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HOW QUICKLY FIVE YEARS PASSES...

Would you believe that it's five years since Paul and I arrived in Tuffley? We felt so warmly welcomed here, and very much appreciated everyone's kindness and encouragement right from the start. You might remember that Paul was struggling with five compression fractures in his spine when we arrived, meaning that for the first few weeks he didn't go further than the garden gate! He was determined to make it to St George's for the 'collation and induction' service (otherwise known as a welcome service) on 26th July, and we were both so pleased that in God's strength that was possible. We both have such happy memories of that evening – even in the slightly strange pandemic times of singing behind a mask and not being able to gather in the Main Hall for refreshments. The community across the Benefice welcomed us so warmly in the service and afterwards with a glass of wine served outside.

That first evening was a wonderful reflection of people's kindness and care from both parishes, and the fabulous way that people come together to welcome others, to put on events full of joy and laughter, and to be faithful witnesses of God's love and hope. Over the last five years we've seen this time and time again and we have always felt that we are in the right place, here with you – including those who have been part of life here for many years and those who have recently joined. Also including the wonderful people who have departed to be with God in heaven, including Jeanne Wilson, Mike Mumby, Hans Rackham, Dot Martin, Carol Jarvis, and most recently Marlene Thomas and Mike Brammer – we all miss them very much and give thanks to God for their lives.

There is so much to give thanks for over the last five years and numerous ways in which God has blessed our life together as God's people here in Tuffley, Whaddon and Podsmead. Back in 2021 virtually everything, other than worship, had been paused due to the pandemic.

Slowly, we were able to re-establish vital community gathering times, such as Coffee Pot and Day Centre (now known as Thursday Club), thanks to the faithful dedication of a few, and the prayer support of many. We also tried new ventures, such as Fun and Free, which grew from giving out a few ice lollies and offering some games on the grass in the Summer of 2022, to now four years of toddler/pre-school into after school family drop in. Saturday morning family fun and worship times, following on from the fantastic tradition of Messy Church and family celebration times at St Margaret's, following on from many years of a thriving Family Praise. Holiday Club – in its fourth year this year, following on from the legendary Holiday Clubs of the '90s at St George's! Youth Groups, again a well-trodden path here, with Arrow Group and Dragon Club coming before! Indeed, our outreach to children, young people and families has flourished to the point where we have been able to appoint a youth and families worker, Sophie – who you will read an introduction from later in this edition of Crossroads!

Coming out of the pandemic, we focussed on community and encouraging people to feel safe to gather again and to share joy and laughter together again. This led to the re-introduction of a Christmas Fayre, a new Summer Fun Day, Heritage Open Days at St Margaret's, amazing Teddy Zipwire at St Margaret's, 80 year's celebration of St George's, Pet Services at both churches... and so much more that could be mentioned!

One of continuing highlights of life across our benefice, that was one of the features that attracted Paul and I over five years ago, is the Church in Tuffley. What a blessing and gift this is – it would be easy to take for granted our close relationship with the other churches, but we must never do so – this really is something very special here. Thanks to Bruce for the wonderful vision based on the signpost showing the churches together, and thanks to so many of you that have made the close relationship a reality and a joy.

There is so much more that could be said, but I must stop otherwise the editor will be struggling to fit this in (and a huge thank you to Darrell for his immense patience and graciousness with the Vicar when once again she missed the deadline for Crossroads!) Needless to say, Paul and I give thanks to God for each and every person who is part of the life of St George's and St Margaret's, and we look forward to spending another five years (God willing) here with you on the journey of life with Jesus Christ!

With love and thanks from us both,

RACHEL AND PAUL

HELLO EVERYONE!

My name is Sophie, and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Youth and Families Worker. I am super excited to become part of the team at St George's and to get to know all the wonderful children, young people, families and volunteers over the coming months.

As part of my role, I will be leading the Monday and Wednesday youth clubs, where I hope to create a fun, welcoming and supportive environment for everyone who comes along. I will also be helping with Fun and Free on Tuesdays and I'm looking forward to meeting many more families through these sessions.

Alongside this role, I am currently completing my Primary Teaching degree at university. Working towards becoming a teacher has given me a real passion for helping children and young people grow in confidence, develop new skills and feel valued for who they are. I have previously worked in early years education, which has allowed me to gain experience supporting children of different ages and stages of development. I love seeing young people discover their strengths,

overcome challenges and enjoy learning in ways that are engaging and meaningful.

Outside of work and University, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, exploring new places and making the most of opportunities to be creative.

I feel incredibly grateful for the opportunity to join the team and become part of such a welcoming community. I know there is already so much happening and I am looking forward to supporting the fantastic work that is already taking place while bringing new ideas and activities along the way. My hope is that every child, young person and family feels welcome, encouraged and able to build lasting friendships through the groups and events we run.

If you see me around, please do come and say hello! I'd love to meet you, hear about your experiences and get to know you. If you'd like to get in contact, my email is stgyouthandfamilies@gmail.com

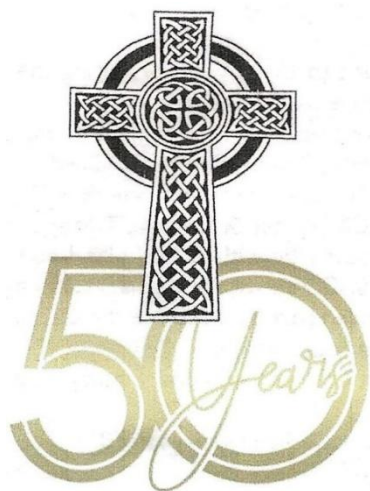
SOPHIE



Did you know that by the end of the school year we were running two, yes two weekly Youth Groups. We ran a group on Mondays and had been for some considerable time and a new group started up on Wednesdays for Year 6 pupils for the last few months of term. Both groups started at

7.15pm. With the school year now ended these two groups and their leaders will take break and will resume in September. If you would like to help out, please talk to Rachel or to Sophie.

50 YEARS – AND STILL MOVING. JUST!



It is 30 years ago that I left St George's and St Margaret's as your priest to continue my ministry as Rector of the fishing port of Looe in Cornwall. It is now 50 years ago since I was ordained in Birmingham Cathedral on the hottest day of 1976, a temperature record only recently broken.

At Petertide on the last weekend of June this year, a group of friends and family stayed in a lovely restored old vicarage on the Caerhays Castle Estate in Cornwall to commemorate this half-century event in my continuing ministry. Four people, past and present, from St George's came and stayed, and on the Sunday joined in a packed church to praise God for his goodness and the ongoing work of so many people. Two people from St George's were there too, unexpectedly. Just ask Darrell and Glenda, Malcolm Martin and Sylvia Evans, and also Revd David Russell and Susanna. What memories we shared.

At the outbreak of the Ukraine war my wife Melva and I helped instigate a small charity supporting friends in S.E. Poland. They organise work to support the citizens and soldiers in Eastern Ukraine, funding and helping a local pastor drive a van twice a month to the war-torn areas, providing some food, clothing and life's essentials for many who have lost homes or recovering from the front line. We thank God that over £1500 was raised for this charity over our celebratory weekend, which has already been used to alleviate some suffering, including families living in 'Container City' – those large shipping containers which are now a home and shelter for so many. In this heat!

We are all called in some way or another, as St Paul wrote. (Ephesians 4:11) We are not called to be popular but faithful. No priest can please everyone, but what could and can be achieved, both then and now, is

when kind and faithful people join in and make their contribution. The children's Dragon Club, now only acknowledged by those with long memories, was the success it was because local people worked hard to make it happen. True we had a great time, and yes, it was tiring and demanding like a lot of ministry - as it was for Jesus himself who often tired withdrew to refresh himself and pray to his Father - but it was fun! Melva and I continue our ministry, with fun, and as much energy as our twilight years can provide, without the demanding responsibility of organising and administering multiple parishes. We continue to pray for God's people, including those we served during the past 50 years, and with great affection thank our Lord for our time in Tuffley and Whaddon. Long may His work and yours continue.

With our love and prayers.

BRIAN & MELVA





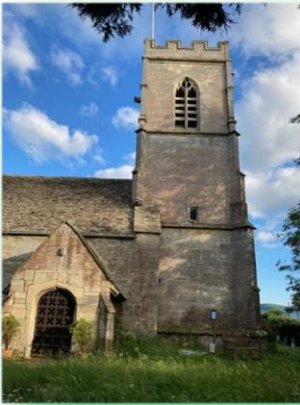
**Susie, Mark's husband Lee, Mark and Lee's friend and dog sitter,
Mark, Brian, Jayne, Melva, Susie's partner Matt
and Jayne's husband Simon
Beau and Dug the dogs were absent without leave unfortunately!**



Brian and Melva thank everyone at St George's and St Margaret's for the anniversary card and their good wishes for Brian on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Ministry. It was great to meet up with David and Suzanne Russell for the weekend too, at The Veian, St Austell, Cornwall and at the Parish Church of St Goran, Kernow on the Feast of St Peter.

GLENDAL AND DARRELL

WHADDON WAFFLE



Well, here I am! Back again to update you on life from St Margaret's and Whaddon.

Recently, we spent time in the churchyard, making a start on its summer makeover. As a team of five, some of you may not have noticed a difference but respecting graves and memorials, given the height of some wild grasses and seed heads, is a delicate operation. It was also a morning of discovery as we uncovered lost headstones and the seven pyramidal orchids, which had been spotted a week or so before, but which were beginning to fade. The churchyard makeover continues and the front grass has had a good trim thanks to another small group of volunteers.

A 19th century naturalist and philosopher, Henry Thoreau, is quoted as saying: **'It is not what you look at that matters, it's what you see'** and we have certainly experienced this, looking out from the peace and quiet of the churchyard and in our not so quiet garden.



Looking out to watch tractors grass cutting and making hay while the sun shines (in preparation for winter), a red kite flying in a circular movement as it polishes the sky searching for prey below and to seeing the birds at our feeding station with regular turn-taking by some. There were about a dozen sparrows sitting on the fence in a perfect line. A few flew on to the seeds and, when their time was up, the next few flew in to eat as the first ones went to the bird bath, then moments later, the next ones switched in and so on several times over. The young woodpecker however has more to learn as it sits in the tree and waits for its parents

to take turns at feeding it! Sadly, a sparrow hawk didn't have such good manners but flew in and out like a flash, in search of a natural meal, yet the wren patiently waits its turn darting back and forth under cover. As the evening sun shone across the garden, it highlighted a blue tit following the bouncing flight path of an insect, which proved to be its bedtime snack.

At the end of Church Lane are cattle currently; the range of breeds in so few always interests us – among them are small Belted Galloway with their white 'belts', and larger British White with their black eyeliner, ears and noses! Walking the dog around the roadside Whaddon grassy area, where cornflowers in their purple splendour stretch their heads high, our now 4-yr-old grandson enjoys looking and seeing different types of seeded grass heads and winged insects, but he has been captivated by a particular orange beetle (we think they are red soldier beetles). He spots them at twenty paces and stalks them to take a closer look - the excitement and thrill when one landed on his little hand must have been heard in Tuffley!



We knew about the bees which are regular visitors to our bug hotel, but we have watched them more closely as they have busily popped in and out of the bamboo tunnels, sealing the ends with precisely and perfectly cut circular pieces of leaf and nearby yellow rose petals, making them look like a new species! We've noticed these

leaf cutter bees have even filled a couple of holes in the walls of the house for good measure!

Being able to look is one thing, but what we see is even better, right here on our doorstep! How lucky and grateful we are. I hope that you are able to enjoy looking and seeing something of interest from your window or doorstep, or that you are able to share what you've seen with someone who can't see out at all. A visually impaired friend tells me she enjoys descriptions from people she knows and feels blessed to hear the details, even though she can't see them.

Until next month, enjoy the long summer days, wet or dry!

JULIE



We've made some timing changes to Sunday Eucharists at St Margaret's, they will now take place at 5.00pm on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays. There will not be a Sunday morning service at St Margaret's until future notice. Evensong on the 1st and 3rd Sundays will continue at 5.00pm as always.

"YOU CAN TAKE A WHITE HORSE ANYWHERE"

"It's time we met up for a walk," said my cousin Sandra. "Where shall we go?" She lives in Newbury, so I replied: "I've always wanted to see the White Horse at Uffington". This was just before the big heat wave, so we agreed on an 8am start (!)

The White Horse is 360 feet long, and it's formed of deep trenches filled with crushed white chalk. After much debate and conflicting theories, its age can now be given as between 1380BC and 210 BC, which makes it either late Bronze Age or Iron Age. The Oxford Archaeology Unit hope

gradually to pin down the date more accurately, as their scientific techniques continue to develop. But it is without doubt Britain's oldest chalk figure.

It's been called a masterpiece of minimalist art. There are more modern white horses, mostly in Wiltshire; more realistic, but static and lifeless compared with Uffington's ancient galloper.

Anyway, what about our walk, you may be wondering. Well, it was a perfect sunny morning, with few other people up and about. The music of the skylarks was everywhere. There were fabulous views out over the Vale of White Horse towards the Cotswolds, and an easy walk along the Ridgeway before it got too hot. But first, a look at the Iron Age earthworks of Uffington Castle, also Dragon Hill nearby. The latter looked to me like a man-made mound. Wrong: it was formed at the end of the Ice Age, though its top has been flattened by human activity, so I was partly right.

Legends abound. St George is said to have slain the dragon on Dragon Hill. There's a bit where the grass never grows: that's where the dragon's blood was spilt. Nearby is a curious area called The Manger, where the White Horse feeds at dead of night on the strange glacially-formed rippled shapes in the landscape.

"You can take a White Horse anywhere" as the whisky adverts told us in the 1960s. Well, not this Horse perhaps, but it does need constant attention. It has shrunk considerably within living memory. Its tummy is about to be fattened up a bit, and overall, they are looking to recover about 40% of its area, which has been won back by Mother Nature. The shrinkage can be measured from vintage aerial photos, which corroborate what local people have been saying.

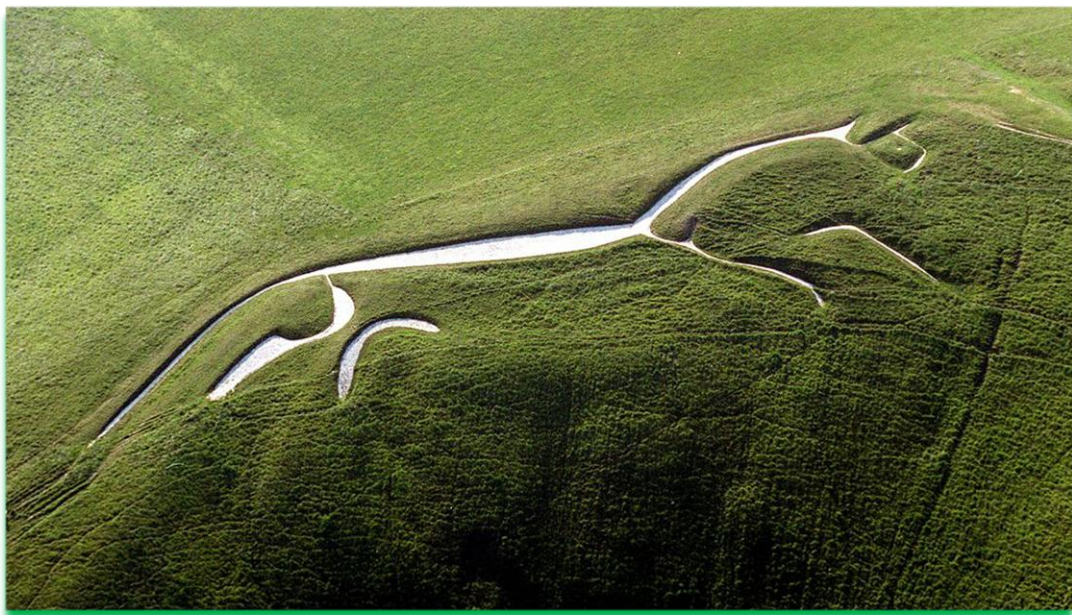
Scouring the Horse has been a local custom for centuries, and at one time involved a somewhat riotous fair at Uffington Castle. Now that the

National Trust is in charge, activity is much more carefully controlled, but voluntary effort remains vital for survival of the Horse. If one did nothing at all, it would disappear within a few decades.

During the last War, it had to be covered up with turf and hedge trimmings, as it would have been an easy landmark for the Luftwaffe.

One final story. The poet John Betjeman lived at Uffington for many years. His wife Penelope actually danced on the eye of the Horse to improve her chances of pregnancy! Once again, I fear the National Trust would take a dim view. You are not supposed to walk near the Horse, let alone dance on it!

JONATHAN



The Horse from the air: an ancient masterpiece.

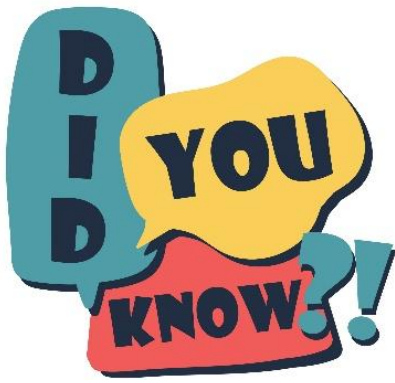
Confirmations



We were delighted to welcome Bishop Rachel, the Bishop of Gloucester, to lead a Confirmation Service at St George's on Sunday 5th July. There were five candidates from St George's - Finley, Helen, Jude, Stephen and Tony, and two from St James' Quedgeley, George and Vicky. It was such a joy to witness these seven people confirming their baptismal vows and publicly affirming their commitment to follow Jesus Christ. We were glad so many were able to support them on this happy occasion. Afterwards, there were refreshments enjoyed in the Main Hall, including a Confirmation Cake!

RACHEL





1st August; traditionally known as Lammas Day, was an old festival to mark the annual wheat and corn harvest. It was a sort of Thanksgiving (harvest time) in Britain. Lammas also marked the mid-point between the summer solstice and autumn equinox.

1st August 1740; 'Rule Britannia' was sung for the first time in public, in Thomas Arne's 'Masque Alfred'.

7th August 1840; Britain bans the employment of using young boys as chimney sweeps.

10th August; is St. Lawrence's Day. "Fair weather on St. Lawrence's Day presages a fair autumn."

17th August; is when the Cat Nights begin, harking back to a rather obscure Irish legend concerning witches; this bit of folklore also led to the idea that a cat has nine lives.

19th August; is National Aviation Day, chosen for the birthday of Orville Wright, who piloted the first recorded flight of a powered heavier-than-air machine in 1903.

24th August 1875; Matthew Webb (Captain Webb) started his attempt from Dover in Kent, to become the first person to swim the English Channel. He reached Calais, France at 10.40 am the following morning, having been in the water for 22 hours.

24th August; is St. Bartholomew Day. "At St. Bartholomew, there comes cold dew."

27th August 1900; Britain's first long distance bus service begins between London and Leeds. The journey time being 2 days!

30th August 1860; Britain's first tramway opens in Birkenhead, near Liverpool.

31st August 1900; Coca Cola is sold for the first time in Britain.

Is it too late to offer your help at our Holiday Club, YET?
Just ask...



We are really looking forward to running Holiday Club this summer from 4th to 6th August. Thank you so much to everyone who is able to help volunteer either on the days of the club or in preparing activities etc for the children, and thank you too for all of you who may not be able to physically be with us but who will be holding the work of the holiday club in prayer.

We are expecting around 35 children, as well as a team of 'young leaders' from our youth group who are such a gift to us in helping with the work of holiday club.

As you read this, perhaps consider stopping for a moment to pray for the work of our holiday club, as well as our wider work with children and young people throughout our parish.



AUGUST's GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for June

- 1 Jesus described himself as, "the _____ bread". What word completes this statement?
- 2 Jesus went on to say, "Unless you eat the flesh of the ____ _ and drink his blood, you have no life in you". What did Jesus call himself?
- 3 When listing the disciples in a passage of scripture the 'first _____' also known as _____'. Who is this disciple?
- 4 Also listed amongst the disciples is the son of Alphaeus. Who was the son of Alphaeus?
- 5 When sending out the twelve, Jesus instructed them, "Take no _____, no _____, or _____ in your belts. What were they not to take?
- 6 Speaking of Beelzebub and his household, what advice did Jesus give His disciples?
- 7 Jesus went on to say, "Everyone therefor who _____ me before others, I will _____ before my Father in heaven". These two missing words are almost the same. One of them ends with a 's'. What are these words?
- 8 Jesus stated 'I have not come to bring peace.' What does he say He brought?
- 9 Where were Jesus and His disciples when he asked, "Who do people say that the Son of man is."
- 10 Speaking to Peter Jesus said, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For _____ has not revealed this to you." What words are missing?

The answers are printed later in Crossroads



Diocese of Gloucester

Our speaker for July was our very own Branch Leader, Sylvia Chamberlain. She spoke of her happy childhood and her school days during which one of her teachers encouraged her to go into teaching. She came to Gloucester for training college and got a post at a school in Mitcheldean which she thoroughly enjoyed. Moving to Tuffley she came to St George's where she was made so welcome that she joined the Mothers' Union eventually becoming its Branch Leader.

As usual we won't meet in August but our speaker in September will be Alison Price whose talk will be, "My Life and Times".

Everyone is welcome to join at our meetings.

GERALDINE

The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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, and a chance for old friends to meet new friends. We've currently moved into the Softley Lounge, where chairs are a bit softer

Please note that Coffee Pot will not be open on Tuesday 4th August

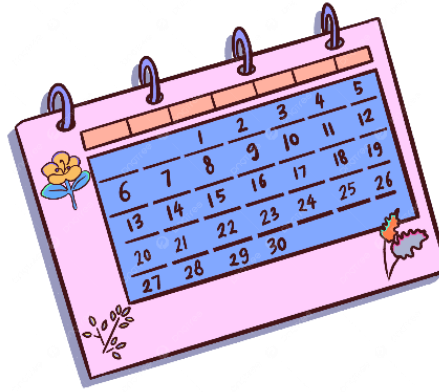
What more could you want

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...





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 you arriving and finding that someone else has booked it.

A PRAYER FOR AUGUST

God, give me the wisdom to see the opportunities You place before me and the courage to let go of what is not meant for me. Strengthen my hands in my daily work, grant me joy in the quiet moments, and surround my loved ones with Your protection.

Help me to trust in Your unfailing love and to walk in hope, knowing that You are with me in every step of this journey. Amen



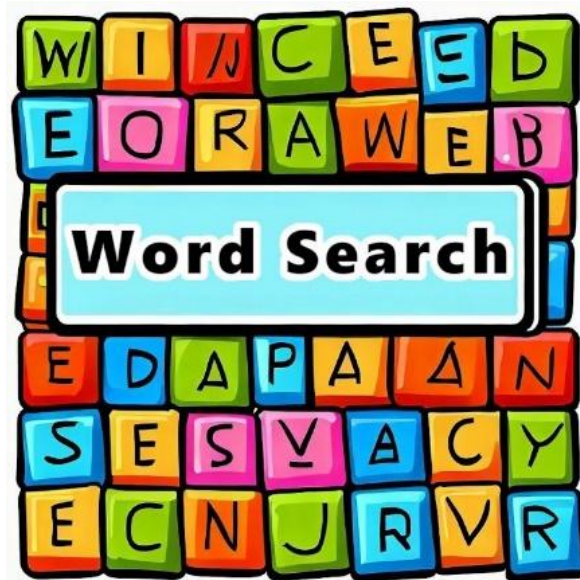
THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY 15th AUGUST



10 QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS MONTH

- 1 Which animal is associated with Summer?
a Tiger, b Pig, c Goat, or d Ox
- 2 What food are you supposed to eat on the 30th August?
a Toasted marshmallows, b Pepper squash, c Peanuts, or d Apples
- 3 What or who was the month of August named after?
a British King, b Roman Emperor, c First Pope, or d Ancient Battle
- 4 What is the birth flower for August?
a Marigold, b Gladiola, c Violet, or d Pansy
- 5 What is the gemstone for August?
a Sapphire, b Peridot, c Opal, or d Garnet
- 6 What famous rock concert opened on 15th August 1969?
a Monterey, b Woodstock, c Newport, or d Altamont
- 7 Which famous director died at the age of 83 on the 10th August 1996?
a Richard Lester, b Penny Marshall, c Rex Tucker, or d Don Taylor
- 8 Which Alamo hero was born on the 17th August 1786?
a David Bowie, b Davy Crockett, c Sam Houston,
or d William Travis
- 9 If you were born in August what Zodiac sign would be associated with your birth?
a Aries, b Leo, c Pisces, or d Aquarius
- 10 Champagne Day occurs on which day in August?
a 4th, b 17th, c 10th, or d 27th

The quiz answers are printed later in Crossroads



AUGUST SUMMER 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.

August, Beach, Boating, Camp, Cheeseburgers, Drama Free, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, June, July, Lake, Lemonade, Limeade, Movies, No School, Pool, Shopping, Sleep In, Swimming, Vacation, Video Games,

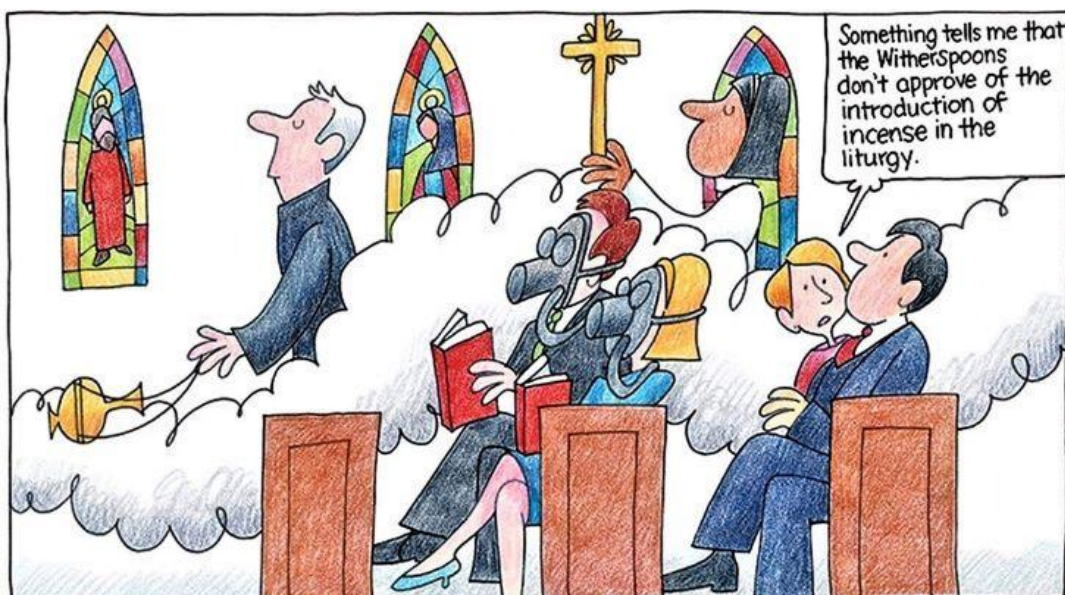
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ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING CREW

**Please note that there will not be a
St George's Cleaning Session in August, so...**

**We will meet up again on Saturday 5th September and
Saturday 3rd October from 10.00am onwards**

Our July clean of St George's Church went ahead as preparation for our Confirmation Service with Bishop Rachel the following day.

We dusted and vacuumed, changed candles and light bulbs. It's dangerous to stand still when we get going with vacuum cleaners, dusters and broom, the play area at the back of church was tidied up and the welcomer's and play table too. Not forgetting the Vestry.

Although we are not meeting to church clean in August, as always if you are unable to join us in September 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 5th September!

CHURCH CLEANING CREW!



ANSWERS TO AUGUST QUIZ

1 Goat, the goat is an earth sign: 2 Toasted marshmallows, on the 30th you should eat marshmallows: 3 A roman Emperor, the month of August was named after one of Julius Caesar's relatives, Augustus: 4 Gladiola, represents strength of character and sincerity: 5 Peridot, is a light green stone: 6 Woodstock, was billed as 3 days of music and peace: 7 Rex Tucker, directed a number of Doctor Who, The Three Musketeers and Jane Eyre episodes: 8 Davy Crockett, is often called the King of the Wild Frontier: 9 Leo, starts in July and ends in August: 10 4th August, it's also National Night Out and Coast Guard Day.

AUGUST GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 living: 2 Son of Man: 3 Simon Peter: 4 James: 5 gold, silver, copper: 6 have no fear of them: 7 acknowledges, acknowledge: 8 sword: 9 Caesarea Philippi: 10 flesh and blood:

AUGUST SUMMER WORDSEARCH ANSWER





IN THE BENEFICE

JULY

Saturday 25	Church Office closed until 3 rd August
Sunday 26	10.30am Parish Eucharist in St George's Church 12.00noon Rachel, Paul and Rocky's THANK YOU 4.00pm IGBO Meeting in small hall 5.00pm Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church
Monday 27	10.30am Say Aphasia in small hall 5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 28	Church Office closed until 3 rd August 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 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	Church Office closed until 3 rd August
AUGUST	
Saturday 1	NO 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
Monday 3	10.00am	Setting up Holiday Club in Church and halls
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 4	9.30am	Summer Holiday Club in Church and halls
		The Guardians of Ancora, Treasure Seekers
		NO Coffee Pot this week
		NO Parish Eucharist in St George's
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 5	9.30am	Summer Holiday Club in Church and halls
		The Guardians of Ancora, Treasure Seekers
	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 6	9.30am	Summer Holiday Club in Church and halls
		The Guardians of Ancora, Treasure Seekers
	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 7	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 8	10.00am	Karate in main hall
	3.00pm	Private hire main hall
Sunday 9	10.30am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
	5.00pm	Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church
Monday 10	10.30am	Say Aphasia in small hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 11	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel
		NO Mothers' Union in August
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel

	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 12	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 13		August Crossroads article deadline
	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 14	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 15	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 16	10.30am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
	5.00pm	Parish Evensong in St Margaret's Church
Monday 17	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 18	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 19	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 20	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 21	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 22	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 23	10.30am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
	5.00pm	Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church
Monday 24		August Crossroads printing week
	10.30am	Say Aphasia in small hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday 25	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 26	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 27	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 28	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 29	10.00am	Karate in main hall
	6.00pm	St George's Entertainers – Plays and Picnic
Sunday 30	August Crossroads available	
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
	5.00pm	Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church
	4.00pm	IGBO Meeting in small hall
Monday 31	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
September		
Tuesday 1	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
	6.30pm	Cubs and Beavers in main hall
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 2	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 3	10.30am	Thursday Club in small hall
	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 4	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 5	10.00am	Church Cleaning in St George's is back
	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 6	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



If you can help at St Margaret's or at St George's please contact the editors at ds52604@gmail.com

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Looking Ahead...



26th July: Rachel, Paul and Rocky's Thank You Lunch.

Guardians of Ancora, Treasure Seekers Summer Holiday Club: Tuesday 4th to Thursday 6th 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 this issue or speak to Rachel, Gioia, and Susan who have more information.

Bishop's Mission Weekend: Friday 9th to Sunday 13th September using Grange Primary School as a hosting site. Barbecue, Concert and much, much more... even more details as they are known will be in Signpost.

Benefice PCC: Tuesday 22nd September reports to Darrell by no later than Monday 14th September for circulating to PCC members please.

Our Harvest Weekend: will be over Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th October; more information to follow.

Time to Remember at English Martyrs': in Tuffley, is hosting the service this year, on Sunday 2nd 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 5th 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.



Jack had been away on business and had been let down for a lift back to the railway station, so he was hurrying along when he asks a farmer, "Sorry sir, would you mind if I crossed your field instead of going around it? You see, I need to catch the 4.30pm train." The farmer says, "Sure, go right ahead, but if my bull sees you, you'll even catch the 4.00pm one."

Jack and his mates were sat in the beer garden of his local when Charlie said, "Hey Jack, did you know Elon Musk just bought Facebook for millions and millions of dollars?" "Idiot" says Jack, "doesn't he know he could download it for free."

Jill, looks in the mirror and says to Jack "I look fat", then she asks Jack to give her a compliment to make her feel better about herself. Jack says, "Ok, you have perfect eye sight."

Jill's boss asked her, "Do you believe in life after death?" Jill replied, "No, because there is no proof of it". Her boss said, "Well, there is now!" Jill asks, "How?" Her boss says, "When you left yesterday saying that you have to go to your uncle's funeral, your uncle came here looking for you after you left."

A violinist went to sleep, and his dream went like this... An angel appeared and told him: "I have good news and bad news to tell you. Which news should I start with?" The violinist replied: "With the good one please." So, the angel continues, "After you die, you will go to heaven, and in heaven you will be sitting beside Paganini, in The Heavenly Orchestra." The violinist was stunned with this amazing news, asked about the bad news, and the angel replied: "The bad news is that your first rehearsal is tomorrow morning."

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