CROSSROADS

The magazine for

ST GEORGE'S ST MARGARET'S

Sharing God's Love



Sunday 8th November



Saturday 5th December

NOVEMBER 2026 **75p**

Our Vicar, Rachel writes…

Remembering and giving thanks

November in the Church calendar is a month of remembering and giving thanks. First, we have All Saints Day (1st November) when we remember and celebrate those who are recognised by the worldwide church as saints – those who inspire our faith collectively. Then we have All Souls Day (2nd November) when we remember and give thanks for all Christians who have died, our departed loved ones; those who had an influence on our own individual faith and life. Next, of course, comes Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, when we remember and give thanks for all who have served in a sacrificial way during wartime. This year, on 8th November for Remembrance Sunday we will have a joint parish Eucharist at St George's at 9.30am in the Lady Chapel, followed by the usual **10.20am** Parade Service with the uniformed organisations. Across the Church in Tuffley we also remember together during a service called Time to Remember, which will be on 8th November this year at 3.00pm at St George's Church (and therefore, there won't be a 5.00pm service at St Margaret's on 8th November). Finally, we remember and give thanks for St Margaret of Scotland, on the day dedicated to her across the Church (16th November).

Remembering is an important activity for humans, hence our distress at illnesses that affect memory. Remembering is not merely about keeping track of what is happening in the week, keeping our appointments etc. It is also about remembering significant times in our lives, the happenings and events that have shaped and formed us. When we remember together our shared stories we create identity, meaning and purpose. When I meet with families before funerals, often the act of recalling stories of their loved one turns out to be a joyful one, amidst the sadness of them not physically being present any

longer. Reliving memories involving that person and remembering special times together brings thankfulness and often hope.

As God's people, remembering and giving thanks has always been an important part of our faith. From the earliest of days in the OT we hear the story of our faith told and retold through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob etc. As Christians we are invited to continue to tell the story of our faith and the good news we experience through Jesus. One of the easiest and most effective ways for us to talk to others about our faith is through stories of our personal experience. To remember and give thanks for how our faith makes a difference in our lives, how living in the hope and love of Jesus sustains and strengthens us day by day. As we remember those who have gone before us, whether they are saints recognised by the Church over hundreds of years, people we have known in our lifetime, or those who have lost their lives in conflict – let us be inspired by their lives of faithfulness and dedication.

With every blessing
RACHEL



This service will take place on Sunday 8th November 2026 at St George's Church at 3.00pm lead by Father Gerry

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. So, if you know of someone who might benefit from this service; please do look for the sheets at the back of church and put the details thereon.

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

Parish Registers

Recent Entries

BAPTISMS

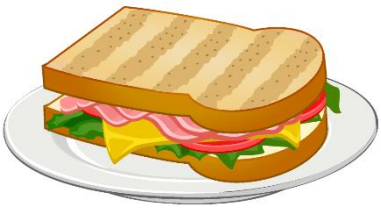
Sonny John Grange

Mothers' Union
Christian care for families
Diocese of Gloucester

Our meeting in October was billed as '**Favourite Hymns**'. Each member chose a hymn that had special meaning to them; some sad, but many joyous. We all, could have chosen several, as there are so many that everyone likes. Sylvia Chamberlain played some from a CD she had and we all shared happy memories.

Our meeting on the 10th November is '**Christmas around the world**'. Each member will talk about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries. We would be happy to have everyone join us and contribute.

GERALDINE



THE Thursday CLUB



The place of company, conversation and friendship
Every Thursday at St George's
From 10.30am until 2.00pm
A simple warm two course meal for £5.00
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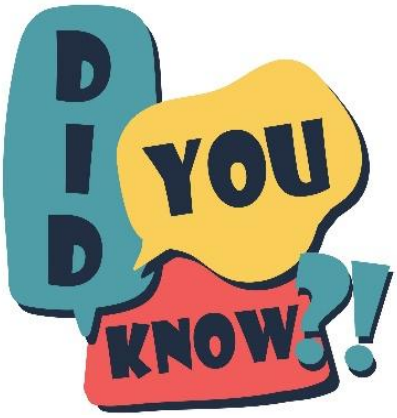
GLOUCESTER FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

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

Commonly Needed Items…

Coffee and tea bags, Long-life juice, Tinned fruit, vegetables, and potatoes, Tinned spaghetti, meat, or fish, Tinned custard and rice pudding, Instant mash, Biscuits and snacks, Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving foam/gel), Household cleaning items (washing-up liquid)

If you could bring something mentioned above with you next time you come to St George's or St Margaret's that would be great. If you could manage to do it throughout November that would be even better.



...that November was the ninth month of the year orginally, it became the eleventh when January and February were added to our calendar.

...William Shakespeare never once mentioned the word "November" in any of his plays or sonnets.

...that St Andrew's Day on 30th November is Scotland's official national day honouring its patron saint, celebrated with Scottish culture, food, and music. It is an official bank holiday in Scotland.

...Movember: A month-long charity event where people grow moustaches to raise awareness for men's health issues, including prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health.

...the Beaver Moon is an alternative name for the traditional full moon of November, named because colonial trappers set beaver traps before the swamps froze.



Our next 100 Club Christmas Draw will take place on Sunday 13th December





Our Christmas Craft Fayre is only one month away on Saturday 5th December from 12.00noon until 3.00pm. We shall have Crafters who will set up tables in either our church or the centre for their stall.

The Christmas tree will be up and decorated and a Father Christmas has been booked and the Grotto is planned, we will have all the usual stalls including a Cake Stall, Tombola, Raffle and Hot lunches will be available as well as teas, coffees etc.

The Charter Band will perform in the church at times during the Fayre.

Please can you make donations of cakes for the Mothers' Union cake stall, bottles and cans for the Tombola, and new items for prizes for our Grand Raffle. Could you spare some time during the Fayre to help out on a stall? Please don't wait until you are asked; offer your help and assistance for our Christmas Craft Fayre **now!**



DARRELL



Refresh meets at **Grange Baptist** on Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 7.30pm with the CiT Litter pick taking place on Saturday 21st at 11.30am meeting at **Grange Baptist**.





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.

Our Coffee Pot on Tuesday 29th September raised over £455!



Reflect is back! …and we're going for Evening Prayer with Reflect on Thursday 12th November at 5.00pm and a Reflect on Sunday 13th December at 3.00pm; both at St George's Church.







Advent Groups will be on Tuesdays; afternoons from 2.00pm in our small hall and evenings from 7.00pm in St George's Lady Chapel, and will begin each week with pudding! Sister Judi will lead the groups in a discussion entitled "In the Pudding Club" which will follow Mary's pregnancy as she made room for Jesus that first Christmas. We will follow material from the Spirit of Francis website "Making Room for Christ".

Watch out for confirmation of Advent Group dates and the sign-up sheets at the back of church soon.

The 2.00pm sessions on Tuesdays are timed so that those parents attending Fun and Free can join in, if they would like to.

First Sunday of Advent: November 29th; Second Sunday of Advent: December 6th; Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday): December13th; Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 20th;

Sunday 6th December Advent 2
5.00pm From Darkness to Light Service at St Margaret's
Thursday 17th December
6.30 or 7.00pm Our annual Candlelit Carol Service at St Margaret's
Confirmation of the start time is expected soon
Sunday 20th December Advent 4
4.00pm Carols and Cake (relaxed service) at St George's
Thursday 24th December
10.00am Christmas Family Fun at St George's
11.30pm Christmas Communion at St George's
Friday 25th December
10.00am Christmas Communion at St Margaret's
(Relaxed / informal / all age focussed)



Questions based on the Gospel readings for September

1 When Jesus got into the boat who followed him?
2 When their boat was being swamped by the waves the disciples went and woke Jesus up. What did Jesus immediately rebuke?
3 Peter spoke to Jesus and suggested he should forgive a certain number of times. What number did Peter suggest?
4 What number did Jesus respond with?
5 Jesus then told a story of a slave who was in debt to his master. The slave owed ___ _____ talents. What two words are missing?
6 The owner of the vineyard went into the market-place to hire labourers. He made several trips throughout the day to hire labourers. How many journeys did he make?
7 When evening came who was asked to, "Call the labourers and give them their pay"?
8 Scripture tells us how much the labourers were paid. How much were they paid?
9 Jesus was teaching in the temple. The chief priests and elders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things?" What were the first words Jesus spoke in response to their question?
10 Jesus posed his question to the Chief Priests and elders. Someone was named in the question. Who?

The answers are printed later in Crossroads



10 QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS MONTH

1 November was the month in which this British heroine was born. She famously rescued survivors from a shipwreck off Northumbria in 1838. Who was she?

2 Lewis Carroll's novel Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was published in November 1865. What was the writer's real name?

3 In November 1990 who became the first female President of Ireland.

4 One of the most popular board games ever devised was launched by Parker Brothers in 1935.

5 In 1940 which politician became the only U.S. President to win a third term in office?

6 Which politician resigned as British Prime Minister in 1940 and died in November of the same year?

7 Who became King of Spain following the death of Franco in 1975?

8 In November of which year did Angela Merkel become the first female Chancellor of Germany? 2001, 2003, or 2005

9 In 1957 what was the name of the dog Russia launched into orbit around the earth?

10 In 1995, what was the name of the Israeli Prime Minister who was assassinated while at a peace rally?

The quiz answers are printed later in Crossroads

David Crunkhurn, from Grange Baptist is arranging CiT Carols at the Pike in December, there will be more details about this popular Christmas event as they become known.

"When You Lose a Parent"

When you lose a parent, the world feels quieter in a way words can't explain. It's not just the silence in their chair, or the absence of their voice on the other end of the phone. It's deeper than that. It's like something sacred has shifted a thread in the fabric of who you are has gently, painfully come undone.

You think you're prepared, because they told you stories of Heaven, because you've watched their hands grow frail, because you knew the day would come but when it does, you realize nothing ever really prepares you.

The parent who once held you is suddenly the one, you're holding. The hands that once guided your first steps now rest softly in yours, and all the words you never said begin echoing inside you, louder than ever.

You replay the moments their laughter, their advice, their favourite sayings that used to make you roll your eyes. Now you'd give anything to hear them again. You notice the little things their handwriting on old notes, their cologne on a jacket, their voice tucked into old voicemails you can't bring yourself to delete.

When you lose a parent, you lose a part of your foundation but you also gain something holy. You start to see them everywhere. In the sunrise. In your children's faces. In the way you hum their song without realizing it. You begin to understand that love doesn't end it just changes form.

It becomes quieter, but somehow stronger. It lives in the things they taught you, in the prayers they whispered over you, in the courage they gave you to keep going.

There's an ache that never fully leaves, a missing that never really fades. But there's also a peace knowing that their love didn't stop when their heartbeat did. It just moved to a different place. One you can't see, but you can feel every time you reach for strength you didn't know you had.

Because when you lose a parent, you don't just lose the person who raised you. You lose the person who knew you before the world did who saw you from your very first breath and loved you through every version since.

And though they may be gone from sight, they live on in your kindness, in your laughter, in your faith. In every soft part of you that remembers how to love deeply, because they showed you how.

So, if you've lost a parent be gentle with your heart. Let the tears come. Let the memories play. Because grief is just love still happening.

And one day, when the ache feels a little lighter, you'll realize they never really left. They just went home first.

This poem was provided for publication in this month's Crossroads by Sylvia Evans

FESTIVAL OF REFLECTION 2026

In Severn Vale School, Quedgeley (by kind permission) on Friday November 6th

Starts at 7.00pm (seated by 6.55pm please)

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SUMMER INSECTS

The Painted Lady

The Painted Lady, one of our larger butterflies, is globally widespread, occurring on every continent except Antarctica. The marvel is their ability to migrate thousands of miles and at great altitude. One must hasten to add that this is not done by the same butterflies but by succeeding generations, in other words, they stop to breed en-route. What does all that tell us about the miracle of instincts within these tiny creatures?

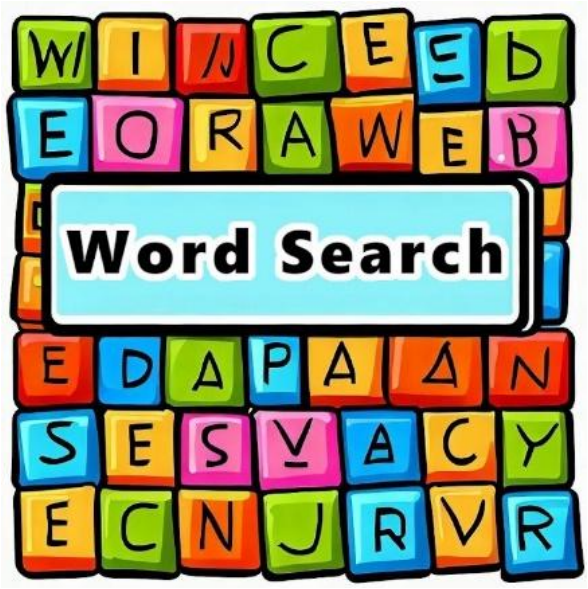
Some years we see lots of them, other years not. This year was evidently a Painted Lady year. (On the other hand, it was definitely not a Small Tortoiseshell year – where were they?)

The Painted Lady is a beautiful butterfly but has a habit of closing its wings when you get lined up a photo. "No publicity, please", it seems to be saying. I got fed up with trying, so here's a nice picture from the internet!

Next month: **The Broad-bodied Dragonfly**

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, Jack o lantern, Leaves, Midnight, Pumpkin, Scary, Spiders, Treats, Tricks, Witches

The answer is printed later in Crossroads

JILL's JOTTINGS



Well hello folks, it's me again, that person who with her friends Marilyn and Dianne does the cleaning at St Margaret's Church, Whaddon.

We try to do the cleaning on alternate Mondays but right now I still have my gammy leg and a sore back and Marilyn has been struck down with a very bad back and leg as well. I think that she has what I had a couple of years ago which was sciatica. I already had arthritis and that was more than painful and to have sciatica on top of that was something else. I do feel so sorry for her, I know just how she feels and I am hoping that she is having treatment for it as I write. She is always missed so I'm afraid we will have to just give St Margaret's a lick and promise until we can all get together again.

We give a leaflet to anyone who comes into St Margaret's whilst we're cleaning. The leaflets give a lot more information than I can and our visitors go away happy. I bring our Marg to church when she feels up to it; she's been a bit down in the mouth lately and I tell her to stay in the warm and just come when she can but I do encourage her to make the effort and she does love to be involved.

Rachel had a driver bump into her car and it has been written off so she and Paul are on the lookout for another car. I know that the two of them will just carry on with a smile. Margaret manages to keep up to date with all their news and says I already know that Rachel told me when I went to church. I know I have jabbered on this month, hopefully there will be a lot more to write about so until then take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Best wishes
JILL PONTER

THE BROKEN GIANT

Not long ago, a member of the congregation at St Margaret's gave me an envelope of pictures of the demolition of the Severn railway bridge, and a couple of these are reproduced here. Much has been written about the bridge and its dramatic end, but I can't resist adding my own two-penn'orth. It is a sad story, almost a parable of human failings: commercial over-optimism pitted against the most treacherous river in the country.

The bridge was conceived as a way of getting Forest coal transported more effectively to other parts of Britain. It was a major piece of engineering: at over three-quarters of a mile, the second-longest railway bridge in the country when it was built. It cost £190,000 and was opened in 1879. At its east end was a swing bridge over the Canal, requiring not only a signalman, but an engineman to look after the boiler and steam engine which turned the span.

Alas, the bridge never attracted the tonnage hoped for, and was a huge white elephant from the start. The opening by the Great Western of the Severn Tunnel in 1886 robbed it of much of its advantage, and put paid to any hopes that it might develop as a through route to London. The bridge did come into its own for diversions when the Tunnel was closed for maintenance. However, its capacity was limited, being only single track, and it could not take large locomotives.

Ironically, in the late 1950s, plans were afoot which might have brought new traffic to the bridge. It was to be strengthened for heavier engines, and a proposed new marshalling yard at Brookthorpe could have put a good deal of South Wales freight over it. (However, the Brookthorpe yard, had it been built, would soon have been another massive white elephant, with rail freight already in decline). Work had actually started on strengthening the bridge at the time of the disaster in October 1960,

and indeed was continued through the following year, as it was assumed at first that the bridge would be repaired.

The story of the disaster is horrible. Picture if you can a combination of pitch darkness, thick fog, a fast-running tide, the collision of two motor barges, subsequent confusion, collision with the bridge, a mass of falling ironwork as two spans were brought down, and then the burning of the petrol and fuel oil cargos. A worse nightmare could hardly be conceived. Five of the eight men aboard the barges were killed. This was by no means the first collision involving the bridge, nor was it the last. Just a few months later, another small tanker which had capsized further downstream with the loss of five men, floated out of control upstream and back through on the ebb tide, damaging the bridge further.

Eventually it was decided to demolish the bridge, but this proved to be a major task, which was not completed until 1969. There were further collisions, and the contractors went bankrupt. The original idea was for the smaller spans to be re-used in South America but this proved impractical. They were dumped beside the Canal and the scrap was taken away by barge.

It was the end of a truly ill-starred endeavour.

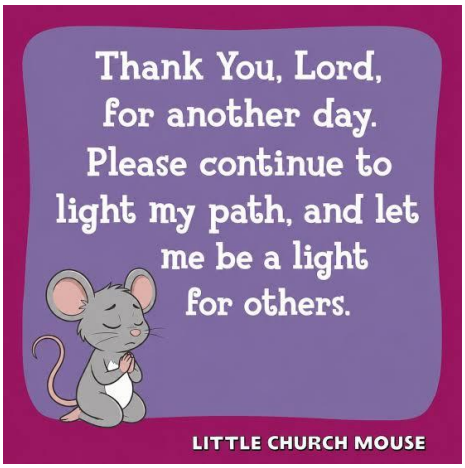


The bridge in the 1950s, looking towards Sharpness





Two views of the demolition work, c1968





I know that you won't forget but...
...to make sure that your article for
our **DECEMBER 2026 CROSSROADS** is included
...ARTICLES NEED TO BE WITH THE EDITORS' PREFERABLY BY EMAIL BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...
...Friday 13th November 2026
In order that Crossroads is ready for publication on
SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2026
Crossroads will be printed during week commencing 23rd 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 email your articles to
Darrell and Glenda at ds52604@gmail.com



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE



Maya, Maya, what are you doing Maya? Trixie I am sitting here with this book in my paws. What book is it that you're looking at Maya? It's that book that our mum writes in, you know the one that she is always tutting at. Oh, I know the one that she talks to. That`s the one. I thought that I would look to see what our JoJo has been up to recently but she's not in here, not anywhere, and you know that she always used to put her writings in the magazine. She used to say that her mum was being a pain in the bum. Maya, you say the same things about our mum as well. Yes, I know I do but I'm telling the truth, our mum sits down and talks such a load of tosh but it's the kind of tosh that we understand. I know that Maya, do you think that our mum knows that our JoJo hasn't written anything for the magazine for absolute ages. I don't know Maya; do you think that if we can get hold of that machine thing, we might be able to speak to JoJo ourselves? We could try it tomorrow. That's the plan then Trixie, we will try to speak to JoJo then. Come on now let's see if we can see the gingers and dozy Rosie.

Hello boys, what have you been up to lately? Oh, not much Maya, just making sure that Harry keeps behaving himself as he has a tendency to wander off down the road and forget where he is supposed to be going. I know that he can be a little forgetful at times but I try to keep him in check so that his mum can find him and take him back home. So apart from looking after Harry not much is going on in our part of Thoresby Avenue. Oh, but you know I told you about that new tabby that lives in our road, I see that she has a bit of a bald patch on her side. Oh yes Gin, she must have had her operation. Operation? Maya, what would she have to have an operation for? Ging, so that she doesn't have any unwanted kittens. I don't understand Maya, why wouldn't she want to have kittens? Ging it's not the having the kittens; it's having to look after them for rest of their lives. Oh Maya, I never realized that the mummy cat had to take care of them all. Well now you do so it's good that that Mummy cat has had that operation that stops her from having any unwanted kittens. So, here's to her and we are sending all our love and best wishes. So come on Trixie, come and say cheerio to all our friends. Oh yes, so it's tata from me, Trixie, the two Gingers, dozy Rosie and Yasmin until the next time from Maya as well.

With lots of love from

Maya, Trixie and the Gang





ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEANING CREW
We will meet up again on Saturday 7th November 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 again 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 12th December?

Don't forget there will be tea or coffee, and cake for all who join us on 7th November and put Saturday 12th December 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!







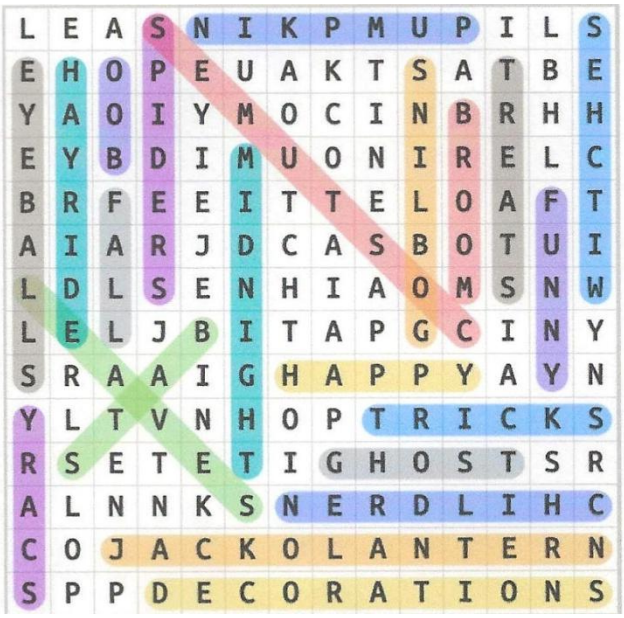
NOVEMBER's QUIZ

1 Grace Darling; 2 Charles Lutwidge Dodgson; 3 Mary Robinson; 4 Monopoly; 5 Franklin D Roosevelt; 6 Neville Chamberlain; 7 Juan Carlos I; 8 2005; 9 Laika; Yitzhak Rabin:

GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ

1 the disciples; 2 the wind and sea; 3 seven; 4 seven-seven; 5 ten thousand; 6 5 (early in the morning, 9, 12, 3, and 5); 7 The manager; 8 the usual daily wage; 9 I will also ask you one question; 10 John the Baptist:

WORDSEARCH ANSWER





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

OCTOBER

Sunday 25 *November Crossroads available today*
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 Church Office closed today
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**
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	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
	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 in St George's Church**
	NO Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church	
Monday 9	10.30am	Say Aphasia in small hall and Softley Lounge
	5.00pm	**Evening Prayer on Zoom**
Tuesday 10	Church Office closed today	
	9.30am	Coffee Pot in small hall
	10.00am	**Parish Eucharist in St George's Lady Chapel**
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union in small hall
	5.00pm	**Evening Prayer in St George's Lady Chapel**
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 11	**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 12	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 13	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall

Saturday 14	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 15	**10.30am**	**Parish Eucharist in St George's Church**
	5.00am	**Evensong in St Margaret's Church**
Monday 16	**St Margaret of Scotland patronal 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 17	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
	7.30pm	Refresh at Grange Baptist
	8.00pm	Karate in main hall
Wednesday 18	**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 19	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 20	9.30am	Little Explorers Arts and Crafts
	2.00pm	Phonics with Robot Reg
	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 21	10.00am	Karate in main hall
	11.30am	CiT Litter Pick Crew meets at Grange Baptist
Sunday 22	**10.30am**	**Parish Eucharist in St George's Church**

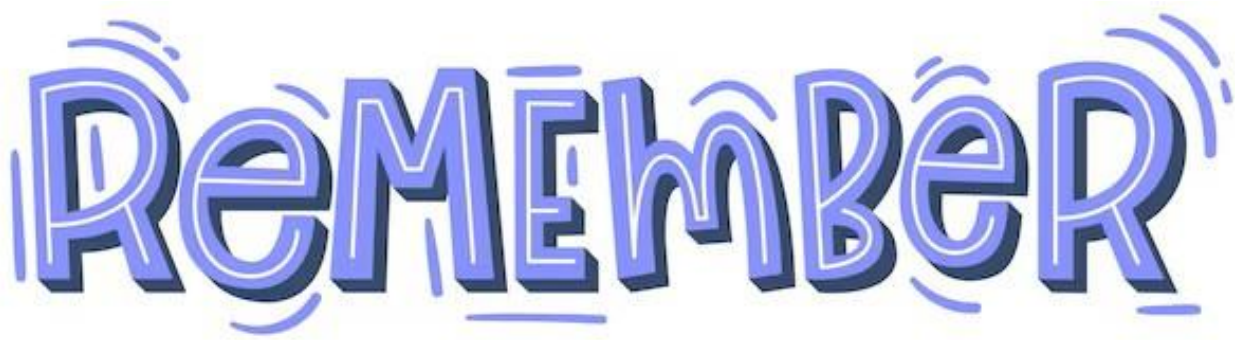
	5.00pm	**Parish Eucharist in St Margaret's Church**
Monday 23	10.30am	Say Aphasia in mall hall and Softley Lounge
	5.00pm	**Evening Prayer on Zoom**
	5.00pm	Brownies in main hall
	6.00pm	Rainbows in small hall
	7.15pm	Guides in main hall
	7.15pm	Y8 Youth Group in small hall/Softley Lounge
Tuesday 24	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 25	**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 26	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 27	9.30am	Little Explorers Arts and Crafts
	2.00pm	Phonics with Robot Reg
	7.30pm	Entertainers in main hall
Saturday 28	10.00am	Karate in main hall
Sunday 29	**First Sunday in Advent**	
	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 30	**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

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Tuesday 1	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 2	**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 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	9.30am	Little Explorers Arts and Crafts
	2.00pm	Phonics with Robot Reg
	Selected Christmas Craft Fayre set up	
Saturday 5	12.00noon	**St George's CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE**
		In the whole complex
Sunday 6	**Second Sunday in Advent**	
	10.30am	**Parish Eucharist in St George's Church**
	Darkness into Light service at St Margaret's Church	
	Time to be confirmed	

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



...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 St George's and St Margaret's, Coffee Pot, etc all need your help please

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

I tried donating blood today, but never again! Too many stupid questions: "Whose blood, is it?", "Where did you get it from?", and "Why is it in a bucket?"

Always give 100% in life - unless you are donating blood of course.

Editors' Note: I gave my 100th donation in October (not all in the same month obviously!)

Looking Ahead...

Hot Chocolate and Donuts: at St George's on **Saturday 31st October**, from 3.30pm until 5.00pm: Drop in for, Outdoor Light Trail, tasty goodies to take away. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Time to Remember: We at St George's are hosting the service this year, 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. Charlie was saying that when it was sunny he'd think, of a beer garden. "That's nice", said Jack. Charlie continued, "But when it rains, I usually go to the pub for a while." "That's also nice", commented Jack. Charlie piped up again, "When it's snowing, I like to sit in front of the TV with a case of beer". Jack's reply was, "That's nice too." Charlie looked at him quizzically and said, "I'm starting to think I have a problem with the weather."

The comedian at Jack's local was stood behind the microphone and said, "A man walks into an enchanted forest and tries to cut down a talking tree. "You can't cut me down," the tree exclaims, "I'm a talking tree!" The man responds, "You may be a talking tree, but you will dialogue."

Jack bought his blind friend a cheese grater for his birthday. Later his friend told him that it was the most violent book he'd ever read."

Jack and Jill were talking with Charlie who was so happy to have been on a date, apparently, he had told his date, "I work with animals," She smiled at him and said, "That's so sweet, I like a man who loves animals." Where do you work?" "I'm a butcher," Charlie told her.

Jack was talking with Jill after dinner had been tidied away, "Did you know that a slice of apple pie is £2 in Jamaica, and a slice is £2.40 in the Bahamas, but a slice is only £1.70 in Barbados." "Are they?" questioned Jill. "Yes" answered Jack, "They're the pie rates of the Caribbean."

A man in the Police station interrogation room says, "I'm not saying a word without my lawyer present." The detective, looked confused, and responds, "But, you are a lawyer." The man replies, "Exactly, so where's my present?"