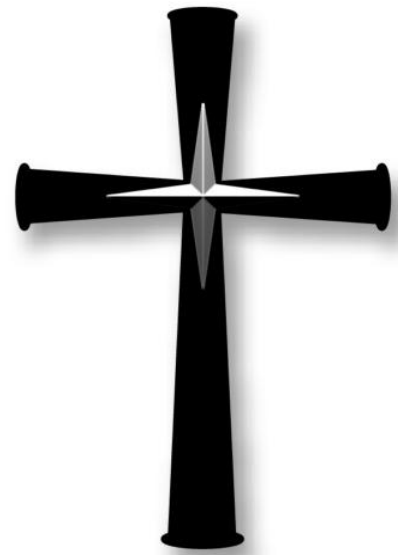


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Parish Announcements

Update

Church Service at Streatley - Sunday at 9.30 am

Church Service at Parish Centre - Sunday at 11.15 am

Parish Centre Service - Wednesday 10.15 am

Private prayer - by arrangement only

Dear All

June 2026

As I write this letter the sun is streaming through the bi-fold doors in the lounge and the room is drenched in light and warmth. It is a wonderful feeling. The garden is unfurling its green leaves, and the spring blossom is in full bloom. I have no idea what many of the plants in the garden are called but each one brings a different colour and shape to the garden tapestry. One plant in our garden that I do know is the peony, which we moved from our previous house over 20 years ago. Every year the deep red pom-pom blooms appear from under the beech hedge along the driveway. Each year I tease my brother that my peony blooms have arrived before his and then within a week they are fading and cascading petals across the garden. I wonder which plant will bloom next?

By the time you read this, Pentecost celebrations will probably be over, and we will be in the 'Ordinary Time'. The 'Ordinary Time' is the longest part of the liturgical year and is outside of any of the major seasons of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter. 'Ordinary Time' comes from the word 'ordinal' meaning numbered weeks and is divided into 34 weeks from Pentecost to Advent. This time in the church calendar is focussed on the public ministry and teaching of Jesus, rather than specific aspects of his life. This is a time of spiritual growth, symbolized by the green liturgical colour on the altar frontal and vestments. Just like our gardens, the church is changing and turning green. 😊

Early June includes the celebration of Corpus Christi, not a festival I have previously focussed on - as you can see my learning and education is continuing beyond Lent. Corpus Christi is a day of thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion and the recognition of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. While observance of Corpus Christi began in the mid 13th Century, it was abolished in 1548 during the reformation. This Festival was subsequently reintroduced by the Church of England and now takes place on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. Corpus Christi serves as a day to focus on the theology of the Eucharist and thank God for the sacramental gift of Christ's body and blood. Although the interpretation of Christ's 'presence' in the Eucharist has led to some contention over the centuries; the Church of England's teaching and thinking may be best summarised in the Prayer of Humble Access:

We do not presume to come to this thy table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord.
Whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
And to drink his Blood,
That we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen

Hopefully my ramblings provide some food for thought as we enter the summer months and that we have plenty of opportunity to enjoy the lighter days and our green spaces. As Archdeacon Dave recommended in his recent sermon, why not take a cup of tea into the garden and 'Do nothing to change your life' (Author - Stephen Cottrell) .

With all best wishes

Julia

St Margaret's Church, Streatley



From the Registers

Interment of Ashes

Funerals

Funeral in church - Susan Kilby - 7th April 2026

Tower Light Sponsorship

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

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June 2026

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10:15 Morning Service 12 Talking Elephants. 2.30 Barton Lodge visit	10 10:15 Morning Service 11:30 Disharmony Choir, Parish Centre	10 Coffee morning Parish Centre.	2:30 Choir Practice in Church	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 Parish Church Communion Service 11:15 Parish Centre Communion Service	2 - 4 Keech Buddies			10 Coffee morning Parish Centre. 2:30 Ladies Guild, Parish Centre	2:30 Choir Practice in Church	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Service of the Word 9:30 Parish Church 11:15 Parish Centre	2 - 4 Warblers & Wobblers, Parish Centre		10:15 Morning Service	10 Coffee morning Parish Centre. 2 Compline, Parish Church	2:30 Choir Practice in Church	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 Parish Church Communion Service 11:15 Parish Centre Communion Service		10:15 Morning Service		10 Coffee morning Parish Centre. 2-4 Food Bank Collection, Parish Centre	2:30 Choir Practice in Church	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
9:30 Parish Church Communion Service 11:15 Parish Centre Communion Service				SONGS OF PRAISE JUNE 14th, 3 pm Parish Centre		

The Services at St Margaret's – Are you on Duty?

7th June	09.30	Parish Communion
Trinity 1	Reader	Linda Stephenson
	Sidesperson	Tony Baines
	Intercessions	Julia Godino
	Coffee	Jean Kain, Pat Wren
	Cleaning	Carol Hodges, Wendy Dyer, Ray Harrison
14th June	09.30	Service of the Word
Trinity 2	Reader	Val Blewitt
	Sidesperson	Rod Giles
	Intercessions	Linda Stephenson
	Coffee	Brenda Daniells, Jan Williams
21st June	09.30	Parish Communion
Trinity 3	Reader	Teresa Dales
	Sidesperson	Ray Harrison
	Intercessions	Paul Ingram
	Coffee	Judy Seymour, Maureen Ingram
28th June	09.30	Parish Communion
Trinity 4	Reader	Judy Seymour
	Sidesperson	Richard Daniells
	Intercession	Teresa Dales
	Coffee	Carol Hodges, Wendy Dyer
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Personal note from Editor

A few weeks ago, my son and daughter in law were in the Church grounds remembering their wedding 10 years ago where Steve officiated and family friend, Bishop George from Nigeria, said a few words.

They were approached by a lady who enquired if she could help and they explained why they were there and she asked if they were Christian and gave them a blessing. They were very touched as am I so thank you to whoever you are.

Hymn of the month: June

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing “Alleluia!”

This inspiring hymn of praise was written in 1225 by the medieval monk St. Francis of Assisi.

At the age of 25, he turned his back on the possession of material goods and devoted himself to working as Christ’s representative on earth. He was an itinerant evangelist, teaching and helping poor people in Italy. He founded the Franciscan order of Friars.

He was a great lover of nature, seeing the hand of God in all creation.

Another familiar verse written by him is “Make me a channel of Thy peace.”

Throughout his life he strongly believed in the value of Church music, and, in all, he wrote over 60 hymns.

“All creatures of our God and King” is an expression of praise for all of God’s creation and has remained popular for several hundred years.

“Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness.”

Barbara Donaldson



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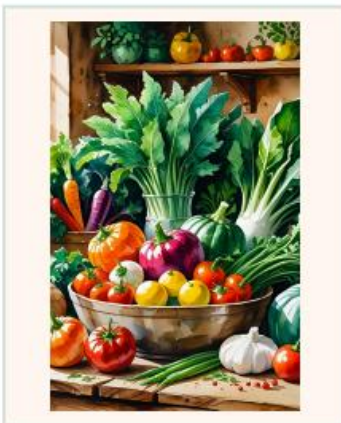


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CHURCHWARDENS' NEWS

Another busy month of finding ministers to take services while finalizing the Parish Profile and advertisement for the Church News. The advertisement will run for the month of May and the deadline for applications is 9th June. Interviews of applicants will be taking place on 30th June. Please let us know of anything specific you would like included in this process. In the meantime, please pray for God to send us the right person.

Despite asking numerous times we still have not found a person able to take the Wednesday morning communion, except for the odd one or two. It seems that this interferes with their own midweek services. Thanks to Dorothy and all the 10.15 worshippers, Service of the Word continues as a joint effort. Thank you.

Another successful Foodbank collection. Thirteen trays and 30 x 1 litre cartons of long-life juice and milk. Thank you to everyone who supports this worthwhile cause and helps to ensure it is all collected, packed, and delivered to Luton. We have been told Luton Foodbank hands out 4,500 items per week so your donations are gratefully received.

The electricity contract at the church is coming to an end so we are in the process of finding the best price going forward. Also ongoing is a fundraising effort by submitting grant applications to enable us to complete the repairs itemised on the Quinquennial Inspection.

When you read this, the APM and APCM will be completed and a new PCC will be elected and, maybe, two new Churchwardens as elections take place each year for this position. The electoral roll has also been updated. To everyone who came out in support, thank you. Your input in church life is very important.

If anyone knows of an organist or pianist who would be willing to work with Barbara so she can have a day off occasionally, please ask them if they would be interested in helping out at St. Margaret's.

Officiants for services

May to July 2026

Please see schedule of cover for upcoming Sunday services at St Margaret's and the Parish Centre

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
	Archdeacon Dave	Roger Wood	Teresa Dales	Roger Wood	Bishop Richard
	Jun 7	Jun 14	Jun 21	Jun 28	
	Jane Fox	Teresa Dales	Archdeacon Dave	Roger Wood	
	Jul 5	Jul 12	Jul 19	Jul 26	
	Roger Wood	Nigel Washington	Roger Wood	Nigel Washington	

We continue to seek ordained ministers to officiate at our Wednesday 10:15am services at the Parish Centre, in the meantime Dorothy Iszatt continues to provide service of the word for us.



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Thank you for thinking of us, and please pass on our gratitude to all concerned.

Have a lovely week

Many thanks

Charlie Lockley

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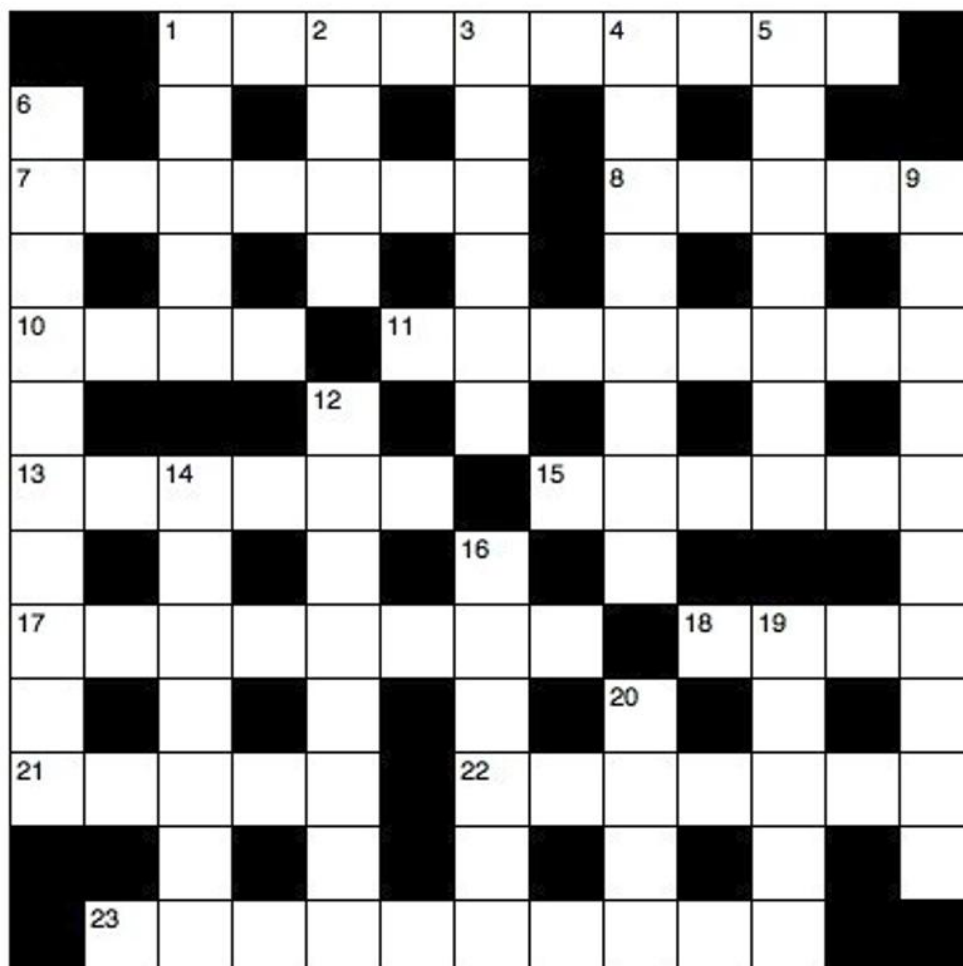
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Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians 4:8) (4)
- 11 Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8) (8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)

- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4) (10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19) (8)
- 14 Aceturn (anag.) (7)
- 16 Discharge (Acts 21:3) (6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — his glory!' (Revelation 19:7) (4)



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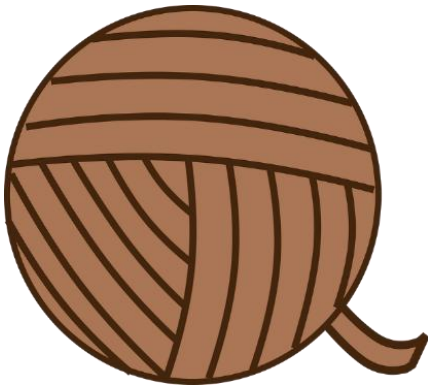
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2026

11th June Howard Chandler - Legrave

JUNE MEETING – LADIES WISHING TO HAVE AFTERNOON TEA ARE ASKED TO BRING PAYMENT OF £12 TO THIS MEETING. THANK YOU.

9th July Afternoon tea, followed by quilting demonstration
by Kay Goddard

13th August Bill Hamilton - good news/bad news

10th September The Patterned Path to Freedom - Kay Goddard

8th October Julia Godino - Vietnam Visit

12th November Leslie Robertson - India Talk (part 2)
(previously planned for January)

10th December Christmas Meal

New members always welcome please contact Judy on 01582 883308 or any Committee member - Maureen Ingram, Kathy Rutherford, Pat Wren, Anne Beard. Sandra Hylton, and Janet Willison

The LADIES' GUILD meets from 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. on 2nd Thursday in the month at The Parish Centre, Lucas Gardens

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

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St Margaret's Ladies' Guild

14th May 2026

We commenced with the AGM. There were several apologies and 19 members plus 1 guest present.

Judy read her Chair's report in which she paid tribute to Jean Flower who sadly had died in January, grateful thanks were given to Maureen for all the work she puts in to find us speakers and to Kathy for doing a grand job keeping our finances in order and to other Committee members for their help and support. To all members for their continued support - thank you. Barbara Pattenden has decided to step down which has left us short on the Committee, but we do have 2 new volunteers who hopefully you will elect later.

Thanks were given to Barbara and flowers will be delivered to her tomorrow.

Kathy read her Treasurer's report which showed a healthy balance currently.

Maureen then read the Secretary's report which recalled all the speakers we have had over the year.

Now to election of Officers

Chairperson	Judy Seymour (now entering her 25 th year)
Secretary	Maureen Ingram
Treasurer	Kathy Rutherford

Committee – re-elected	Ann Beard
	Pat Wren

Newly elected	Sandra Hylton
	Janet Willison

There being no other business the meeting closed and members were advised that next year the AGM will be on 13th May 2027

Judy was presented with a lovely orchid from the Guild for which she is very grateful – thank you.

She then gave a Thank you coaster to the other members of the Committee.

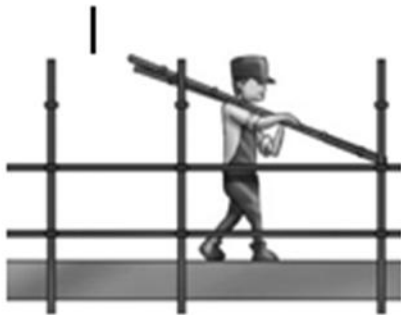
This was followed by a most enjoyable, entertaining and exercising afternoon Not what

any of us expected Hannah was such a lovely person who inspired us all with exercises using plastic egg shakers and scarves - all this was done to music from our younger days – The Beatles, Elvis and many more that we were able to join in and sing along as we exercised. This lasted for 45 minutes but time flew by - I think everyone enjoyed doing their best to follow the actions. Well done all and thanks to Hannah for making it such fun.

Then followed tea and cake before the short formal meeting and raffle.



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