

InSpire

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Jesus said:
'Do this in remembrance of me'

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***Happy 4th Birthday
Thomas!***

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Rev Liz writes

Dear all,

I am really enjoying spotting and generally being surprised by the different scarecrows which keep appearing in the village. How fun are they and how ingenious you scarecrow makers are! From the long green nose of what I presume is an upside down watering can to appearances between gaps in hedges to daring positions precariously scaling houses I am loving them! Scarecrows you see, throughout the village were before my time in Capel. So I have googled how to make a scarecrow and hopefully by the time you read this we will have one outside the vicarage as well. We also have a new addition to our vicarage in the shape of a new Labrador puppy called Ruby. Some of you will already know that Doug and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary recently – hence the puppy's name – and this is our present to one another. We were very spoiled at both churches too with beautiful flowers, champagne at our PCC meeting and a fabulous card with our wedding photo on it (!) with a lovely Susie West print of the Isle of Wight where we spent our anniversary with our children and grandchildren which was lovely. Thank you everyone! Ruby herself is absolutely gorgeous, chocolate in colour and a lovely nature; mad on food so true to her Labrador heritage, and chewing everything in sight! I expect you will see us walking around with her and maybe we can enter her for the dog show at the Capel Show this month.



A summer holiday visiting old ruins was just the thing to put the vicar's leaky roof problems into perspective

So the summer holidays are here, school's out and the high temperatures continue. I cannot believe it is a year ago that building improvements begun at Scott Broadwood as a result of consolidating the school and it is really looking good and working well for our pupils. We look forward to welcoming our new children next month and do consider visiting the school if you are interested or know someone who might be, in joining our lovely school which serves our local villages.

I am looking forward to the 125th Capel Horticultural Show which celebrates its anniversary with the Ockley and Okewood Show this year. Happy Birthday to you both! Along with the very popular Car Show at Capel, these events are key and vital in our communities. We must spare a thought and give thanks for those working hard in this hot weather to ensure they all run as smoothly as ever. I'm looking forward to the film and picnic in the evening in the Capel marquee too.

Church wise, next month, beginning in September we are making a small alteration to the timing of the services at Ockley, bringing them back to their original start time of 9.30 instead of 9am which seems is too early especially for families on a Sunday morning. This won't affect services at Capel as they will stay the same. I am also planning to introduce a midweek communion service probably fortnightly at St Margaret's Ockley. The good thing is that on the fourth Sunday of every month we will join forces and worship together at either Capel or Ockley. I think we may have found a system that will work well. Anyway, see next month and church notices for further details. This month stays the same timewise but due to holidays there may be a difference in where the services are held. Weather wise in our own churchyard, it seems the weather has taken its toll on the very large Oak tree behind the church. A massive branch has fallen and we will be fencing off this area until we are able to take action to thin the tree out so please do watch out if you are in this vicinity.

I do hope you can find some time to rest during this summer month and pray that those who are travelling or away stay safe in the sun and around water in these hot times. God actually commands us to rest as I reminded people this morning at church; Psalm 23 says that 'the Lord makes me lie in green pastures' so remember that next time you feel guilty putting your feet up! God speed whatever you are doing and watch out for the Reverend Aunt Sally!!

With my love and prayers
Liz



The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY



HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS



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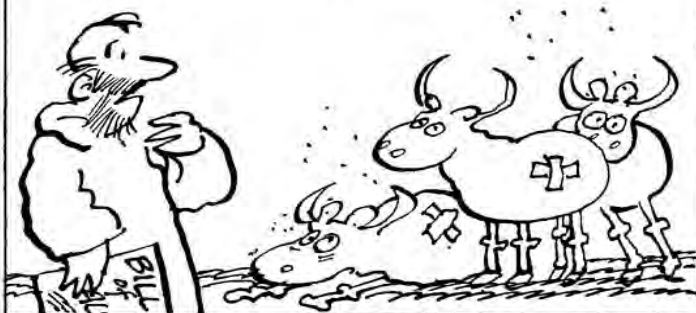


BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



YES - I CAN
COME TO YOUR
PARTY

THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.

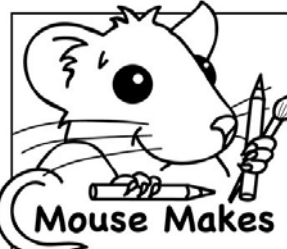
Enjoy your Summer Holidays!

Which letter is the coolest? Iced t!

What do frogs like to drink on a summer's day? Creak a cola!

What does the sun drink out of? ... Sunglasses!

What does a cat like to eat on a summer's day? A mice cream cone!



Mouse Makes

What do you say when you pray?

When I pray I say **THANK YOU** to God

When I pray I say **SORRY** and ask God to forgive me

I pray for my **FAMILY** and my **FRIENDS**

I pray The Lord's Prayer from **Matthew 6:9-13**

When I pray I tell God about my **WORRIES** and ask Him to help me

I talk to God all the time about all sorts of things!

What do you pray to God about?

PATER NOSTER is Latin for 'Our Father'

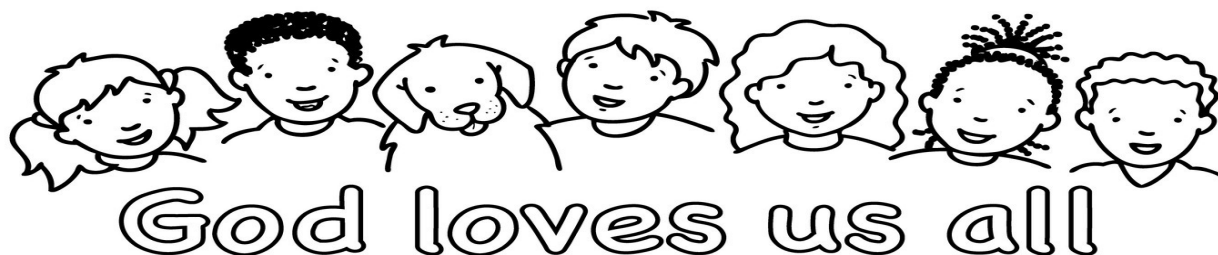
How many other words can you make with the letters from **PATER NOSTER** ?

Here are two to start you off

SON	PEAS
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Why not colour in the picture below?



Church services and events for the Parish of Capel and OckleyAUGUST

SUNDAY	5th 9.00 am 10.30 am	<u>Trinity 10</u> Matins at St Margaret's Ockley Café Church at St John the Baptist Capel
SATURDAY	11th 12.30	<u>Holy Matrimony</u> Wedding of Kelly Swallow and Tom Heath at Capel
SUNDAY	12th 9.00 am 3.00—5.00 pm	<u>Trinity 11</u> Joint service of Holy Communion at St Margaret's Ockley <i>Please note no 8 or 10.30am today at Capel</i> Capel Teas in church (Capel)
SUNDAY	19th 8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 12.00 pm 6.00 pm	<u>Trinity 12</u> Holy Communion BCP (Capel) Matins at St Margaret's Ockley Family Communion (Capel) Baptism of Heidi Wisbey and Oscar Quantrall Sunday Session (Capel Parish Hall)
SUNDAY	26th 9.00 am 10.30 am 3.00—5.00 pm	<u>Trinity 13</u> Holy Communion (Ockley) Family Communion (Capel) Capel Teas in church (Capel)
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
SATURDAY	1st 9.30 am 4.00 pm	Parish Half hour of Prayer at St Margaret's Ockley <u>Holy Matrimony</u> Wedding of Annabel von Bergen and James Carter at Capel
SUNDAY	2nd 9.30 am 10.30 am	<u>Trinity 14</u> Matins at St Margaret's Ockley (please note slightly later time) Café Church at St John the Baptist Capel

And don't forget our two village shows in August!

Both Horticultural Societies are celebrating their 125th Anniversaries!

**Okewood, Ockley & Forest Green Flower Show & Dog Show on
Saturday 11th August 2018** <http://okewoodhillflowershow.co.uk/>

AND

Capel Flower Show, Classic Car and Bike Show on Saturday 18th August 2018
<https://www.capelshow.co.uk/>



There is now a Food Bank collection point at the back of St Margaret's as well as the existing one at St John's, Capel.

Please keep this in mind when doing your shopping! Thank you

The Pavilion Café at Ockley

This community cafe is held at the cricket pavilion in Ockley and opens each Wednesday from 9.00 am—12 noon.

Do pop in for delicious homemade cakes, freshly brewed coffee and a range of teas!

We hope to see you there!

Fortnightly Prayer Sessions

Rev Liz has started Fortnightly Prayer Sessions which take place on a Saturday morning from 9.30 am - 10.00 am. This is an opportunity to focus on prayer for the needs of our parish, its community and ongoing affairs. It is also for the help and intercession needed in the much wider community.

Our next session is on Saturday 3rd September in St Margaret's, Ockley. Do come along and join us!

T.L.C. Teas @ Ockley Village Hall

TLC meets monthly for a friendly afternoon chat, scrumptious teas and lots of Tender Loving Care.

Normally held on the THIRD Monday of every month from 3.00—4.30 pm in Ockley Village Hall

Our aim is to provide a happy and relaxed atmosphere for those who just want to meet together.

For further details contact: **Judie on 01306 888456 or email: thoroldfuters@aol.com**

St Margaret's Bible Study Group

Held every fortnight on a Thursday at 2.00 pm at Gill Christie's house

'Elderslie', Stane Street, Ockley
Surrey RH5 5TD

01306 711917 for more details.



There is no Sunday Session in August

**The next session of worship is
Sunday 23rd September at 6.00 pm.**

Please see the back page of this issue for the details! It will be led by Sally Cranham.

Help with Admin needed!

With effect from the week commencing 9th July, the Parish office duties will be undertaken by volunteers.

All telephone enquiries are now to be made to Rev Liz Richardson on 01306 711260.

If you would like to help with any of the duties, please speak with Gill Christie on 01306 711917.



GREAT NEWS! We have achieved the BRONZE AWARD!

There will be more details of this in a future issue!

www.capel-church.org.uk has a page on ECO church. You can also come and look at the display in church or pick up a leaflet. Recently we (St John) twinned our toilet with one in Pakistan as part of our programme and we are liaising with Scott-Broadwood school on having regular wildlife surveys in the churchyard starting this autumn. As from October we will be on a green tariff for gas too.

If this sparks your interest, please talk to Phil, Judy, Donna or Dineke or write to us at

ecoteam@capelchurch.org.uk

APPEAL FOR COFFEE ROTA VOLUNTEERS!

If you think you could help on the
Capel church coffee rota,
please speak to George Ede at church
or contact her on 01306 713247.



Our numbers are going down on the rota and we could do with more help!

Thank you!

If you are over 55 and live in the Mole Valley area, you can use Age Concern's free computer courses based in either Dorking or Leatherhead. The course runs once a week for 6-8 weeks. Topics covered will include: browsing on the internet, basic keyboard and mouse skills, using an iPad/Tablet, setting up and using your own email or skype accounts and how to shop on the internet as well.



Those who already own a laptop or an iPad/Tablet are encouraged to bring that to learn on. Computers can be provided as well – it's up to you! Before coming to the course, you must register your interest by telephoning [07442 017169](tel:07442017169) / [01306 899104](tel:01306899104) or by email: info@ageconcernmolevalley.org.uk

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“Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you’ll look back and realize they were big things.”

Dear Readers,

What a wonderful summer we have enjoyed so far this year, although for some the temperatures have been too high for some, including our pets. But the compensation of heading out for early morning walks and seeing wildlife you wouldn’t see later in the day is a source of great joy!

Talking of ‘joy’, how lovely it has been to celebrate the Ruby Wedding anniversary of our vicar Liz and her husband Doug. They allowed us to share in their celebrations and I know we all join in in wishing them many more happy years together. How lovely that their present to each other was a rather beautiful chocolate Labrador appropriately called ‘Ruby’.

They had missed having a dog and now feel complete again, a feeling I know well from having brought Bonnie our black Labrador home two years ago after the absence of a dog for four years after losing Perdy, our Golden Retriever. Suddenly our house felt like a ‘home’ again and the unconditional love that a dog or cat can give you is a wonderful gift. I recently saw a wonderful photo which I have included below. I think the simplicity of the dog’s wishes can teach us so much.

Be happy and give God thanks daily because He created you for a purpose. Laugh, have fun, smile, and remember enjoy. Learn to cherish the small things. Count your blessings daily.

We all have busy times ahead in August with our village shows and preparing for holidays etc and I hope that we can find times like the dog in the picture to appreciate the here and now rather than worry about what may be. In the meantime, I wish Liz and Doug and their family many wonderful years of enjoying Ruby and have no doubt that she will enhance their lives and bring them great joy and companionship.

Best wishes

Suzanne

1 Timothy 6:6-8

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.



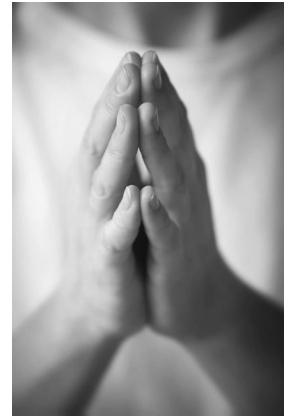
...firstly, thankyou whoever it was who put two buttons in the collection plate last week - they turned out to be early Victorian, and I've just sold them on 'ebay' for £800 each!



A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever
you do and wherever you go.
May you talk to God this summer
and every day and in every situation.
May you talk with God every day.

Source: <http://www.edgeleyandcheadleheath.org.uk>



Lord,
What about you and me?
I don't want to
forget you just because
I'm off my normal school year routine.
Keep close to me, Lord,
and remind me that my relationship
with you should never take a break.
Amen

Father,
This summer will be
full of new experiences
for me and my friends:
new jobs, exciting mission trips,
and vacations to places
we've never been before.
Grow us, stretch us
through whatever we do,
and through wherever we go,
so that we'll end the summer
just a little more like you.
Amen

The above two prayers are from
<https://www.christianitytoday.com>

Dear Lord,

We celebrate the dawning of the Summer holiday breaks from schools, colleges and universities, together with our Government's summer recess. We give thanks for the gift of time with our families to relax and spend time together before the regular routines begin again in September.

We give thanks for those who have been married and those who have been baptised in our church recently. We remember Chris and Catherine who married at our church in June and pray for God's blessing on their marriage. We pray for Darcy & Reuben Luck and Lilly Boyle baptised in June and July. Looking forward to this coming month, we pray for the marriage of Kelly Swallow and Tom Heath and for the baptism of Heidi Wisbey and Oscar Quantrall both taking place in August. May God's blessings be with them evermore.

We remember those who are not able to join us in church currently, including Ron Backhouse recovering well from broken hips, Pat Wombwell who has been unwell again, for Peter & Mary Ede, Chris & Gwyneth Drummond, Wyn Wright and Joan who is in Nower Care home. We also pray for our friend Freda who has had to move away to her son's following her house fire. She will be much missed by us all.

We remember those who have gone before us. We particularly pray for Dr Julian von Bergen, Maria Lloyd and Sir Anthony George Touche. Also Bill Turner and Bobbie Thompson who have died suddenly. We pray for all their families and friends who mourn their loss, that God's healing hand will be upon them to comfort them in their times of sorrow. We also remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

We bring before you Lord all those who are known to us personally and those who request our prayers in our two Parishes.
Amen

From the Registers

We welcome into the family of the church

Jasmine May Moss

22nd July 2018
at St Margaret's Ockley

Darcy Olivia Luck
Francis Reuben Luck

22nd July 2018
at St John the Baptist Chapel

We mourn the loss of

Elena Lloyd
20th June 2018

Sir Anthony George Touche 3rd Bt.
24th June 2018

Dr Julian Edward von Bergen
8th July 2018

Letter from our Treasurer

It's almost a year now since we ran our campaign to encourage people to sign up to the **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**. So, let me tell you a little about the results. We have 13 members of the congregation signed up of which 3 are new givers. Our regular planned income has increased on average by £700 a month. A wonderful result for which on behalf of the PCC I would like to say a big thank you.

We gave out a lot of PGS packs when we started the scheme, it would be lovely to hear what you think of how easy it was to set up and whether anything is stopping you from doing so. PGS has a lot of advantages for us as a church:

- It claims gift aid on our behalf
- It pays gift aid monthly smoothing our cash flow
- It allows giving to rise in line with inflation
- It costs less to administer than the old envelope scheme
- All the administration is done by PGS leaving me free to concentrate on other things!

If you don't yet give via PGS please do have another look at the pack – or ask for one (I always have a few with me!), it will be of immense help.

Debbie von Bergen

My apologies ... the punchline was cut off in the printing of this joke from the last InSpire so now here is the complete version!

The Editor

Out of the mouths of babes....

A woman invited some people from church to dinner.

At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?'

'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied.

'Just say what you've heard Mummy say before,' the hostess answered.

So the daughter bowed her head and said, 'Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

I'm hoping that no-one will take offence at the Senility Prayer!

It was published in the May 2017 issue of 'The Magazine' distributed to Mid Holmwood, South Holmwood & Beare Green.

The Editor

Senility Prayer

God grant me the senility
to forget those people
I never liked anyway,
The good fortune
to run into those I do like,
And the eyesight
to tell the difference.

Amen



*After inspection, Callum was allowed into
the Animals' Service*

High Days and Holy Days in August

31st August Aidan - the man who brought Christianity to England

31st August is the feast of St Aidan, who brought Christianity to northern England. He is a strong contender for the title of the first English bishop. Not that honours meant a great deal to this austere but captivating character. In 635 he came to Northumbria at the invitation of the local ruler, Oswald. Oswald had spent several years of his childhood on Iona, and when he succeeded to the throne of his northern kingdom he was shrewd enough to realise that the Christian faith would be an ideal unifying force to pacify rival tribes of warlords.

Oswald's invitation was not immediately successful. The first missionary from Iona returned in despair, claiming that the barbarity of the Northumbrians made them unconvertible. But as Aidan listened, he felt the unmistakable call of God to try again. "Perhaps you were too harsh on them," he found himself suggesting to the travel-stained missionary. Shortly afterwards, Aidan found himself at the head of a party of brothers heading for Northumbria. He was never to see his beloved Iona again.

The monks made the long journey to Northumbria on foot, singing psalms as they went. Their need to ward off the powers of evil with prayer was genuine, for these were dangerous times to travel through remote country unarmed. They arrived safely at Oswald's castle in Bamburgh, where he offered them lavish hospitality and assumed that they would found their community there.

However, the brothers realised that to live under the king's protection would make it difficult to avoid the world's temptations and establish a rapport with the local people. They saw the tidal island of Lindisfarne on the horizon and chose it as their base. The rest, as the saying goes, is history.

Aidan was much loved as a teacher and evangelist; though stern in his own self-discipline, he was prepared to travel to the most inaccessible villages, where he cared for the local people with compassion and gentleness. In time his influence grew and noble people joined the stream of visitors to Lindisfarne.

After Oswald's death in 642, his brother Oswin succeeded him as king. Oswin was concerned about Aidan's habit of walking everywhere. The saint was ageing rapidly, his body weakened by years of harsh fasting and exposure to the elements. Oswin wondered what would happen to him one day on the road, and also he felt that such a lowly means of travel was not appropriate for a bishop. So he gave Aidan one of his finest horses, complete with a beautifully worked saddle and bridle.

Aidan did not feel able to risk offending the king by spurning his generosity, but he rode out of the palace with a heavy heart. He knew that people would relate to him differently now that he had the trappings of affluence, and that it would be dangerous to stop and rest with such valuable belongings beside him.

The king had intended to give him comfort, but his gesture had had the opposite effect. Aidan had learnt that possessions, and the need to protect them, make it more difficult to follow God with an undivided heart. The story goes that he gave the horse, complete with saddle, to the first beggar he met outside the palace gates.

A more pragmatic Christian might have reasoned that keeping on the right side of Oswin would lead to opportunities that were too valuable to risk. Indeed, the king was angry when he heard what Aidan had done. "That horse was fit for a king, not for some vagabond," he protested. "I could have found you an old nag if you wanted to give it away." Aidan's reply was simply, "What do you think, O King? Is the son of a mare worth more in your eyes than that the Son of God?"

There was an awkward silence; then the King removed his sword, knelt at Aidan's feet and asked his forgiveness. When he returned to the banqueting table, it was with a beaming smile. Sadly, he too was to perish in battle shortly afterwards; these were violent times. Yet Oswin, whose culture demanded that he should appear all-powerful in the eyes of his followers, had been publicly humbled by the integrity of a simple monk who had challenged his values.

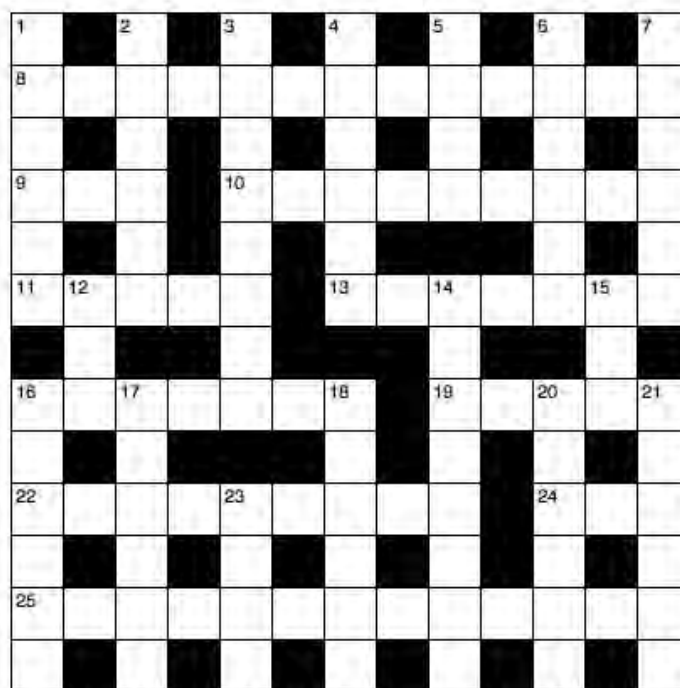
CROSSWORD clues and solution

Across

- 8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)
 9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)
 10 Single(1Corinthians7:27)(9)
 11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)
 13 Treachery(2Kings11:14)(7)
 16 Of India(anag.)(2,3,2)
 19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession,like men condemned to die in the —' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)
 22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)
 24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)
 25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down

- 1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)
 2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)
 3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings12:11) (8)
 4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)
 5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)
 6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)
 7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)
 12 Run(anag.)(3)
 14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)
 15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm12:4) (3)
 16 Earnings(1Corinthians16:2)(6)
 17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that— —you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)
 18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1)(6)
 20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state(Daniel11:4)(6)
 21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)
 23 This month(abbrev.)(4)



ALL PUZZLE SOLUTIONS
ON PAGE 21

Puzzles Pages

Wordsearch for August 2018

John the Baptist

This month, on the 29th, we remember John the Baptist. By all accounts, he had a rough life. He grew up in obscurity, lived in the desert on a diet of bugs. He wore itchy camel hair. He worked in the heat of the sun, constantly challenging people, and wading in and out of muddy Jordan waters to baptise many. Then he was arrested and kept in a reeking, infested dungeon until one day they cut his head off. Not much comfort in that life. Yet the Bible tells us that of all the people in history, no one has even been born who was as great as him. Why? Because of the unique calling God gave him, which was to prepare the way for the coming ministry of his Son, Jesus. Jesus did not have an easy life, either.

John
Baptist
Rough
Obscurity
Desert

Bugs
Camel
Heat
Sun
Challenge

Muddy
Jordan
Arrested
Dungeon
Head

Cut
History
Great
Unique
prepare



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And for those who prefer numbers to words ... a medium level SUDOKU!

NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

Learning to Ring

We have new ringers from Forest Green learning at the moment. They started a few weeks ago by being shown the Backstroke as this is the easier than the Handstroke.

With the bell already rung up the teacher stands in the centre looking out and the learner stands in the normal position in front of the rope. He is given the tail end to hold with both hands and told to keep his hands pointing down until the rope pulls his hands upwards. The teacher pulls the sally and as the bell turns full circle the tail end starts to rise until at the top of its swing the learner's hands are above his head and the rope is taut. He should then pull down in a straight vertical line until the thumbs are pointing downwards, as if throwing the rope down a hole just in front of his feet.

Once this is mastered, the handstroke is introduced. The learner puts both hands on the sally while holding the tail end in his left hand. The sally is pulled down straight, this time letting go, at about waist height and immediately putting the right hand on the tail end as well, just above the left, ready for the tail to be pulled up for the backstroke, as above. The tricky part comes at the next handstroke; to catch the sally as it goes up, early enough to check it if necessary and then pull it hard enough to keep the bell's momentum stable.

This sounds quite simple but can take several weeks to accomplish. Bell ringing is fairly unique in that the equipment is not available to practice at home, and it is a team effort. We try to give learners as much one to one tuition on a silenced bell as possible as they will only get a few minutes at a time, between other ringing on a normal practice night. Once they are able to handle the rope well enough to ring with the rest of the band the next step is to strike the bell at the correct time to keep place in rounds.

Bellringing is an art which has developed and passed from generation to generation in Britain for over three hundred years. It is a wonderful blend of sport, music, exercise, friendship, a challenge of wits and skill which gives great satisfaction when it goes right. If you would like to find out more, please come along. Practice nights are at St. Margaret's in Ockley, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7.45 to 9.15, and at St John's in Capel on the 2nd, 4th and 5th weeks.

For more details call Sue on 01306 627168 or email ockleybellringers@btinternet.com



You know you are living in 2018 when....

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of five.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. You e-mail your children upstairs to tell them dinner is ready.
6. You stay in touch with various family and friends only if they are on Facebook.
7. You arrive home and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the shopping.
8. Every TV advert has a Facebook link at the bottom of the screen.
9. Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for total panic.
10. In the morning you go online before getting your coffee.

Editor: 1918 was the final year of the Great War. This year, Canon David Winter is looking back on highlights of those critical 12 months, when the very shape of modern world history was being hammered out on the battlefields.



Diary of a Momentous Year: August 1918 - the Battle of Amiens

Article source: Parish Pump

Many historians of the First World War consider that two battles in the summer of 1918 were the final turning points in the eventual outcome of the war and of the settlement which followed it. The second Battle of Marne was in July, and the even more significant Battle of Amiens was in August, exactly a century ago this month. The Germans had launched an attack in the Amiens area, a strategic target in northern France near the Belgian border. The Allies were ready for it and responded with devastating force. Hundreds of tanks, soldiers from at least four nationalities, and – a new development in warfare – ground attack aircraft, drove the Germans out of the city.

In the first few hours of the battle the Allies took 17,000 prisoners of war. Commentators consider that at least some of them were German soldiers who had had enough of a war they were obviously going to lose. The city of Amiens and much territory beyond it were recaptured, but the impact of the victory was greater than territory taken. The whole balance of military strength had changed beyond dispute.

In 1946, a year after the second World War ended, my older brother invited me to join him on a visit to France. A family he had been billeted with in Amiens, as a member of the British liberating forces, had invited him to come and spend some time with them in more peaceful circumstances. At 16 I'd never been abroad, so gladly agreed to go. When we got off the train in Amiens I saw for the first time the consequences of what they called 'total war'. We picked our way past ruined buildings and homes in a city that had endured both invasion and four years of enemy occupation.



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918



I had seen the after-effects of the Blitz in London, but this was worse. Even outside the city, the landscape bore all the scars of war. There were few trees, for instance, the long-term result of endless shelling over two wars. As M. Deladier, our host, pointed out, Amiens had been a battle-ground four times in his life (I guess he was about 60) – twice in the first World War and then twice in the Second. The experience helped me to appreciate what the people of northern France had gone through. No wonder in 1945 they were adamant that there should never again be war in Europe like this. The embattled city of Amiens, too often a scene of brutal warfare, reminds us of the preciousness of *peace*.

The Battle of Amiens

Photographic Competition Cancelled!

It is with great regret that the Committee launching the Photographic Competition for a brand new Parish Calendar have decided to cancel the competition this year.

Sadly, there simply weren't enough entries to make the enterprise viable currently. We do hope to try again sometime. Any thoughts or comments that you may have for a future venture, please do let us know. Thank you!

Rev Liz , Suzanne, Debbie, Jessie, Joy, and Margaret Zandona

All in the month of August

It was:

100 years ago, from 8th August to 11th November that the Hundred Days Offensive in France and Belgium, took place. Allied Victory leading to the end of the 1st World War and the collapse of the German empire.

90 years ago, on 6th August 1928 that Andy Warhol, iconic American Pop artist, photographer and film-maker was born.

80 years ago, on 3rd August 1938 that Sir Terry Wogan, Irish-born radio and TV presenter was born. Popular for his droll comments, amiable banter and self-deprecating wit, he hosted BBC Radio 2 shows and the TV chat show *Wogan*. He also hosted the annual *Children in Need* telethon and game show *Blankety Blank*.

40 years ago, on 4th August 1978 that the leader of Britain's Liberal Party, Jeremy Thorpe, was charged with conspiracy to murder Norman Scott, a male model who claimed that Thorpe was his homosexual lover. Thorpe was also charged with incitement to murder. He was acquitted in 1979, but refused to testify or explain, and the case destroyed his career and reputation.

30 years ago, on 11th August 1988 that the terrorist organisation Al-Qaeda was founded by Osama bin Laden.

25 years ago, on 4th August, 1993 that the three-year Rwandan Civil War ended with the signing of the Arusha Accords in Tanzania.

20 years ago, on 15th August 1998 that a car bomb in Omagh Northern Ireland killed 29 people and injured 370. It was the deadliest act of violence in the 30-year history of the Troubles.

15 years ago, on 5th August 2003 that the Anglican Church in America appointed its first gay bishop, prompting anger from religious leaders around the world.

10 years ago, on 8th to 24th August that the 2008 Summer Olympic Games were held in Beijing China.

NEWS

C of E helps protect young people from modern slavery 03/07/2018

New resources to be released in September will help schools raise awareness of modern slavery and help protect their students from becoming victims. The resources are a result of a collaboration between The Clewer Initiative, a project helping the Church of England to respond to modern slavery, and Just Enough UK, an educational charity teaching children about difficult subjects like modern slavery and terrorism.

The resources will include lesson plans for five key stages, collective worship, and guides for teachers. They are designed to raise awareness of modern slavery amongst the UK's young people and make them aware that they themselves could be at risk of being victims of this crime.

According to the National Crime Agency referrals of under-18s as potential victims of modern slavery increased 66% to 2118 in 2017, compared to 1278 in 2016. In 2017 559 minors – 497 girls and 62 boys – were found to be potential victims of sexual exploitation, 119 were found in domestic servitude, and over a thousand in labour exploitation.

Modern slavery is thought to be taking place in every town and city in the UK, with high risk areas including hand car washes and nail bars. The Clewer Initiative recently launched the 'Safe Car Wash App', designed to help raise awareness of modern slavery in hand car washes. The resources will be available through an online portal on websites of The Clewer Initiative and Just Enough UK.

Church of England Pensions Board publishes 2017 Annual Report and Accounts 17/07/2018

The Church of England Pensions Board ("the Board") has today published its Annual Report and Accounts for 2017, and the Report and Accounts for each of the four pension schemes of which the Board is the corporate trustee.

The Board provides retirement services for those who have served or worked for the Church of England. In total, the Board assists some 40,000 people, including more than 10,000 retired clergy, over 3,000 retired "Church workers" who were employed at some cathedrals, diocesan and parish offices and other agencies, and over 800 retired staff of the National Church Institutions. It also provides housing for retired clergy and their dependants. The total return for all pension assets in 2017 was 9.4%.

Jonathan Spencer, Chair of the Pensions Board commented, "Ethical investment considerations are very important to us when investing the pension funds. Late in 2017, we announced, in conjunction with other Church investors, a new policy on investing in extractive industries. The new policy acknowledges the positive contribution that mining can make to development. However, it also highlights that extractive companies are particularly vulnerable to poor governance and ethical controversy."

On the pensions front, the Board concluded the valuation for the Church Workers Pensions Fund, which provides pensions and associated benefits for lay staff working in some diocesan offices, parishes and cathedrals, amongst others.

The Board also reported an increasing number of retired clergy households approaching them for assistance with retirement housing. 2017 saw the development of a new asset strategy as well as considerable work to access further financing which culminated in the issue of a new £50m fixed rate bond in early 2018.

All above news from The Church of England website

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news>

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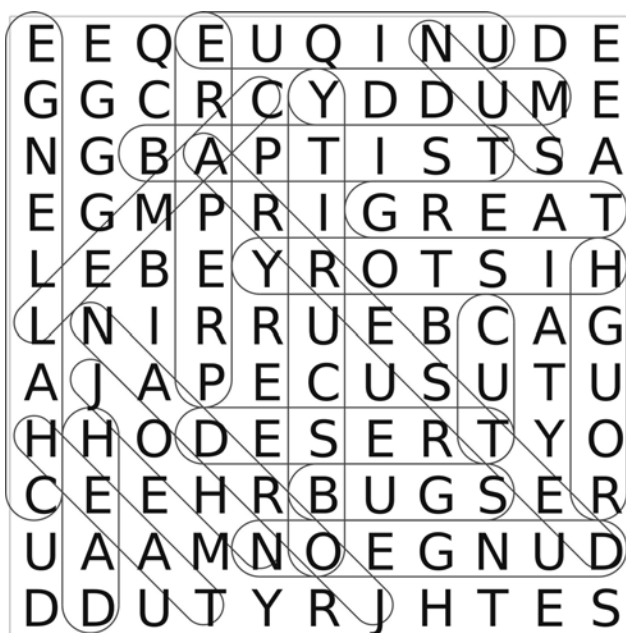
CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS: 8, Prince of Peace. 9, INF. 10, Unmarried. 11, Gulag. 13, Treason. 16, In aid of. 19, Arena. 22, Calvinist. 24, Pad. 25, Moses and Aaron.

DOWN: 1, Spring. 2, Sinful. 3, Scourged. 4, Commit. 5, Spur. 6, Matins. 7, Feed on. 12, Urn. 14, Erastian, 15, Own. 16, Income. 17, At last. 18, Friend. 20, Empire. 21, Adding. 23, Inst.



Wordsearch Solution



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Medium level Sudoku solution



St James the Least of All

Editor: The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

On the delights of a working party in the churchyard

My dear Nephew Darren

A few weeks ago, some visitors to our church congratulated me on the decision they thought we had taken to let our churchyard run wild, so it could provide a natural habitat for the local flora and fauna. While assuring them that thoughts of rabbits, moths and nettles were rarely out of our minds, I made a mental note that it was time for a working party to be drafted; our local flora and fauna needed reminding who is really in charge.



The request for volunteers produced the usual crop: those young farmers who saw it as an opportunity to compete with one another to prove who was the fittest, the recently retired who were determined to prove that they were just as able as those half their age and those whose main intention was to tell the rest how much better the job used to be done in their day.

I explained to them all that naturally I would have been only too delighted to help, but my poor back excluded me. I did, however, offer to sit in the sun and keep watch over their jackets. We all have our own particular ministries.

We were all more than a little surprised to see that Lord Euxton had put his name down on the list; the only exercise I have ever seen him doing is lifting a large whisky and soda. But on the day we found that his interpretation of offering his services meant sending round the under-gardener.

I never realised that Dr Tomkins could run so quickly until he accidentally scythed the top off a wasps' nest. Hotly pursued by several thousand irate insects, he cleared the churchyard, vaulted the wall and headed across the green to the village pond. Having spent the last three decades complaining about young people in the village diving into it, I suspect he will now be the first to contribute towards its upkeep.

The moment of high drama was when a tree stump was dragged up using a tractor. Such force was needed that if the chains had snapped, a substantial portion of the men of the parish would have been decapitated. When the stump finally gave up the struggle, it emerged with several long-forgotten headstones and a portion of the church's water main. The new feature of a churchyard fountain looked rather charming, until the water board arrived to cut us off.

During the lunch break, most had brought packs of sandwiches or flasks of soup – apart from Major Mitchell (retired) who dragged a picnic hamper from the car boot and set about a three course meal washed down with a bottle of chilled Chablis. His decision to have a little nap, empty hamper and bottle beside him, when all the others returned to work was not entirely surprising. Three hours later, with the job completed, we all left for home, with the Major still enjoying his siesta. I woke him up at 6pm when I returned to church to say Evensong.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Source: Parish Pump



Free glass of wine or soft drink

Belief in God: Is it Rational?

**A talk by Revd Dr Martin L Gilpin
in Newdigate Village Hall
Friday 7th September 2018 at 7.30pm**

- ♦ The talk is free (*approx. 1 hour*) and will be fully illustrated with slides
 - ♦ No scientific knowledge necessary
 - ♦ Religion will only be lightly touched upon
- ♦ Teenagers with an interest in the science/religion debate are especially welcome
 - ♦ Will discuss current scientific thinking on the following:
 - ♦ The origin of the universe
 - ♦ The origin of life on earth
 - ♦ What are the limits of science?
 - ♦ There will be time for questions

BOOK REVIEWS

The One Hour Bible – From Adam to Apocalypse in Sixty Minutes By Phil Law, SPCK, £4.99

According to a recent Bible Society survey, around 30% of parents in the UK don't know that Adam and Eve, David and Goliath, or the Good Samaritan are in the Bible, and 27% think Superman is or might be a biblical story! Over 33% believe the same about Harry Potter and over 50% even reckon *The Hunger Games* is or might be a story from the Bible.

The one-hour Bible is a taster (rather than a replacement!) for anyone wanting to explore well-known parts of the Bible on the go. Maybe a good book to loan to someone interested in knowing more about Christianity.

The Hum of Angels - Listening for the Messengers of God Around Us By Scot McKnight, Monarch, £9.99

The Bible tells us that angels are sent from God, and thus at work in this world. From the Garden of Eden to the book of Revelation, Scripture includes references to them.

This book explores what the Bible says about these majestic beings. They express God's love, confirm His presence, and even lead humans in redemptive worship. The book urges us not just to believe in angels, but to learn how to recognise these messengers of God. It urges us to discover how God might be using them to affect our lives.

Is Your God Too Small? - Enlarging our vision in the face of life's struggles By David Potter, BRF, £8.99

Job struggled, as we do, with huge questions - his own and the world's. He and his friends looked for an answer in the past, but discovered that the answer lay elsewhere - in God Himself, and in the divine presence in his life.

In this book David Potter opens up fresh insight into the book of Job, with a different perspective on our sufferings and perhaps on God.

All book reviews from Parish Pump

The Sunday Session Takeover!

Sally Cranham

will be performing songs from her forthcoming CD and talking
about her work in Minneapolis, USA
with *Source Ministries*



Sunday 23rd September at 6.00 pm
St. John the Baptist Church, The Street, Capel

An evening of inspirational music and stories.



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