee Pot, do contact the Editors.

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There are so many opportunities to...



**Don't forget**



**on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July will be at  
Grange Baptist Church at 7.30pm**



**CiT Litter Pick**

To be a part of this CiT community event  
please meet at Grange Baptist for an 11.30am start.

## ST GEORGE'S



We had a 100 Club Draw in June and the winners were: -

1<sup>st</sup> Prize of £30 went to Sylvia Chamberlain

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of £20 went to Jayne Close

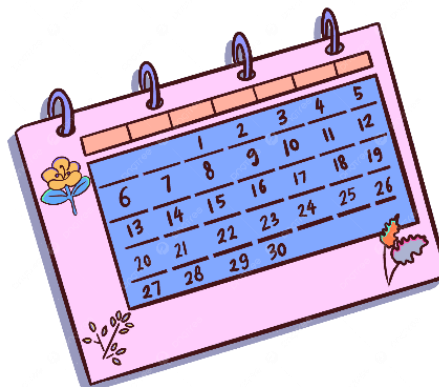
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize of £10 went to Sue Bailey

Our next 100 Club Draw will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

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

Of course, if you would like to know more about this draw and possibly be part of the excitement, please speak to Darrell when convenient.

Congratulations! to our June Draw winners and Good Luck! to all participants in all future draws.



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



## **ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING CREW**

**We will meet up again on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
and again, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August from 10.00am onwards**

Our June clean of St George's Church went ahead as planned, although we were fewer in number than usual.

We normally concentrate on the sanctuary/nave areas: with chairs, pulpit, lectern etc and floors generally being dusted and vacuumed. Chair fabric is brushed, carpets are vacuumed and candle fat drips treated when needed, the play area at the back of church is tidied up and the welcomer's table too. Not forgetting the Vestry. Sometimes we are required to do a deeper clean immediately before and/or following major events like weddings, Christmas services, or concerts.

As always if you are unable to join us but spot something which needs our attention, please don't keep it to yourself and fret about it; tell us, the professionals! You know it makes sense... Don't forget there will be tea or coffee, and cake for all who join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> July.

## **CHURCH CLEANING CREW!**

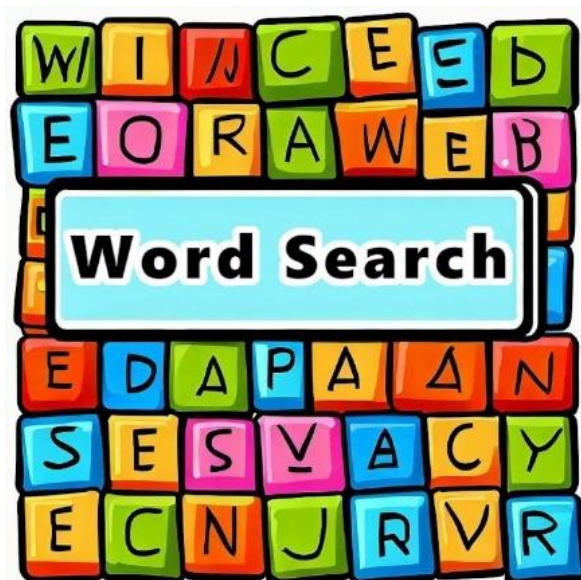




## **10 QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS MONTH**

1. Delphinium is a genus of about 300 species of perennial flowering plants, which are toxic to humans and livestock - by what common name is this plant known?
2. Bastille Day is celebrated in France on which date?
3. In the poem, *The Garden Year*, in the line 'Hot July brings cooling showers, apricots, and gillyflowers', which modern day flower is a gillyflower?
4. Neil Armstrong became the first man to step onto the moon on July 21<sup>st</sup>, in which year?
5. Which 1989 American biographical war drama film is the autobiography of war veteran Ron Kovic?
6. Usually observed on 5<sup>th</sup> July, Tynwald Day is the National Day of which part of the UK?
7. The only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents, both died on the same day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1826; can you name both?
8. The '20<sup>th</sup> July plot' was the attempted assassination of whom?
9. Which rowing event, held annually on the River Thames, ends on the first weekend in July?
10. A famous festival is held in Whitstable, Kent, each year for three days in July, celebrating which food?

*The quiz answers are printed later in Crossroads*



## WORLD CUP 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.

Astroturf, Coach, Corner, Defence, Dribble, Field, Foul, Forwards, Free kick, Goalie, Half time, Hook, Jersey, Kick off, League, Match, Penalty, Red card, Referee, Save, Score, Shoot, Tackle, Team.

*The answer is printed later in Crossroads*

## WHAT IS “ORDINARY TIME”?

### Beginning with Trinity Sunday

The first Sunday in Ordinary Time is Trinity Sunday. It comes immediately after Pentecost, which is fitting, because Pentecost completes the revelation of the Trinity in salvation history. When we say Trinity, we refer to the revealed truth that there is one God in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As a mathematical equation, three in one can be difficult to understand; as a relational truth, however, the eternal love of this three-in-one is beautiful and deeply moving. Our life in God is a participation in the eternal love of the Father for the Son in the Spirit.

### The Ordinary Sundays

After Trinity Sunday, each Sunday is numbered, and this use of the ordinal numbers is the origin of the phrase “Ordinary Time.” This is also why the season is sometimes called the Season After Trinity or Trinitytide. When most people hear the phrase “Ordinary Time,” they think nothing special is happening. And in one sense, they are right; there aren’t nearly as many major feasts, and for those who love the feasts, this can seem like a long run of shapeless or even boring weeks.

However, there is another way to look at it. A season without many special occasions is also a season without many distractions. It is a season for developing good rhythms for spiritual life. Because there is less focus on what God has done in the past, there is time to focus on our relationship with God in the present.

### What Do We Do During Ordinary Time?

The activities of ordinary time are therefore less about special occasions and more about regular rhythms that contribute to spiritual growth.

### Green is for Growth

The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is **green**. This represents growth, both numerically as the Church expands, and spiritually as each member of the Church becomes more like Christ.

The point of the colour green in ordinary time is not to pursue numerical growth alone, but rather a balance growth, numerical and spiritual, of green shoots and deeper roots. For most Christians, the best use of Ordinary Time may, in fact, be internal cultivation focused on pursuing holiness and practicing the spiritual disciplines.

### **Rhythms of Spiritual Life**

During Ordinary Time, we can develop spiritual habits and disciplines that strengthen our normal relationship with God and our daily walk with the Lord. A helpful approach is to find patterns that can be practiced daily, weekly, or monthly.

Ordinary Time might not have the excitement of Advent calendars or Lenten disciplines, but in many ways, it is the most essential part of the Christian year. This is the long green stretch of days where our faith takes root and begins to grow. Ordinary Time invites us not into preparation, but into formation. It's the season for building spiritual habits, shaping the quiet, consistent ways our families walk with the Lord.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturing, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, **Christ the King**.

"Ordinary" Time might well refer to living out our "ordinary" lives as Christians. But, since we follow the risen Lord, there's nothing "ordinary" about it!

## ANSWERS TO JULY QUIZ

1 Larkspur (the birth flowers of July are the Larkspur or the Water Lily):  
2 14th July: 3 Carnation: 4 1969: 4 Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July: 5 Isle of Man:  
6 John Adams and Thomas Jefferson (Coincidentally, both died on the same day which was also the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence): 7 Hitler: 8 True: 9 Henley Royal Regatta: 10 Oysters:

## JULY GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Thomas: 2 Philip: 3 works: 4 His commandments: 5 Advocate: 6 to heaven: 7 the only true: 8 protect them: 9 Receive 'The Holy Spirit':  
10 eleven:

## WORLD CUP WORDSEARCH ANSWER



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**JUNE**

Sunday 28

**Revd Brian McQuillen's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**

**10.30am Parish Eucharist in St George's Church**

4.00pm IGBO Meeting in small hall

**5.00pm Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church**

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**

**11.00am Funeral of Mike Brammer at St George's followed by Cremation**

3.30pm Slimming World in small hall 5.00pm and 6.30pm

**5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel**

**7.15pm Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge**

Thursday 2

10.30am Thursday Club in small hall and Softley Lounge

	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church</b>
	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 3	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 4	10.00am	St George's Church Cleaning
	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 5	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Confirmation Service with Bishop Rachel including Parish Eucharist in St George's Church</b>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong at St Margaret's Church</b>
Monday 6	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 7	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
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 8	<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 5.00pm and 6.30pm
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel</b>
	<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge</b>
Thursday 9	10.30am	Thursday Club in small hall and Softley Lounge
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church</b>
	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 10		
Saturday 11		<b>SUMMER FUN DAY see article in this issue</b>
	10.00am	Karate moved to Grange Baptist
Sunday 12	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist in St George's Church</b>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church</b>
Monday 13	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 14	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
	<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>PCC in the small hall</b>
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 15	<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 5.00pm and 6.30pm
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel</b>
	<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge</b>
Thursday 16	10.30am	Thursday Club in small hall and Softley Lounge
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church</b>
	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 17	<b>Gloucester Schools break up for the summer</b>
	7.30pm Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 18	10.00am Karate in main hall
Sunday 19	<b>10.30am Parish Eucharist in St George's Church</b>
	1.30pm Church Centre booking
	<b>5.00pm Parish Evensong in St Margaret's Church</b>
Monday 20	<b>5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom</b>
Tuesday 21	9.30am Coffee Pot in small hall
	<b>10.00am Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel</b>
	<b>5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel</b>
	<b>7.30pm CiT Refresh at Grange Baptist</b>
	8.00pm Karate in main hall
Wednesday 22	<b>8.15am Morning Prayer on Zoom</b>
	9.30am Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall?
	3.30pm Slimming World in main hall 5.00pm and 6.30pm
	<b>5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel</b>
Thursday 23	10.30am Thursday Club in small hall and Softley Lounge
	<b>10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church</b>
	<b>5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel</b>
	6.30pm Clubbercise in main hall
	7.30pm Charter Band in small hall
Friday 24	7.30pm Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 25	10.00am Karate in main hall
	<b>11.30am CiT Litter pick from Grange Baptist</b>
Sunday 26	<b>10.30am Parish Eucharist in St George's Church</b>
	<b>12.00noon Rachel, Paul and Rocky's THANK YOU</b>
	4.00pm IGBO Meeting in small hall
	<b>5.00pm Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church</b>
Monday 27	10.30am Say Aphasia in small hall
	<b>5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom</b>
Tuesday 28	9.30am Coffee Pot in small hall
	<b>10.00am Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel</b>

	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	7.00pm	Fairs Group meet in the Softley Lounge
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 29	8.15am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall 5.00pm and 6.30pm
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
Thursday 30	10.30am	Thursday Club in small hall and Softley Lounge
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist at St Margaret's Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Clubbercise in main hall
	7.30pm	Charter Band in small hall
Friday 31		
	<b>AUGUST</b>	
Saturday 1	10.00am	Church Cleaning at St George's
	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 2	10.30am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
	5.00pm	Parish Evensong in St Margaret's Church

**REMEMBER**

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

# Looking Ahead...



**11<sup>th</sup> July is our Summer Fun Day:** From 12.00noon until 3.00pm, in the Church, in the Centre and in the grounds of St George's. If you haven't offered your help yet or, if you have new items for Grand Raffle prizes and full bottles for the bottle stall, please speak to Helen, Dawn, Jonathan T or Darrell as soon as possible.

**26<sup>th</sup> July:** Rachel, Paul and Rocky's Thank You Lunch.

**Guardians of Ancora Summer Holiday Club:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am until 12.00noon: This will be our third Holiday Club for children who have complete Reception year upto years 5/6. For more information see the article earlier in the issue or Rachel, Gioia, and Susan have more information.

**Time to Remember:** English Martyrs' will host the Church in Tuffley, Time to Remember service this year, on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 3.00pm**. Please do put this very special service in your diary.

**Christmas Craft Fair:** Our Fairs and Fun Day planning group have set the date for St George's Christmas Fair for **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, from 12.00noon until 3.00pm**. More details will be available later in the year.

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



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Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift  
of summertime, the days of light, warmth, and leisure... Warm our  
souls with the awareness of your presence. Help us to find stillness for  
rest, refreshment of mind and body, and new joy in the company of  
friends and family. Amen.

# HUMOUR



Jack had started a new job as a trainee efficiency expert; at the end of his first day's training, he arrived home to be greeted by Jill who asked how his day had gone. Jack said "I've learned so much in one day!" "That's nice dear" replied Jill, "You can tell me all about it over dinner, it's all ready, I just need to bring in". Jack sat down and watched as Jill made lots of trips between the fridge, the cooker, the dining table and cupboards, often carrying a single item at a time, before she finally sat down. Jack said to Jill, "Dear, why don't you try carrying several things at once?' It saved so much time. It used to take Jill 30 minutes to dish up dinner, now Jack does it in ten..."

Jack and his mates were sat in the beer garden of his local when a lorry loaded with turf went by. One of his mates, Charlie said out loud, "See, that's what I will do when I win the lottery." "What?" said Jack all confused. "I'll send my grass away for cutting!"

Jill, caught off-guard, yells at Jack, "Dear! Why are you taking a bath with the bathroom door open?" Jack replies, "I'm making sure no one is looking at me through keyhole."

Jill rang Jack concerned about the family's pet dog, Chippie, whilst he was at work. "He just isn't well, Jack, I'm sure he running a temperature!" If that's the case go to Tesco's and buy some mustard. "Why, mustard!" Jill shouts at Jack down the 'phone. "Well, I've heard that it's the best thing for a hot dog".

Jill was out with her mates, when Tiffany asked what Jill had given Jack on the eve of their wedding, Jill replied, "A pair of long woolly socks." "Why woolly socks?", her mates asked. "In case he got cold feet! Of course!!"

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