

# InSpire 7 September 2017

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Giving thanks  
to God at  
Harvest

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*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap  
But by the seeds that you plant".* Robert Louis

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## Rev Liz writes

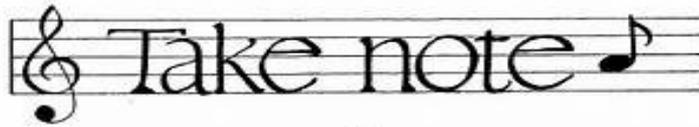
*Dear all,*

I write this in the wake of the Capel Show and what a wonderful show it was! The weather was kind, we had record numbers of cars, exhibits and visitors and everyone appeared to be having an old fashioned 'grand day out'! There was also a very special atmosphere in the early morning as exhibitors, volunteers, stall holders, stewards, to name but a few, busied themselves with their tasks in readiness for the day. Coffee Real as ever was there to provide much needed sustenance in coffee and other delicious beverages it seemed to me there was an air of eager anticipation for a wonderful day ahead. That coupled with the village as ever uniting to try to produce the best show ever made me once again so proud to be part of this great community. Well done everyone and particularly to the show's organisers for giving us this annual opportunity to come together like this and celebrate all the lovely things created by God and humankind. Thank you too to the Car Show committee who generously donate all their proceeds towards the upkeep of our parish church, through the Friends of Capel Church.



This month we look forward to a time of celebration as we prepare for Harvest festivities. This year we are once more putting on another murder mystery play called 'Out for a Duck' – a play by Claire Jones. As the title suggests the play has a cricket theme and the action takes place preparing for match day in the local cricket club. Well so that we can be really authentic, we have persuaded some of our Capel Cricket Club to take part this year and I hear rehearsals are going really well!

Rev Liz's letter Continued on page 4



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If anyone has any wooden coat hangers they are no longer using, please give them to Betty Mitchell who will happily turn them into something crafty and wonderful!

Thank you  
Suzanne

**EXCITING NEWS** about The Merry Opera Company coming to *St Paul's church in Dorking* in December 2017!

Details on page 9.

Tickets are likely to sell out fast for this exciting opportunity to attend such a unique event, so do try and book yours soon!



### Bible Society launches 'hybrid' magazine

Bible Society has just launched what it calls a "unique hybrid of magazine, journal and workbook - to help enhance and inform your spiritual life." It is called the 'Lyfe Journal', and aims to help Christians with little time to read full books, to still discover insights from theologians, art and experiences.

The first issue looks at Prayer, and costs £4.99.

Details at: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/product-search/lyfe+journal/>

## Charities we support

### The Children's Society

You may like to know that in the last year we have raised the following for the Children's Society:-

\* Christmas card sales **£296.76**

\* Christingle **£210.93**

\* Coffee morning refreshments & stalls **£268.73**

\* House Boxes **£495.65**

Thank you for everyone that has helped contribute to these amounts. The House Boxes are down on previous years so if you think you can help and would like a box to collect at home or in your workplace, do please let Suzanne know on 01306 711449. Thank you



## NEWS from the Pews

### From the Registers

**We welcome into the family of the church**

*Tyler Jak Worsfold*

29<sup>th</sup> July 2017

*Willow Joan Nye*

*Laura Nye*

30<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**We mourn the loss of**

*Shirley Isabel Cosham*

11<sup>th</sup> August 2017

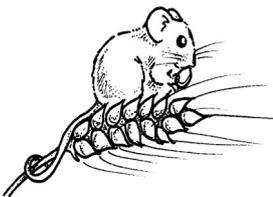
### Hurricane devastation in the USA

At the time of putting this issue of InSpire together, the news is unfolding of the devastating flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas. We remember all those affected by this natural disaster and others around the world facing extreme conditions.

#### A prayer for those coping with floods

God of compassion,  
you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress;  
accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected by storms and flooding:  
strengthen them in their hour of need,  
grant them perseverance and courage to face the future  
and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives;  
this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY see page 7 for Events & Services



### Harvest Celebrations .... 'Out for a Duck' Ticket information & Performance times

This year we are once more putting on another murder mystery play called 'Out for a Duck' – a play by Claire Jones. A fun filled event, not to be taken too seriously! As the title suggests the play has a cricket theme and the action takes place preparing for match day in the local cricket club.

**Both of these performances will take place in the Memorial Hall.**

Friday 29th September 7.00 pm - ticket includes supper

Sunday 1st October 4.00 pm - ticket includes a 'Capel Cricket tea'!

**Tickets are £10.00 each** and can be obtained from:-

Sally Wyborn, 12 The Street, Capel, RH5 5LE

Tel: 01306 711505 email: j.wyborn@btinternet.com



They will be issued on a first come, first served basis once payment is received, together with a self-addressed envelope. Thank you.

## Rev Liz writes continued

The proceeds from this event will be shared between the Cricket Club and the Church and it all promises to be good fun, not to be taken too seriously you understand!! Due to potentially popular demand there will be two separate performances. An evening performance where supper is served between Acts and a late afternoon one where the audience will be served a Cricket tea.

The festivities will be underpinned of course by our Harvest Thanksgiving in church. The church always seems to look at its most magnificent decorated with the harvest flowers so do come and have a look if you are passing or perhaps you will join us for Harvest Teas on Harvest Sunday. I hope of course though that you may be tempted to join us at our main service that day when we are joined by our uniformed organisations to give God the glory he deserves as we celebrate the many blessings and privileges we enjoy in our part of the world. As usual we will welcome gifts of food (dried and tinned goods please) which we will donate to Dorking Food Bank and Leatherhead Start. We know that there are still many unfortunately who do not have the advantages we do. Also we will be taking up a collection for those further afield and this year we would like to support the famine in East Africa where many aid agencies work to make sure people have the basic needs in life, water foremost and food. So looking forward to a late summer (!) and sharing all of God's good things with you this month and beyond.

With my love and prayers

*Rev'd Liz*



The vicar's scheme to make the church more appealing to men seemed to be having a degree of success

## A little laughter ...

### Hymns for people over 50

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, I've Forgotten  
Where I've Parked The Car  
Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One  
By One  
Blessed Insurance  
It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt

### Church service

A minister, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the minister asked the man where he had gone. 'I went to get a haircut,' was the reply.

'But,' said the minister, 'why didn't you do that before the service?'

'Because,' the gentleman said, 'I didn't need one then.'

## Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

As I write, the news is full of the devastating flooding in Houston, Texas. These are scenes we witnessed just a few years ago with New Orleans. It seems that even the most populated cities on earth are fragile in comparison with Mother Nature when she decides to deposit many inches of rain in a short time. As in all these situations, including the recent Grenfell Tower fire in London, there are heart-warming photos appearing of people doing good to others, even to the furry variety! There are several pictures going round of boat crews rescuing dogs that have been left behind. As a dog lover, this warms my heart!

What a wonderful time we had here in Capel for the recent 2017 Horticultural and Classic car show. We were lucky enough to be basking in hot sunshine all day. I believe there were record numbers attending and a fantastic amount of money taken at the gates and on the stalls. What a marvellous testament this is to the many volunteers who make these two simultaneous events happen. How nice that they were able to erect and dismantle the many tents in dry weather! Dik Hoogmoed has written an article for us on page 8 about this year's show.

As a family, we are just about to go to Wales on holiday this Friday. This is our last holiday together before William ventures off to Bristol university. I very much look forward to this time of relaxation together. We are all going including our black Labrador Bonnie who is about to experience her first taste of Wales with us! Like everyone who has already been on holiday this summer, it will be a chance to recharge our batteries and spend time together without the daily alarm clock going off at 5.30am ready for Stuart's commute to London! I am conscious that there won't be many more 'family of 4' holidays as the boys are already beginning to want to do their own thing, so these are times to treasure and remember.

We then begin the next phase in the Cole household, as is the case with others around us, including Jo & Andy Carr and Sarah & Craig Pusey as both Gemma and Rebecca go off to university too. These are exciting times for the students, although I'm sure nerve wracking too! We are lucky that Capel is a peaceful and quiet place for them to have grown up in and the cities they will find themselves living in will be very different! But they all have new and exciting opportunities being offered to them, which they are grabbing with open arms. It is our jobs as parents and friends to support them as they leave the familiarity of Capel and watch them blossom and grow as they learn and develop in the next few years of further education. My prayer for them is that they settle quickly, make many new friends and love the learning environment they find themselves in for the next few years. There are special prayers for those starting school and universities on the Prayer page (15).

As the young children begin schools for the very first time, or make other transitions from schools that they have now grown out of, I pray that they will enjoy the new beginnings and prosper in their new surroundings. I also pray for the many teachers and tutors who will be greeting the children and older students and working hard to ensure their safekeeping and giving them the gift of education.

We look forward to celebrating the bounty of God's goodness at the end of the month when we celebrate Harvest and there is plenty going on to celebrate both in church and in the village. Rev Liz's letter contains details of what is going on and there are dates and times on page 7 and details of how to get your tickets for 'Out for a Duck' on page 3. Wishing you a happy September!

With best wishes,  
Suzanne



NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO GIVE UP. GOD HAS BROUGHT YOU THIS FAR AND AFTER ALL YOU WENT THROUGH TO GET TO THIS POINT, KNOW THAT HE IS STILL WITH YOU. SO KEEP ON DOING GOOD AND TRUSTING HIM. DON'T GROW WEARY. YOUR TIME IS COMING, AND THROUGH HIM, YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE IT.

QUITE WOMEN CO.  
@QUITEWOMENCO

## MATINS AT OCKLEY

By Chris Cooper

*“After weeks and months of rain the waters abated, and the Weald country south of Leith Hill and along the county boundary became more accessible to the pedestrian.*

*Strikes had disorganised the railway service and a breakdown near Cheam made railway travelling a tedious adventure.*

*It was late afternoon before Ockley Station was reached, a mile and a half to the village, no means of conveyance, both Inns full and overflowing with Easter visitors, and most cottages in a similar condition; night was falling before I found quarters in the house of the village shoe maker, a comfortable haven for which I was devoutly thankful”.*

*Thus wrote the late James S Ogilvy in his book “A Pilgrimage in Surrey” published in 1914.*

My first visit to St Margaret’s church in Ockley was on Sunday 6th August 2017 because there was no service at Capel due to the Rev Liz Richardson being on holiday.

It is an extended walk from Rickwood Park to Ockley and I was most grateful to Mr Silliman for conveyance in his motor vehicle. Along the way, we collected Dr Ashwood from Capel village and in a short time we arrived at St Margaret’s for the 9.30am Matins service.

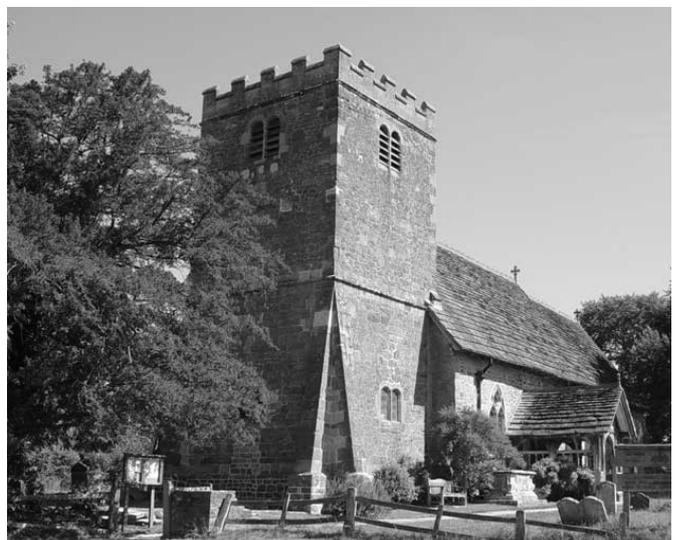
As part of the congregation of Capel, we received a warm welcome to the church. The church is about half a mile east from the village, and is a picturesque building with a square stone tower. Inside, are monuments to the Steeres of Jayes Park, the Arbuthnots of Elderslie and the Calverts of Ockley Court.

The service was conducted by two of the charming ladies and it was wonderful to experience the music from a traditional pipe organ.

It was good to see a number of people from Capel in the congregation and after the service coffee and refreshments were available. This allowed for much conversation and I left with Mr Silliman and Dr Ashwood by car, with a feeling of warmth and friendliness.

Chris Cooper

**Editor:** My thanks to Chris Cooper for kindly volunteering this article for Setember’s issue of InSpire. I too attended the service at Ockley that day and it was an occasion of fellowship and warmth, just as Mr Cooper describes! I would also like to extend my thanks to everyone at Ockley who made us so welcome that day.



## CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Please note the new time of 10.00am for Cafe church

### SEPTEMBER

#### **SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Trinity 8**

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am **CAFÉ CHURCH (definitely!)**

#### **SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Trinity 13**

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am Family Communion

#### **SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Trinity 14**

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am Family Communion

#### **TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>!!**

**MESSY CHURCH**

**Please see banner and posters locally** - Doors open from 3.15pm in Capel Memorial Hall

#### **SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Trinity 15**

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am Family Communion with Holy Baptism

#### **FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS BEGIN....**

**7.00 pm OUT FOR A DUCK** – a play by Claire Jones (ticket includes Supper) performed in the Capel Memorial Hall

#### **SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCT HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

10.00 am **HARVEST PRAISE – all age Parade Service**

3pm Harvest teas in church *and outside if fine*

**4pm OUT FOR A DUCK** – a play by Claire Jones – ticket includes a ‘Cricket tea’ performed in the Capel Memorial Hall

Each **Wednesday at 9.45am** in church we pray the **Church of England’s Daily Office**. All are welcome to join us as we intercede for the church, the world and all those in need who have asked for our prayers....

## The Capel Classic Car Show 2017

The Capel Show 2017 turned out to be a fantastic event, with by all accounts the highest numbers ever recorded. Throughout the day people kept commenting how busy the grounds were, and how full the public car park field. In rough numbers we counted 670 classic exhibits in the grounds. An estimated 3000 people came through the main entrance and another 1500 in exhibits, auto jumble and horticultural stalls etc. there were over 1200 cars in the public car park. Takings at the gate were up to nearly £12,445 (22% up from last year). We don't have the full picture yet of money made. We are in the process of collating all the information from the various sources and will have a clearer picture towards the end of September.

In the mean time of course we have to congratulate all the people that have put so much effort in to make such an event happen. Between the Classic Car & Bike Show and the Horticultural Society there must have been around a 100 volunteers on the day.



If you did visit the show and would like to give some feedback, here's a short online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/capelshow2017>

On behalf of the Capel Show Committee  
Dik Hoogmoed

## An evening of songs and stories with Sally Cranham

Sally is an international ambassador for Compassion UK, Eden Ministry Asia and Source anti-trafficking USA.

**Wednesday 20th September**  
**At 7.45pm \* FREE ENTRY \***  
**The Cottage, 97 The Street, Capel**  
**Drinks and light refreshments will be served.**

For more details contact Bob and Judy on 01306 713349.

There will be a stand of jewellery from Eden Ministry, the opportunity to sponsor a child through Compassion and copies of Sally's CD's available for purchase on the night.



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

## Capel Art Group goes from Strength to Strength

This year, the St John's Group of Artists had its own marquee at the Capel Show and a selection of paintings and greeting cards were on sale. The group started at the Vicarage with the Rev Liz Richardson and with the help of Julia Horrox who gives invaluable advice and support to budding artists. The group quickly outgrew Liz's home and now meets on Wednesday mornings in Capel Memorial Hall where Julia helps artists, both amateur and more accomplished to develop paintings and drawings to an increasingly high standard. Demonstrations from professional artists take place periodically and these have encouraged group members to try new techniques. Last October, the group branched out on a grand scale when it mounted its very first stand-alone Art Exhibition in Capel Parish hall and this event proved so popular that the 2nd Annual Art Exhibition is now planned for November 5th 2017 — one for your diaries!

Lesley Bignall



## Intercession for September 14th Holy Cross Day

**Let us pray to the Father through his Son,  
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.**

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church ...  
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing  
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship ...  
In the preaching of the word  
and the celebration of the sacraments,  
draw your people close to you.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.

Give your grace to those who preach your word to the  
nations ...  
Help us to witness to the faith we have received  
by our words and in our deeds,  
and daily conform us more and more to Christ,  
that we may glory in his cross.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much  
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die ...  
Strengthen those who work to share  
the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ  
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice ...  
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the  
dying,  
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,  
and in his passion to know their salvation.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in  
your friendship ...  
According to your promises,  
bring them with all your saints  
to share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
Lord, save us and help us.

Holy God, holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.

### For those starting new schools or colleges/universities

Loving God, let me be strong today  
as I meet new people in new places.  
Make me brave when I am worried,  
show me how to learn from everyone  
around me,  
and help me to do my very best.

Amen.



### We remember those who ask for our prayers at this time including ...

We remember those children starting new schools this  
September and our teenagers who are leaving the  
familiarity of Capel and their friends and families to start  
at university. We pray for **William Cole, Gemma Lester  
and Rebecca Pusey** as they begin their new lives as  
students away from home. We also remember those  
who are taking a year out from education and wish them  
safe travels and happy adventures! We remember  
**Joseph Ede** as he begins an exciting year before starting  
Uni.

For those baptised recently - **Tyler Worsfold, Laura and  
Willow Nye and Annabel McLeod**. We welcome them  
into the family of Christ. We pray that they will grow in  
their faith and knowledge of God and of Jesus our  
saviour.

We pray for the unwell, both physically and mentally,  
especially remembering anyone that is known to you  
personally.

We remember Shirley Cosham who died recently and ask  
for God's comforting presence to surround her family and  
friends as they mourn her loss.

**For any prayers that you may have personally and for all  
who have come into our church and put prayer requests on  
our Prayer Boards.**

**We bring their prayers to you dear Lord.**

**Editor's Note:** This month there were 25 Saint's days to choose from! So I have edited it down to just three that I hope are of interest to you all!

### **1st September - Drithelm - Vision of the after-life**

Drithelm is the saint for you if you have ever wondered what lies beyond death, or have had a near-death experience. He was married and living in Cunningham (now Ayrshire, then Northumbria) in the 7th century when he fell ill and apparently died. When he revived a few hours later he caused panic among the mourners, and was himself deeply shaken by the whole experience.

Drithelm went to pray in the village church until daylight, and during those long hours reviewed the priorities of his life in the light of what he had seen while 'dead'. A celestial guide had shown him souls in hell, in purgatory, in paradise and heaven... suddenly the reality of God and of coming judgement and of what Christ had done in redeeming mankind became real to him, and his life on earth could never be the same again.

Next day he divided his wealth into three: giving one third to his wife, one third to his sons, and the remainder to the poor. He became a monk and went to live at Melrose, where he spent his time in prayer and contemplation of Jesus.

Drithelm's Vision of the after-life is remarkable in that it was the first example of this kind of literature from England. It was SO early: seventh century Anglo-Saxon England! Drithelm has even been seen as a remote precursor of Dante.

On a lighter note, Drithelm can also be a saint for you if you didn't get abroad this summer, but ventured to swim instead off one of our beaches: he used to stand in the cold waters of the Tweed for hours, reciting Psalms.

### **5th September - Laurence Giustiniani - The Saint who knew how to help a beggar**

You are walking down the road when a beggar approaches you for money. What do you do? If, instead of giving money, you buy him/her coffee or a meal, then you are in good company: you are following in the steps of the first ever Bishop of Venice.

Laurence Giustiniani (1381 – 1455) was born of a noble Venetian family, but chose the austerity of the Augustinian monastery of San Giorgio on island of Alga. He became a priest in 1406, prior in 1407, Bishop of Castello in 1433 and then in 1451 the first ever Bishop of Venice.

By then, Laurence had seen a lot of human nature, and was wise as well as good. Frugal in his private life, and happy to help the poor, he made sure that he gave wisely as well as generously. Hence the poor who came to him for help were given food and clothing - but only very occasionally small amounts of money. Bishop Laurence also devoted himself to peace-making and other pastoral work, for which his contemporaries held him in high esteem. As he lay dying on a bed of straw, very many clergy, laity, beggars and destitute folk came to grieve: he was greatly respected and loved. Wise giving and peace-making – Laurence's example still shines true today.

### **14th September - Holy Cross Day**

On Holy Cross Day the Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as the sign of Christ's victory over death. Holy Cross Day goes right back to 14 September 335, and we have the mother of a Roman Emperor to thank for it.

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians.

Of course, much of Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Romans around 135 AD. But even so, Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). The sites were so close together that she built one large church over them - the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

That church, built in honour of the Cross, was dedicated on 14 September 335.

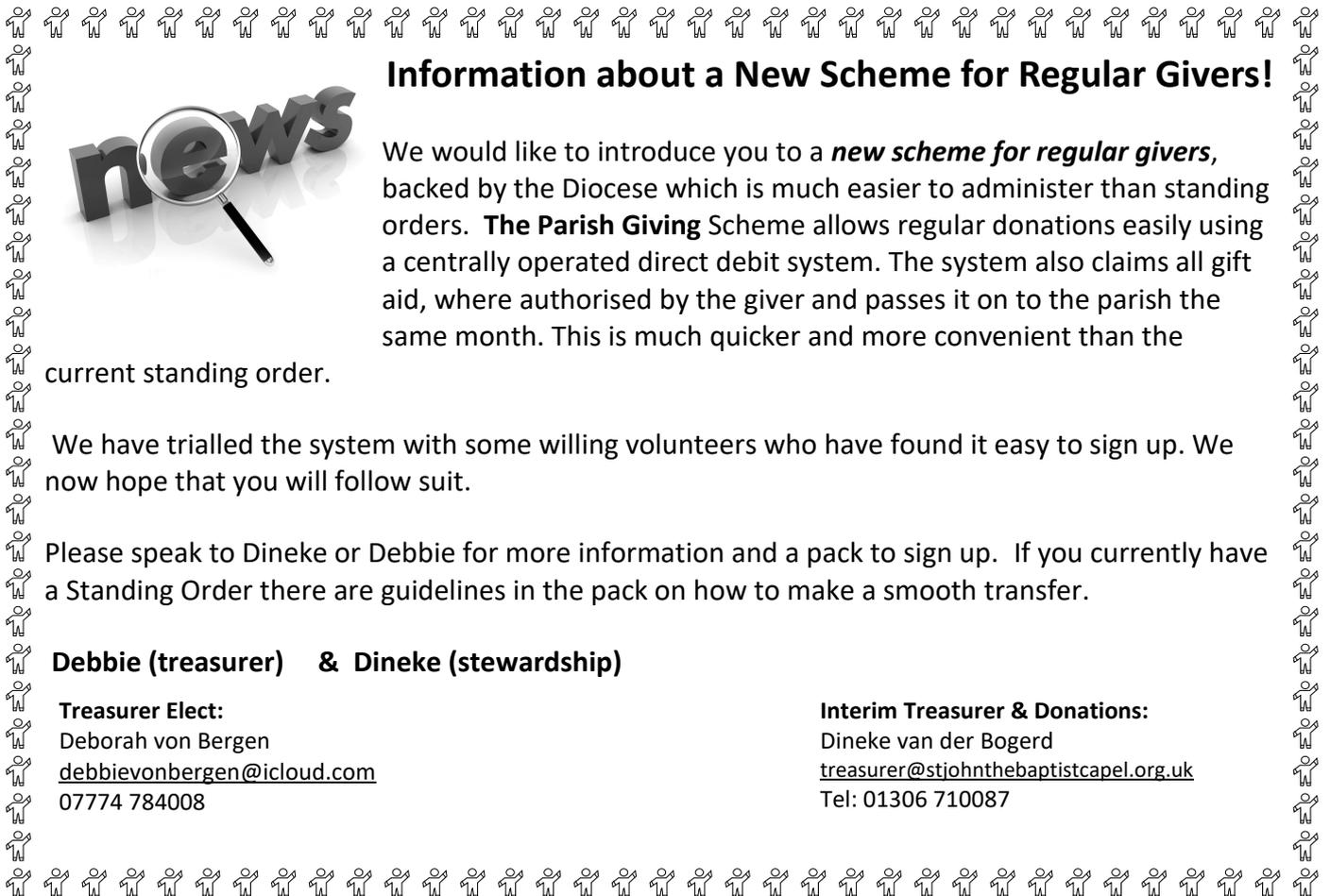
The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

What is its significance? Well, people often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show that it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say: "Draw an I." That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke – as if to say: "Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service."

On Holy Cross Day, we recall Jesus' wonderful promise: "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

**\* See Intercessions for Sunday 14th September 2017 Holy Cross Day on the 'Prayers' page(15) of this issue \***





### Information about a New Scheme for Regular Givers!

We would like to introduce you to a *new scheme for regular givers*, backed by the Diocese which is much easier to administer than standing orders. **The Parish Giving Scheme** allows regular donations easily using a centrally operated direct debit system. The system also claims all gift aid, where authorised by the giver and passes it on to the parish the same month. This is much quicker and more convenient than the

current standing order.

We have trialled the system with some willing volunteers who have found it easy to sign up. We now hope that you will follow suit.

Please speak to Dineke or Debbie for more information and a pack to sign up. If you currently have a Standing Order there are guidelines in the pack on how to make a smooth transfer.

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# InSpire for our Younger Readers

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chs. 37:1-36, 39:1-20

Jacob had 12 sons but his favourite was Joseph, his beloved Rachel's son. He even gave him special clothes to wear...

His older brothers hated him.

I dreamed the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to my star

He means us, doesn't he?

Daddy's little pet

Really?

Not if we can help it!

Joseph visited his brothers as they looked after their flocks of sheep.

Put him down this dry well for now

Then some Ishmaelite slave traders came by

Let's kill him!

We'll sell Joseph instead!

What will we tell Father?

So they tricked Jacob

In Egypt, Joseph was sold to Potiphar, the captain of Pharaoh's Royal Guard

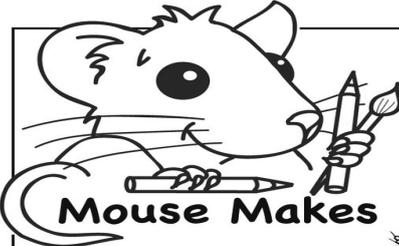
Put some goat blood on Joseph's fancy coat.

An animal must have killed him.

Potiphar was very pleased with Joseph's hard work and put him in charge of his household, but..

so Joseph was put in prison

Potiphar's wife made up bad stories about Joseph..



**Mouse Makes**

Can you find these harvest words in the hay bales?

**HARVEST**  
**THANKSGIVING**  
 PRAISE • GOD • BLESSED  
 SEEDS • SOW • LAND  
 PLOUGH • SCATTER  
 SOIL • GROW  
 CROPS • REAP

May all the peoples praise you, O God,  
 may all the peoples praise you!  
 The land has produced its harvest,  
 God, our God has blessed us.  
 God has blessed us, may all people  
 everywhere honour him.  
*Psalm 67:5-7*

WATER • RAIN • SUN  
 AUTUMN • GATHER  
 PICK • REAP • BALE  
 TRACTOR • BARN • CART  
 HAYSTACK • FOOD  
 MOUSE • BREAD • LOAF  
 GRAIN • CORN  
 WHEAT • OATS  
 RYE • BARLEY

OLIVES • GRAPES • PIPS  
 PEARS • PLUMS • APPLE  
 BERRIES • NUTS • VINE  
 FIGS • BEANS • PEAS  
 POTATOES • FLOUR  
 ONIONS  
 PARSNIPS  
 RICE • SUGAR

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back2school  
 ● ● ● ● prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.  
 Open my ears to hear my teacher.  
 Open my mind to learn new things.  
 Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid.  
 Help me to love others like you do.  
 I want to shine your light so bright in my school."



## God in the Arts

*Editor: Outstanding people in great stories of the Bible - as depicted in painting or sculpture – that is the theme of God in the Arts this year. This month the Revd Michael Burgess considers the portrait of the calling of Matthew, by Caravaggio.*

### **‘He gave us eyes to see them’: Caravaggio’s Matthew in the Contarelli**

This month we turn to the treasury of stories in the New Testament. 21<sup>st</sup> September is the feast day of St Matthew the evangelist, and his call by Jesus is described without any embellishment in chapter 9 of his Gospel. It was a bold step for Jesus to call a tax collector, someone so hated by the people. And it was an equally bold step for Matthew to respond – to turn from the security and profit of his lifestyle and step out into the unknown.



It is the subject of one of three paintings on Matthew’s life that Caravaggio produced for the Contarelli Chapel of the church of San Luigi in Rome in 1560. The group of tax collectors are about their daily routine of counting money. They are dressed in rich 16<sup>th</sup> century Italian costumes. Jesus and Peter break into that scene on the right wearing ordinary cloaks. They are even barefoot by contrast. But it is Jesus in the shadow who brings light onto the canvas, and that play on light and darkness heightens the dramatic intensity of the scene. We see simply the face of Jesus and his right hand pointing. But pointing to whom? Is it the bearded man who seems to say, ‘Is it me?’ or is He pointing to the younger man at the end of the table engrossed in his money?

Perhaps Caravaggio is saying that Jesus can call any and all of us. His call to follow can break into our daily routine at any time of day, whoever we are, whatever we have to commend ourselves, and whatever our faults and worries. As He says in that same chapter, ‘I have come to call not the righteous, but sinners.’ We can take heart that His church is not a museum of saints: it is a kingdom of sinners who have the courage, like Matthew, to follow.

Source: Parish Pump

## Handel's Messiah - Coming to Dorking December 2017

Merry Opera revives its staged production of Handel's Messiah for a ninth tour.

Merry Opera – a professional touring opera company - is reviving its staged production of Handel's Messiah to churches in London, East Anglia and the south in November and December 2017.

This production, which has been touring to churches since 2011 and has been seen by over 7,000 people, is being revived for its ninth tour this November and December. It is created and directed by John Ramster, whose recent contracts include work at the Guildhall and Royal Northern College in the UK and in Finland, Serbia, Portugal, France and Norway.

Although the Messiah is a religious piece, you don't have to be religious to see this production. It is staged as a meditation on the nature of the human spirit and its need for faith – perhaps in God or perhaps in oneself.

Rather than stage the oratorio with a large choir and orchestra, we allow just 12 singers and the church organ to portray characters you'll find instantly recognizable. They explain through the original words of the oratorio what has brought them to a spiritual place, both figuratively and literally, where they need help and comfort.

Turning to a building that bears witness to the collective memory, rituals and traditions of the generations who came before us, these characters are not alone, for the way in which they get to know each other through the music and the words of the oratorio gives each one of them a sense of belonging and the strength to go forward.

As you take your seat for the performance, you'll find that the church looks pretty much as it does every day. There's no special lighting, no lines of chairs for a choir, no music stands for an orchestra. The person sitting next to you may turn out to be one of the professional opera singers.

The conductor is Mark Austin, who is artistic director of the Faust Chamber Orchestra, and whose contracts include work with the BBC & Bournemouth Symphony Orchestras and the Hangzhou Philharmonic in China. The organist for is Richard Leach, whose work includes performances in the Wigmore Hall, Charlton House, and live on Radio 3 and with the English Baroque Choir. He is also the organist at Ealing Abbey.

Merry Opera has been touring the UK and occasionally abroad since 2009. Its shows have been seen by about 50,000 people in theatres, churches, the open air, among ruins, in public streets and in a Wetherspoon pub.

**Tour: Handel's Messiah:** Deptford (open dress rehearsal), Fordcombe, Letchworth, Cambridge, Lindfield, Dorking and Great Yarmouth.

### **Dorking – Saturday December 9th**

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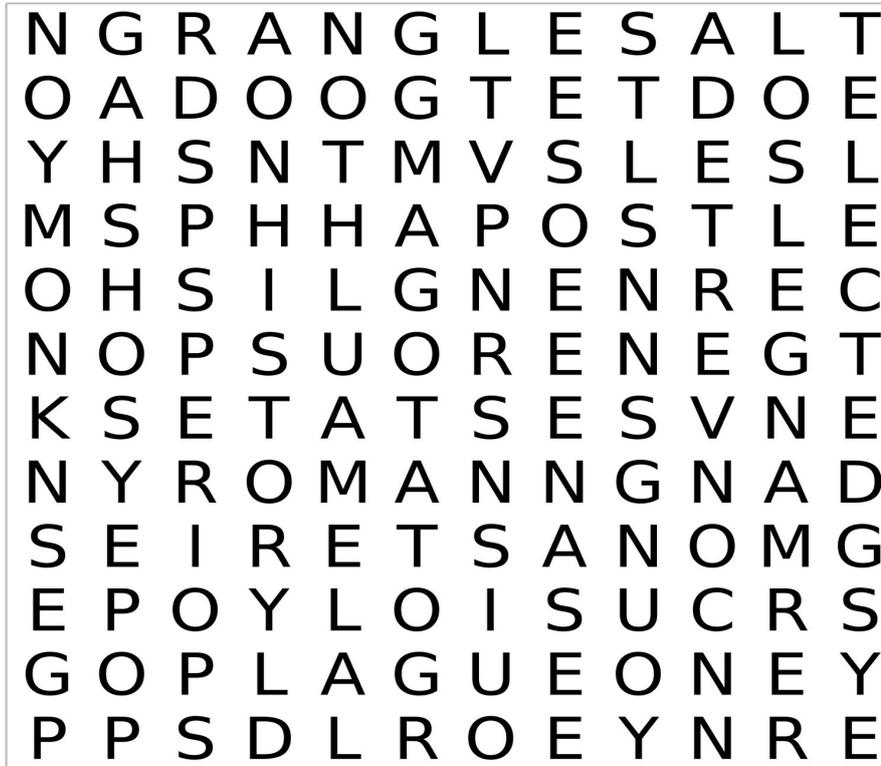
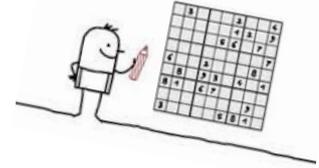
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# Puzzles Page



## Wordsearch



On 3<sup>rd</sup> September, the Church remembers St Gregory the Great (540 – 604AD), one of the most important popes and influential writers of the Middle Ages. He is well worth remembering, because he also changed the course of history in the British Isles. The son of a very rich Roman senator, Gregory converted as a young man, and sold his vast estates to found six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in Rome. He gave generously to the poor, and became a monk.

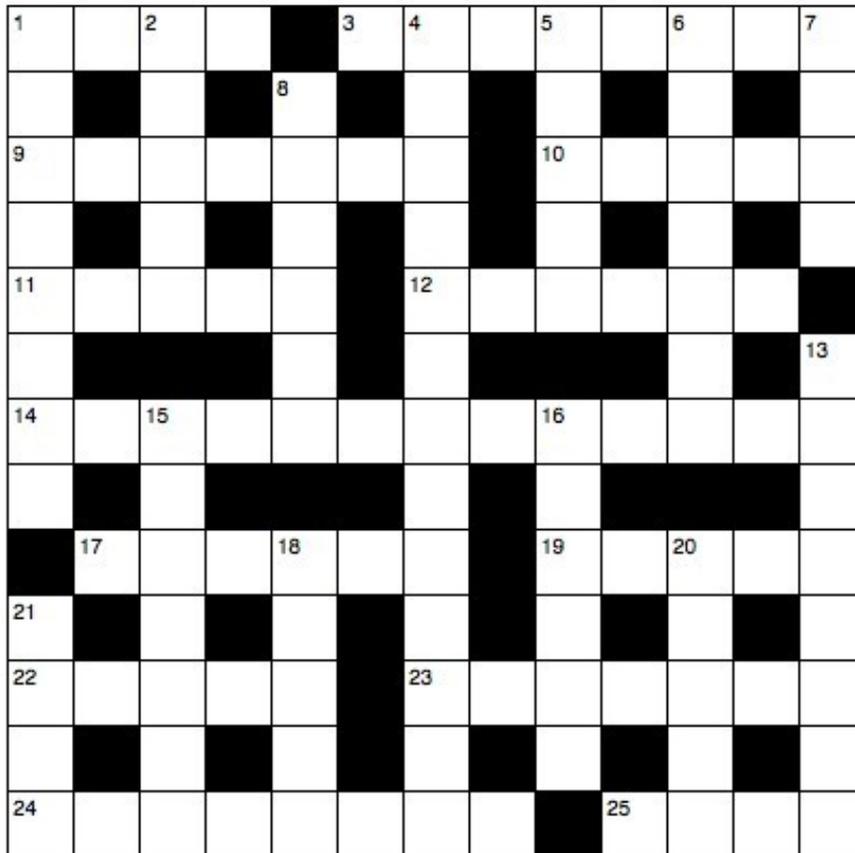
Christians in England owe him a great deal. When Gregory came across some English slaves for sale in Rome, he asked who they were, and was told, 'They are Angles.' Moved with compassion for these despised men, he replied, 'They are not Angles, but angels!' He planned to go to England to evangelise the Angles, but plague broke out in Italy about 590, and during this time he was elected Pope. But Gregory did not forget the Angles. In 596 He sent Augustine to England, and so indirectly became the apostle of the English.

You are looking for these words ....

**Gregory, History, Son, Roman, Senator, Converted, Young, Estates, Monasteries, Generous, Poor, Monk, English, Slaves, Angels, Angles, Plague, Pope, Apostle, Elected**

*Good luck!*

*(The solution is on the back page)*



## Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th-century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)

- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 ' Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

## Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

**PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON BACK PAGE! (20)**



## BGF supports vital work with the disadvantaged and vulnerable in Godalming



The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation (BGF) is providing £3,600 towards the core costs of running [The Cellar Café](#) in Godalming. The café is an arm of the Warehouse Christian Trust and its principal objective is to provide a secure, affordable and friendly place for disadvantaged and vulnerable people in the community to meet and discuss problems amongst themselves and with café staff and volunteers. Currently the project is run by two part-time members of staff and a team of volunteers.



Over the years, The Cellar Café has opened its arms to many different disadvantaged or misunderstood groups of people in the community, such as those with mental health problems, people with learning difficulties, those with drug or alcohol addiction, and those who have suffered breakdowns or serious illnesses. The team has close relationships with Social Services, Rethink, the Meath Epilepsy Trust, the CAB, local medical practices and churches; people are often referred to The Cellar by these organisations.

Customers who come to the café are offered a listening ear and practical support with their problems. A free meal is available to any who come in need, and at Christmas-time the team distributes food parcels to individuals and local families who are known to be in need. An art group, run in partnership with the Watts Gallery, provides the opportunity for people to find fulfilment and friendship, together with a sense of purpose. A quiet room is also available, providing a refuge and a place for private discussion and for affordable counselling.

Jacky Beale, a trustee of The Warehouse Christian Trust said: "It's not always obvious in a town like Godalming, but two wards have the highest level of overall deprivation in the Borough of Waverley and the highest risk and incidence of mental health issues in Surrey. The rate of suicide is 25% above the national average and we have the highest rate of depression in Surrey. We are very grateful for this grant from the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation, and the continued support will help us to cope with the increasing needs of our customers, by providing a unique facility in the community."

Grant-making by the BGF is managed through the Community Foundation for Surrey (CFS), an independent trust which is part of the national network of community foundations. By making grants through CFS, the Foundation is able to keep its costs to a minimum. CFS can also, on occasions, find other sources of funding to support grant applicants.

Find out more about the work of the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation online:-

<http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/bishops-and-senior-staff/foundation>



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Editor's Note: I know many of us will have been to see this film in cinemas recently. I found it incredibly moving and felt like I was actually there. I hope you enjoy reading these reflections.



# MOVIE MOMENTS

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

## Communal heroism

Christopher Nolan, the writer and director of *Dunkirk* describes the true event on which it is based as 'one of the greatest stories in human history'. Brilliantly bucking the trend of recent war films he does not resort to gore and special effects, as he provides an immersive experience that enables the viewer to empathise with the young soldiers in their apparently hopeless situation, trapped between the sea and the advancing German army.

By cleverly moving around the timeline, we experience the different perspectives on land, sea and air. Particularly powerful is the interplay between two characters on one of the small boats heading to Dunkirk. Cillian Murphy plays a shell-shocked soldier picked up from a torpedoed ship, on the outward journey, and desperate not to be taken back towards the beach. Previously having starring roles in Nolan films (*Inception*, *The Dark Knight*) here Murphy is credited only as 'Shivering Soldier', a nameless character representing the 338,000 beaten and demoralised men who were rescued. Also in the boat is the 17-year-old George (played by Barry Keoghan) who is the only character whose back-story is revealed, when he says he has never achieved anything but wants to do something valuable with his life. George's only skills appear to be making tea and carrying life-jackets, thus providing a poignant representation of the many ordinary people who joined together to make the Dunkirk evacuation possible.



Nolan says: 'as a group of people we can achieve so much more than we can individually', an important message for all of us. At that crucial time in history, King George VI called the nation to pray. As we pray for our nation today, perhaps God will open our eyes to see how we can each use our limited skills and resources for the common good.

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**Crossword Solution**

**Puzzle on page 19**



*Cutbacks to the school budget had somewhat restricted after-school activities.*

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**Signs that say it all**

**On a maternity room door:**  
Push. Push. Push.



**At an optometrist's office:**  
If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.

**Seen on a bin lorry:**  
Satisfaction guaranteed, or double your rubbish back!

**On a church door:**  
This is the gate of heaven. Enter ye all by this door.  
(This door is kept locked because of the draught. Please use side door.)

**Sign warning of quicksand:**  
Quicksand. Any person passing this point will be drowned.  
By order of the District Council.

**In an office:**  
After tea break, staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

**Wordsearch Solution**

**Puzzle on page 18**

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