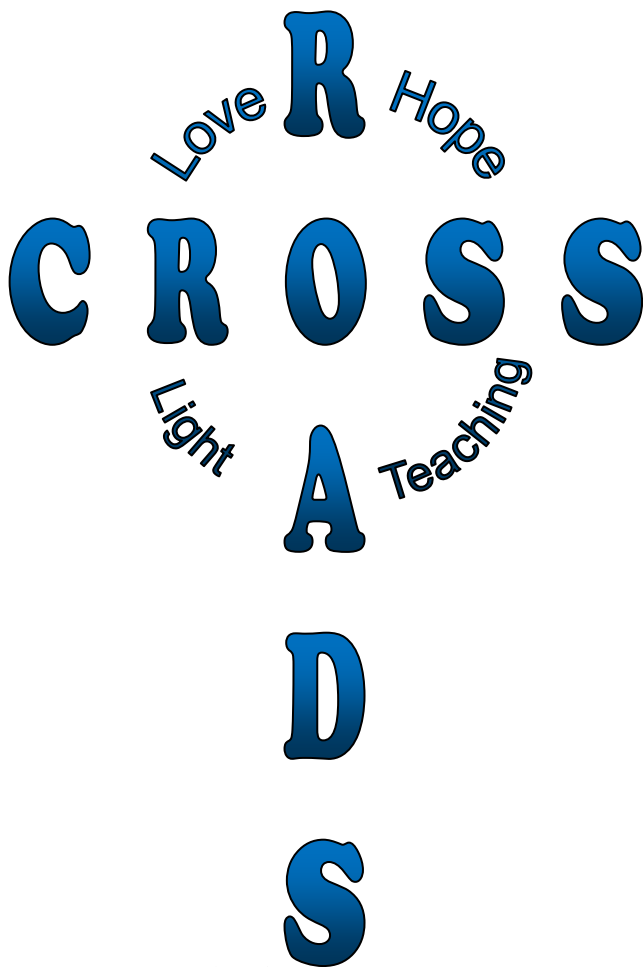


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LETTER FROM OUR VICAR

Dear friends

“Curiouser and Curiouser...” ... cried Alice in Wonderland. Many might have joined her on 11 October when they heard the bishop say at Bruce’s installation service, “Bruce, receive this cure of souls which is both yours and mine”. What kind of wonderland do we think we’re in?

Of course the Bishop was quoting words written centuries ago. I interpret them to mean in today’s language the ‘rescue and care of people’. For we are here as God’s agents, first to point people to Jesus who alone rescues us from all that ravages and robs us of the joy he created us for. And second to show God’s compassion in caring for those around us at times of trial. What a privilege!

And notice I said ‘we’. That means not just the bishop and the vicar. But all of us equally share this privilege of being in God’s ‘search and rescue and care’ team in Tuffley and Whaddon. I hope this excites you as it does me!

But it also scares me. For I know that neither I nor you can do this on our own. But only with the Holy Spirit of God, who gives us courage and wisdom and all the other gifts we need, when we just ask. As Jesus said simply, “Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete” (John 14:24).

May the joy of Christ be ours this month as with the Holy Spirit’s help we share together in his all-important mission of rescue and care; bringing closer each day the real land of wonder, heaven on earth.

BRUCE

THE REFUGEE CRISIS IN EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Mothers' Union have affirmed its commitment to support refugees fleeing conflict and persecution and seeking sanctuary in Europe. "Mothers' Union has the potential to help churches and communities right at the grassroots level maximise the support they can give – through prayer, through advocacy and through practical support" said Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey. "We recognise the complexity of the situations faced by governments across Europe in dealing effectively with this crisis both in the short and longer term, and they are much in our prayers. However, regardless of current government and EU policy, this is a situation which requires a heartfelt response from each one of us. We welcome the leadership and encouragement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby today, affirming that whilst our individual efforts may seem trivial; by working together we can resolve crises and make a difference."

"Today I am calling on our membership across the world to make that heartfelt response. We have a long history of helping those fleeing persecution, conflict or violence. Whilst across many parts of the world: Africa, Oceania, and Asia, we are experienced in dealing with large-scale crises of this nature, it is many years since we have been faced by such a crisis in Europe. But our membership here, as across the globe, will, I know, have a heart to meet the humanitarian needs of families – both physical and spiritual. We are committed to playing our part in both the prayerful and the practical outreach of the Church."

Mothers' Union has over 72,000 members in Europe, predominantly in Britain & Ireland, but including small branches within Europe of members who were themselves asylum seekers who fled conflict. Every year Mothers' Union across the world, most recently in developing countries, brings emergency relief to around 25,000 people through the provision of food, basic household provisions of blankets and sleeping bags, cooking utensils, water sanitation kits and soap.

LYNNE TEMBEY

Lord Jesus, as a child, you fled from persecution;
you have lived the fear, desperation, hunger, cold, and isolation
that being a refugee brings.

Bring comfort and peace of heart Lord,
to all those risking their lives to seek safety,
Protect and guide their journeys, Lord.

“Faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity.”
Father, bless those who see the plight of refugees,
and who are meeting those needs.
For those who are exhausted, give them renewed strength;
For those who feel overwhelmed, give them courage;
For those who feel fearful, we pray for peace and compassion.

Lord, we want to hear your voice again,
Guide us as we, as Mothers’ Union, reach out in your name
to refugees both in Europe and the Middle East
and those affected by conflict in South Sudan and Burundi,
in Thailand and many other areas across the world.
Bless the work of Mothers’ Union,
And lead us, Lord, to fully play our part.

We thank God that our countries are blessed with resources.
We uphold in prayer the governments across Europe and the Middle
East,
asking for wisdom for leaders to meet the needs
of the most vulnerable.

Father God, you are our place of refuge and safety,
We pray for you to help us at this time of need.
Give us compassion combined with wisdom
to meet need with the right resources.
May our practical action be rooted in your love as
we reach out as the hands of Christ.

GARAS **(Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers)**

What can I do?

In view of the ongoing tragedies on the borders of Europe, it is more apparent than ever that the response of many many people is very caring and concerned.

We have received many wonderful offers of help and expressions of frustration at an inability to oppose the rhetoric emanating from some of the press, some of which are being highlighted here on our blog this week. Thank you for all the emails, calls and donations. We are also frequently asked what can be done, so here are some suggestions:

Be informed there is a lot of misinformation and lies told about asylum seekers and refugees and all who need to flee their home countries. And be happy to challenge that misinformation; tricky sometimes, but worth it. There are also some links our website.

Write to your MP, the local press, the national press, No 10 Downing St. Show them you care; show them there is another voice.

Offer time it may be there are volunteering opportunities around, or collections to go to those in need.

Give all the organisations that are supporting asylum seekers need financial support to keep that work going. That may be giving to your local organisation, like GARAS, so that we can help those here, it may be at a national level. It could be for organisations who are working with those in Calais, Greece, Hungary, Macedonia or Italy, or it could be to organisations such as the UNHCR, or Medecins Sans Frontiers who are working with millions of refugees and displaced peoples in very dire situations. At present, we do not require any further bedding or clothes.

Read and follow our blog – and follow it for extra updates which aren't always on this website. You can simply share the individual

blog posts on social media (through your own twitter and Facebook, for example), to spread the message.

Thank you
GARAS

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We probably all know about guide dogs for the blind but did you know that there are also hearing dogs to help deaf people?

Deafness is an invisible disability and hearing loss can lead to social isolation and a lack of confidence. A hearing dog can change a deaf person's life.

The charity was begun by a vet, Bruce Fogle who heard a speaker from the U.S.A. describe how there were programmes there to train dogs to assist deaf people. The U.K. charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People was launched in 1982.

The dogs used are mainly bred by the charity. Puppies between the ages of 7 weeks and 1 year are housed with volunteer families to socialise them and begin obedience training and then they are trained to respond to sounds in order to be assistance dogs. They respond to sounds such as an alarm clock, telephone, doorbell and cooker timer. They are also trained to give an alert to danger, e.g. if a smoke alarm goes off. There is a careful selection of each dog to match it with an appropriate owner. Hearing dogs can be recognised by the burgundy

jackets they wear when they are out and about helping their deaf owners.

There is a user of a hearing dog in our parish. Betty had a poodle named Tango who has recently retired and she now has a young dog, Jasper.

Our next meeting is on 10th. November when our speaker, Liz Curtis, will talk about Mothers' Union and the Talent Tree. Do come and join us, you are very welcome.

SARAH KINGSCOTE

“TIME TO REMEMBER”

Sunday, 8th November 2015 in St George's Church at 4.00pm

Each year, at about this time, we hold a special service to remember all those who have died and whose funerals we have conducted recently. On behalf of 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.

As usual this will be a simple reflective service, suitable for all ages, with some favourite hymns and readings. During the service, the names of all those being remembered will be read out, and you will have an opportunity, if you wish, to light a candle in memory of your loved one(s). Also, if you wish, you may bring flowers or small posy to lay at the altar.

There are invitation letters at the back of St George's if you know of someone who might benefit from this service; please take a letter and give it to them.

The letter gives all the information you need, but if in doubt please speak to Bruce.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

St George's

Isabelle Grace Raymond
Christopher Beacham (adult)
Lucy Pitt (adult)
Vincent Hawkins (adult)
Ian Eilbeck (adult)
Kay Bibi Motala (adult)
Curtis Edward Lee Jones
Charlie Philip Brown
Leah Faith Daley

St Margaret's

Charlie Jake Lewis

FUNERALS

Crematorium

Robert James Tiley RIP
Grenville Alvis Chapman RIP
Noel Stanley Arthur Willetts RIP
Charles Mann RIP
Ian Richard Gorham Smith RIP
Merva Joan Arthur RIP

COFFEE POT...

...is in St George's Centre

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

**TEA and COFFEE
BREAKFAST**

In FRIENDLY SURROUNDINGS



A MESSAGE FROM BRUCE AND ROSIE

Bruce and Rosie want to thank all who contributed and came to the installation and induction service on 11 October. It was truly a memorable occasion. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in both up-front roles and behind the scenes.

We'll be living in the vicarage from Saturday 31 October. The phone number will be 01452 520851 as before. We look forward to seeing many of you at our new home during the coming months.

Do you know anyone in particular short-term need? If so, the "vicar's discretionary fund" may be able to help by making a small one-off contribution. Please speak with Bruce confidentially.

LAST ISSUE'S GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Six, 2 Charles II, 3 Twice a year, 4 Andrew Motion,
5 Josip Simunic, 6 Europe, 7A God or good spirit, 8 Quito, Ecuador,
9 The Crimean, 10 Vitamin C, 11 The Zambezi, 12 Henry VII,
13 Four, 14 Cricket, 15 Single Lens Reflex, 16 Tsunami,
17 South Africa, 18 African Elephant, 19 Concerning fishing,
20 Blue.

*My neighbour is in the Guinness World Records.
He has had 44 concussions. He lives very close to me; a stone's throw
away, in fact.*

*A zookeeper is ordering new animals. As he fills out the forms, he
types "two mongeese." That didn't look right, so he tries "two
mongoose," then "two mongooses." Giving up, he types, "One
mongoose, and while you're at it, please send another one."*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

How well do you know your County?

1. If you want to see a Cotswold Lion, or a Gloucester Old Spot or any of the other rare breeds of Farm animals where would you go?
2. For his attempt to defend what river crossing during the Korean War was the Gloucesters Commanding Officer, Lt. Col Carne awarded the VC?
3. Painswick Churchyard is famous for its 99 Yew trees and what else?
4. He founded England's first Sunday Schools in Gloucester in 1780.
5. Name the World famous Horse Trials held on the Duke of Beaufort's estate.
6. The Hop Pole Hotel at Tewkesbury features in which Charles Dickens novel?
7. The Cotswolds are classed as an area of outstanding natural beauty. How many square miles are included in this area? Is it (i) 790, (ii) 800 or (iii) 810?
8. Which Gloucester Docks' warehouse contained the Robert Opie collection?
9. In which Gloucestershire village was the composer Vaughn Williams born in 1872?
10. Name Gloucestershire's largest Parish Church.

Two men have been ice fishing all day; one has had no luck, while the other has pulled out a ton of fish. "What's your secret?" asks the unlucky fisherman. "Mmmmm mmm mm mmm mmmmm mmm mmm," is the reply. "I'm sorry; what did you say?" "Mmmmm mmm mm mmm." "I still didn't understand you."

The lucky fisherman spits something into his hand and says slowly and clearly, "You've got to keep your worms warm."

OUR LAST SUPPER REREDOS

At the recent Licensing Service several visitors commented on our Reredos and asked about its origin. Much to our embarrassment we were unable to give a good answer so a little research was considered necessary: -

"Behind the altar in Gloucester St. George, Tuffley is a sculpture in Welsh slate showing the cross and at the same time, a plan view of the table with our Lord and the disciples at the Last Supper.

On first entering the church, one does not see the whole Reredos, but only sufficient for the cross to appear symmetrical. Only when kneeling at the sanctuary step can one see all of it. This is to remind us that when we make the effort to come closer to God, we come to know him better.

The figures cannot be identified as any particular disciple - except for Judas 'slinking away' at the bottom right hand corner.

The sculpture is by Bryant Fedden of Winchcombe and so far as it is known, is unique."

So, now we know.

PETER HUTSON

(REPRODUCED FROM DOMESDAY RELOADED WEBSITE)

If anyone has any more information on our Reredos or other items of interest in St George's Church we would be pleased to find out.

DARRELL
EDITOR

*I just found the worst page in the entire dictionary.
What I saw was disgraceful, disgusting, dishonest, and disingenuous.*

WHO ARE THE GGQ?

Who are the GGQ? They are the Gloucester Gallery Quire, something a little different from other church music groups. They aim to recreate the sight and sound of the village choirs which sang in churches up till about the 1850s. That was a time of great change, when pipe organs and harmoniums became popular, and choirs were becoming all-male, and dressed in cassocks and surplices.

Your old-time village choir was dressed in ordinary clothes, and included instrumentalists, and in many cases sang in a gallery at the west end – a feature often removed, along with the box pews, in Victorian restorations. This sort of choir found itself at odds with those who wanted to reform the Church and to reinvent the way that worship was done. The services of the old timers were dispensed with and the human consequences are beautifully depicted in Thomas Hardy's early novel "Under the Greenwood Tree".

The GGQ are one of a number of groups who perform music of this era and they like to do so in the context of worship. They normally rehearse at Brookthorpe Village Hall and asked if they might join us for a service at St Margaret's from time to time. Harvest Sunday seemed an excellent day to give it a try.

The Quire dress in authentic period costume, of the quality used by re-enactment groups like the Sealed Knot. There were some splendid hats, smocks, dresses and coats, and the musicians really looked as if they had stepped out of the pages of history. The music is led by a fiddle, together with recorders and a serpent. This spectacular instrument is a wooden horn of double-S shape, covered in dark leather. It makes a deep sound and was intended to reinforce the bass singers.

Bruce led the service, which was our normal evensong, but with an introit and anthem sung by the Quire. Hymns included "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" to the rumbustious early nineteenth century tune "Lyngham", with the fiddle player leading a short 'symphony' or interlude between each verse. The congregation

responded with great gusto and thoroughly enjoyed this style of singing God's praises.

We ended the evening with drinks and nibbles, and a chance to meet the Quire members. They will be returning soon to use the church for a rehearsal, and then probably on Sunday 3rd January for a special Christmas / Epiphany evening service of music and readings. We are delighted they want to sing in St Margaret's and we look forward to welcoming them back.

JONATHAN



**DECEMBER / JANUARY MAGAZINE MATERIAL SHOULD
BE WITH THE EDITOR BY
FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER
AT THE VERY LATEST**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS MATTER.

A SOCIAL COMMITTEE THANK YOU

On behalf of the Social Committee, please could I convey a huge thank you to Jan and her team for the outstanding harvest supper on the 4th October.

Despite cooking for 60 people, Jan still returned over £60 to Social Committee. The food was absolutely delicious. Those who missed out; truly did miss out! We'd like to say thank you for all the help at Bruce's ordination too. Although it wasn't a Social Committee event, it became one.

Huge thanks must go to Kim and Jonathan for their stalwart work in the kitchen and to Dot, who despite recently coming out of hospital worked like a Trojan.

Thank you to the Social Committee for their unstinting help too. It was lovely to receive so many positive comments about how welcoming we are at St George's. Here's to many more functions with Bruce.

THANK YOU SO MUCH
SYLV EVANS



ST GEORGE'S CENTRE
at 7.30pm, SATURDAY 14 November
Teams can comprise of up to 6 people
each person paying £1.00
If you haven't got a team, don't worry
we can always find one for you on the night
Please bring your own drinks and nibbles
This is a Social Committee event



Messy Church is a family-friendly time
full of fun, games, food, and crafts

It's free, and there's no need to book, just come along

Messy Church is for all the family, young and old alike
Children will need to bring an adult with them

We meet at St George's Church, Grange Road,
usually on the last Saturday in the month
from 10:00am to mid-day

Future Dates

Saturday	October	31 st	10.00am
Sunday	November	29 th	4:00pm
Saturday	December	19 th	10.00am

29th November is Advent Sunday
so will be making and talking about Christingles
19th December is the Saturday before Christmas so will
be focussed on Christmas itself.

**Look out for the Messy Church Banner
outside St George's Church**

SITUATIONS VACANT
CROSSROADS DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED

After many years of delivering our Benefice magazine, Crossroads, Kath Senior has decided that, after delivering the December/January issue, it's time to retire. We thank her for what she has done for us over that time in delivering what must be hundreds of issues of Crossroads. So we would like someone to take up where Kath leaves off and continue to deliver Crossroads for us from February onwards.

Kath currently delivers to: -

- 2 houses in Grange Road
- 1 house in Windsor Drive
- 1 house in Osbourne Avenue
- 2 houses in Nutley Avenue
- 2 houses in Gainsborough Drive
- 3 houses in Longleat Avenue

So if you think that you can take over Kath's route from February onwards please see me or Glenda. It may be that one of our other distributors would like to deliver to some of Kath's current 'customers' and that's fine too; just let us know.

Many thanks
DARRELL

PLEASE NOTE

That that there will be no increase in the cost of Crossroads next year it will remain at 50p per issue or £4.00 for the year if paid by the end of January. Remember that if you have access to the internet you can read Crossroads for free by visiting the Benefice website.



THROUGH THE WINDOW

Hi Folks

It's me, your feline friend JoJo. A lot has happened since the last time I wrote; well to be exact I told my Mum what to write. I still haven't really mastered the writing bit yet, besides which I can't reach the cupboard which the writing pad is kept. I have to wait for her ladyship to fetch it. It takes allsorts doesn't it!

My Mum has been so busy lately, she comes and goes and I don't know what she's at. Sometimes I've had some lovely smells coming from the oven but do I get anything? Not on your life.

I'm not allowed on any work surfaces, I only did it once and I was scooped up pretty quick and I've never tried since. Not all that long ago, Auntie Jill was in the garden and she opened a door and I couldn't resist a look inside; (I'm nose-y like that). The next thing I knew the door went bang and I couldn't get out. I was in there for hours and hours. I could hear my Mum calling me, but she couldn't hear me, I've only got a little voice; (not like my Mum though!). Eventually I hear someone calling my name so I called out again and they heard me. Finally the door was opened and I was so pleased to see my Mum. It was way passed my teatime so I was given a bit more comfort food than usual.

I do like to explore different places and open cupboards doors are a must, I can't always get inside as there's too much stuff in there. A cat can try though. I go out into my estate and sometimes I meet up with neighbourhood cats one of them tries to eat my food, so my Mum has to keep the door shut.

I'd like to say a hello to my Mum and Auntie Jill's friends. They come and do things so I have to make sure that they do it right. I try to help as well but my help isn't always well received. I'm only trying to make sure they are doing it right; I make them laugh anyway. I keep hearing my Mum saying that I'd have to go to that place again, you know the V.E.T. I think I'll hide when I see the box coming back into the house. They do nasty things to me like shoving a big pill down my throat and stick pins in me and try cutting my feet off; OK, I know it's only my claws but it's undignified.

I think I'll stop moaning now and have a little snooze, so until the next time, bye for now.

Yours
JoJo

ST GEORGE'S AT DUKE OF BEAUFORT COURT

There has been a monthly service at Duke of Beaufort Court for some while now. In its present form it was an initiative of David and Angela Smith, which Jonathon Ross-McNairn took on board towards the end of his time with us. Since his departure for pastures new, I have inherited the work, and I thought that a short progress report might be of interest.

The service takes place on a Wednesday morning at 10.00am in the Common Room at Duke of Beaufort, which is on the right as you enter the courtyard from the main car park off Poplar Road. Alternatively there is a pedestrian gate into the site from Podsmead Road.

The service usually lasts 30-40 minutes, and is open to all. It's a non-eucharistic form of Morning Prayer and reflection. We usually have a couple of hymns or songs – well known ones, as there is no piano and these are unaccompanied.

A small number of D of B residents attend regularly and others drop in when they can. Numbers are not large, but the atmosphere is very warm and open. Those who come represent different church

backgrounds (or none) - some are regular attenders elsewhere on a Sunday, others not.

Do please feel welcome to join us, and please pray for God's blessing on our fellowship.

JONATHAN M-J



FROM ST MARGARET'S

Well people here I am again whingeing again and trying to keep St Margaret's up to scratch. Kath and I have been dusting and cleaning each Monday and we have been trying to spend some time in churchyard, but the weather has been against us and it has rained, so we have been in the church.

Whilst we have been at the church we have seen a number of people, those who don't realise that a church is there and those who visit regularly. Rosie (Bruce's wife) did us the honour of being our castaway for the day in August for our fifth Sunday special. She told us about her life as a child and as a young woman, how she met Bruce and her faith journey. It was a very interesting evening and gave all those present an insight into Rosie as a person.

We had a lovely Harvest service on 4th October. We were asked to give mainly tins, packets and jars of food as our harvest gifts were going to the Gloucester Food Bank. There were some perishable items and I took them to Newton House for the homeless and distressed in Great Western Road. People give what they can and as St Margaret's is smack bang in the middle of the farming community, hence the perishables. We had apples from the Vicarage and from Eric Hibbard who lives next door to our church. Eric's wife, Margaret, told Kath and I to pick as many apples as we wanted. There were loads so some

went to friends and family too. We used them for apple pies for both St George's and St Margaret's Harvest Suppers, so they came in very handy.

Bruce was installed as our Vicar at St George's on 11th October. I asked him if he was looking forward to being our Vicar proper and he said that he definitely was and he was getting to know the people of Tuffley and Whaddon. Bishop Martyn officiated at the service with Archdeacon Jackie and Area Dean Janet assisting. Bruce looked as if he enjoyed the whole thing as did Rosie. She and Bruce greeted many friends both old and new. In the congregation there were people from St Catharine's, St Lawrence and other churches that Bruce and Rosie had been part of all mingling with St George's and St Margaret's people. The many retired priests who had helped us out by taking services were well represented and we thank them for their help.

Well my friends that's about all for now as I have used up all my think, I'm off to a darkened room for a lie down, so until the next time Tata and God Bless.

JILL PONTER



OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Hi ya Mist, how you doing? Oh hello Harry, have you seen Star and Princess this morning? No not at the moment, I haven't, they still giving you grief Mist? Harry they are the bane of my life, my human has to feed them first in the morning so that I can get out of my back door. Oh you poor love, I thought I hadn't seen you around lately, where you been hiding yourself then Mist? Oh I've been hiding in the den with Luna, she has some lovely biscuits you know, I don't know where she gets them from but they really are lush. Mist don't say that

my mouth is watering now; I must look a real sight with dribble all down my chin. Harry you look handsome as ever dribble or no dribble!

Ging! What you doing over there? I'm staying well out of the way of Princess and Star. I tell you that Princess is a real menace! I can't say hello to Misty before that princess takes a swipe at me. I took off at a rate of knots, I can tell you. How you doing Mist? Ging, I'm fine; like you I tend to keep a wide berth from those two, little Star keeps coming into my house and my Mum has to shoo her out, I think she wants to get at my biscuits, but never mind, my Mum always puts them out of reach.

Anyway Ging, where is Little Ging lately? Is he still living by you? I haven't seen him for quite some time. Well Mist, it's like this, Little Ging has been in quarantine for a while, he met this lovely little lady cat but she had a few fleas, his Mum nearly had forty fits, he was taken to the Vet and given a pin in his neck and told that until further notice he was confined to the house. His Mum had the whole house fumigated, so I'm afraid he's still in the dog house so to speak. He can't come out until his lady friend is totally flea free.

Hello Tiger, what you doing? Listening to you Ging, I've been trying not to laugh out loud as that happened to me once. There I was just sitting down and my owner got hold of me and covered me in flea powder, I very near choked to death. I was confined to the conservatory for the night then I had to have that stuff that stinks on the back of my neck. Blimey, it didn't half sting! But those pesky fleas didn't come back and they still don't bother me. I still have to go to the animal doctor for check-ups. I've been looking for the rest of the gang, Harry. I can see Yasmin coming over the fence, she must have some gossip for us, don't you think?

What news have you got for us Yasmin? You seem to have a great big smile on your face. Well, Tiger, I went to a show last weekend and we had to stay overnight. I had to be brushed, combed and totally pampered; I won a prize you know! I was so good I had a lovely blue rosette. What's a rosette, Yasmin? Well you get a rosette when you

come in the first three of your class, Misty. Yasmin, I haven't a clue what you are talking about, I'm my Mum's best prize but I haven't got one of those, thingamethings, what you said, Yasmin. Have you got one Harry? Because if you have, I certainly haven't seen it! No Mist, I haven't got one of those things, anyway I haven't even been to a show. I just sits in front of the tele and watch and I don't get a rosette for that!

Oh Harry you are daft, come on let's find Luna and get to the den, where's the bag with all your bits in Harry. Oh I put them in the den before I met you and Yasmin. Where did Ging go Mist? Harry he's in the den already with his nose in the biscuits. Say Tata Harry. Tata everyone until the next time.

From Misty, Harry and the gang

A Vicar and his Curate are standing by the side of a road holding up a sign that reads "The end is near! Turn around now before it's too late!" A passing motorist opens his window and yells, "You chaps are nuts!" and speeds past them; from around the bend in the road they hear screeching tyres followed by a big splash. The Curate turns to the Vicar and says, "Do you think we should just put up a sign that says 'Bridge Out' instead?"

How does Moses make tea? He brews.

So I called up the spiritual leader of Tibet, and he sent me a large goat with a long neck; turns out I phoned dial-a-llama

At school they were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created from one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

Dates for your diary

Don't miss out

OCTOBER – CHARITY FOCUS –PHILIPPINE TRUST

Sun 25			LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY White Box Sunday
	9.00am	*	Eucharist
	10.30am		Eucharist / Healing followed by coffee/choir
	12,30pm	*	Interment of Ashes of the late Derek Bailey
Mon 26	10.00am		Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
	12.30pm		Celebration of life service for the late Cynthia Woodruff RIP
	7.30pm		Finance meeting – SL
Tue 27	9.00am	M	Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome
	9.30am		Eucharist
Wed 28	7.00pm		Gardening Club Committee – SL
Thu 29	10.30am	*	Eucharist
Fri 30	2.30pm	P	Quiet Prayer Group – Grange Baptist
Sat 31	4.00pm		Messy Church Festival of Light

NOVEMBER – CHARITY FOCUS – PHILIPPINE TRUST

Sun 1			ALL SAINTS DAY
	10.30am	*	Family Praise
	10.30am		Eucharist followed by coffee / prize draw / choir
	5.00pm		Festival of Remembrance at GL1 supported by St George's Singers
Mon 2	2.00pm		Speakability – SH
Tue 3	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome
	9.30am		Eucharist
Wed 4	7.00pm		Choir
Thu 5	11.00am		Clergy /Wardens meeting at Grange Baptist Church
	7.30pm		Railway Society – 12 Ryelands
Fri 6	7.30pm		Gardening Club – MH

Sun 8			REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	9.00am	*	Eucharist
	10.30am		Eucharist followed by coffee/ cake sale/ choir
	4.00pm	*	Time to Remember service at St G's
Mon 9	10.00am		Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
Tue 10	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH - all welcome
	9.30am		Eucharist
	7.30pm		St G's Standing Committee – SL
Thu 12	10.30am		Day Centre trip to Highfield Garden Centre
	6.00pm	*	Wedding rehearsal for Leon & Jennifer
	7.00pm		Prayer / Bible Study at Jonathan's 73 Forest View Road
Sat 14	11.00am	*	Wedding of Leon & Jennifer
	7.30pm	MP	Quiz – MH
Sun 15			2 before ADVENT
	10.30am		Family Eucharist followed by coffee
	12.30pm	*	Baptism of Lewis John Vallender
	1.30pm		Baptism of Theodore Christopher Wadley
	4.00pm	*	Patronal Evensong
Mon 16			St Margaret's Patronal Day
	10.00am		Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
	7.30pm		Private let of Softley Lounge
Tue 17	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome
	9.30am		Eucharist
	7.30pm		St M's Standing Committee – SH
Wed 18	10.00am		Duke of Beaufort Court Service
Thu 19	10.30am	*	Eucharist
Sun 22			CHRIST THE KING / SUNDAY before ADVENT
	9.00am	*	Eucharist
	10.30am		Eucharist / Healing followed by coffee / choir
Mon 23	10.00am		Aphasia – Now – SH & SL
Tue 24	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome

	9.30am		Eucharist
	10.30am		Advent Group 1 – SL
Wed 25	7.00pm		Gardening Club Committee - SL
Thu 26	10.30am	*	Eucharist
	7.00pm		Advent Group 1 – V
Fri 27	2.30pm		Quiet Prayer Group at St G's
Sun 29			ADVENT 1
	9.00am	*P	Matins
	10.30am		Eucharist
	4.00pm		Messy Christingle
Mon 30	10.00am		Aphasia-Now – SH & SL
	7.00pm		Benefice Communications meeting

DECEMBER – CHARITY FOCUS – PHIPPINE TRUST

Tue 1	9.00am		Coffee Pot – MH – all welcome
	9.30am		Eucharist
	10.30am		Advent Group 2 – SL
Thu3	10.30am	*	Eucharist
	7.00pm		Advent Group 2 – V
	7.15pm		Deanery Synod – St Lawrence, Barnwood
	7.30pm		Railway Society – 12 Ryelands
Fri 4	7.30pm		Gardening Club – MH
Sat 5	2.00pm		Private let of Centre until 11.00pm
Sun 6			ADVENT 2
	10.30am	*	Family Praise
	10.30am		Eucharist followed by coffee / choir
	2.00pm		Private let of Centre until 4.00pm
	4.00pm	*	Evensong

(M) See article in magazine

(P) For more information see poster

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

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

V = Vicarage, O = Office

REGULAR LETS OF CENTRE

Every Monday except Bank Holiday and the 1st Monday when Speakability meet at	10.00am	Aphasia-Now	SH & SL
Every Monday of term time	1.00pm	Speakability	SH
	5.30pm	Brownies	MH
	6.10pm	Rainbows	SH
	7.15pm	Guides	MH
Every Tuesday of term time	6.30pm	Cubs	MH
2 nd Tuesday of month	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	
Every Wednesday	3.30pm	Slimming World	SH
	5.30pm	Slimming World	MH
	7.00pm	Slimming World	MH
Every 4 th Wednesday	7.00pm	GAGS Committee	MH
Every Thursday except August	10.30am	Day Centre	SL
Every Thursday of term time	6.00pm	Beavers	SH & SL
	7.15pm	Scouts	MH
Every Thursday except August	7.30pm	Charter Band	MH
Every Friday except August	7.30pm	Entertainers	SH & SL
Every 4 th Friday	7.30pm	GAGS Club	MH
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Three boys are in the playground bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him £25."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him £200."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat; my Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes two people to collect all the money in!"

Please note that Services may be subject to change from time to time, 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	4.00pm
	(1 st , 3 rd Sunday)	
	(6.00pm in summertime)	
	Special Service	4.00pm
	(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.