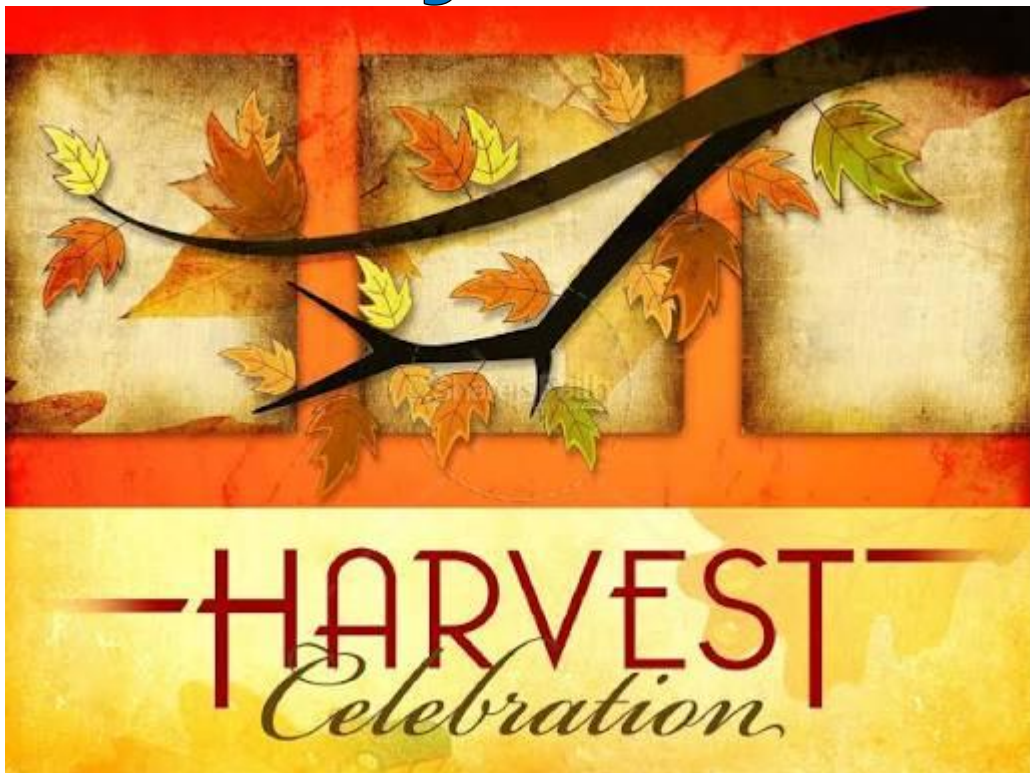


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Our Vicar, Rachel writes...

Love Tuffley; celebrating community! Thank you!

First, a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in any way in the Mission weekend last month. Bishop Rachel was with us all weekend and has written about the weekend in her weekly letter to the Diocese (do pick up a copy of this and the article from diocesan bulletin in church). The Headteacher of Grange Primary, Beth Williams, so generously let us use their school site all weekend and was also present throughout to help make sure everything ran smoothly – what amazing community spirit!

It was a fantastic weekend, and the week running up to it in schools too! Pastor David, Gioia and I joined the iSingPop Team in our three local schools; Harewood Infant, Junior and Grange Primary. Over 700 children were involved with this across the three schools, learning songs with catchy words, actions and music, sharing Christian values and celebrating ways to live well with one another in community. For example, "take care of the world, with everyone together, we can make life better... justice is the word, when everybody's treasured, there'll be peace forever". Others more explicitly referred to the love and light we have through Jesus, for example, "love so amazing and kind, I'm so glad that it found me, now when it's dark in my life, there's a light all around me... I wanna shine like a star so everybody can see it, a love so deep in my heart, now every day I can feel it". It was wonderful to see so many children enthusiastically singing these profound words and so much joy in the schools' halls as they joined in with the dance moves (David, Gioia and I tried to keep up!) This was then shared with families, churches and wider community at the concerts on Friday 11th – thank you so much to those who were able to come and support the children.

The weekend carried on in the same joyful atmosphere on the Saturday, with Messy Church, sports with Sportily, a culturally diverse lunch, and a disco! There was such a lovely, relaxed feel to this day, with people

moving around the activities freely and many conversations and smiles throughout the day. Bishop Rachel was the first on the dance floor for the disco (and the first to be helping to tidy up after lunch!) with children and adults alike joining in. A litter pick took place on the field, and the BBQ continued well into the afternoon.

The Sunday celebration service brought the weekend to a wonderful conclusion, as a true celebration of community and God's love. Two community choirs, Grange and St Barnabas, sang beautifully. Everyone joined in with two of the iSingPop songs, and classics such as How Great Thou Art. One of the real highlights of the afternoon was some brave people sharing their stories of faith – Lynn from English Martyrs, Carena and Phil from Grange Baptist and Laine, who was part of the Curate Team (and grew up in Tuffley) – so powerful to hear what God's love means in the lives of people and why they trust and believe in the love and hope of Jesus.

Throughout the weekend and after the Sunday celebration, people who don't regularly come to church were expressing interest and asking questions about faith. Let's continue to pray for them, and for everyone who was part of the weekend – that God's love would continue to be at work in all our hearts, helping us to have hope, and to live with one another in community in peace and joy.

With every blessing
RACHEL





Monday 7th until Sunday 13th September

Monday 7th until Wednesday 9th

iSing Pop trained children from Grange Primary, Harewood Infants & Junior schools (and several clergy) the songs they would be singing over the weekend. A large marquee was erected on the playing field of Grange Primary Academy and was kitted out with wall-to-wall floor covering and 300 chairs. An additional 'Sensory' tent was erected to be staffed by Curates Laine & Deb.

Friday 11th

The Assistant Head of Grange Primary, Erica Webb, welcomed all who were able to attend the 1pm concert. About 180 children entertained some 220 parents, grandparents and others. Guided by iSing Pop staff, the children sang with great joy and enthusiasm, singing and dancing the 7 songs they had been rehearsing. At 4pm the Headmistress, Beth Williams, welcomed all those able to attend the performance. There were about 90 children able to stay for this concert and they certainly entertained the 150 adults who thoroughly enjoyed the exuberant performance of the children. The entertainment was a great success and was concluded by Bishop Rachel Treweek thanking the children for a memorable afternoon.

Saturday 12th

The furniture in the marquee was rearranged with 12 tables ready to host 'Messy Church'. Each table with a different craft, but all expressing the theme 'Parable of the Sower'. About 60 children attended and were helped by over 20 volunteers with their crafts. At intervals, one of the Curates, Jennifer told the story of the 'Parable of the Sower' to the children. On the playing field Sportily entertained children with a selection of games. Volunteers served up a very welcome variety of hot food in the marquee. The barbecue was just as successful serving up

197 sausage and beef burgers. Space was cleared and at 1.30pm the 'Disco' started. A large number of children and adults; including the Bishop, danced, clapped and jigged around as they followed the instructions of the DJ. The Disco was hugely popular and proved to be the closing event of the day.

Sunday 13th

Rev Sarah Todd welcomed over 100 people who attended the Sunday afternoon celebration. Everyone joined in singing 'How great thou art', then Rev David Baker involved the congregation doing actions as he told the story of 'The Sower'. Pastor David, Revs Rachel & Gioia and a few children entertained the meeting with two of the songs introduced by iSing Pop. Once again everyone was encouraged to join in the aerobics. Two members at the meeting, Carena and Phil, were invited to briefly share how the seed of faith was planted in their lives. Grange Community Choir were next with 3 songs: When you believe, I will follow him, and Look at the World. Two further members of the meeting, Lynne & Rev Laine Lewis were invited to share what they had seen God do in their lives. St Barnabas Community Choir entertained with 3 songs: Soualie, Mercy, and What a wonderful world. Bishop Rachel then gave an address looking at the story of 'The Sower', but from a different angle. 'Four soils and the condition of our heart'. We were invited to stand and sing 'Bless the Lord O my soul'. Pastor David and Revs Rachel & Sarah were invited to Pray for Tuffley. Nikki O'Neill gave a short address on 'What Next?', which covered much in the life of Church in Tuffley as well as inviting those present to attend an ALPHA course at English Martyrs RC Church starting on the 23rd September. Bishop Rachel sent us out with a Prayer and blessing. All joined in with the final hymn, 'Give me joy in my heart'.

PETE BEST

Editors' Note: We've dotted around this issue some photos taken during this celebration weekend; we hope you enjoy them!



St George's and St Margaret's Harvest Celebration weekend will cover Saturday 10th October and Sunday 11th October this year.

On Saturday St George's will host a Harvest Supper; tickets will be £15.00 per diner please speak to Helen to book your place and for details of the menu options.

On the Sunday, Harvest Eucharist services will be at: -

St George's at 10.30am

St Margaret's at 5.00pm

A Prayer for the Harvest

Dear God,

Thank you for the sunshine and the rain that help crops grow in the fields. Thank you for the food on our tables and the farmers, growers, and workers who make it all possible. Help us to share your gifts with others and remember those who are hungry. Amen.

**GLOUCESTER FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL
PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

Harvest is here, and so is Gloucester Foodbank's Harvest Appeal!

Every autumn, we rely on the incredible generosity of local schools, churches, and community groups who collect food to support families in crisis. This year, demand is higher than ever, and your support can

make a real difference. Perhaps donate a few extra items when you shop?

Most needed items currently are; - adult toothpaste, shampoo, and deodorant; tea bags, coffee and biscuits; long-life juice, instant mashed potato and tinned goods (such as custard, fruit, potatoes, rice pudding, and vegetables)

Together, we can ensure no one in Gloucester goes hungry this Harvest season.



This service will take place on **Sunday 8th November 2025**
at English Martyrs Church at 3.00pm

Each year, at about this time, we unite with our fellow Church in Tuffley members and hold a special service to remember all those who have died and whose funerals that have connections to Tuffley. On behalf of us all at St George's and St Margaret's, may I extend a warm invitation to you, your family, and friends to attend this years' service.

During the service, the names of all those who have died will be remembered, there will be sheets out at the back of both our churches soon so you can write the names of those to be remembered. So, if you know of someone who might benefit from this service; please do let them have the details.

Please note: There will not be a service at St Margaret's today

Parish
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Recent Entries

Baptisms

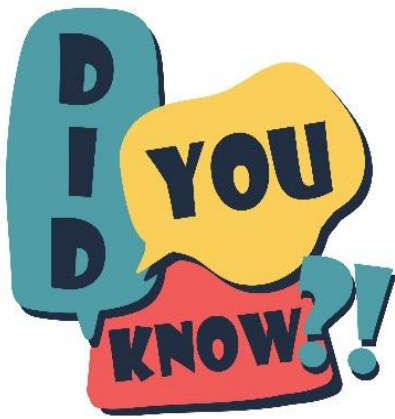
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Aaron Kester Preece
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Harper Ronnie-Mae Proud
Mable Mae Walters
Louise Cleo Preece
Lottie Olivia Tilling
Macie Eliza Tilling
Jenson Charlie MacDonald
Austin Ethan George Wood
Violet Aoife Behan
Alara-James Walsh
Beatrice Caroline Moore



September's 100 Club draw has taken place...

...and the winners were!

1st Prize of £30 went to Ella Stevens
2nd Prize of £20 went to Linda Brown
3rd Prize of £10 went to Neil Stevens



- In the 18th century "October" was a common name for a strong ale brewed in this month
- Anglo-Saxons called this month "Winterfylleth" ("fullness of winter"). JRR Tolkien's hobbits turned this into "Winterfilth"
- More US Presidents have been born in October than in any other month
- 6th October is National Badger Day
- October is International Walk To School Month, it is also Black History Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- On 12th October, 1609 the nursery rhyme 'Three Blind Mice' was published in London for the first time in a book of folk music called Deuteromelia, edited by Thomas Ravenscroft, who was still a teenager at the time
- The Beatles' first single, Love Me Do backed with P.S. I Love You, was released in October
- On 16th October, 1958 Britain's long-running children's television show Blue Peter was first broadcast on BBC TV.
- 14th October, 1066 Harold II, England's final Anglo-Saxon King, was killed at the Battle of Hastings in Sussex after being defeated by William the Conqueror's invading Norman-French army.
- 24th October, 2003 Concorde made its final commercial passenger flight.
- World Conker Championships are held on the second Sunday of October in Northamptonshire, competitors play the traditional playground game using horse chestnuts (conkers) on strings.
- William Shakespeare doesn't mentioned the word "October" in any of his plays or sonnets.
- The entire month of October is dedicated to celebrating America's favourite cheesy comfort food.



I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
One day, I saw a sign that said "Heaven's Grocery Store,"

As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.
I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere.

One handed me a basket and said, "My child shop with care."
Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store,
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row.
Further, down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that wherever you go.

I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.
I couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.
I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race.

By then, my basket was getting full, but I remembered some GRACE.
I didn't forget SALVATION for SALVATION is free.

So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
For I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S will.

As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and just had to put it in,
For I know when it's tough outside, I would run right into sin.
PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.

SONG and PRAISES were hanging near so I helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "Now, how much do I owe?"

He just smiled and said, "Just take them wherever you go."

Again I said, "How much do I really owe?"

He smiled again and said,

"MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!"

Thought to be written by Ron DeMarco



Our Christmas Craft Fayre will take place on Saturday 5th December from 12.00noon until 3.00pm. I have contacted Crafters who have set up tables at previous events and offered them either the Centre or the Church for their stall. If you know of anyone who might like to be part of the Craft

Fayre day please ask them to contact me or give me their details and I will send them a table booking form.

Father Christmas has been booked and the Grotto is in planning, we will have all the usual stalls including a Cake Stall. Hot lunches will be available as well as teas, coffees etc.

Please don't wait until you are asked; offer your help and assistance for our Christmas Craft Fayre **now!**

DARRELL





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're currently setting up in either the Small Hall or Softley Lounge; whichever is warmer but still using the softer chairs.

What more could you want

If you should have time on a Tuesday morning and would like to help out at Coffee Pot, please speak with Rachel or Linda about being a member of our servicing rota.



Tuesday 29th September's Coffee Pot will be a Fundraising morning in our Main Hall for a Parkinson's Disease charity and to remember Mike Brammer who helped out at Coffee Pot for many years. There will be a raffle, a cake sale and more... so if you are able to bake a cake (or cakes) to donate, please do.



**ADVENT and...
...CHRISTMAS**



Sunday 6th December at 5.00pm a Darkness to Light Service
at St Margaret's

Thursday 17th December at St Margaret's a Candlelit Carol Service
Time to be confirmed

Sunday 20th December at 4.00pm a Carols and Cake (relaxed service)
At St George's

Thursday 24th December from 10.00am, Christmas Family Fun and at
11.30pm Christmas Communion both at St George's

Friday 25th December at 10.00am, Christmas Communion (Relaxed /
informal / all age focussed) at St Margaret's

David Crunkhurn at Grange Baptist is arranging CiT Carols at the Pike

There may be changes to the above list if there is they will be publicised
in Signpost or Crossroads as soon as they are known.



Refresh meets at English Martyrs on Tuesday 20th October 2026 at
7.30pm with the CiT Litter pick taking place at 11.30am meeting at
English Martyrs.



OCTOBER'S GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

Questions based on the Gospel readings for August

- 1 Who did Herod behead?
- 2 The disciples said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." What miracle followed this statement?
- 3 Scripture tells us Jesus dismissed his disciples and the crowds. He went up a mountain. Why?
- 4 The disciples were struggling to cross the sea because of the weather conditions. They were alarmed when they saw something. What did they think they were seeing?
- 5 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand, it's not what goes into a person's mouth that defiles a person." What does defile a person?
- 6 Jesus listed 7 events which defile. Can you name one?
- 7 Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of man is?" In which district were they when He posed this question?
- 8 Various disciples gave differing answers. Who gave the correct answer?
- 9 To whom did Jesus say, "Get behind me, Satan."?
- 10 Jesus told His disciples, "If any want to become my followers...." What did Jesus say they must do?

The answers are printed later in Crossroads



10 QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS MONTH

- 1 In October 1926 this book was published and written by A. A. Milne. What was the book?
- 2 In October 1915 the man, often regarded as the greatest cricketer of all time died, what was his name?
- 3 In 1936 which man was named as the Head of State in Spain?
- 4 In 1936, 200 men marched from their home town to Westminster to highlight the poverty caused by the closure of their shipyard. What was the march known as?
- 5 In 1941 Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after; 14 years? 18 years? or 22 years?
- 6 1956 saw the death of the founder of the modern frozen food industry, what was his name?
- 7 1940 saw the U.S. premiere of which Charlie Chaplin film?
- 8 In 1991 the creator of Star Trek died, what was his name?
- 9 The United Nations was formed in 1945, what organization did it replace?
- 10 In 1965 which iconic building, the then tallest in London, was officially opened, a title it kept until 1985?

The quiz answers are printed later in Crossroads

SUMMER INSECTS

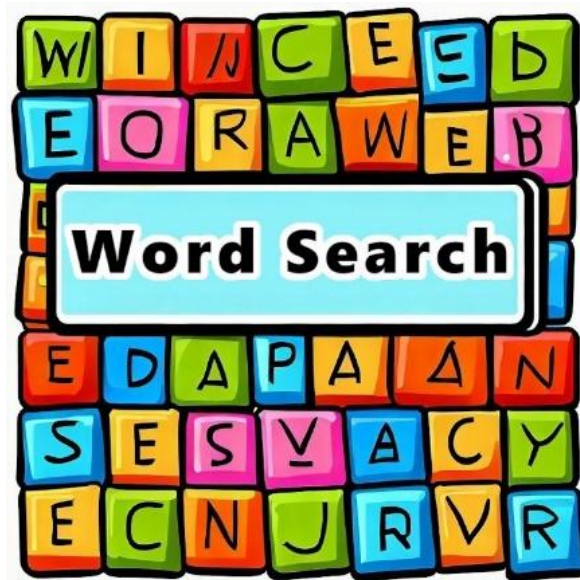
No 2 - The Rose Beetle

The Rose Beetle is another dramatically coloured insect, iridescent green in fact. They are over three quarters of an inch long and quite impressive. They are a type of scarab and entirely harmless. I can't imagine why people would want to destroy such a beautiful insect but there are plenty of postings on the net about what sort of bug gun to use.

I have seen them occasionally in the past, but this year was my first sighting of one actually feeding within a rose in my garden. I almost never use insecticide, and I have plenty of roses for them to get stuck into, so my conclusion would be that they are not a threat to my gardening efforts. Others may have experience to prove me wrong.

JONATHAN





HALLOWEEN 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.

Bats, Boo, Broom, Children, Costumes, Decorations, Eyeballs, Fall, Funny, Ghost, Goblins, Happy, Hayride, Jacko Lantern, Leaves, Midnight, Pumpkin, Scary, Spiders, Treats, Tricks, Witches,

The answer is printed later in Crossroads

JOTTINGS FROM St Margaret's



Well, hello my friends, it's me again that certain person who does the cleaning at St Margaret's Whaddon with friends Marilyn and Dianne. It's been a little bit quiet at our church as I am still getting over my operation. I continue to improve but my back is beginning to hurt. It can't be helped but I am eighty-three this month but my friends still say that I don't look my age. I just have a giggle to myself and carry on regardless.

I have tried to keep up with everything at St Margaret's but I like to make sure that the people I know and still talk to at church know that I am still around as I was going to do the cleaning, I saw a lady just coming out of the churchyard, I knew her face but could I put a name to it? No, I couldn't. I kept chatting to her but I still couldn't remember her name. when I see her again, I will ask her what it is but until then I will just say a little prayer and hope my memory will improve.

We still have the bats in our belfry and we have to sweep their droppings up, not so many droppings lately as it has been much too hot. Last year all we did was constantly sweep up their mess but they are a protected species so we have to look after them. There are many species both in the flora and fauna variety and our little churchyard enables all of us to look around and see what is going all around us. Julie has been letting us know what there is to know and what to share with our families. I look around our church and churchyard and think to myself that we are so blessed to have a wonderful place to worship in and to just sit and contemplate, to thank the Lord for all our blessings and enjoy life as it happens.

Well, my friends that's about all for now so please look after yourselves and take care.

Best wishes

JILL PONTER





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

...**Tuesday 13th October 2026**

In order that Crossroads is ready for publication on
SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2026

Crossroads will be printed during week commencing 19th November
2026 with or without your contribution

Articles for Crossroads can be received by the editors at any time and
will appear in the first Crossroads after receipt.

Please send your articles to
Darrell and Glenda at ds52604@gmail.com

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Maya, Maya, what are you doing now? I have been calling you for absolute ages. I know Trixie, I know and I have been trying to ignore you all morning but it doesn't seem to be working. What do you mean Maya? I have been trying to get your attention to tell you that Harry and the two gingers are coming over the road. Harry doesn't look too bad, a bit slow but the two gingers are keeping an eye on him luckily there's not much traffic on the roads lately. Oh, all right Trixie I'll go and say hello to him.



Hi Ya, Harry, long time no see old pal. I know Maya it seems an age since I saw both of you. What have you been up to these days? I know that your mum has been in the hospital, Maya. Who told you that Harry? I think it was Dozy Rosie, she always has her ear to the ground. She finds out everything I know, Harry, she makes sure that she gets every detail. I wonder who told her? She heard the lady who lives opposite you talking to that black cat who lives down the alley. She was sitting on the fence and she told her, I expect she was talking to her daughter and her husband and the cat heard her tell them. Oh, Maya you know all the answers, don't you? Harry, I try to keep up with everything but having to keep an eye on my mum keeps me very busy. Is she alright now Maya? Yes, I think so, she says that she has a pain in her back as well as having to keep things up together and she still has to keep her eye on auntie Marg, and she says that she is a bigger pain in the butt than she is. I know that Andrew and Rob have said the same thing to us. I mean Harry we have to make sure that they are doing as they are told and not getting up to any mischief, not that they are likely to but we have to make sure. Anyway, Harry, I think we ought to get over to our play area and meet up with the two gingers and Dozy Rosie and her mates. Oh, alright Maya I think I will say cheerio to everyone. Cheerio Trixie and an even bigger cheerio to you Maya. Ok Harry tata and tata to all our friends.

With lots of love from
Maya, Trixie and the Gang



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING CREW
We will meet up again on Saturday 3rd October
from 10.00am onwards

As usual we will be dusting and vacuuming, changing candles and light bulbs where needed. We will clean and tidy up the play area at the back of church along with the welcomer's and play table, not forgetting the Vestry. Is there anything in the main body of St George's which you think needs our attention? If so, do let us know.

Cast your thoughts forward, we need to be on the ball for Christmastide, what areas will need special attention by our Christmas clean on 5th December?

Don't forget there will be tea or coffee, and cake for all who join us on 3rd October and put 7th November in your diaries or on your calendars too as we shall meet up again at St George's that morning as well.

CHURCH CLEANING CREW!



OCTOBER's QUIZ

1 Winnie-the-Pooh; 2 W G Grace; 3 General Franco; 4 The Jarrow March; 5 14 years; 6 Clarence Birdseye; 7 The Great Dictator; 8 Gene Roddenberry; 9 The League of Nations; 10 The Post Office Tower (now called The BT Tower)

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

1 John the Baptist; 2 feeding 5000; 3 to pray; 4 a ghost; 5 what comes from their mouth; 6 evil intensions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander; 7 Caesarea Philippi; 8 Peter; 9 Peter; 10 deny themselves:

HALLOWEEN WORDSEARCH



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.



IN THE BENEFICE

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 27 Crossroads available this morning
10.30am Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
5.00pm Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church
- Monday 28 10.30am Say Aphasia in small hall and Softley Lounge
5.00pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
 5.00pm Brownies in main hall
 6.00pm Rainbows in small hall
 7.15pm Guides in main hall
 7.15pm Y8 Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge
- Tuesday 29 9.30am Fundraising Coffee Pot in small hall
10.00am Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel
 1.30pm Fun and Free in main hall
5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
 6.30pm Cubs and Beavers in main hall
 7.00pm PCC meeting in small hall
 8.00pm Karate in main hall
- Wednesday 30 **8.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom**
 9.30am Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
 3.30pm Slimming World in main hall 5.00pm and 6.30pm
5.00pm Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
 7.15pm Y6 Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge

OCTOBER

- Thursday 1 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 2	9.30am	Little Explorers Arts and Crafts
	2.00pm	Phonics with Robot Reg - Trial
	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 3	10.00am	Church Cleaning at St George's
	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 4	10.30am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
	5.00pm	Parish Evensong in St Margaret's Church
		Diocesan Synod
Monday 5	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies in main hall
	6.00pm	Rainbows in small hall
	7.15pm	Guides in main hall
	7.15pm	Y8 Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge
Tuesday 6	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel
	1.30pm	Fun and Free in main hall
	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 7	8.30am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall 5.00pm and 6.30pm
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	7.15pm	Y6 Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge
Thursday 8	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 9	9.30am	Little Explorers Arts and Crafts
	2.00pm	Phonics with Robot Reg - Trial
		NO Entertainers this week
Saturday 10	10.00am	Karate in main hall
		Harvest Supper tickets available from Helen
Sunday 11		Harvest Celebrations
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
	5.00pm	Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's
Monday 12	10.30am	Say Aphasia in small hall and Softley Lounge
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies in main hall
	6.00pm	Rainbows in small hall
	7.15pm	Guides in main hall
	7.15pm	Y8 Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge
Tuesday 13		<i>Crossroads Article deadline</i>
	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel
	1.30pm	Fun and Free in main hall
	1.30pm	Mothers' Union in small hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Cubs and Beavers in main hall
		Deanery Synod
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 14	8.30am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall 5.00pm and 6.30pm
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	7.15pm	Y6 Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge
Thursday 15	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

Friday 16	7.30pm	Charter Band in small hall
	9.30am	Little Explorers Arts and Crafts
	2.00pm	Phonics with Robot Reg - Trial
Saturday 17	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 18	10.30am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
	5.00pm	Parish Evensong in St Margaret's Church
Monday 19	<i>Crossroads printed this week</i>	
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
	5.00pm	Brownies in main hall
Tuesday 20	6.00pm	Rainbows in small hall
	7.15pm	Guides in main hall
	7.15pm	Y8 Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge
	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel
	1.30pm	Fun and Free in main hall
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
Wednesday 21	6.30pm	Cubs and Beavers in main hall
	7.30pm	Refresh at English Martyrs
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
	8.30am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall 5.00pm and 6.30pm
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
Thursday 22	7.15pm	Y6 Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge
	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
Friday 23	7.30pm	Charter Band in small hall
	9.30am	Little Explorers Arts and Crafts
	2.00pm	Phonics with Robot Reg - Trial

	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 24	10.00am	Karate in main hall
	11.30am	CiT Litter pick meet at English Martyrs
		Clocks go back by one hour tonight
Sunday 25		<i>November Crossroads available today</i>
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
	4.00pm	IGBO Meeting in Main Hall
	5.00pm	Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church
Monday 26		HEATING REPLACEMENT WORKS START
		Schools' half term
	10.30am	Say Aphasia in small hall and Softley Lounge
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom
Tuesday 27	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 28	8.30am	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 29	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 30		NO Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 31	10.00am	Karate in main hall
		NOVEMBER
Sunday 1		All Saints' Day
	10.30am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
	5.00am	Evensong in St Margaret's Church
Monday 2		All Souls' Day
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

	5.00pm	Brownies in main hall
	6.00pm	Rainbows in small hall
	7.15pm	Guides in main hall
	7.15pm	Y8 Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge
Tuesday 3	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel
	1.30pm	Fun and Free in main hall
	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 4	8.30am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Phonics with Robot Reg in main hall
	3.30pm	Slimming World in main hall 5.00pm and 6.30pm
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel
	7.15pm	Y6 Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge
Thursday 5	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 6	HEATING REPLACEMENT WORKS DUE TO END?	
	9.30am	Little Explorers Arts and Crafts
	2.00pm	Phonics with Robot Reg - Trial
	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 7	10.00am	Church Cleaning at St George's
	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 8	Remembrance Sunday	
	10.20am	Parish Eucharist in St George's Church
	3.00pm	Time to Remember at English Martyrs,
	NO Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church	

The Heating replacement works which are due to start on Monday 26th October for two weeks are subject to change if they do then some of the meetings mentioned above may not occur or the dates may change.

REMEMBER

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



Foodbank, Christmas Craft Fayre, Youth Groups, Fun and Free, Church Cleaning, Coffee Pot, etc

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





Save a life Give blood

What do you say when two red blood cells get married?
Coagulations!

I took a blood test today. It was easy.
I got A+, and I didn't even have to study!



Looking Ahead...

Remembrance Sunday: Sunday 8th November starts at **10.20am**, please note that there will not be an evening service at St Margaret's today.

Time to Remember: English Martyrs is hosting the service this year, also on Sunday 8th November at 3.00pm. Please do put this very special service in your diary.

Benefice PCC: Tuesday 24th November: reports to Darrell by no later than Monday 9th November for circulating to PCC members please.

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

APCM 2027: Proposed date Sunday 16th May

Summer Fun Day 2027: Probable date Saturday 10th July

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





Jack and Charlie, his best mate, were talking about Charlie's dog, Wonder. Charlie, was always going on about how clever Wonder was, bringing his paper and slippers, it could nearly talk, so Charlie said. "Prove it," said Jack. So, Charlie got his mobile out and brought up the photos of his daughter's wedding. Jack looked through them and said, "Hang on, but where's Wonder?" Charlie looked at Jack as if he were stupid and said, "Well someone had to take the photos!!"

Jill told Jack that three Irish men walked home from their local and took a shortcut through the church graveyard home. Unfortunately, the first one tripped over, and his pal asked him if he was alright. "I tripped over a grave stone, and the fella was 73 years old when he died!" "Blimey," said his pal, just as he himself tripped over and fell. "This fella was 97 when he shuffled off, and his name was John Taggart!" The third fella said, "Blimey O'Reilly", just as he himself goes flying over another gravestone, "By the love of Mary!" He exclaims, "This fella was 157...!" The other two shout out, "What was his name!!?" He looks up from where he fell, struck a match in the gloom to see the name on the stone, rising slowly he says... "His name was Miles, and he was from Dublin!!"

Charlie and Jack were in the beer garden of their local pub when Charlie asked Jack, "Did you hear about the two packets of crisps that were crossing the road and they got run over." "No, I didn't," replied Jack, "What happened?" "Well, the driver gets out of his car and says, 'Would you like a lift in my car to the hospital?' and the two packets of crisps looked up from where they were and said, "No thanks we're Walkers".

Jack and Jill and their family were having dinner the other evening, when their daughter asked, "Mummy, Mummy can we have a dog for Christmas?" Jill looked at Jack and together they replied, "No, we'll have turkey like everyone else does!"

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