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St Mary Magdalene's Church

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Welcome back and farewell!

June has arrived and we welcome back Revd Charlotte and Revd Naomi from their sabbatical. Of course we will also spend these weeks saying goodbye as Charlotte leaves at the end of the month to begin her exciting new ministry in Coventry. Others will be speaking and writing of all that we owe to Charlotte for the ministry she has exercised here at St Mary Magdalene for the last 9 years.



What I am especially mindful of just now is how it feels for the folk at St Mary Magdalene to say goodbye. I have recently enjoyed on the radio a revival of two plays by Jack Rosenthal and a third play by his daughter Amy. These deal with the relationships between parents and children as those children leave home and go off to university. There will be many of our families beginning that process now, as youngsters take exams and look forward to new prospects in September which may take them away from home. Preparing well for that on both sides eases the transition for everyone. If we have nurtured independence in our youngsters, from doing their own washing to managing their own money, if the parents have nurtured their own relationship and made sure they have interests and activities beyond those which involve the children, then all sides can welcome the new possibilities which change will bring to family life.

At St Mary Magdalene we are experiencing something similar. When a church loses a vicar they can feel a bit bereft, as if we are children seeing a parent move on to new things, leaving us behind. There can be anxiety about managing without the vicar until the next one arrives.

Except that's not what we have been experiencing for the last three months. Yes, we have all missed Charlotte and are delighted to welcome her back for June. But I have seen over and over how well prepared Charlotte has made us. She has nurtured church life to give us independence. She was much mentioned at a joyous Annual Parochial Church Meeting, but it was chaired and run very well without her. Folk have stepped up to all sorts of roles to take up the

jobs which need doing. There is a confidence and maturity which is a pleasure to see. Not for us “we can’t do that, we haven’t got a vicar.” Church life has continued to flourish and we have seen God working amongst us in all sorts of ways. We are meeting all sorts of challenges brought about by the work on the roof with generosity of spirit and good humour. There are not many churches which would have been turning away folk on Maundy Thursday afternoon because too many had turned up to clean the church for Easter!

As Charlotte has prepared us well to manage without her, so also we can be thankful that St Mary Magdalene’s church family have prepared her to leave us. Her experience here has equipped her in part for the great challenges ahead.

When youngsters leave our families, we have equipped them best if they know God goes with them and we cope best handing them over to God.

So let’s enjoy our month with Charlotte and Naomi. We can treasure the time we have left together. We will be sad to say goodbye, but glad to have known them as our ministers, and most of all glad to have had them as part of the family of St Mary Magdalene and the community of Lillington.

Thanks in great part to Revd Charlotte’s ministry amongst us, we look forward with confidence to our future life and growth, sure of God’s blessing as we continue to serve him and our neighbours in our church and in our wider community. And we send them off to their new and exciting ministry at St Clare’s at the Cathedral with our prayers, our blessings and our thanks.

Revd Rosemary

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERALS	
04 April	Peter David COLEY Age 76
BAPTISMS	
30 April	Jack Waby

ACTS FOR EVERYONE

June 4th is Pentecost... the Rev Paul Hardingham recalls that spectacular morning in Jerusalem...

'Before Christ sent the Church into the world, He sent the Spirit into the Church. The same order must be observed today.' (John Stott). The event of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13) sent the Church out into the world and its ripples are still being felt today. How can we experience the full impact of Pentecost in our own lives and churches?

The Spirit as Promise:

'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.' (1). The disciples were following Jesus' instructions to wait 10 days, 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised' (1:4). We, too, are unable to control God's Spirit, but we can trust His plans for our lives. Like the surfer waiting to catch the wave, timing is everything if we want to be used by Him.



The Spirit of Power:

'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (4). Just as we are dependent on electric power in our homes, we need the Spirit to empower our lives. He produces the fruit of the Spirit in us, so that we can display the character of Jesus. He also gives us gifts, with which we are enabled to act and speak for Him. All Christians have the Holy Spirit, but not all Christians are filled with the Spirit! Paul encourages us to 'be (or go on being) filled with the Holy Spirit' (Ephesians 5:18). We are essentially filled with the love of God, in order to be emptied among the people, where God wants to use us to express His love.

The Spirit's Purpose:

The disciples 'began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' (4). The Spirit empowered them to witness to all that God had done in their lives. As a result, all the different people were able to 'hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' (11). Each one of us has a story to tell of what God means to us and it is the Spirit who translates this into the words people can understand as their own 'native language' (8)! At Pentecost, 3000 people were

added to the church in one day! What are our expectations of what the Spirit can do today?

'Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things.' (A J Gordon)

THE BLESSING OF BELLS

Nigel Beeton recently lost his father. 'He died quite suddenly in early March, but, praise God, he was 84, fit and healthy, completely independent until a few days before he died. Nevertheless, I was feeling terribly sad as I washed the car one Saturday morning. It was dirty after a significant number of trips back and forth to Banbury, where he lived, and he always used to pull my leg if my car was dirty.

As I wept gently while I worked, I heard the bells of St Edmundsbury Cathedral on the wind as they celebrated a wedding. I live a mile and



a half away from the Cathedral, but the wind was blowing from that direction. They cannot possibly realise how much good they did that morning! They blessed far more people than just the wedding party. So this poem is dedicated to all those tremendous people along the length and breadth of Britain who give up their time

to keep church bells ringing in praise of God. Thank you!

Church bells on the Wind

It matters not how sad you feel
If eyes, with tears, are dimmed;
Your heart will lift to hear the peal
Of church bells on the wind.

Was e'er a sound that had the pow'r
To touch one feeling grim –
To bring relief in gloomy hour
Like church bells on the wind?

I love that sound upon the breeze
With joy my soul is twinned!
And I give thanks upon my knees
For church bells on the wind.

By Nigel Beeton



WARDEN'S WORDS JUNE 2017

At last Glyn and I are officially Churchwardens! We were "Anointed for Service" by the two Archdeacons – The Venerable John Green CB*, and The Venerable Morris Rodham on Wednesday 10th May 2017.

It had been some years since Robin was a churchwarden so I wasn't sure whether the service would be as dreary as I remembered! We arrived at St Nicholas Church, Kenilworth, on a lovely warm sunny evening and as we waited for the service to start I was delighted to see so many friends from St Mary Magdalene's there to support us, as well as our husbands. By the time everyone was seated the church was full and we started with a rousing rendition of 'O Worship the King', hymn-wise there followed a further 6 hymns/songs some with the organ and some with a band – even a couple I didn't know but all were sung with such passion and gusto that they were all truly uplifting.

In addition to the two Archdeacons, the service was also conducted by Rev Stella Bailey, the Vicar of St Nicholas Church. However the Archdeacons' Charge was delivered by The Venerable John Green. He started with a story about his recent visit to a Rugby match at the Ricoh stadium and I wondered where on earth he could be going. After a while he made clear his point – we should love one another, although not necessarily like them (still not sure what the Rugby had to do with it). His point however was that this is down to your understanding of the word 'love' – which should be about supporting, empowering and helping people in the love of God. A churchwarden's role therefore is to love their congregation – perhaps I will ask you next year whether you think we have achieved this.

We made our formal declarations:

Represent the laity of the parish, as an officer of the Bishop
Be a leader – acting as an example and encouragement to all Christians

We were then each individually anointed which was a very moving experience as it seemed like a hundred new churchwardens solemnly processed to one of the three ministers, whilst the congregation sang 'Be still for the presence of the Lord' and 'Make me a channel of your peace'.

At the end of the service there was coffee and cake, and a general time of saying hello to everyone, especially our supporters from Lillington and Rev Sue Fairhurst.

Now the hard work begins and I know that with your love and support Glyn and I will cherish every (well almost every) moment.

Carol Innes

(* If you were wondering what the CB means -The Venerable John Green was appointed Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) in the 2010 New Year Honours List)

Churchwardens have existed since the fourteenth century - but St Mary Magdalene's has just welcomed two new ones (and they're bang up-to-date!).

Carol Innes and **Glyn Wright** were officially 'sworn in' at a church service in Kenilworth called an 'Archdeacons' Visitation'. The Revd John Green, the Archdeacon Pastor of the Diocese of Coventry, is with them in this picture.



Churchwardens have a tricky job description - they represent the laypeople and co-operate with the clergy as well as being officers of the Bishop they should also "promote unity and peace" and "maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard" (although these are hardly needed at Lillington, we're pleased to say!).

Roderick Clark

ROSEMARY, SUE AND RODDY

With Rev Charlotte on sabbatical we have been much blessed in having the Revs Rosemary and Sue and Reader Roddy to stand in and continue the ministry in our church. There are probably not too many churches who could head into a vacancy, as we will be doing at the end of June, with such a wealth of spiritual leadership as we have at St Mary Mags.

But their involvement does not stop with taking services. Both Rosemary and Sue have been much involved with helping the Standing Committee in its day to day running of all aspects of the church and their knowledge and gentle guidance has been much appreciated, especially at a time of handover to new church-wardens.

And all three are heavily involved with Octotots, Tea and Chat services, Bible Book Club and the upcoming Looking at Lillington Open Day, and probably others that I don't even know about.

Those at the recent APCM will have heard me mention that both Rosemary and Sue are NSMs – that is Non Stipendiary Ministers (that is, they are not paid) – and 6 months ago would certainly not have been expecting this increased workload. That they, and Roddy, have stepped up with such willingness and good humour is something we should not take for granted.

We are doubly blessed and owe them, all three, an enormous debt of gratitude.

Alan Wright



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

NETHERFIELD IN POUND LANE, LILLINGTON

The Church's chosen charity for June is Netherfield at 5 Pound Lane which has been an established mental health provider for over 30 years, run by a management committee. It has good relationships with the local community and over the years has broken down many misconceptions and barriers associated with mental problems. Volunteers have always been a mainstay of Netherfield and many have been drawn from former service users, enabling them to have a transition from being cared for to operating back in the community and fitting into other volunteering and work placements.

The main requirement for people who have had mental health needs and those with mild learning difficulties is for daily living skills. Netherfield now concentrates its efforts on these areas.

Netherfield's staff are highly trained and motivated with a flair for working with and empathising with people with a variety of needs. In 1973 a group of local church people and health professionals set up The Dale Street Day Centre. Their contribution to mental health in the community was recognised and the local health authority provided much of the funding. The premises at Dale Street were insufficient for the needs of a day centre and the authorities helped to find a permanent site in 1980. Its location was the house in Pound Lane. The name of the organisation was changed to Netherfield as the site on which the house is built was on 'the Nether Field' as described on the old maps.

The house was extended and equipped to cater for a variety of activities but continued to provide services in connection with mental health issues.

Netherfield was an independent charity (Charity number 504460) until it merged with Mid-Warwickshire Mencap in 2014, enabling it to continue its provision for people with mental health needs. Special events and a Sunday lunch club for supported and local people were arranged and the premises are even open on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day and it is hoped to make even more use of Netherfield, particularly at evenings and weekends.

GRAHAM E. COOPER



WALKERS GROUP

May 2017 walk

After meeting at the Octagon at 9am we all had coffee in support of the African Vision Malawi Appeal. Our walk was from The Harvester at Long Itchington and was about 5.5 miles. Ten of us set out and enjoyed the views and lovely countryside as we walked. We had our coffee at Birdingbury and hopefully a photograph will appear at some time. After completing the walk 8 of us retired to the pub and enjoyed a good meal.

Joining us on our walk were, hopefully, two new Members, Len and June from Hunningham Hill. I say hopefully as it was a longer walk than we normally attempt, but both seemed to enjoy the company and the walk. We look forward to seeing them again.

Sandra and Ted Dear





Coffee Morning

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with a Coffee Morning on Saturday 6th May in the Octagon. There was a lovely atmosphere and the delicious cakes and coffee consumed, and second-hand books sold, gave us a profit for the charity of approximately £450. On Sunday 7th May we received further generous donations increasing the sum raised to £600 (including tax reclaim from Gift Aided donations).

Gaynor Cook would like to add her own thanks here : *"What a fantastic event, which everyone really enjoyed. Today I heard that we have raised £600 which will go to support the feeding programme in the Community Based Children's Centres, providing a nutritious porridge 5 mornings a week to the under 5's - one of the most vulnerable groups. To all who helped and supported, particularly the congregations at St Mary Magdalene's Church, thank you so much - or as they say in Malawi Zikomo Kwamberi!!!"*

VACANCY PROCESS

The process for appointing a new Vicar begins with creating a profile of our parish. This will tell prospective candidates about us, our style of worship, the parish we are in and what our 8 Essential Qualities results look like.

You may know that the Vicar is responsible not just for us here at St Mary Mags but also St James Old Milverton. So at the same time we are developing our profile St James will be doing the same. Once they have both been drafted and agreed by the respective PCCs they will be brought together and submitted to the Archdeacon. It is at this point that the official 12 week process starts of agreeing the content of the profile with the Bishop and the recruitment process.

There is however an important area that both St. James and St. Mary Mags must agree on and that is the person specification which is a description of 'what are we looking for in a Vicar'. This is where we describe the skills, characteristics, experiences and our expectations of the candidate.

The process for drawing up the profile and developing the 'what we are looking for' will be undertaken by three people – John Butler, Anne Furze and me, and this initial draft will be discussed by the PCC during June. However we would welcome views from the congregation so that these can be taken into consideration. We are therefore requesting that if you have any opinions on what you would like to be included in the profile and specification then you should put these in writing to the churchwardens. If you would like to do this can you please make sure that you have done so by Sunday 4th June.

Both Glyn and I are happy to discuss with you the process in more detail and answer any questions you may have, but we will not be noting your views – these must be in writing.

Finally we anticipate that should everything go to plan this process will take about 6 months, so it is unlikely that we will have a new Vicar in place before Christmas. In the meantime the Standing Committee will be meeting regularly and Glyn and I will endeavour to ensure that 'normal service' continues.

Carol Innes



St Mary Magdalene Church, Lillington

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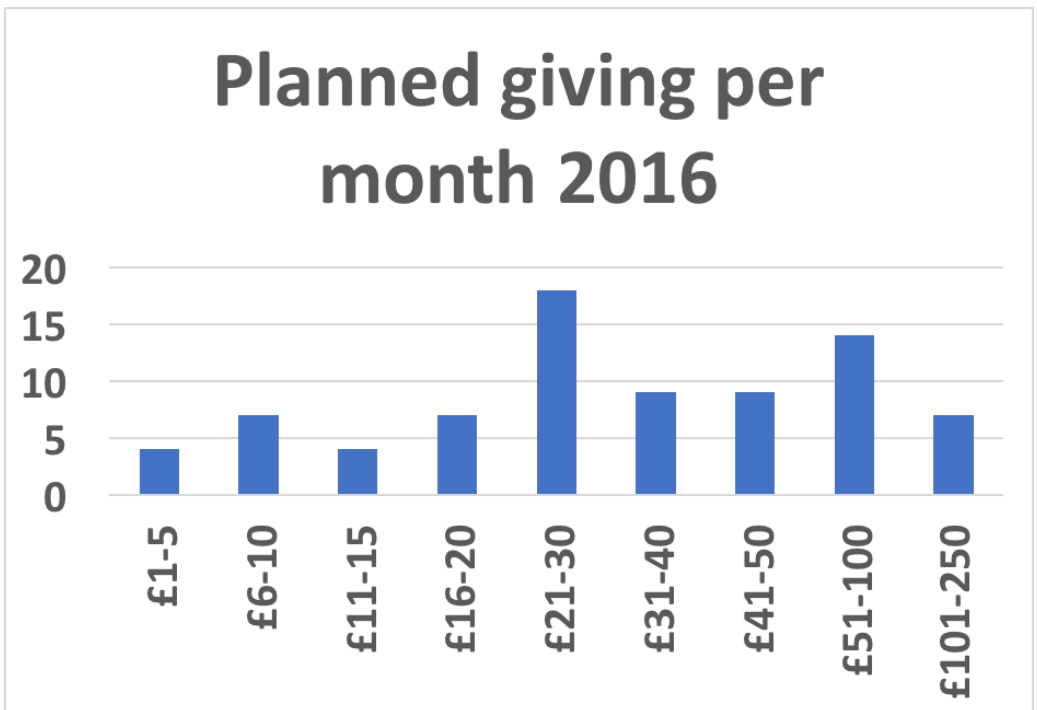
Flower arranging demonstrations

Face painting

Funds raised shared between the church and Love Lillington

PLANNED GIVING IN 2016

Those who were at the APCM in April will have seen the chart I showed, and include here, of the range of giving in our planned giving scheme. When I come to work out a budget for the new year this forms the “bedrock” of my planning as it is probably one of the few items that come with some kind of “guarantee.” Even then there’s no guarantee as all giving in our church is made voluntarily. And, realistically, we are a congregation whose ages are at the upper end, shall we say, of the general population!



Last year, the budget figure for planned giving was £45,000 and this was achieved, give or take, through the continued generosity of the 79 members of the scheme.

In 2017 we are looking to maintain this level of giving which will probably need some thought and prayer from all members of the

congregation, whether in the scheme or not. If no-one in the scheme dies or leaves our church or decreases the amount they give, current levels of giving will suffice – to state the obvious! However...

The options open then are...

1. New members join
2. Current members increase their giving
3. I can't think of a third!

I must emphasize that I will never approach anyone about their level, or lack, of giving. Only one other person, apart from me, knows what members of the scheme give and that is Mike Hyslop, our stewardship secretary. I know because the bank statement tells me and Mike knows because he makes gift aid claims for those donors who pay tax. But neither of us would presume to know what your finances are - what your overall level of giving is or what financial burdens you have.

The only thing I would say is that many see our church as a beacon within the parish. It may not always be obvious to us from our own individual perspective but our Church has a very broad sweep of influence in Lillington – Love Lillington, Octotots, Tea and Chat, Christingle services, weddings and funerals and, and, and...

Clearly, judging by the generous response to our Roof fund appeal back in October, most people get this. Without our roof, no church and no beacon! So, as Matthew's gospel says in chapter 6,

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Anyone who would like information about the Planned Giving scheme should talk to Mike Hyslop (or me).

*Alan Wright
Treasurer*

SERVICE DETAILS

SUNDAY WORSHIP - JUNE 2017

4 th June	08:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Morning Praise & Sunday Club
	06:30	Evensong
11 th June	08:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing and Sunday Club
	18:30	Youth Group
18 th June	08:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Holy Communion & Sunday Club
	06:30	Evensong
25 th June	08:00	Holy Communion
	09:30	Holy Communion & Sunday Club

SUNDAY CLUB

For children of all ages up to 10 years during School Term time. Children join the main 09:30 service at the beginning and the end, and leave for a 30 minutes Sunday Club session, which has a range of age appropriate activities

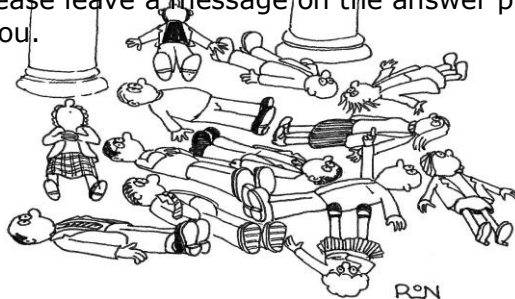
WEEKDAY WORSHIP:

Tuesday	27 th June	13:30	Holy Communion
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The ~~can~~ roof was a
masterpiece of medieval masonry

JUNE 2017

Tue 6	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Sat 10	9:30	Walkers' Group, meet outside church. Contact: Paul & Sue Wakem – 01926 334293
Fri 16th	19:30	Quiz Evening in the Octagon
Tue 20	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Tue 20	18:45	Lillington & Cubbington churches, praying together @ Lillington Free Church.
Sun 25	12:30pm	Farewell Lunch for Rev Charlotte and Rev Naomi, in the Octagon
Tue 27	18:30	Tea & Chat in the Octagon

JULY 2017

Sat 1	9:30	Walkers' Group, meet outside church. Contact: Stan & Helen Ireland 01926 451170
Tue 4	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Tue 18	18:45	Lillington & Cubbington churches, praying together @ Lillington Free Church.
Tue 18	18:30	Knitters' Group in the Octagon
Tue 25	18:30	Tea & Chat in the Octagon

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FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES

The little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a very low voice. "I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered

"Wasn't talking to you," said the small one firmly.



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COFFEE DROP – IN



Friday 9th June, 2 – 4.00pm
Acorn Court, Stockton Road,
Lillington

Tea/coffee – cake – activity – music – company



Who is it for?



- People with dementia and their families, friends, carers & neighbours
- Any local residents who would like to have a coffee and chat and be part of a dementia friendly group
- People who may be interested in volunteering once a month



For more information please call Tony on 07867 698073

June – Italian Republic Day

Also known as Festa della Repubblica in Italian (Festival of the Republic), it is a national holiday on June 2 each year. It celebrates the day when Italians voted to abolish the monarchy in 1946 so their country could become a republic.

Braised rabbit pappardelle

By James Martin - Serves 5

Slow-cook rich game into a delicious ragu to serve with ribbon pasta - stock and wine will keep the lean meat moist

2 tbsp olive oil	150ml white or rosé wine
1 wild rabbit, jointed (ask your butcher to do this for you)	500ml chicken stock
4 rashers smoked streaky bacon, chopped	500g pappardelle pasta
1 small red onion, finely chopped	zest ½ orange
1 carrot, finely chopped	1 tbsp Dijon mustard
3 garlic clove, crushed	100ml double cream
2 rosemary sprigs, leaves picked and chopped	small bunch flat-leaf parsley, chopped, plus a few leaves picked to serve
1 tbsp tomato purée	grated Parmesan , to serve

1. Heat the oil in a large pan. When hot, add the rabbit, brown on all sides, then remove from the pan and set aside.
2. Add the bacon, onion and carrot to the pan and cook for 10 mins until soft. Add the garlic, rosemary and tomato purée, stir for 1-2 mins, then pour in the wine and chicken stock.
3. Return the rabbit to the pan, season, cover with a lid and cook over a low heat for 1 hr until the rabbit is really tender.
4. Remove the rabbit from the pan and shred the meat using 2 forks. Be careful to remove all small bones. Meanwhile, increase the heat under the pan and boil the liquid for 5 mins until reduced by half. Add the shredded meat and reduce the heat to low. Cook the pasta in a large pan of salted water following pack instructions. Drain, reserving a little pasta water to thin the sauce if necessary.

Stir half the orange zest, mustard, cream and parsley into the rabbit sauce. Add the cooked pasta to the pan, toss everything well to coat and heat through for 1-2 mins. Serve in bowls with grated Parmesan, parsley leaves and the remaining orange zest.

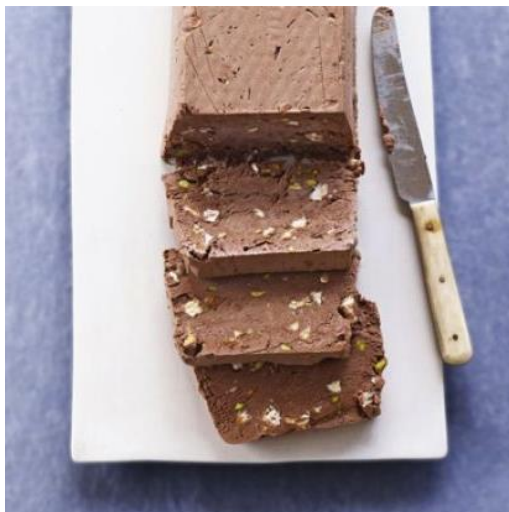
Chocolate, pistachio & nougat semi-freddo

Serves 10

This traditional Italian ice cream bar is the perfect solution for an effortless frozen, creamy dessert

<p>butter, for the tin 75g golden caster sugar 4 medium egg 250g dark chocolate, finely chopped</p>	<p>450ml double cream 140g hard nougat or torrone, chopped into ½ cm chunks 50g pistachio, roughly chopped</p>
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1. Butter and line a 900g/2lb loaf tin with cling film. Bring a pan of water to a gentle simmer. Put the sugar and eggs in a heatproof bowl, then place over the simmering water and whisk until pale, thick and doubled in volume. Remove from the heat, plunge the bottom of the bowl into cold water and continue whisking until the mixture is cool.
2. Melt the chocolate in the microwave on Low, stir, then fold into the egg mixture. Whip the cream to soft peaks and fold into the chocolate egg mixture with the nougat and pistachios.
3. Pour the mixture into the loaf tin, smooth the surface with a spoon, then cover and freeze until firm. This can be done up to 2 weeks ahead. To serve, turn out onto a serving dish, remove the cling film and leave in the fridge for 15 mins to soften slightly before slicing.

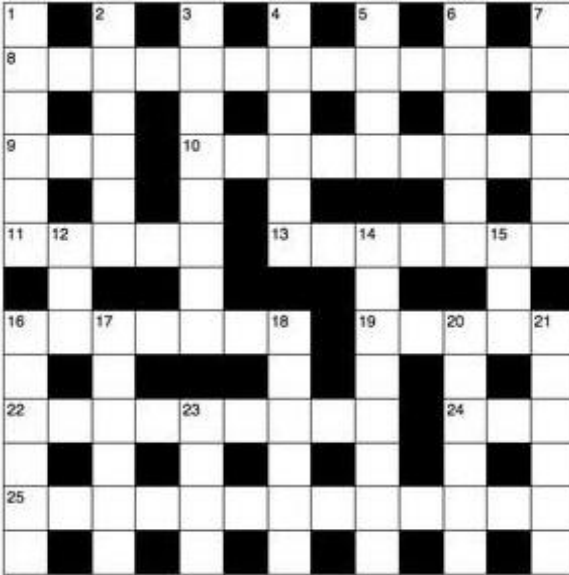


Carol Innes

Source: BBC Good Food

Next month: Its Bastille Day (...hums the Marseillaise)

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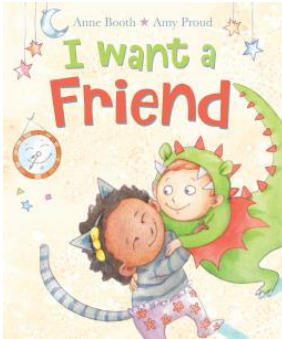


Across

- 8** Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
9 In favour of (3)
10 'The child's father and mother... at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
13 'Terrors ... him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
22 Holy Communion (9)
24 'On their way to ... out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

- 1** 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6-12) (4)
6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
12 Ate (anag.) (3)
14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
23 Diva (anag.) (4)



I Want a Friend

By Anne Booth, Amy Proud, Lion Children's, £6.99

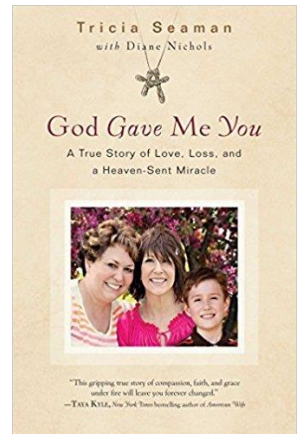
'I want a friend,' said Arthur, 'I want a friend right now. I want to make one RIGHT AWAY. But I am not sure how.' Join Arthur at nursery school in his determined search for a friend - could he dig a hole to trap one, or catch one in a net? His ideas don't seem to be going to plan, but then Lily appears and he is soon having lots of fun and playtime adventures! Bouncy rhymes and hilarious illustrations make this first experiences tale about friendship an enchanting read for youngsters.

God Gave Me You

By Tricia Seaman and Diane Nichols, Authentic, £9.99

In this inspiring story of a single mother with terminal cancer who asked a nurse she'd met on the oncology ward to raise her son after her death, two extraordinary mothers learn that family isn't always blood ... sometimes it's made up of the people God gives you, if you have a willing heart.

Oncology nurse Tricia Seaman and her family had their hearts set on adopting a son. They were months into the gruelling process when Tricia met terminally ill cancer patient Trish on her regular rounds.



As the cancer spread, Trish asked her nurse, a complete stranger just days before, to raise her beloved son when she passed away.

This is the true story of how these two remarkable women met, the immediate bond they formed, and the ups and downs of joining their families together as Trish's life ebbed away.

God Gave Me You is a story of courage, trust, and faith that God's plans are bigger and more amazing than we could ever hope for on our own.

ALL IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

Do you have carers in your church? This might be a time to acknowledge their enormous contribution. More details at: <http://www.carersweek.org/>

Carers Week 12th – 18th June

Carers Week is an annual campaign of activities and events to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges carers face, and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK.

This year the focus is on Building Carer Friendly Communities, which support carers to look after their loved ones well, while recognising that they are individuals with needs of their own.



Because we live in an area with many in-comers, this may be of interest. Could your church lay on some sort of event in support? More info at: <http://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

Refugee Week 19th – 25th June

Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and aims to encourage a better understanding between communities. Next year (2018) it celebrates its 20th anniversary.



Did you know...

80 years ago: on 30th June 1937 that the 999 emergency telephone service went into operation in London. It was the first such service in the world.

75 years ago: on 12th June 1942 that Anne Frank received her famous diary for her 13th birthday. She used it to document her life over the next two years as her family hid from the Nazis.



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CELEBRATING OUR 999 SERVICE



The 999 emergency service was introduced 80 years ago this month – on 30th June 1937, in the London area only.

It was the first service of its kind in the world, and a notice in the Evening News suggested that the public should use it only if "the man in the flat next to yours is murdering his wife, or you have seen a heavily masked cat burglar peering round the stack pipe of the local bank building".

For less urgent matters, such as a lorry coming to rest in their garden, people were advised to "just call up the local police".

The first call resulted in the arrest of a would-be burglar, but not all were so serious. Of 1336 calls made in the first week, 91 were prank calls.

One of the more unexpected results of the 999 service was its effect on telephone switch-rooms, where a "raucous buzzer" sounded when someone dialled 999. It was reported that "a few of the girls found the situation too much and had to be carried out".

Despite that, 999 was a big success, but it wasn't until after World War Two that it reached most other parts of the UK. It became available to the entire country only when all the telephone exchanges were automated in 1976.

The idea for an emergency number came after operators couldn't be reached to alert the fire brigade to a fire that killed five women in London's Wimpole Street in 1935. The number 999 was chosen because it was easy to dial, even in the dark, on old-style phones. The US waited until 1968 to introduce its own emergency number, 911.

More than half of genuine 999 calls ask for police assistance. The next most requested is the ambulance service, followed by the fire brigade and, finally, the coastguard

Some churches have used the idea of an emergency service for people in need of various kinds of help – though in those cases the number 999 is replaced by a series of Scriptural references.

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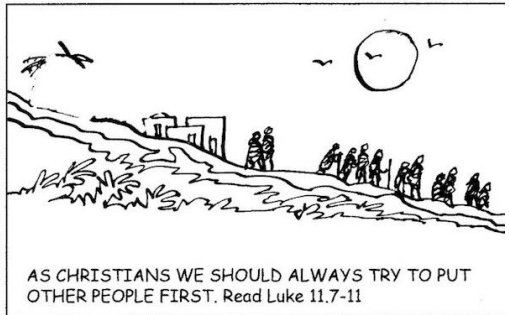
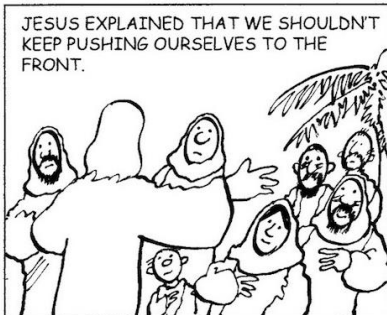
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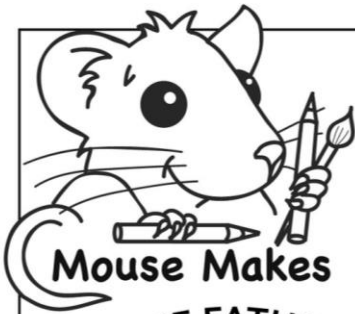
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2 Corinthians 13:13



Can you find all the names of the Trinity in this 3 in 1 word search?

GOD - THE FATHER

C R E A T O R
J O N E L H O L Y
E A I L M G N O A
H S A V I O U R H
O J M A G D I D W
V U O N H I G H E
A D F A T H E R H
H G I M Y K I N G
E T E R N A L

GOD - THE SON



M E S S I A H
S J M O S T T A L
C E M N V W R B A
H S A V I O U R M
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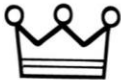


LORD • GOD
JEHOVAH • I AM
YAHWEH • 
HOLY • ONE
SAVIOUR • KING
 ETERNAL
ALMIGHTY
CREATOR • JUDGE
FATHER • ON HIGH

S P I R I T E
W I T N E S S T
C O M F O R T E R
P T H E L P E R I
O T R U T H A N N
W I S D O M C A I
E B R E A T H L T
R I G U I D E E Y
T H O L Y R D



JESUS • CHRIST
SAVIOUR • LORD
EMMANUEL
 SHEPHERD
LAMB
WAY • SON
DOOR • LIGHT 
BREAD • WORD
MESSIAH • VINE



GOD - THE SPIRIT

HOLY • SPIRIT • COMFORTER • TEACHER • GUIDE
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Hiding in one of the puzzles is the word 'TRINITY', can you find it?

A NOTE FROM NESSIE

I write this on the morning of 23rd May when, as a nation, we woke to the terrible news of the terrorist attack at the Manchester Arena. Whilst we know these atrocities are a daily occurrence in many areas, and the threat to us has never ceased to be a real one, it still shocks and sickens us to the core when we are targeted.



Please join together in continued prayer for the families of those who have suffered a loss, may God comfort them in their grief. For those who are injured, may God be in their healing and recovery; and for the many who have been traumatised, may God provide a sense of peace within. And not forgetting our service men and women who not only deal with these tragic emergencies, but also work continuously to protect us. May the blessing of God the Father be with them all.

Like many of you, I shall be terribly sad to see Rev Charlotte and Rev Naomi leave us at the end of this month. But at the same time, I am very happy for them as they begin a new and very exciting chapter in their lives and ministry. How lucky the people of Coventry are to have these wonderful women of God reaching out and welcoming them into a new way of experiencing church and the light of Christ.

Nessie, Editor

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across:

8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

Down:

1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

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