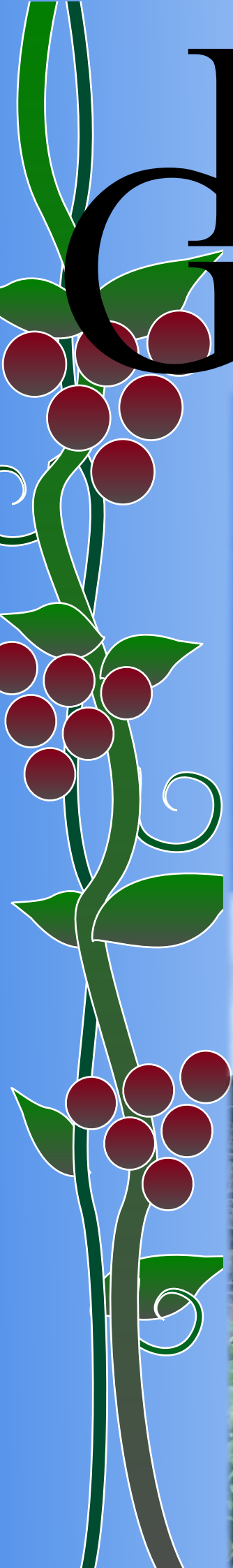


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*in the*  
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## Who's Who in the Parish of St George, Stockport

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<b>Readers</b>	Peter Hall 456 9382 Rita Waters	<b>Praise and Play</b>	Lois Kelly 439 9458 For 0-4s and their carers. Meet every Tuesday in term time, 10-11 in church.	<b>Coffee Mornings</b>	Olwen Smith 483 6548 after the 10.15am service, in church.
<b>Churchwardens</b>	Andrew Regan 440 0408 Hazel Jenkins 483 4679	<b>St Gabriel's</b>		<b>Cursillo</b>	Usually meet on last Wednesday of the month. 7.30pm at different venues.
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<b>St George's</b>		<b>St George's</b>			
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<b>Bookings</b>	Parish Office 480 2453				
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### Front cover photo

St George's in sunshine on  
Trinity Sunday (12th June)  
(photo by Louise Clark)

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## Elaine writes:

Over the years, there have been a number of films and musicals about having the chance to make things right, such as *Carousel* and *It's a Wonderful Life* and books such as *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens and the very recent publication of *The*

*Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

There are many common themes throughout, but the characters are often people who are blighted by regret and are given an opportunity to see what might have been if they'd taken another path.

*The Midnight Library* is a book about a young woman called Nora. For her, living life in all its fullness had a hollow ring. Everything that could go wrong had gone wrong, and she decided she didn't want to live any more. In the half-light of her life, she arrives in a library and is invited to look at *The Book of Regrets*, and she is overwhelmed by what she finds there. Throughout the course of the book, she participates in various situations and encounters from her past and experiences how the different strands play out.

I don't want to spoil the punchline but, suffice to say, she learns a lot about herself, facing up to things, seeing them from a different perspective, realising that not everything is sugar-coated, and being refined in the fire of life might be something to engage with in a positive way.

Given the choice, we would all like to have a smooth and uncomplicated life, but there is something precious

and important which develops us as human beings when we are under pressure.

Romans 5:1-5 "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

Despite the suffering, endurance produces character, resilience and strength. Within that endurance, however weak and battle-weary we might feel, the Lord clearly says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Within that formation of character, we find hope because God is there for us, because he made us, because he loves us.

So, what does that mean for us when we become a bit more introspective, a bit more analytical about what we might have done differently, a bit more regretful about missed opportunities? Where would those choices have put us now? It's easy enough to reflect back wearing rose tinted glasses, to become regretful about the "what ifs", but the life that we are living today and the experiences we are having today are making us into the wonderful, complicated and creative people we are today.

Recognising that is the start of growth and journeying through that helps us to heal and develop.

Saying all of that, it is not easy, so should a conversation or time of prayer be useful to anyone reading this, then please be in touch.

With every blessing

Elaine

**Correction:** in the June issue on page 14, the festival decorations of coloured sheep at the west end of church were mistakenly attributed to St George's School. In fact, the coloured sheep were made by pupils of Cale Green Primary School. Apologies for the mistake.

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## Geoff Reyner: an ordinand on placement at St George's

GEOFF REYNER is an ordinand working on a three-year theology diploma through the Diocese of Chester and Emmanuel Theological College. He is from the parish of Dunham Massey and lives with Sandra and two grown-up children. Geoff has been a Christian for over 50 years and for the last 13 years he has been the lay minister at Dunham and latterly was on placement at the parish of Stockport and Brinnington. He has worked in Sunday School, been chair of governors, run events and was on the PCC. His faith and continual encouragement from congregations has given him the desire to become a minister. This is the next step in his journey and is looking forward to working in the parish of St George's and growing in ministerial formation for his final year of study up to summer 2023, when his placement ends. Geoff runs his own product development consultancy on a global basis. He plays golf and has worked extensively in the theatre. Being a bit of a technical wizard, Geoff produced the online content for Dunham and Stockport and Brinnington parish during Covid, and this can be seen across YouTube. Geoff looks forward to meeting with you all and sharing his love of Jesus and the Good News.



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## A message from our former curate Janine

Hi Elaine

I wasn't sure if you were back today or tomorrow but I wanted to write a thank you to the congregation. If you get the chance, please could you pass this on?

I have now moved and am beginning to settle into Malpas. It was such a busy day on my last Sunday at St George's that I may have missed saying goodbye to some of you properly. Firstly, I want to say thank you to each and every one of you at St George's: you have all been part of my journey over the last three years and I have been inspired and humbled by your ministry and especially how you have all pulled together during lockdown. I have learned so much from you all, and I take

a little bit of St George's with me as I start this next chapter in my journey.

I could name many people who have been a special part of my journey but I want to especially thank Elaine, Peter, Rita, Kim, Marion, Hazel, Andrew and James, who have been the best team to work with.

And a special thank you to you all for your very generous leaving gift. I really do feel very humbled and I promise not to spend it all on malted milk chocolate biscuits.

It's not goodbye, just a farewell for now.

Bye for now,

Janine

## Two conflicts, one human need

THOSE OF US WHO were pre-war babies have lived through two periods when communication was both vital and problematic, the Second World War and the Covid pandemic.

Few of us born in the late thirties could remember peacetime, and found it very hard to imagine what it could be like. What could be in the newspapers? For some reason I had stumbled on the phrase, "fatstock prices", knew it had to do with cattle, so pictured a prize cow being featured, perhaps on page two. Dad told me that a murder might take up the whole of the front page, and I found that almost impossible to believe – the whole page?!

Christopher, on hearing about "Stop me and buy one" wanted his bike adapted so that he could be carrying ice creams round to all his friends. We heard about wonderful foreign fruit such as oranges and bananas, without knowing how you were supposed to eat them. The concept of peeling a fruit was absolutely strange to us, and there were some unfortunate, though temporary, results as some of us learned the hard way!

We glimpsed peacetime luxury through the American soldiers, and one of the evacuee children taught us to chant, "Got any gum, chum?", which produced surprisingly good results – plus a scolding when Mum heard about it! American soldiers were not universally popular – Mrs Langdon told Mum she loved the tinned ham they gave her, but did not want them giving stockings as presents for her girls, aged 16 and 18. She didn't say why. One day, she brought an American magazine, and my friend, Pauline, and I drooled over the adverts,

especially the one for Libby's tinned peaches, which seemed absolutely the height of luxury! There was a picture and instructions showing a drink called a "mint julep", and I determined I would have one when I grew up and the war would be over – strangely, I still haven't had one!

Slogans were everywhere: we had "Dig for Victory" and "Save for Victory", and sang songs without understanding all the messages, such as "Roll out the barrel" and "We're going to get lit up when the lights go up in London". There was a whole series of posters, all with variations of the same message, "Careless talk costs lives", the best being "Be like Dad – keep Mum". The meaning of this had to be explained to us, and it felt scary to think about causing someone's death just by passing on something you had heard grown-ups talking about. It made me think of my beloved cousin, Brian, still only 17, out there on the Atlantic convoys as a radio officer way below deck.

At that time we lived in a very sheltered part of the country and were lucky enough to have the whole family alive at the end of the war. The dreaded telegram never came our way. When Covid came we again were among the most fortunate, with all our nearest and dearest close by, and well. The suffering of some families has been immense. Today's means of communication may have become ever more sophisticated, but they were meaningless when people were not allowed to be close to a dying parent or a sick child. The best we can do, I suppose, is to be thankful and remain mindful.

*Angela Foulkes*

## Parish News Roundup

### Holy Baptism

5th June Rory James Illingworth and Alexander John Illingworth (twins)

### Holy Matrimony

None last month

### Funerals

None last month

### Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows:

- 5th June remembering John's birthday, with love from Janice Puddifoot and family
- 12th June remembering the Fleet Air Arm Association and HMS Glory Association
- 19th June from Margaret Sharrard, for Julian
- 26th June celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry

### Floodlighting was sponsored as follows:

- 4th June in loving memory of Chris Neilson. Forever in our hearts. From Janet, Claire, Matthew and Andrew.

### Mothers' Union

Tuesday July 12th: Mothers' Union summer outing is to the Deanwater Hotel, Woodford for lunch.

Menus and times are being arranged.

## Parish News Roundup

NB: Please note the change of day/date for this month.

This is our last meeting before starting again in September. Have a lovely summer wherever you may be.

### Message from Alan Bell

Please thank everyone from St George's for their cards and the care they have taken over the words they have used, and for their prayers now and in the future.

### Events

Sun 3rd July, 4pm: Celebration of Marriage service

Sun 31st July, 4pm: Choral Evensong

Sat 6th – Sun 7th August: the choir will be singing for the services at Sheffield Cathedral. See page 22.

Sat 10th Sept: Heritage Open Day

### Prayer Chain



The prayer chain is here to support you and we will be pleased to receive requests for prayer for yourselves or for others who are important to you. We will undertake to pray for your

situation every day, to journey with you in those times of challenge and to empathise with your situation.

## Parish News Roundup

This is a confidential service, ably led by Phoebe MacLeod. We do not require anyone's second names, but we do need for you to have sought their permission. We will not share the information with anyone outside of the prayer chain and we will not come over to check up on any individual when we return to church.

The prayer details come to Phoebe who shares them securely with the group. Prayer commences until such a time as the situation changes. What is hugely important is for the person who has been in touch with us in the beginning to keep in touch regularly to update us.

If this is a ministry that you would like to be involved with, please be in touch with Elaine or Phoebe.

[marshyreeds@gmail.com](mailto:marshyreeds@gmail.com). Thank you.

*Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*

### Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:

Please contact the vicar:  
Telephone: 0161 456 9382  
or email:  
[vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk)

### September 2022

#### Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 19th August**

Committee meeting: Tue 23rd Aug.

## St George's floodlighting – sponsorship request form

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## Blast From the past



Rooting through paperwork, I came across an old photo of St Gabriel's in Adswold. I find it fascinating to look at things from past times.

Can anyone date this or give us some history about the housing developments?

Has anyone any other photos of the church that we might share in future editions of Grapevine?

*Elaine*

## Life as a Chaplain for the Fleet Air Arm Association

Every year at the Church of St Cross, Appleton Thorn, a service of commemoration was held on the first Sunday in June at 12 noon. This was a special service for the Fleet Air Arm Association and, in particular, for those who served at the now decommissioned Royal Naval Air Station (RNAS Stretton – even though it was based in Appleton Thorn) HMS Blackcap. It was the home of 41 squadrons during its time in operation.

On 31st May 1943 three WRNS ratings and three naval airmen were killed as the truck in which they were travelling lost control and overturned. The Wrens were returning to HMS Blackcap after a local dance. Five of the deceased were buried by their families in their hometowns; WREN Anne McCormick, aged 29, was buried by the Royal Navy with full military honours in the graveyard at St Cross. It appeared that she didn't have any family, but it was her naval family who celebrated her life each year at this service until June 3rd 2018.

I was asked to be the chaplain in 2002 and so have completed 20 years of working alongside some of the most fantastic, caring, humorous and brave men and women. They have treated me like a shipmate, and I can honestly say it has been one of the most wonderful rôles that I have undertaken since ordination.

I have journeyed alongside those who have been bereaved, celebrated their baptism and confirmation and have conducted or attended many of their funerals.

In 2009, I was invited to St Paul's Cathedral for a service which celebrated the centenary of naval aviation. I stood with the great and the good on the steps of the cathedral for the march past. Peter and I were taken there by George Rose, well into his 80s at that stage and an amazing man who fobbed off his mobility issues as being the result of tripping over a plank. In reality, he had been crushed by an aircraft engine and, with the dark humour of the forces, someone told the story that they saw the engine with little bits of George sticking out from it! On the steps of St Paul's, he pointed out the various medals on the chests of those near us. George himself never wore his medals but just a discreet lapel button. He said that, for him, medals were like kiss-me-quick hats. He was highly decorated, but in his humility, chose to mention it to no one. He joined the navy at 10½ after having a challenging childhood. His papers had been forged by his headteacher. It was there that George used his emerging maths skills to teach the other ratings. He was also called upon to dance with the ladies at the various functions. Never a tall man, his line of sight was somewhat reduced by the copious bosoms of the ladies, who wore heels and who were much taller than him. On leaving the navy he went to Cambridge to study physics, got married to the lovely Lilian and invested in a little-known company called Microsoft. He and Lilian fostered hundreds of children over the years, and he was always, and in every way, a very generous man.

In April 2013, Peter and I were invited to a Gala Dinner in the Tillington Hall in Stafford, followed by a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum the next day. My involvement with that was not just a visit. Sometime earlier, I had received a phone call from someone senior in the Fleet Air Arm who said, "I believe you're going to the National Memorial Arboretum. Could you possibly dedicate a plaque to the Fleet Air Arm?" "How many people will be coming?" I asked. "Just a handful". That seemed to be all right until a second phone call came within minutes of the first with a request suspiciously similar except it was from the Royal Naval Photographers. "How many people will be coming?" I asked. "Just a handful". Right-ho. It couldn't have been more than five minutes later when a similar call came through, this time for the TAGs (Telegraphist Air Gunners). "How many people will be coming?" I asked, knowing the answer. So, how hard can it be? So, one Sunday in blustery April, I put on my robes, made my way to the general memorial to be greeted by literally hundreds of people. Not the first time the truth has been shaved by veteran members of the forces!

I have been to several Taranto meals over the years. They always occurred in November to honour the Battle of Taranto which had taken place on the night of 11–12th November 1940 between British naval forces, and Italian naval forces. The Royal Navy launched the first all-aircraft ship-to-ship naval attack in history. The only battle on these lunch occasions was who could tell the worst jokes and who would win the quiz. When Peter and I won twice in succession, the running of the quiz reverted to us and then we were ousted the next year when the shipmates thought our questions were too difficult.

To return to the HMS Blackcap service. It was always an absolute delight to lead the service when I was a vicar at Appleton Thorn and then they kept me on as their chaplain when I came to St George's, until the standards were laid up on Trinity Sunday.

I have fond memories of "Stan" the standard (really Len) walking up the aisle at St Cross, systematically knocking the overhead lights with the pole to a resounding clunk every step of the way.

I remember the heckling when one of the shipmates spoke for too long. "Get off" was shouted. Obvious tapping of watches ensued. Cut-throat actions and winding up motions peppered the vain attempt of the speaker to say what he needed, and I was trying to give him encouraging nods, all whilst the activity of the others was going on behind me.

I recall the new mayor and mayoress coming along who weren't entirely used to the protocols. The mayoress had inadvertently left her phone on and when it rang, she tried to ignore it. It continued to ring, and she shuffled through her new handbag. By this stage the shipmates'



blood was up and they made some helpful (or not so helpful) contributions. By this stage, the mayoress was flushing under the brim of her new hat and it was with some sense of relief that she picked up the phone, but too late, as it sounded out its answerphone message

“Welcome to the dark side”!

Needless to say, the shipmates had a field day and it was a lesson learned for the mayoress.

My hour was yet to come. A Navy bulkhead crest was brought to the service, and wanting to give some honour to this, I decided I would process through the church and rest it on the communion table. What I anticipated was the wood and resin one similar to the FAAA. What I discovered was that the crest was in a very heavy bronze on oak, and I seriously thought my innards were going to drop out there and then. The shipmates were joyous when they saw my red and perspiring face as I hauled the crest onward. Comments were forthcoming, as



expected. The service continued as planned but I knew I had to do the return journey back down the aisle, this time being in no doubt as to the delight on their faces.

There were also times to be serious, and the Last Post was always done with the utmost respect. It wasn't always possible to get a bugler, so a tape or CD was often used instead. On an occasion when I wasn't present, arrangements were made for someone to press the button on the tape recorder. The standard bearers stood to attention waiting for their cue and, out from the speakers came “I'll tell you what I want, what I really, really want.” I asked what happened next and was told that they laughed.

It has been my true joy and pleasure to be their chaplain and I wish them every blessing for the future.

*Elaine Chegwin Hall*

## Laying up of Standards



On Sunday 12th June the 10.15 morning service at St George's included the laying up of standards for HMS Glory Association and the Fleet Air Arm Association.

*(photo: Andy Clark)*

## Coventry Cathedral

THE ARTICLE MENTIONING Coventry Cathedral in the May issue of *Grapevine* brought back many memories.

1962 saw me in my final year at Gloucester Training College of Domestic Science and in May 1962 I was on my final teaching practice. We were sent out of the area for this practice, usually to the Birmingham area, but my friend Christine and I were sent to Stratford upon Avon, she to a school in Stratford and me to a school in Welford upon Avon. We had to lodge with very respectable families selected by the college, as we were such delicate ladies and needed chaperones!!! (They didn't know us!!) Our family attended a parish church in Stratford and we went along with them to the Sunday services. In the lead-up to the consecration of Coventry Cathedral, the Cross of Nails that had been fashioned from the ruins of the old cathedral the day after the air-raid went on a pilgrimage through the diocese, spending time in each parish church and then being taken in procession to the next parish. Christine and I joined in the procession to hand it over. On the actual day all the schools in the diocese were closed, causing great consternation to Gloucester College as we would be one day short of our teaching practice. Would we be able to pass what should the college do? In the end they decided to let us have the day off as well and we enjoyed watching the event on television, black and white

of course! On the Saturday following, Christine and I decided to visit the cathedral as we probably wouldn't be in the area again. Off we went and queued for hours to get in. Well worth the wait. The colours and light were spectacular, the wonderful colour in the Piper window, the majestic Sutherland tapestry and the delicate etched windows linking old and new, so modern, so symbolic and colourful, with the sunlight making patterns on the floor.

Soon we finished and I started at my first school in the small village of Bredon near to Tewkesbury. I was to be a supply teacher for the rest of the term at the princely sum of £3 per day. They calculated supply pay as 1/200th of your basic pay and I was to be paid £600 per year!! I was plunged into school life quickly as it was the Summer Fair and I was expected to provide the Victoria sponges for the cake stall!! Then the school garden produced blackcurrants, seemingly by the ton, and these had to be made into jam. We ran out of jam jars and used sweet jars instead. The village shop sent a message, that please instead of asking for packets of sugar could I please order by the sack!!

As a reward the Headmaster said I would be allowed to go on the school trip, to Coventry Cathedral!!

*Pat Rigley*



*Pat Rigley and other students at Gloucester Training College of Domestic Science in 1961, dressed for waiting on at a formal college dance. They dressed the same way for teaching practice.*



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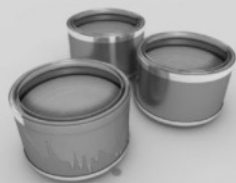
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## Those Memorable School Reports

What did your teachers say about your progress at school? The following were sent into the Daily Telegraph some years ago....

- One of my French reports simply said: "Sheila attended the lessons" – Sheila Blow, Surrey.
- My housemaster wrote: "he has an overdeveloped unawareness." – Ian Jones, Wirral.
- A friend's son's report said: "By the time he has mastered French, he will be too old to cross the channel." M. Knaggs, Dorset.
- My teacher observed: "The improvement in his handwriting has revealed his inability to spell." Colin Sutherland, Switzerland.
- My teacher was a realist: "I am sorry to have to tell you that he is doing his best." Stan Proctor, Surrey.

## Parking Space

Angus was driving down the street, worried because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking space. So, looking up to heaven, he said, "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place, I will go to church every Sunday for the rest for my life and give up whisky." A moment later, miraculously, a parking space appeared. Angus looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

## Names

People have always named their children after expensive things: Mercedes, Chardonnay, Dior. This year, look out for Electric, Gas and Petrol – Anon.



## HM The Queen visits Birkenhead

The visit of HM the Queen in 1991, to the newly-reordered Christ the King Church in Birkenhead, formerly St Anne's. Richard Gillings, parish priest, was on hand to welcome Her Majesty and we see her talking to Peter Hall. Elaine was next to him (out of shot) in the receiving line.



## The Official Highway Code

A NEW OFFICIAL GUIDE to the Highway Code has been published this year. It is the seventeenth edition – the first being published in 1931.

There is a hierarchy of road users:

Pedestrians; cyclists; horse riders; horse-drawn vehicles; motorcyclists – then cars; vans; lorries.

Into this mix are now included rules for users of powered wheelchairs and powered mobility scooters.

Class 1 – manual wheelchairs.

Class 2 – powered wheelchairs and powered mobility scooters.

These two classes have an upper speed limit of 4mph (6km/h) and are designed to be used on pavements

Class 3 – are those vehicles with an upper speed limit of 8mph (12km/h) and which are equipped to be used on the road as well as the pavement.

### Rule 2 in the new Highway Code

Rule for drivers; motorcyclists; horse-drawn vehicles; horse riders and cyclists:

At a junction you should give way to pedestrians crossing, or waiting to cross, a road into which, or from which, you are turning.

*I think there could well be difficult times ahead whilst the categories of road users learn the new rules of the road.*

*It then goes on to advise:*

You **MUST** give way to pedestrians on a Zebra crossing, and to pedestrians and cyclists on a Parallel crossing.

*I was not aware of Parallel crossings, although they are probably familiar to cyclists.*

Parallel crossings are similar to Zebra crossings, but include a cycle route alongside the black and white stripes.

*Which moved me on to other types of crossings and their definitions!*

### Signal-controlled crossings

Pelican crossings:

These are signal-controlled crossings where flashing amber follows the red 'Stop' light.

You **MUST** stop when the red light shows. When the amber light is flashing, you **MUST** give way to any pedestrians on the crossing.

Toucan, puffin and equestrian crossings.

These are similar to pelican crossings, but there is no flashing amber phase; the light sequence for traffic at these three crossings is the same as at traffic lights.

*Rosie Stead*

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## Hope for better days

WE ARE LIVING in difficult times – Covid, fuel shortages, inflation and the sudden breakdown of many years peace in Europe, all seriously disturbing our way of life. It makes us realise how fortunate we have been, as a nation, for a period of over 70 years.

However, if we look back over history, such upheavals are not unusual, either in our own country or in the world at large.

And in that ‘history book’ most of us have read, in part at least, the Bible, we can see that the nation of Israel had more than its fair share of tribulation over the centuries.

The Bible differs from other history books in that it looks at Israel’s past from a religious point of view, based on its status as God’s chosen people, a nation with a unique relationship with God. It is one which we, as Christians, can share and, in difficult times, which can be a source of hope and encouragement.

As often happens, the daily Bible notes which I use can have particular relevance to current circumstances. Recently we have been looking at the book of Ezra. It’s not one of the most familiar books in the Old Testament. It is one of the shorter ones, and deals specifically with the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem in 537BC.

The previous temple building had been erected by Solomon, but after his death the nation fell into civil war, with a succession of kings, some good, several bad. In consequence the religious basis for the nation’s identity was lost.

Eventually, Israel was invaded by the Babylonians, the temple destroyed, the treasures and holy articles taken away. Many of the people were carried into exile in Babylon, and it would take 70 years, as forecast by the prophet, Jeremiah, before they could return. It was then that Cyrus, king of Persia, who had conquered the Babylonians, not only released the Israelites, but decreed that they should build a new temple in Jerusalem. God moves in mysterious ways!

Ezra, as a prophet, sees the prompting of God both in the past history of Israel and also in the events of his own time.

He believed the nation’s success, failures and ultimate collapse were linked to the degree of commitment of its leaders and people to God’s Laws, which had diminished over the years. However, during the exile, the people had recovered their faith and sense of national identity. On return to their homeland, they set forth with enthusiasm in building

the new temple as a symbol of their return to obedience to God’s laws.

The project did not go smoothly. Israel’s neighbours were afraid that Israel might regain its former power and influence, as in the days of Solomon, and they succeeded in persuading Cyrus’s successor, Artaxerxes, to halt the project. Nevertheless, the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, encouraged the people to restart the building, and persuaded the local governor to write to Cyrus’s successor, King Darius, to confirm the original decree of Cyrus and allow the construction of the temple to be completed. This he did, and in due course the temple was consecrated.

Ezra’s objective throughout was to call the people back to worship and obedience to God. This he achieved, albeit with one or two wanderings off-course. As so often happens, when things go well the people assume it is all due to their own individual efforts, and pride and excessive self-confidence all too soon lead to a change of fortune.

It’s an interesting story, and, like so many accounts in the Bible, we can see modern-day similarities, currently in Russia and the Ukraine, but also elsewhere in the world: the lack of commitment to God’s laws – to truth and honesty and caring for the needs of others – in order to gain or retain power, with a consequent disregard for the suffering that may be caused, the destruction and for what can be seen as enslavement of a nation.

But we can also see the strength that comes from working and fighting for a just cause. We should also remember that nations and cities can be rebuilt, that virtue can be restored in society, if sufficient people believe in what is good and true.

It happened in Germany at the end of the Second World War, thanks to the far-sightedness of the Allies and the resilience of the German people – shades of Darius and the newly-inspired returning Israelites.

So let’s go forward in hope, and play our part by witnessing to the importance of following God’s will in our own lives and in the life of our nation as a whole.

For, as we often sing:

We have a gospel to proclaim  
Good news for men in all the earth.

*Editorial from the June edition of  
Stockport Sunday School’s newsletter  
Walter Stead*

# Celebration of the life of Valerie Grainger Bell (née Howard)

12th January 1949 – 12th May 2022

**Val Bell was the wife of Canon Alan Bell, vicar at St George's, Stockport, from 2000 – 2012**

THE SERVICE to celebrate the life of Valerie Bell was conducted by Revd Barbara Burton, Rector of Clenchwarnton, and was held at St Margaret's church, Clenchwarnton, Kings Lynn, on Wednesday 25th May. It was followed by a private committal at Mintlyn Crematorium.

The little village church was full, with people standing, which was memorable and gratifying for Alan and family. The sermon was given by Revd Andrew Davey, the previous Rector, and the eulogy given by Val's cousin, Mike Howard.

## Eulogy

Val was born in Liverpool on 12th January, 1949 in a private nursing home, *(she married beneath herself!)* to Ernest Howard, Military Medal (awarded for gallantry in North Africa) and his wife Dorothy. Her mother died from cancer when she was only seven, an event that was a constant painful memory for all she had missed and how things, with the best intentions, were kept from her. She was brought up by her father with the support of an aunt who lived nearby. *Resourceful beyond her young years she was quite capable when the mood took her of getting a bus into town and turning up in her father's office unannounced.*

Val attended Broad Square Primary School and Holly Lodge High School for Girls. She went on to take a degree in French with Italian as a subsidiary at Bedford College, University of London and then a teaching certificate back in Liverpool.

Val and Alan met at their parish church, St Mary's, West Derby, Liverpool, where they were both members of the youth group. Alan spotted this tall, slender, completely lovely eighteen year old with long auburn hair of great beauty. *When he next saw her it was cut into a short bob and he had not been consulted!* Engaged quite quickly, after university Alan took a teaching job in London while Val finished her degree so they met up several times a week. Having to ask the permission of the Bishop to marry was tricky. *She wore her shortest skirt!* They married at St Mary's on 21st August, 1971. To their great delight and joy, Jenny was born in 1979 and Jill in 1981.

Both are in public service and Mum and Dad are so very proud of them and of the lives they have built.

Val started her teaching career when Alan still had a final year at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, by teaching at Hereward Secondary School, March in Cambridgeshire and then, when they returned to Liverpool, she taught in the primary sector at Woolton Primary and Sudley Primary, both in the south of the city. She served with Alan in the parishes of Speke, Halewood (where the girls were born) and Wavertree. After the family was of an age Val started teaching French at secondary level in Liverpool where she was also involved in Adult Literacy. When they moved to Fakenham, she joined Alderman Peel High School in Wells next the Sea (the only place where she also taught Italian), Springwood High School in Kings Lynn (where she first also taught German) and Costessy High School in Norwich. Finally when they moved to Stockport, Greater Manchester, in 2000 Val taught for nine years at Stockport School.

Val was the very best of wives Alan could ever have hoped for. She was simply and completely the love of his life.

But Alan is very aware that she trailed around the country sacrificing herself and her own career to parish life whilst also trying to protect the family. A small example is the girls remember the outings and treats she organised on Saturday afternoons when Dad so often had a wedding on the only possible family day off. *They also remember the mantra "I want – won't get"*.

Kind, generous, brave, long-suffering, often a little shy even undemanding but utterly loyal and loving, Val adored the girls and both the men in their lives and especially her granddaughter Alice, now just five. When she was in hospital recently she specifically asked for a photograph of Alice to be taken in. She was also very close to the Epsom branch of her own Howard family where she often spent weekends whilst at university. She could be extremely strong willed and determined, characteristics that often were hidden but which came out very clearly in her hospital visits and in the later stages of her illness.

A cluster of symptoms that began in 2013 turned into Parkinson's Disease and to that was added in recent years  
*(continued opposite)*





## The fourth set of twins to be baptised at St George's this year!



Our fourth set of twins was baptised in St George's on Sunday 5th June. This is Alexander and Rory Illingworth with big sister Carys and Mum and Dad, Dave and Ailsa.

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scoliosis. Her mobility was very limited latterly but she enjoyed trips in the car and the inevitable coffee in Costa. She had just a few hobbies, reading mainly and embroidery and dress-making in the earlier years. She also played a little badminton. And she enjoyed her garden.

The happiest memories of their early years are holidays in North Norfolk and in later years in France (via a stopover with the Howards in Epsom) particularly when the girls were younger and came too. They really were the best of days, especially Carcassonne, Annecy and later the walled town of Langres near Dijon to which Alan and Val returned several times. Joining the Chester Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2010 was absolutely a dream fulfilled.

Val and Alan were so grateful for the warmth of the welcome they received in their retirement here in Clenchwarton and for the strong friendships quickly established. They are a testament to the health of this fine community. Her sudden death on 12th May, 2022 with no

chance to say goodbye leaves her family utterly bereft and broken-hearted but embracing the hope of all God's children in the risen Lord Jesus Christ who she worshipped and quietly, gracefully served all her life.

**Hymns:** "Father hear the prayer we offer" and "Lord of all hopefulness"

These were two of the four hymns sung at their wedding.

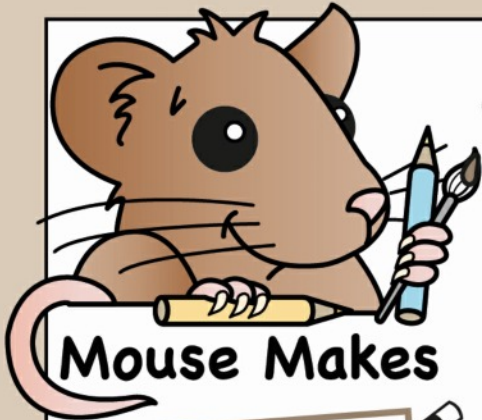
After the final blessing at the crematorium, Alan asked the family to listen to the Abba song – Our Last Summer. It speaks of a young couple, very much in love in Paris, where Val and Alan had their honeymoon. Home to domesticity, but determined to keep the flame alive.

If they had a song that was theirs – this was it.

*Lyrics can be found in Google:*

[URL: https://genius.com/Abba-our-last-summer-lyrics](https://genius.com/Abba-our-last-summer-lyrics)

*Rosie Stead*



## Mouse Makes

Cross out all the X  
to find the bible verse:

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 XRXEXMXAXNXYXOXT  
 XHXEXRXTXHXIXNXGX  
 SXTXHXAXTXJXEXSXU  
 XSXDIXDX.WXEXRXEXE  
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What did Jesus turn  
water into?



John 2:1-11

Who's mother-in-law  
did Jesus heal?

Matthew 8:14-15

How did Jesus get out  
to the disciples  
in the boat?



Matthew 14:22-27

Who did Jesus raise  
from the dead?

John 11:38-44

How long had the  
woman at the synagogue  
been disabled?

years

What did she do after  
she was healed?

Luke 13:10-13

Who did Jesus  
heal when his ear  
was cut off?

Luke 22:47-51



### DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus fed thousands  
of people from a  
few loaves and fish,  
... not once but twice!

READ

Matthew 14:13-21

AND

Matthew 15:32-39

In each story...  
How many loaves  
and how many fish  
did Jesus have?

How many people  
were fed?

How many baskets of  
broken pieces were  
left over?

### DID YOU KNOW?

There  
are over

# 37

miracles of Jesus  
recorded in the Gospels.

How many of them  
do you know?

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### Sudoku puzzle: easy

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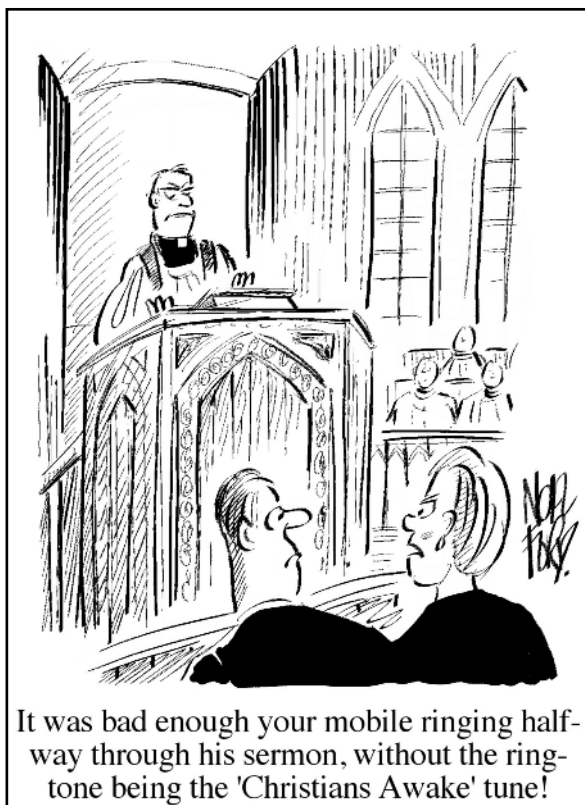
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### Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

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7				1		9	2
6							

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 23)



### Crossword

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#### Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again -- against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my - ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to-' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom!Come out to - him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in - ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 'As the - pants for streams of water,so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

#### Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, - Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of - are' (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 'Open your - and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
- 19 Rear(anag.)(4)

## Garden Gnomes

AS WE REACH midsummer it is time to relax and enjoy the garden as well as continue with the tasks that demand our attention. Why do we garden if not to sit and enjoy the flowers and eat the fruits which from the garden taste so much better than anything bought in a supermarket?

This has been a strange year for gardening – though maybe “strange” is going to be the norm. We used to talk of April showers bringing May flowers. This year we had little rain in March and April but then plenty in May. We noticed, while gardening at church on 7th June, Michaelmas daisies blooming, which should only flower in the autumn.

With the construction on the vicarage site and limited access to the north avenue, we have stopped trying to garden the land to the north of north avenue. Robert, in his report last month, talked of wildlife gardening and protecting the bees and other pollinators. The reduced access and lack of manpower has meant lots of opportunities for wildlife to flourish in this uncultivated area. It is possible to create that effect on a small scale in an average garden. One of my Christmas presents was a wildflower mat approximately 6ft by 3ft. In April I levelled a bed of soil just slightly bigger than the mat, laid it on the soil and put a thin layer of compost on top. All that was then required was to water in dry conditions. By early June, lots of the plants had grown, providing shelter for insects and, I hope soon to have lots of flowers for the pollinators. With luck that bed will regenerate each year from seeding (see photo below).



On a smaller scale, my wife was given a tub filled with wildflower seeds which by June had produced lots of flowers for pollinators.

However tempting it may be to drink tea in a chair outside there are still some jobs to be done.

Towards the end of July the flowers of hardy geraniums begin to die back. It is worth cutting them down hard and then feeding and/or mulching. If you do that you are likely to get lots of fresh growth and possibly another flush of flowers in September. We have lots at church in the beds nearest the A6. They provide wonderful colour in June/July and let's hope we can get another flowering in September.

Try to keep on top of deadheading summer bedding. It can be a little fiddly to do but it is rewarding, as many new flowers will appear. Similarly, if you have sweet peas, cut the flowers and bring indoors to enjoy the gorgeous perfume. Try not to let any flowers form seed pods because the plant will feel it has achieved its objective and reduce fresh flower production.

Many of us have lawns which need regular mowing in midsummer. Grass is very resilient and will recover from most weather conditions, but if we do get a prolonged dry period raise the height of the cut to protect the plants. It isn't necessary to water the grass.

As summer progresses, I look forward to tasting the tomatoes grown in our unheated greenhouse. We planted them indoors in early February and within a couple of weeks had 12 healthy plants. Unfortunately, in late February our central heating broke down. Problems locating parts meant that we were very cold for two and a half weeks. Some of the tomatoes did not survive the cold. We worked hard to protect the rest and were able to propagate fresh plants by taking side shoots (those appearing from where the leaf attaches to the stem), putting them in water until roots appeared and then potting on. We now have our 12 plants in the greenhouse.

Good luck with your gardening. Above all, in midsummer enjoy a relaxed time outside, and if you ever want to come to join us we are normally in the church gardens by 9.30 on Tuesday morning.

*Peter Ball*



## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT MUSIC LIST – JULY 2022

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – The Third Sunday after Trinity / Thomas the Apostle</b>			
<b>10:15am – Parish Communion</b>		<b>4:00pm – Annual Celebration of Marriage Service</b>	
<b>Setting:</b>	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening	<b>Introit:</b>	If ye love me – Tallis
<b>Hymns:</b>	2081 Blessed city, heavenly Salem, 591 The kingdom of God is justice and joy, 301 God is here! As we his people... 437 Go forth and tell! O church of God awake	<b>Hymns:</b>	516 Love divine, all loves excelling SP131 As man and woman we were made 548 One more step along the world I go
		<b>Psalm:</b>	23 [Hylton Stewart]
<b>Anthem:</b>	From the rising of the sun – Ouseley	<b>Anthem:</b>	A Clare Benediction – Rutter

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
<b>10:15am – Parish Communion</b>	
<b>Setting:</b>	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne
<b>Hymns:</b>	627 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, When I needed a neighbour were you there? 393 Brother, sister, let me serve you, 628 Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
<b>Anthem:</b>	Lead me, Lord – Wesley
<b>No Evening Service</b>	

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
<b>10:15am – Parish Communion</b>	
<b>Setting:</b>	Missa Stopfordiensis – Mayes
<b>Hymns:</b>	6 New every morning is the love 474 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, 558 Praise to the Lord, the almighty... 430 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
<b>Anthem:</b>	Jesu, joy of man's desiring – J.S. Bach
<b>No Evening Service</b>	

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
<b>10:15am – Parish Communion</b>	
<b>Setting:</b>	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening
<b>Hymns:</b>	607 Thy Kingdom come, O God, Seek ye first the kingdom of God 416 Father, hear the prayer we offer, 584 Thanks to God whose word was spoken
<b>Anthem:</b>	O Lord, my God – S.S. Wesley
<b>No Evening Service</b>	

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>			
<b>10:15am – Parish Communion</b>		<b>4:00pm – Choral Evensong</b>	
<b>Setting:</b>	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	<b>Hymns:</b>	395 Christ is our corner-stone, 191 O thou who camest from above 15 God that madest earth and heaven
<b>Hymns:</b>	423 Fight the good fight with all thy might 272 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer, 390 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine: 494 King of glory, King of peace,	<b>Responses:</b>	Forbes L'estrage
		<b>Psalm:</b>	107. 1-12
<b>Anthem:</b>	Never weather-beaten sail – Champion	<b>Canticles:</b>	Evening Service in B minor – Noble
		<b>Anthem:</b>	Love divine – Goodall

*The choir will be on its annual summer recess until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022*

*On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August the Choir will be in residence at Sheffield Cathedral for their 2022 Summer Tour.*



## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT MUSIC LIST – AUGUST 2022

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>10:15am – Parish Communion</b>		<b>No Evening Service</b>
<b>Setting:</b>	Said Service	
<b>Hymns:</b>	260 Morning has broken, ... 581 Take my life, and let it be 516 Love divine, all loves excelling, 548 One more step along the world I go,	

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>10:15am – Parish Communion</b>		<b>No Evening Service</b>
<b>Setting:</b>	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	
<b>Hymns:</b>	Come down, O Love divine, 356 Judge eternal, throned in splendour 487 Jesus, good above all other, 609 To God be the glory!	

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August – The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>10:15am – Parish Communion</b>		<b>No Evening Service</b>
<b>Setting:</b>	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	
<b>Hymns:</b>	394 Christ for the world we sing! 346 O Christ, the healer, we have come 475 Immortal love, forever full, 468 I danced in the morning...	

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>10:15am – Parish Communion</b>		<b>No Evening Service</b>
<b>Setting:</b>	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	
<b>Hymns:</b>	400 City of God, how broad and far 427 For the healing of the nations 305 I come with joy, a child of God, 429 Forth in the peace of Christ we go,	

### Choir Summer Tour to Sheffield Cathedral

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022 St George's Choir will be singing for the weekend's services at Sheffield Cathedral.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

3:00pm Choral Evensong

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

10:30am Cathedral Eucharist

4:00pm Choral Evensong

Further information will be announced in due course.



## Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

6	8	3	2	5	9	7	4	1
7	5	1	6	4	8	9	2	3
2	4	9	3	1	7	5	6	8
8	1	6	9	2	5	3	7	4
3	2	5	8	7	4	6	1	9
4	9	7	1	3	6	2	8	5
1	6	4	5	9	2	8	3	7
5	3	8	7	6	1	4	9	2
9	7	2	4	8	3	1	5	6

Intermediate Sudoku solution:

4	2	5	1	8	7	6	9	3
9	3	1	4	2	6	5	7	8
8	6	7	5	3	9	4	1	2
5	9	2	6	7	1	8	3	4
1	7	4	8	5	3	2	6	9
3	8	6	9	4	2	1	5	7
2	5	9	7	6	8	3	4	1
7	4	8	3	1	5	9	2	6
6	1	3	2	9	4	7	8	5

Crossword solution:

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

## Nectarines with Fudge Sauce

Here is a different way to eat nectarines, in case you become tired of eating them just as they are.

- 9 ripe nectarines
- 300ml/½pt double cream
- 100g/4oz butter
- 175-200g/6-7oz soft brown sugar, light or dark
- few drops vanilla essence

Skin, halve and stone the nectarines, then cut each half into three pieces and arrange in a heatproof dish.

Put the cream, butter, sugar and vanilla essence together in a saucepan. Gently heat it until the butter melts and sugar dissolves, then boil for 5-7 minutes. Pour the sauce over the nectarines and keep warm until you are ready to serve. If liked, serve with vanilla ice cream.

## Red Berry Meringue Roulade

This is a special pudding and does take a while to make, but although the recipe may seem long it is straightforward.

Serves 10

- 4 egg whites
- 225g caster sugar
- 1 teasp lemon juice, taken from lemon juice in the filling
- 1 teasp cornflour
- ½ teasp vanilla bean paste

Filling

- 300g strawberries, hulled and quartered
- 250g redcurrants, stems removed

## Regular Services at St George's

### Services in church, with congregation:

- Sundays:** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.15am Parish Communion (also live streamed)  
4pm Choral Evensong (last Sunday of the month, also live streamed)
- Wednesdays:** 9.30am Morning Prayer (also live streamed)  
10am Holy Communion (BCP)

### Services which are live streamed only:

- Mondays to Fridays:** 9.30am Morning Prayer (also in church on Wednesdays)

The church will also be open for individual private prayer in the chapel on Wednesdays and Sundays from 11am to 12 noon

## Summer Recipes

- 1 lemon
- 100g caster sugar
- 3 egg yolks
- 100g unsalted butter
- 300ml double cream

First make the curd filling. Put 75g strawberries, 100g redcurrants and the lemon juice in a blender and whizz until smooth. Put 75g of this puree in a pan with the sugar, egg yolks and butter. Heat gently, stirring until melted, combined and thickened, about 10 minutes. Pour curd into a bowl and leave to cool a little, then cover the surface with baking parchment and chill.

Preheat oven to 140C/gas mark 1. Grease and line a Swiss roll tin with baking parchment, 26cm x 38cm. Whisk egg whites with electric beaters on a high speed until they reach stiff peaks. Continue whisking while slowly adding half the sugar, a tablespoon at a time. Using a large metal spoon fold in the remaining sugar, followed by the lemon juice, cornflour and vanilla. Spread the meringue mixture on the lined baking tray and bake for 1 hour until golden and crisp on the outside. Using the parchment, slide the meringue onto a wire rack and leave to cool.

When ready to assemble, whisk the cream to soft peaks. Lay a piece of baking parchment over the meringue then invert the meringue onto it. Peel parchment away from the back of the meringue. Spread the cream on the meringue then spoon over the curd. Scatter over two thirds of the remaining strawberries and redcurrants. Carefully roll up the roulade, starting from one of the short ends. Drizzle the remaining puree over the top and scatter over the remaining berries.

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