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FROM FASTING TO FEASTING: LETTER FROM THE INTERIM MINISTER

Dear friends

What a memorable Holy Week That Was. I particularly valued the Palm Sunday procession with Dancer the pony; Archdeacon Jackie's helpful insights on walking the way of the cross; washing each other's hands on Maundy Thursday; and our Good Friday reflections on the stations of the cross.

And what a fantastic Easter! The Easter Eve Fire and Light service, and the singing group's joyful anthem on Easter Day, were special highlights for me. What a great opportunity that day was for us to make a new start as a Christian family by re-affirming our baptismal promises together. Christ is risen indeed!

Thank you everyone who took part in making this festival such a highlight. Not least those who made the churches look so lovely.

And now we look forward to Pentecost, when we'll remember the Holy Spirit pouring gifts on the church, gifts that gave them new power to serve others. Pentecost too will be a great opportunity for us to ask for God's fresh anointing with gifts, gifts that enable us to serve others better.

We'll remember also back to the time Jesus was baptised and the Spirit rested on him, as Isaiah had prophesied:

*The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. (Isaiah 11:2)*

At Pentecost I'll be asking God for greater wisdom. What gift will you pray for?

Meanwhile, please continue praying for wisdom in the appointment of our new vicar; you may like to keep on using the prayer in April's Crossroads.

God bless you all through this wonderful Easter season.

BRUCE



We've started mowing the grass around St George's Church and Centre and boy, it was hard going making the first cut of the season. A few people have offered to join Grass Cutters Anonymous (GCA) and I thank them for stepping forward.

We've had a re-think about a rota of people who are to do this very necessary and rewarding work and the GCA will come along when they can and cut what they think needs cutting. It may be that a key to the garage where the mower is stored will need to be sourced, so if the GCA would come along on a Tuesday morning there is usually someone at Coffee Pot who will have a key or of course pop along on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning when Glenda is in her office and she will pass you a key.

Tuition on using the mower is readily available so if you are able to give the church some time, please speak to Darrell or a Churchwarden and of course mower and petrol will be supplied.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE COMMUNITY TEAM

Hope you are all enjoying the lovely spring weather!

We would like to take this opportunity to advise all residents to stay vigilant and ensure that you secure your property by ensuring that when you are out your windows and doors are shut and secured, thus taking away any opportunity for you to fall victim of a burglary.

Make sure that when you are at home and in the garden enjoying the warm weather the doors and windows are secured.

Operation Joshua is still one of our local policing priorities and involves reassurance visits to victims of burglary's. We offer support and advice, as well as making the local residents aware a burglary being committed in the area.

We are committed to tackling anti-social use of motor vehicles and those who persistently use mopeds, scrambler bikes and mini motos in a way that causes nuisance in a positive way. We now have the power to issue section 59 notices which can potentially mean the vehicle that the perpetrator is using can be seized. We have had some excellent results so far and encourage anyone who witnesses this type of behaviour to call it in and if you can get the registration numbers it aids us a great deal.

PC Andrew Doyle has grown up in Tuffley and has many links to the area. He and PCSO Rhian Goddard are dedicated to keeping the community safe.

TUFFLEY LOCAL POLICING TEAM

Non-emergency: 101

Emergency: 999

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD... FINDING THE WAY AHEAD...

On a day to day basis how much time do we put aside to be with God? This was a question posed at the beginning of a retreat day I attended in March – we didn't have to volunteer our answers! The day themed "Which Direction?" was run by a small team called "Travelling Light", people trained in listening and pastoral skills, some of whom are members of the Northumbria community. During the day we were reminded of Biblical passages where God had spoken with individuals as they were in prayer. We were also reminded that as in the example of Paul's conversion, God can also intervene in other ways.

With these thoughts in mind we were invited to spend time in prayer, with helpful texts and objects to concentrate our prayers, or to enjoy creating a painting or drawing or an origami object– or to take a walk in the nearby countryside. Lunch and tea provided an opportunity to meet those who had gathered for the day, coming from Herefordshire, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and from over the Welsh border.

Why did I go? I know I tend to crowd my diary with too much activity. I had been looking to take time "off the treadmill" and to spend time with God. This proved to be ideal, quite close to home and inexpensive. The suggested donation for the day was £10 but there was no fixed charge. Those who led the day aimed to help those who came to receive from God in whatever way suited them best. Well organised and open to all, I would recommend it wholeheartedly. Their programme this year includes:

Sat 26th September “Be still” from 1030 – 1630; Sat 21st November “The Heart of God”; and reflective days on Wed 3rd June and Wed 14th October from 1000 – 1530.

Further information from:

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ROSIE CLIFFORD

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

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St George's

Margaret Iris Durham RIP

St Margaret's

Michael Warner RIP

Crematorium

Esme Elizabeth Adams RIP

VOTING FOR THE “COMMON GOOD”?

Our Church of England Bishops have written to help us prepare for the general election. They ask us to:

- think about the kind of society we want, and how we can build it
- work to tackle social isolation, by building communities
- put aside self-interest, and vote for the wellbeing of all.

They encourage us to vote for candidates and policies that:

- reverse the trend that concentrates more power and wealth into fewer hands
- involve people more fully in decisions that affect them most
- recognise the value of distinctive communities in helping us all to thrive together
- promote the common good of everyone, not treating us just as self-interested consumers
- demonstrate that the weak and the vulnerable are of equal value to everyone else
- respect the natural environment
- offer us a grown-up debate on Britain’s place in the world order.

The bishops’ letter covers lots of issues including: the economy, unemployment, poverty and inequality, welfare, health, immigration, housing, education and the environment. For more details, ask Bruce Clifford for a copy of the summary, or see:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2015/02/house-of-bishops%27-pastoral-letter-on-the-2015-general-election.aspx>

Please vote with thought and prayer. And then continue to support and pray for our MP as well as our local councillors, for wisdom as they face tough decisions for the good of everyone.

BRUCE

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYING FOR THIS “VACANCY” PERIOD

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the ministry of our previous vicar David and Angela; may they know your presence and your blessing in their new ministry in Cheltenham. Help us now to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers. Lord Jesus, guard and grow Your church here as we serve you together in this period without a vicar. Please guide those who are seeking the right minister for us, and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Amen.”

“What Do You Go To Church For?”

Some go to church just for a walk;
Some go there to laugh and talk;
Some go there to meet a friend;
Some go there with time to spend;
Some go there to meet a lover;
Some go there a fault to cover;
Some go there for speculation;
Some go there for observation;
Some go there to doze and nod;
A few go there to worship God.

Found in ‘St James’ News’ the Parish Magazine for Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight by Darrell and Glenda in March



The talk at our April meeting was given by Dr Andy Evans who is a chiropractor at the Gloucester Wellness Centre. His topic was health and wellbeing. He said that it is wear and tear rather than just aging itself that leads to problems as we get older.

There are three factors linked to our health that we cannot do anything about; the set of genes that we have inherited, the various bugs that we are exposed to and accidents caused by bad luck.

On the other hand there are three things we do which can affect our health and which we do have control of. These are what we eat, how we move and how we think. Andy said that it is important to eat wholefoods and for some people moderate fasting can be helpful. Our posture is important and we should stand tall to avoid physical stress on our bodies. Even the way we think and our mental attitude can affect our wellbeing so we should try to have a positive outlook.

Our next meeting is on May12th at 2.30pm when our speaker will be John Peters whose talk is entitled "A Boy in Tetbury". There will be an additional charge of £2 for this meeting. Everyone is very welcome.

SARAH KINGSCOTE

Bruce's normal working days are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and three Sundays a month, but please contact him at any time, at clifftopps@btinternet.com **or on 01452 302238.**

If he's not available he'll get back to you as soon as soon as he can.

THE LAST TIME

From the moment you hold your baby in your arms, you will never be the same. You might long for the person you were before, when you have freedom and time and nothing in particular to worry about.

You will know tiredness like you never knew it before, and days will run into days that are exactly the same, full of feedings and burping, nappy changes and crying, whining and fighting, naps or a lack of naps; it might seem like a never-ending cycle.

But don't forget, that there is a last time for everything. There will come a time when you will feed your baby for the very last time. They will fall asleep on you after a long day and it will be the last time you ever hold your sleeping child.

One day you will carry them on your hip then set them down, and never pick them up that way again. You will scrub their hair in the bath one night and from that day on they will want to bathe alone. They will hold your hand to cross the road, and then never reach for it again. They will creep into your room at midnight for cuddles, and it will be the last night you ever wake to this.

One afternoon you will sing "the wheels on the bus" and do all the actions, then never sing them that song again. They will kiss you goodbye at the school gate, the next day they will ask to walk to the gate alone. You will read a final bedtime story and wipe your last dirty face. They will run to you with arms raised for the very last time.

The thing is you won't even know it's the last time until there are no more times and even then, it will take you a while to realize.

So while you are living in these times, remember there are only so many of them and when they are gone, you will yearn for just one more day of them.

For one last time...

AUTHOR UNKNOWN
(Found on the internet)



The last two Messy Churches have been well attended, with good numbers of both adults and children.

February's theme was the healing of the blind man, with a number of crafts with a healing theme, as well as a blindfold challenge. The numbers present meant some of the crafts ran out of materials slightly before the celebration was due to begin. Fortunately we are used to working flexibly at Messy Church and brought the celebration forward. We also introduced actions for saying the Grace, enabling everyone to join in together at the end.

Having looked at part of Jesus' ministry in February, with the March Messy Church falling the day before Palm Sunday, it was the ideal opportunity to focus on activities with a Holy Week theme. Again the crafts were all very popular, including the now traditional chocolate nests and eggs. Despite the rain preventing us from parading around the outside of the church, to recreate the Palm Sunday arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem, we were able to parade inside the church, ably led by Bruce on the accordion.

It has been extremely encouraging that not only have a large number of families become regulars, but at the same time, on both the last two occasions there have been five or six new families in attendance, often encouraged to attend by friends or neighbours. My thanks go to all who contribute, whether with the crafts, in the kitchen or in delivering the invitations.

SUSAN SCOTHERN

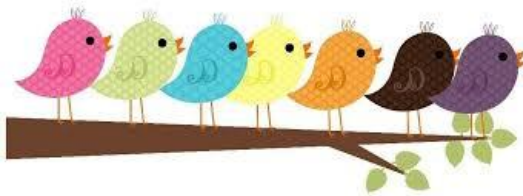
COFFEE POT...



...is in St George's Centre

**EVERY TUESDAY from
9.00am until 12.00noon**

**with GOOD TEA/COFFEE
and FRIENDLY SURROUNDINGS
as well as COMMUNITY INFORMATION**



MORE FROM THE BIRD SANCTUARY...

This will be my last bulletin of bird notes for a bit, because with the arrival of milder weather, the beaky brigade is much less in evidence. I'm writing these notes just before Easter, looking back over the last month.

I ended my last lot of notes by saying that we hadn't seen any goldfinches, so needless to say three arrived a day or so later. A "charm" of goldfinches is the collective noun, by the way. Whether three goldfinches quite constitutes a charm I'm not sure, but they were a welcome sight. They took no notice of the niger seeds specially provided, or of the teasel heads which we planted last year. But just yesterday, I was sitting at the computer upstairs and saw another goldfinch, peering briefly at me from a nearby tree branch.

In early March, a male blackcap was a regular visitor to the suet roll dispenser, but watching him through the binoculars, I noticed some undesirable tendencies. He had a way of turning his head sharply towards the perfectly amiable long tailed tit that was also feeding, and making pecking gestures at him. The blackcap is a member of the warbler family, and should in my view stick to warbling, not intimidating other small birds. I fixed up a small notice which said, quite reasonably, I think: "These facilities are provided for the benefit of ALL birds. Aggressive and antisocial behaviour will not be tolerated." I haven't seen the blackcap lately, so perhaps he has taken the hint, but other birds still need to modify their behaviour.

A pair of blackbirds amused us on the suet block for several consecutive days. They were trying to learn the gymnastic skills needed to cling on and peck at the same time, and at first their wings were fluttering ferociously. After a few days you'd think they had taken lessons from the blue tit, and were pecking away with excellent control, given their size.

Several pheasants have been coming in from the field next door and they make short work of the seed on the ground. I thought I would step out and cause them to do a rocketing demonstration. No chance: they just waddled off amiably through a hole in the hedge. Curiously, magpies are far more timid. They, too, like to scoop up the seed that I throw around in the front garden every morning, but if I see them, I have only to make the slightest movement inside the house, and off they go.

Our friends the hedge sparrows are still around in good numbers. Chaffinches have not been in evidence. Most of the other birds seem to be finding their food elsewhere, so the blue tits and great tits have little competition now. So all in all, I think the fun is over for the winter.

JONATHAN (M-J)

TANZANIA - ANOTHER WORLD

What an interesting evening we had at St Margaret's on February 15th, with Helen and Alistair Sammon, who spent a year or so working in Kasulu in Western Tanzania. You will recall from earlier announcements in Crossroads and Signpost that the aim of the evening was to get a fresh perspective on the life of the Church in Tanzania. We have had a long-standing link at St Margaret's, and hoped to revive and strengthen our interest. We were not disappointed.

I'm not going to attempt a summary of what they said. We hope very much that they will come again before too long. I assure you that this is an experience not to be missed. The slides they showed said it all. Here is a country and a Church where (in no particular order):

- the Christian faith only arrived about 100 years ago, but is still growing fast.
- people make their own bricks, and corrugated iron for a roof is a luxury
- the roads are mostly dirt tracks: a quagmire in wet seasons and a dustbowl in the dry. An evangelist is lucky if he has a bicycle, let alone a car.
- in the hospital where Alistair was working, the surgical equipment comes mostly from the local ironmonger. If a broken bone needs pinning, almost anything will do, but it is not likely to be clinical quality titanium. (Being squeamish, I will say no more).
- the hospital operating theatres may have lights or air conditioning - but it is unusual and lucky if both are working
- there are no women priests - though Helen was warmly welcomed.
- at a baptism, a washing-up bowl or even a saucepan may serve as a font. There may be dozens of candidates, some of whom might be Muslim converts.

- the collection in church may comprise fruit and vegetables: sugar cane, bananas and so on. These are the gifts of people who have no money and who live by the work of their own hands.

In questions, we wanted to know how we could help. There are various ways, of which more in a moment, but Bruce gently reminded us that we in England also have much to learn and to receive from a church where such great commitment is required, and is clearly not lacking.

We were able to give Helen a cheque for her to use as she thought best. I was delighted to learn within a few days that the money was on its way to the Diocese of Western Tanganyika and that an e-mail had gone ahead of it to Eden church (pronounced Edden by the way) which will receive the money.

Our hope is that we can form a regular link with Eden church, which we can support by prayer as well as giving, and who knows, perhaps we can welcome some folk from Tanzania sometime in the future. Thank you, Helen and Alistair, for your fascinating insights.

JONATHAN

ANSWERS TO APRIL'S CALL MY BLUFF PART TWO...

1. THENAR – the fleshy part of the hand at the base of the thumb
2. JABOT – an ornamental ruffle on the front of a shirt or blouse
3. TIPPET – the scarf worn by clergy (black(or readers (blue)
4. DASHIKI – a loose brightly coloured shirt worn by American blacks particularly in the southern states
5. KALONG – small fruit eating bats

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. Who wrote the best-selling novel “The Da Vinci Code”?
2. Prior to the adoption of the Euro, what was the currency of Italy?
3. In which 1964 film musical did Elvis Presley play look alike relatives?
4. How many packs of cards are used in a game of Canasta?
5. In the newspaper cartoon strip, what is the name of Andy Capp’s wife?
6. What is the capital city of Denmark?
7. In Roman numerals what does the “L” represent?
8. From which plant is Linseed Oil obtained?
9. Who was the only British female singer to have THREE UK number ones in the 60’s?
10. Where would you find the national Library of Wales?
11. What nationality was poet W B Yeats?
12. Which TWO countries occupy the Iberian Peninsula?
13. Which month is said to “come in like a lion and go out like a lamb”?
14. In which stadium do the Scottish Rugby team play its home matches?
15. What colour is Muscovado sugar?
16. Which birds are generally associated with the Tower of London?
17. How many pints are there in two quarts?
18. Who was the author of the novel “Little Women”?
19. In which month does St Andrew’s Day fall?
20. In which country did England win the 2003 Rugby World Cup?

This quiz is provided by Peter Hutson
(Answers next month)



**June magazine material should be with the Editor
by WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY at the very latest as
print-off and collating will be on Wednesday, 20 May.
Thank you for your help in this matter.**



**St George's Day Centre
Every Thursday**

10.30am – 2.30pm



If you are lonely and would
like to meet new friends
then come and join us!
A hot meal is available, and
transport can be arranged



Contact Hans Rackham on 01452 528939



St George's Festival 2015 starts on Saturday 20th June and will end on Sunday 28th June. Like last year there will be three concerts, cost will be £5.00 per concert but if all three concerts are booked and paid for at the same time the cost will be just £12.50.

WHAT'S ON

Saturday 20

10.00am until noon – FESTIVAL MESSY CHURCH

7.30pm – MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES

Sunday 21

2.00pm onwards – TOWER TOURS AT ST MARGARET'S

Monday 22

7.30pm – UNIFORMED GROUPS EVENING (to be confirmed)

Tuesday 23

9.00am onwards – COFFEE POT AND CHARITY MORNING

7.30pm – FRAMPTON ON SEVERN SILVER BAND

Wednesday 24

2.00pm – HARWOOD SCHOOL'S CONCERT

7.30pm – FESTIVAL QUIZ

Thursday 25

7.30pm – TAIZE PRAISE AT ST MARGARET'S

Friday 26

10.00am onwards – ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

7.30pm – WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

Saturday 27

10.00am onwards – ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

7.30pm - INNSWORTH MILITARY WIVES CONCERT

Sunday 28

4.00pm – FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE

5.00pm – FESTIVAL BARBECUE

As well as an article in last month's Crossroads there are St George's Festival posters on display in the church and in the centre so I would like to think that most of our readers know about and have put St George's Festival dates in their diaries already.

Tickets will be on sale shortly, if you would like to book tickets now please see, Hans Rackham, Brian Woodruff, Sylvia Evans, Mike Brammer or Darrell as soon as possible.



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hello everyone,

Firstly you'll have to forgive me for a while as I've had to ask my mum to write for me. I keep running out of think and it gives me a headache; also my dainty paw aches from holding the pen. Anyway, I'd much rather be outside exploring my domain and other ones as well. Sometimes I get water squirted at me because I dig in the garden, well a girl has to do what a girl has to do. Well I'm fertilizing the garden aren't I and aerating it as well. I like to help people by digging their garden for them and I love it when it's all nice and soft and easy to dig. When my garden has been dug I will be a lot happier.

The other day some friends came to the house to play, that's what it looked like to me as a very nice lady brought some treats for me. I think her name was Lynne and I get some treats every week. Do you know my mum only lets me have a few at a time! I call that being a meany. I do like my treats. I do try to help but I think I cause more chaos than help. I do make them chuckle. On a Tuesday a lady called Jayne comes and she has some funny stuff she uses; it's very sweet and crunchy when I pinch a bit. I like to play with Jayne because she lets me play with her pokey stick. That's what it looks like to me! I tell her when to go home because it's past my bedtime but she still talks to my mum. What they talk about I don't know because I don't understand.

I expect you know by now that I have a new cuz; she came from the same place I did. She calls it Tickles but it's not because it's Teckels. Honestly she should wash her ears out then she will be able to hear properly; she is a bit younger than me so I can boss her around if I want to because I'm bigger than her. My mum says she's dinky, hopefully she'll grow a bit more yet. We haven't spoken on that funny machine yet because she's still getting used to her new hom. she's doing alright though so I've heard. I hear the talks between my mum and Auntie Jill; I try not to get into too much mischief but it's hard not to when there's so many interesting things going that I have to investigate; sometimes I get it wrong but you have to learn by your mistakes don't you? Anyway I'll have to close now because my mum's hand is aching a bit.

Love to you all from
MARGARET & JO JO.

JOTTINGS FROM ST MARGARET'S

Well folks, it's me again, that moaning Minnie from up the road at St Margaret's. My friend Kath and I have been spending our Monday

sprucing our church ready for Easter; we did some sorting out in the borders and then we really started on the inside of the church. I did the brass and Kath did the sweeping and polishing, we did all the window sills as well, it's surprising how much dirt and dust collect on the window sills and of course we have found moths and butterflies, where they come from I don't know but they are there, if they are alive I try to catch them and let them go outside.

As we came up to Holy Week there were some lovely services going on at both churches; there was Eucharistic services at St Margaret's on 30 March and 1 April. I'm afraid I was not at any of those services as I had other commitments on those evenings but I did go to the services at St George's. Archdeacon Jackie Searle took all of the services throughout Holy Week with Rev'd Bruce assisting. I didn't go to the Good Friday service but our Marg did, but I did go to the Thursday night service which is the last supper service where we did the washing of hands; it was a truly moving service.

Throughout Holy Week our services have been exceptional. We had our service of light at St Margaret's on Easter Eve, Rev'd Bruce was our leader and Jonathan assisted; it is our service where we reaffirm our baptism vows and we walk from the darkness into the light. On Saturday morning, Gloria, Marilyn, Eileen and I decorated our church, I do not do the flower arrangement at Easter but I'm great at sorting out greenery for everyone else and clearing up! It didn't take us long but when we had finished St Margaret's looked lovely. Gloria would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated money for flowers this year, our little church looked a complete picture ready to greet everyone who came to our service on Easter morning. Unfortunately for us, Archdeacon Jackie had to leave us and go and visit her father who is very poorly in hospital. Well my friends, that's about all for now so it's goodbye from me and my friend Kath.

JILL PONTER.



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Oh hello everyone, it's me Misty, I have to tell my mum what I've been up to so that she can tell you. Well, what a time I've been having, my mum lets me go outside now, well it's been so nice and warm and I've met some other felines; there's Luna, big Ginger, black Jack Harry and Cleo from next door; they are bigger than me and I get scared when I meet them. Cleo keeps getting in our house and pinches my food, she is not very nice to me at the moment but I know I have to be brave and give her a bash on her nose, the other cats just want to know me. I'm getting better at meeting them all. But they look so much bigger than me, Harry keeps asking me where Willow is, I don't know who or what Willow was so I told him there was only me at home with my mum. I'm getting on very well with Luna though, we have lots to talk about and she took me into her den, then all the others followed us in and I got on top of a cupboard out of the way. Harry has his pad and pen and keeps asking Luna if he has to put what we are all doing down on his pad for someone called Glenda to check. Who on earth is Glenda and what has she got to do with Harry!! It's all very strange, I'll have to ask my mum.

My mum keeps taking me to see the animal doctor, I've been prodded all over, had his hands in my mouth looking at my teeth and then a giant pill shoved down my neck and then I saw him take a great big needle and stick it in my neck. I don't know what was worse, the pill or the needle and on top of that he took my feet and tried to chop my toes off; he only got as far as my toe nails though; my mum just kept telling me not to worry she wouldn't let anyone hurt me. I mean, I hurt all over after that, but never mind, I got home

all in one piece. I am still trying to make friends with Cleo but she keeps spitting at me, I will just have to be braver that's all. My mum goes out an awful lot and leaves me on my own, she's gone for ages and ages, and I feel all alone you know. I have some toys to play with of course but it's not the same as having my mum with me. My mum brings my Auntie Marg to see me and her other friends as well, they talk and talk I don't know what about but I do know they talk about me and how cute I am and then they talk about my cousin Jo Jo, she can write things down you know and she lives with Auntie Marg and has a great big garden to play in, our garden is only little but I like it.

Well my friends I think I will go and have a little snooze, I'm all worn out telling my mum what I've been up to, so I'll say goodbye until next time.

Love from
MISTY PONTER

Dates for your diary Don't miss out

APRIL – CHARITY FOCUS – CHRISTIAN AID

Sun 26			EASTER 4
	9.00am	*	Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce
	10.30am		Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce followed by coffee/choir
	12.15pm		Reception for St G's lunch guests
	12.30pm		St G's lunch
Tue 28	9.00am		Coffee Pot – SH – all welcome
	9.30am		Eucharist with Rev'd Ruth Fitter
Thu 30	10.30am	*	Eucharist with Jonathan

MAY – CHARITY FOCUS – CHRISTIAN AID

Sun 3			EASTER 5
	10.30am	*	Family Praise with
	10.30am		Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce followed by coffee/prize draw/choir
	6.00pm	*	Evensong with Jonathan
Mon 4			MAY DAY
Tue 5	9.00am		Coffee pot – SH – all welcome
	9.30am		Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce
	2.00pm		Speakability – SH
Wed 6	7.00pm		Choir
Thu 7			ELECTION DAY
	7.00am		Elections until 10.00pm – SH
	10.30am	*	Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce
	6.00pm		Beavers followed by Scouts at 7.15pm – MH
	7.30pm		Charter Band in church until 9.00pm
	7.30pm		Railway Society – 12 Ryelands
Sun 10			EASTER 6 / ANNUAL CHOIR DAY
	9.0am		Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce
	10.30am		Eucharist with choir followed by coffee/cake sale//choir day
	4.00pm		Choral Evensong at St G's with Rev'd Bruce
Tue 12	9.00am		Coffee Pot – SH – all welcome
	9.30am		Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce
	2.30pm		Mothers' Union – SH
	7.30pm		St G's Standing Committee – SL
Wed 13	7.00pm		Gardening Club Committee – SL
Thu 14			ASCENSION DAY
	10.30am	*	Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce
	7.00pm		Prayer / Bible Study – v.t.b.c.

Sun 17			EASTER 7 / SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
	10.30am		Family Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce followed by coffee / choir
	6.00pm	*	Evensong with Jonathan
Mon 18	7.30pm		Festival Committee – SL
Tue 19	9.00am		Coffee Pot – SH – all welcome
	9.30am		Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce
	7.30pm		St M's Standing Committee - SH
Thu 21	10.30am	*	Eucharist with Jonathan
	7.30pm		Archdeacon's Visitation at St Barnabas Church
Fri 22	7.30pm		Gardening Club – MH
Sat 23	10.00am		Messy Church
Sun 24			PENTECOST
	9.00am	*	Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce
	10.30am		Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce followed by coffee / choir
	1.30pm		Private let of Centre – MH
Mon 25			Bank Holiday
Tue 26	9.00am		Coffee Pot – SH – All welcome
	9.30am		Eucharist with Rev'd Bruce
Thu 28	10.30am	*	Eucharist with Jonathan
Fri 29	2.30pm		Quiet Prayer Group at St James, Quedgeley
Sun 31			TRINITY / White Box Day
	10.30am		Eucharist followed by coffee / choir
	6.00pm	*	Evensong

JUNE – CHARITY FOCUS – CHRISTAIN AID

Tue 2	9.00am		Coffee Pot – SH – all welcome
	9.30am		Eucharist
	2.00pm		Speakability – SH
	7.30pm		Centre Management Committee – SL
Thu 4	10.30am	*	Eucharist with Jonathan

	7.30pm		Railway Society – 12 Ryelands
Sun 7			TRINITY 1
	10.30am	*	Family Praise
	10.30am		Eucharist followed by coffee / prize draw / choir
	12 noon		Private let of Centre - MH
	6.00pm	*	Evensong

(M) See article in magazine

(*) Service or event at St Margaret's Church

MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge,

MR = Meeting Room, V = Vicarage, O = Office

REGULAR LETS OF CENTRE

Every Mon except Bank Holiday and the weeks that Speakability meet	10.00am	Aphasia-Now	SH & SL
Every Mon of term time	5.30pm	Brownies	MH
	6.10pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Every Tues of term time	6.30pm	Cubs	MH
1 st Tues of month	2.00pm	Speakability	SH
2 nd Tues of month	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	SH
Every Weds of term time	9.00am	Toddlers	MH
Every Weds	3.30pm	Slimming World	MH
	5.30pm	Slimming World	MH
Every 4 th Weds	7.00pm	Slimming World	MH
Every Thurs except August	7.00pm	GAGS Committee	SL
Every Thurs of term time	10.30am	Day Centre	SH & SL
	6.00pm	Beavers	MH
Every Thurs except August	7.15pm	Scouts	MH
Every Friday except August	7.30pm	Charter Band	SH & SL
Every 4 th Friday	7.30pm	Entertainers	MH
	7.30pm	GAGS Club	MH

Please note that Services during our vacancy may be subject to change at short notice, so please listen carefully to the Parish Notices at the end of any Service.

The following pattern of worship may change.

SUNDAY SERVICES

ST GEORGE’S:	Parish Eucharist	10.30am
	(1 st , 2 nd , 4 th , 5 th Sundays)	
	Family Eucharist	10.30am
	(3 rd Sunday)	
ST MARGARET’S:	Eucharist	9.00am
	(2 nd , 4 th Sundays)	
	Family Praise	10.30am
	(1 st Sunday)	
	Evensong	6.00pm
	(1 st , 3 rd Sunday)	
	(4.00pm in wintertime)	
	Special Service	6.00pm
	(5 th Sunday)	

WEEKDAY SERVICES

ST GEORGE’S:	Eucharist (Tuesday)	9.30am
ST MARGARET’S:	Eucharist (Thursday)	10.30am

There are often additions to the weekly timetable –
Please refer to the Signpost, the weekly leaflet for details.

THE PARISH OFFICE

Arrangements for Centre Bookings, Baptism, Banns and Marriages can be made between 9.00am and 12noon on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning on 01452 307456.