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If you'd like to feature anything in the magazine, we would love to hear from you! Articles should be emailed to **allsaintsmag@gmail.com** by the **15th of the previous month**. We like to keep content varied and interesting so almost anything goes. Please get in touch if you have any questions. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS SERVICES AND OPENING TIMES

Our pattern of services is as follows:

- ★ Morning Prayer takes place Monday to Wednesday at 9.15am in the church and via Zoom for anyone who would like this option.
- ★ A service of Holy Communion is held in church every Thursday morning at 9.30am.
- ★ An 8am service of Holy Communion is held in church on the first and third Sundays of the month (the third Sunday will use the Book of Common Prayer).
- ★ Our 10am Sunday services follow this pattern:
 - ◇ First Sunday: Cafe-style Altogether Worship
 - ◇ Second, fourth and fifth Sundays:
Church Family Communion with Children's Church
 - ◇ Third Sunday: Morning Worship with Children's Church

Note: Children's Church is term-time only
- ★ Each Sunday, we hold 'Tea-Time Church' at 4pm.
- ★ Each Sunday, we record the sermon and this can be found on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@allsaintsguildford



THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE



My thoughts from the Vicarage for this month come not from the Vicarage, but from Newcastle. Last Saturday (11th July) our daughter Lydia and husband Sam gave birth to a little boy, Tobias Andrew Padfield. He was four weeks early, weighing in at just under 6 pounds; and it's a privilege to spend a few days with the family, before my house move on Friday 17th July.

And I've been struck by the names that Lydia and Sam have chosen to give to their second little boy – Tobias Andrew. Tobias means 'God is good'. In reality it means, 'God is good all the time'. When I was a curate in Birmingham we had an informal liturgical response which went as follows:

Service leader: God is good

Congregational response: **All the time**

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Congregational response: **God is good.**

It was a wonderful statement of faith, and one that we used regularly and spontaneously during our services. For many people in that inner city parish of Aston and Nechells, life was hard a lot of the time; most members of the congregations came from ethnic minority groups, having moved to the UK for a wide variety of reasons; and some were asylum seekers. To proclaim 'God is good all the time; all the time God is good' was a statement of faith.

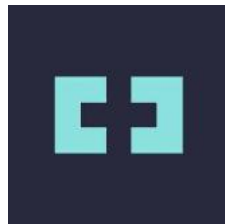
I've had to re-evaluate that statement of faith myself this year, during challenging times. And I've valued Lydia and Sam's confidence and assurance. As I met little Toby for the first time on Sunday I felt sure, deeply sure, that God is good all the time; all the time he is good.

I hope and pray that you will have that assurance too, and that it will go with you through the joys and challenges of life.

Wishing you blessings for the month ahead,

Beverly

MISSION FOCUS: CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY (CMS)



When Bishop Christopher addressed the Confirmation candidates last month on the occasion of their Confirmation, he made a point of recommending them (and indeed the congregation) to keep asking questions about passages in the Bible which they come across in their daily Bible reading, in order to achieve a better understanding about what the Christian life of following Jesus actually means. One such passage occurs early on in Mark's Gospel (ch.1 v.15), when Jesus says that the time has already arrived and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. If we ask what could Jesus possibly mean by declaring that the (heavenly) kingdom was already here, what answer might we expect to find?

One suggestion is “just read on, gentle reader! Just read on!”, and, by doing just that, we might find that in the Gospel stories, Jesus demonstrates precisely what he means, by his ministry of healing, bringing the Gospel not just to the “righteous” people of the day, but to all who needed him, even if it meant (which it did!) consorting with the down-and-outs and the despised and rejected from society, not to mention those outside the chosen people of Israel.

Assuredly, CMS sets out to follow the paths which Jesus demonstrated. CMS has been taking the Gospel, with vigour and love, for 200 years now, to all parts of the world. It describes the sort of people referred to in the previous paragraph as “people on the edges”. Jesus welcomed them, offering grace, healing, restoration and social acceptance and invited them to be part of his story. People “on the edges” include those on the edge of church, of society or of our own comfort zones. Personal contact on a person-to-person level and community-by-community is how CMS envisages our world can be made new.



Elinaja at his lathe

Maybe the first disciples were slow in catching on to the work which Je-

sus had in mind for them, but they did eventually get the idea, and today's disciples of Jesus (ourselves!) are simply the latest generation in a long line of followers of Jesus who long for people at the edges to encounter Jesus, to discover the new life he brings and to share it with others. CMS adopts this idea as its basic model for mission. CMS wants transformation for those who might have presumed Jesus was not for them.

Do we, as a church, also want to adopt these aims? By supporting the work of CMS both financially and in prayer, we do, of course, align ourselves with the idea of looking outward from the end of Vicarage Gate, not just into the local community but towards the wider world, in our mission activity, headed and guided by our Mission Vision Group.

And a postscript...a wonderful opportunity to refresh our memories on what Mark's Gospel actually says occurs on Saturday 15th August in church, when we shall be reading publicly the whole of Mark's superb Gospel, starting at 9.30am. Please do come and experience at first hand "the Life of Christ" in just one morning!

Richard Hemingway



Onslow Village Garden Club

The Garden Club does not have a monthly meeting in August. However, there are some dates for you to look forward to in September:-

On **Saturday 5th September** the Club will hold the 80th Annual Show.

On **Wednesday 16th September** there will be a Special 80th Anniversary meeting with Guest Speaker Mark Gregory.

Further details about these two events will be in the September edition of this magazine.

Anne Bradbeer

on
Sunday 6th September
at All Saints we celebrate...



BACKPACK SUNDAY

10AM

Come with your school bag
(or work bag!) and we'll bless
them and pray for the new
term.



CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

12 NOON

Bring a picnic, rug or chair
and join us in the field for
time together after the
holidays.

NORTH NORFOLK CHURCH

This month, Robin continues the series about small or interesting churches from his travels in Norfolk.

As we drove along the A149 in North Norfolk we came across the Burnham villages. There are seven, all situated around the River Burn. Their names range from Burnham Overy Staithe, a popular sailing village, to Burnham Thorpe, the birthplace of Lord Nelson. We came upon Burnham Deepdale, a tiny village which was formerly a civil parish but is now in the parish of Brancaster. We were fascinated to see the church of St Mary with its Saxon round tower. On entering the church we found that it also has a Norman font and a collection of medieval glass.



Round towers are a unique feature of churches in East Anglia. There are 124 still surviving from the Saxon and Norman periods. Before the Norman conquest of 1066, churches in this area were built without any dressed stone. Instead they used flints and conglomerate (puddingstone). To avoid the difficulties of corners using this material they developed a round tower design. At St Mary's there is a weather vane on top of the tower. The tower houses a bell to summon the parishioners to church. The bell in St. Mary's was made in the 14th century by M. Derby of King's Lynn.

The Norman font is made of Barnack Limestone and it shows a farming year from a working man's point of view. January - 'Drinking from a horn'; February - 'Feet up by the fire'; March - 'Digging'; April - 'Pruning'; May - 'Rogationtide banner'; June - 'Weeding'; July - 'Mowing'; August - 'Binding a sheaf'; September - 'Threshing'; October - 'Grinding corn'; November - 'Pig killing' and finally December - 'Feasting together'.



The porch windows contain two roundels known as the sun and moon.



The sun window is now replaced with a roundel of an archangel. Both windows are filled with assorted medieval glass fragments.

The two roundels are set at the head of the windows and would have come from either side of a crucifixion scene in the east window. These windows are filled with assorted fragments including the words "Death where is thy sting".

Robin Holdsworth

An August Prayer

Dear Father,

In this summer month of August, help us to be aware of Your presence.

If we are away on holiday,

If we can't have a holiday,

On our journeys,

In our homes,

With our families or friends,

When we're alone,

When life is sweet,

When it's like an obstacle course,

At all times and in all circumstances, help us to know that You are in it with us, sharing our ups and downs, offering Your love and peace and hope when we connect with You through putting our trust in Your Son, Jesus.

Thank You Lord,

In His name,

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

The Scribe by Walter de la Mare



What lovely things
Thy hand hath made,
The smooth-plumed bird
In its emerald shade,
The seed of the grass,
The speck of stone
Which the wayfaring ant
Stirs - and hastes on!

Though I should sit
By some tarn in thy hills,
Using its ink
As the spirit wills
To write of Earth's wonders,
Its live, willed things,
Flit would the ages
On soundless wings
Ere unto Z
My pen drew nigh;
Leviathan told,
And the honey-fly;
And still would remain
My wit to try -
My worn reeds broken,
The dark tarn dry,
All words forgotten -
Thou, Lord, and I.

I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts,
then there is no hurt, but only more love.

Mother Teresa

Tea & Cake

at the

Vicarage



Every Wednesday in August
(apart from 19th)



Drop on between 2.30pm and 4pm



♥
GOOD
COMPANY
WARM
WELCOME

All Saints Guildford



Joyfully living Jesus

BIJOU WRITES



While it might look like the project has gone a little quiet from the outside, behind the scenes there's lots happening as we continue to develop the design and prepare for the next stage of the Big Build.

At the moment, we're in an exciting phase where several different aspects of the project are progressing at the same time. We're currently reviewing the initial proposals and design schemes from our

Structural Engineer and Mechanical & Electrical Consultant, whilst also continuing to develop the internal layouts and finishes for the office and kitchen spaces.

Although these may seem like completely separate pieces of work, they're all connected. One design decision can influence another, which is why coordination is such an important part of the architectural process.

Every Piece of the Puzzle Matters

I often think of Stage 4 as putting together a giant jigsaw puzzle. Every consultant is working on a different piece, but eventually every piece has to fit together perfectly.

For example, the Structural Engineer may recommend changes to support the building or resolve the existing subsidence issues. Those structural elements could influence where walls sit, which in turn may affect the room layouts or even the location of kitchen units and services. At the same time, the Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) engineers are developing proposals for heating, lighting and ventilation, which also need to be carefully coordinated within the same spaces.

This is why we don't simply complete one discipline before moving on to the next. Instead, we develop the design together, constantly reviewing, refining and coordinating every decision to make sure the final building works as one complete design.

More Than Choosing Finishes

Alongside this coordination work, I've also been developing the interior design for the new office and kitchen spaces.

One of the biggest misconceptions about interior finishes is that they're simply about choosing colours or materials that look nice. Whilst creating a welcoming and beautiful environment is certainly important, every material also has a practical job to do.

When selecting finishes, we're thinking about questions like:

- ★ How durable will this material be?
- ★ Is it easy to clean and maintain?
- ★ Will it perform well in a busy community building?
- ★ Does it create the warm and welcoming atmosphere we want people to experience?

The best design solutions are those that balance both appearance and performance. A space should feel inviting, but it also needs to work well for the people who use it every day.

Thinking Beyond What You Can See

Some of the most important design decisions are actually the ones that will never be visible once the building is complete.

As our MEP consultants begin developing proposals, we're exploring different heating solutions and building services that will keep the church comfortable, energy efficient and practical for everyday use. These systems are hidden behind walls, above ceilings and beneath floors, but they have a huge impact on how the building feels to use.

It's another reminder that architecture isn't just about designing beautiful spaces—it's about creating buildings that function well, stand the test of time and support the life of the community they serve.

Looking Ahead

Over the coming weeks, we'll continue reviewing consultant proposals, coordinating the different design disciplines and refining the technical details as they develop.

One thing I've learned is that this stage of a project can sometimes appear as though not much is happening. Without visible construction on site, it can feel like progress has slowed, but in reality, this is often one of the busiest phases. As information comes in from the various consultants, we spend a great deal of time reviewing, coordinating and refining their proposals internally before they're ready to be presented to you as the client and wider community. These design reviews allow us to ask questions, resolve clashes between different disciplines and ensure every recommendation supports the overall vision for the project.

Although much of this work happens behind the scenes, it's this careful coordination that helps create a well-designed, well-considered building and reduces issues further down the line.

Bijou Harding

SPONSORED BIBLE READING **of the Gospel of St Mark**

in aid of Clare, Andrew, Levi, Heidi and Eowyn Koens who support the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea (see June Magazine for more information).

Date: Saturday 15th August 2026

Time: 9.30am to 12 noon

Where: All Saints' Church



Andrew, Clare, Heidi, Eowyn and Levi Koens

Andrew and Clare's costs include the following:

- £2 per month Fire Charge (there is a team of missionaries who volunteer to run the Fire department in Ukarumpa Centre, and the Koens contribute towards the upkeep of the equipment).
- Ukarumpa International School - £150 per month per child, to cover the costs of the building, the materials, and hiring local support staff.
- £375 per month medical insurance – no NHS in Papua New Guinea, and any treatment beyond regular GP services requires travelling overseas.
- Last visit to the UK was in 2022 – they hope to visit the UK again in 2027. Travel will cost about £1000 per person to travel from Ukarumpa to London.
- Every Friday Clare buys fruit and vegetables from the early morning outdoor market, buying directly from local growers. The cost for a weekly supply of cucumbers, pineapples, tomatoes, carrots, lettuce, cabbage, strawberries and potatoes is about £15.
- I remember Clare mentioned in 2022 that they have to pay for security each month – something we don't have to think about here in Guildford. The current cost is £138 per month.
- The children are musical: Heidi has French horn lessons, and Eowyn plays the flute – cost £20 per month per child.

These are just some of their costs living in Papua New Guinea – some are lower than we have, some higher (e.g. no school equivalent to Guildford County School that the children could go to, which is why they have to pay fees for the International School).

Everyone is welcome – of all ages from 0 upwards! – to come to part or all of the sponsored Bible Reading on Saturday 15th August.

If anyone would like to read a few verses, that is fine – if others prefer to sit and listen, that is also fine. There is no obligation to read if one does not want to. We will break for a cup of tea/coffee or cold drink at the mid point.

Mark's Gospel does not take long to read – those of us who have attended in other years have really appreciated the chance to read and think about one whole book of the Bible, but if you can only come for 15 minutes that is also fine.

For any more information please chat to Dan Brown, Richard Hemingway, Bruce Hopwood or me, Katherine Hopwood.

Give to a specific person/project - Wycliffe Bible Translators

wycliffe.org.uk/donate-person-or-project/

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Give now" with a link "Or give to Wycliffe →". The form has several sections: "I'd like to give to" with buttons for "A project" and "A person" (the latter is highlighted in red); "Tell us who you want your gift to go to" with a text box containing "Andrew and Clare Koens Papua New Guinea"; two checkboxes for "I would like my gift to be anonymous to the recipient" and "I am a close relative of the person named above"; "Frequency" with buttons for "Monthly" and "Once" (highlighted in red); "Donation Amount" with buttons for "£25", "£50", "£100", and "My Choice" (highlighted in red); "I want to give (£)" with a text box containing "50" and a note "Format needs to be 00.00"; and "This donation is from me" with a dropdown arrow. A red "Next step" button is at the bottom.

If you click on this link (online magazine) or type in the link (printed magazine) you will get to a giving page where you can Gift Aid your gift to Clare and Andrew. You need to type in that the gift is going to a person, then type in “Clare and Andrew Koens”, that you are giving once and then select the amount you wish to give. On the following web page there is the opportunity to gift aid your gift.

Card donations, cheque donations and cash are also welcome on the day, and we can help anyone to access the online form.

We will also have a few printed Gift Aid forms.

Katherine Hopwood



FROM QUEEN ELEANOR'S...

This month, a story from a year 5 pupil studying World War II.

Standing on the pavement clutching her bag, Mary scanned the scene, her stomach threatening to throw her breakfast out of her mouth. Evacuees huddled in groups, some saying goodbye, others crying quietly. The bus station, which was usually a wall of chatter and laughter, felt cold as if even happiness was afraid to enter. Mary's mother crouched beside her. "Be good and look after your brother", she whispered. Mary nodded.

When the bus was ready, she let her mother gently push her forward. As the bus pulled out, Mary kept her face glued to the window, watching her mother until she could not be seen.

William tugged at her hand, fidgeting with his seat. "Do you think they will have a dog?" he asked, his voice unstable. "Possibly", she replied, not wanting to get him too excited. Outside, the fields, that were filled with crops, glided past the window in a haze of colour and bird song. Every mile they travelled carried them further from London, further from the danger World War II had brought.

Three hours later, the bus made a sudden stop. Volunteers with blue armbands took the children to the village hall, calling out names and places. Villagers stood waiting, some smiling, others clutching canes, but all with worried eyes. A tall, thin man, with eyes like ice, stepped forward, pointing his cane at Mary and William. He hissed, "You two are coming with me". His voice was like stone. Bravely, Mary, who was usually the worried one, followed the man, with William holding her hand. Turning right, they walked down a muddy lane bordered by thorny bushes that looked on silently. At the end of the track, Mary froze in horror. Tall, black metal gates towered above them with golden spikes along the top and a huge padlock...

ALL SAINTS' **AUTUMN FAIR**

Saturday
September 19th
2 - 5pm

LIVE MUSIC

FREE ENTRY

- beer & Pimm's
- afternoon tea
- apple pressing
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DRAWN FROM WISLEY



What do these beautiful illustrations have to do with the Big Build? Read on to find out!

Some long-term residents and readers of the All Saints' magazine may recognise the provenance of these images!

They were painted in the 1990s by local artist, Pauline Dean (1943-2007). My mum! These iris and orchid paintings are just two from a 12-painting collection, "Drawn from Wisley", illustrating a plant and garden feature for each month of the year at Wisley RHS Garden, familiar to many!

Mum was well known at Wisley where she taught botanical art for 11 years. As well as documenting newly discovered plants with scientific precision, she achieved exceptional success at the RHS London exhibitions where she was awarded eight Gold Medals. Her work is held in collections around the world, including that of Shirley Sherwood at Royal Botanic Garden, Kew. She always hoped the RHS would make these Wisley images into a calendar. Sadly, this never happened.

I am thrilled to be able to fulfil her dream of over 30 years standing and to be offering these as a fundraiser for All Saints' Big Build project, with all profits from sales going to the project.

Calendars will be available as Appointment Calendars (as illustrated on the next page), or as landscape style Desktop Calendars. They will be £10 each.

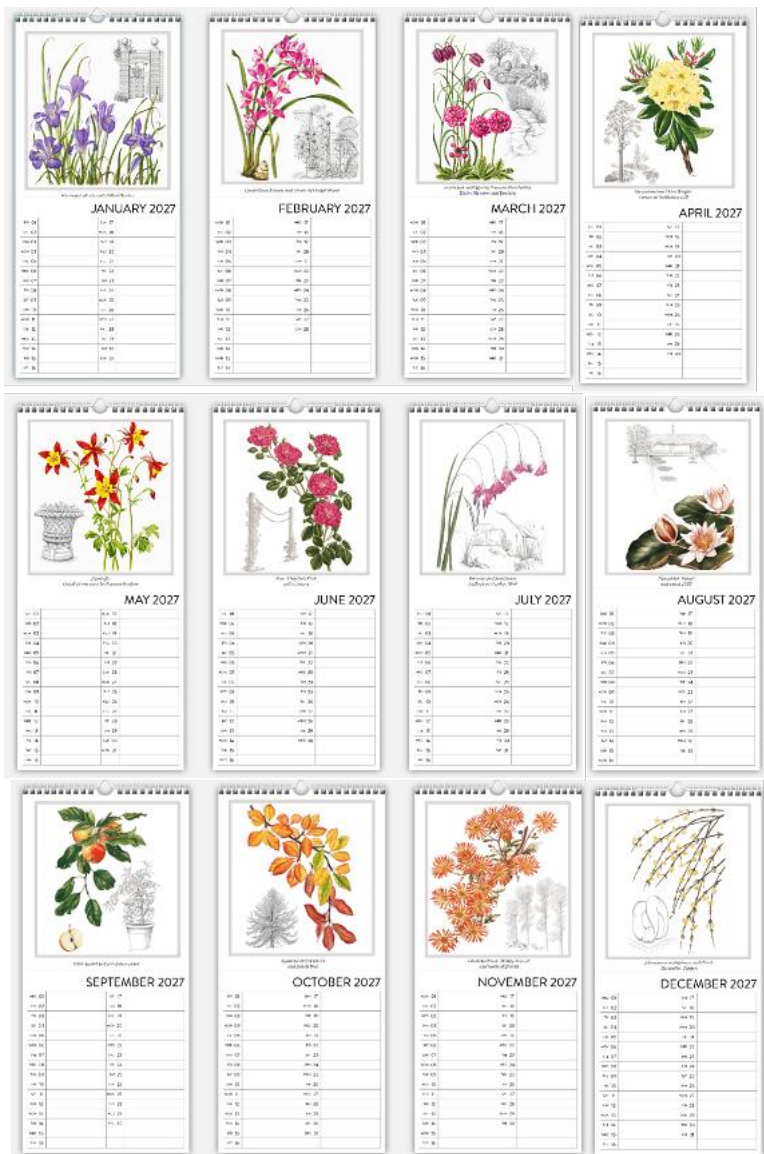
Details about pre-ordering will be available soon and the calendars, and a selection of greetings card by Pauline, will be available at the All Saints' Autumn Fair on 19th September.

Watch this space and local social media for more information!

If you have any early queries, please email:

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Jo Dwyer



THE ORDINATION OF REVD ANDY WELLS. REVD

On Sunday 28th June Andy Wells and Lydia Padfield (nee Watson) were ordained. Toby Humphreys was Priested at Exeter Cathedral and is serving as curate at St. James at All Saints. Here are some pictures from the day.



LYDIA PADFIELD AND REVD TOBY HUMPHREYS

as Deacons in Guildford and Newcastle Cathedrals, respectively.
Andrews, Cullompton. Andy's ordination was followed by a lovely celebration tea



ARCTIC TERNS—DID YOU KNOW?!

We recently holidayed on Lindisfarne (more about that in September!) When there, we took a boat trip around the Farne Islands and onto the island of Inner Farne. Thank you to Beverly for recommending this outing!



I was absolutely blown away by the bird life on the Farne Islands. There was an abundance of puffin, guillemot, razorbill, kittiwake and arctic tern. They are all individually fascinating, but the arctic terns are not only beautiful, but incredible athletes!

Every year, the Arctic tern flies from the Arctic to Antarctica and then back again. Its migration is longer than any other bird's - seeing them fly about 40,000 to 59,000 miles per year. Enjoying the long summer days in both regions, this tern sees more daylight than any other creature on Earth.

Arctic terns can live for 30 years and in that lifetime, their flying distance is equivalent to going to the moon and back three times!

The terns nest on the ground and are fiercely protective of their young. We were advised to wear hats and walk quickly on when you hear their clicking sound that is their alarm call. (Eve did get divebombed by one protective parent!)

The Arctic tern mates for life and most pairs return to the same nesting spot every year. The Farne Islands have a nesting population of up to 3,000 pairs, most of them close to the 14th century chapel of St Cuthbert on Inner Farne.

The picture to the right shows a parent with a fluffy chick.



Trish Tye

NATIONAL ALLOTMENT WEEK - 10TH TO 16TH AUGUST

If you like allotments, then this week is for you.

It raises awareness of the very practical good that renting an allotment can do, in both providing space to grow your own food, but also in encouraging more connectedness with your immediate community.

This year the theme is 'Grow to Learn – Lifelong Lessons from the Allotment'. This highlights how time on the plot acts as a living classroom, teaching vital life skills such as resilience, patience, and creative problem-solving.

The National Allotment Society began in 1901, with the formation of the Agricultural Organisation Society. It grew rapidly, until by the time of WW2, from 1939 to 1945 there were 1.4 million plots supporting the 'Dig for Victory' campaign.

Nowadays there are about 330,000 allotment plots in the UK, managed by hundreds of different local councils and independent societies. The average rent is about £45 a year for a standard 5-pole plot (125 sq. metres).

If you want an allotment, you will have to wait. Demand for plots is currently at an all-time high, making the average wait 37 months. London is averaging 69 months, while in Islington, some people have been on the list for more than a decade.

The best crops for first-time allotmenters? You might want to try potatoes, onions, garlic, runner beans, courgettes, carrots, salad leaves, beetroot or strawberries.

In Guildford we have the 'Guildford Allotments Cooperative Society Limited' who manage the 14 allotment sites in and around Guildford in partnership with Guildford Borough Council.

There's lots of useful information on their website:

www.guildfordallotments.org.uk/

parishpump.org.uk



Tip

LOOKING AFTER WILDLIFE IN THE HEAT



Whilst the heatwaves are coming and going across the UK, the reality is that we will have many more extreme-weather periods in the months and years ahead due to climate change. So, while there is a real danger to wildlife in times of drought and dryness, it can also be a chance for us to make sure life continues in abundance.

So what can we do to ensure nature has a chance in these dry and hot times? Here are some of our top actions for wildlife.

1. Make sure you have a supply of water for birds and insects. Water stress is one of the biggest killers of wildlife during drought. Put a dish of water out and you will help to keep all kinds of wildlife hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds and even badgers, foxes and deer will benefit. Putting a stone in a plant saucer will help bees to perch and drink without drowning.
2. Don't forget to continue to supply food for wildlife. Drought can mean that grains dry up faster and insect numbers reduce, so wildlife relies on us for extra support. Hedgehogs struggle to find invertebrates when the ground is dry, as worms move deeper down. Why not put out some hedgehog food too? Make sure it's from a reputable source like the RSPB shop.

3. Avoid cutting your grass. Keeping grass long will help retain moisture, provide a source of shelter for insects and mammals and keep the topsoil from blowing away.
4. Keep your bushes unpruned. Creating shaded areas will help reduce your garden's temperature, slowing the effects of drought.
5. Make sure you keep fruit trees well watered – with a can not a hose. Don't waste water trying to keep grass alive – instead, focus your attention on flowering and fruiting species. This will help to keep a food source for pollinating insects and for birds and other animals.
6. Adding mulch around trees, shrubs, and plants in your garden helps retain soil moisture, reduces watering needs during drought and improves soil health. Use organic mulch like grass cuttings, wood chips or straw, spread two to three inches deep and avoid direct contact with plant stems.



ALL SAINTS' ORCHARD PROJECT

Volunteer Mornings



ALL WELCOME IN THE CHURCH FIELD
10.30AM-1.00PM

Please bring your gloves!

ALISON MOULDEN LLM

Soon after the ordinations, we celebrated again! On Saturday 4th July, Alison Moulden was re-licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister.

Several hundred people gathered at Guildford Cathedral for the Diocese's second annual Celebration of Lay Ministry, with Bishop Paul leading the service.



THANK YOU...

to the Jesson-Atkins family who very kindly baked wonderful cakes for us all to enjoy after the confirmation service on Sunday 5th July.

Congratulations to Sue, Gwen, Mary, Favour, Joseph and Phoebe who were all confirmed at a very special service led by Bishop Christopher Herbert.



All Saints' HEAR HERE CLINIC



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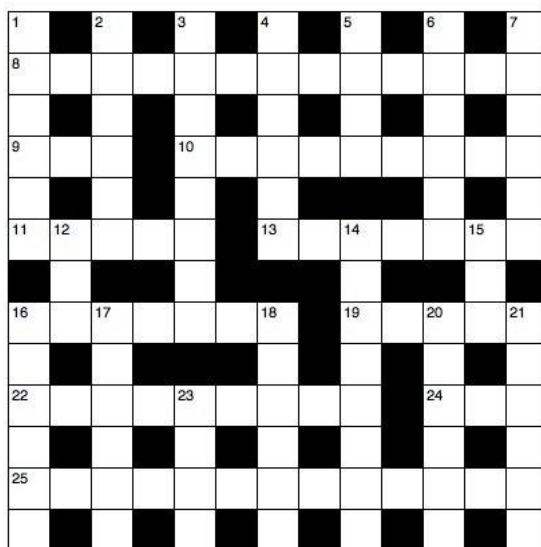
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PUZZLE PAGE

CROSSWORD

Answers on page 42



Across

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

Down

- 1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)
 2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)

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

SUDOKU

Solution on page 34

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

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The TEN YOUNG WOMEN



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS - WE CALL THEM "PARABLES".



JESUS ONCE SPOKE ABOUT TEN YOUNG WOMEN



THEY HAD BEEN INVITED TO A WEDDING - AND THEY WERE WAITING FOR THE BRIDGROOM.



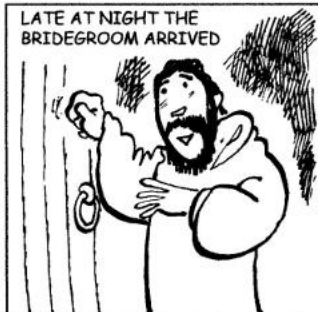
EACH ONE HAD AN OIL LAMP.



BUT ONLY FIVE OF THEM HAD BROUGHT ALONG SOME SPARE OIL.



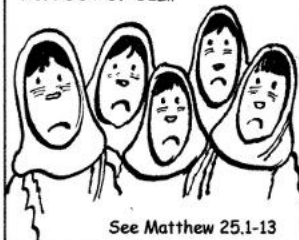
LATE AT NIGHT THE BRIDGROOM ARRIVED



FIVE YOUNG WOMEN COULD LIGHT HIS WAY.



THE OTHER FIVE FELT VERY FOOLISH - THEIR LAMPS HAD RUN OUT OF OIL!!



See Matthew 25.1-13

SUDOKU SOLUTION

Grid on page 31

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



...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!

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A RECIPE FOR AUGUST:

Plum Cake

Ingredients

Butter (for greasing)
2 tbsp demerara sugar
500g plums

For the cake

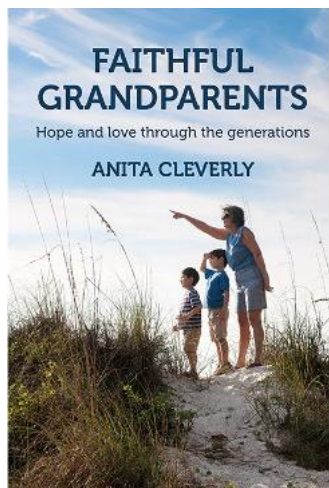
175g butter
175g dark muscovado sugar
140g golden syrup
2 eggs (beaten)
200ml milk
300g self-raising flour
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 tbsp ground ginger
1 tsp mixed spice



Method

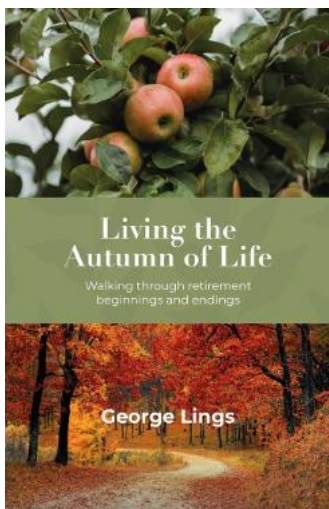
1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease and line the base of a 23cm square cake tin with baking parchment. Butter the paper generously and sprinkle with the demerara sugar. Halve the plums and arrange in the base of the tin in one layer, cut-sides down.
2. For the cake, melt the butter, muscovado sugar and syrup in a large pan over a low heat, stirring until smooth. Cool for 10 mins, then stir in the eggs and milk. Sift in the flour, bicarbonate of soda and spices, then mix to a smooth batter.
3. Pour the batter into the tin, over the plums, and bake for 45-55 mins until firm to the touch. Cool in the tin for 10 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack and leave to cool. Will keep in the fridge, wrapped in baking parchment and foil, for up to five days.

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WORSHIP AND READINGS

2026	8am	10am	4pm
2nd August, Trinity 9	Holy Communion Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-5 and Matthew 14:13-21	Cafe Style Altogether Worship Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-5 and Matthew 14:13-21	Tea Time Church Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-5 and Matthew 14:13-21
9th August, Trinity 10		Church Family Communion 1 Kings 19:9-18, Romans 10:5-15 and Matthew 14:22-33	Tea Time Church 1 Kings 19:9-18, Romans 10:5-15 and Matthew 14:22-33
16th August, Trinity 11	BCP Communion Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 and Matthew 15:21-28	Morning Worship Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 and Matthew 15:21-28	Tea Time Church Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 and Matthew 15:21-28
23rd August, Trinity 12		Church Family Communion Isaiah 51:1-6, Romans 12:1-8 and Matthew 16:13-20	Tea Time Church Isaiah 51:1-6, Romans 12:1-8 and Matthew 16:13-20
30th August, Trinity 13		Church Family Communion Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-end and Matthew 16:21-end	Tea Time Church Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-end and Matthew 16:21-end



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Tuesday 4th, 7.30pm	Altogether Worship Planning
Wednesday 5th, 10.00am	Central Team Meeting
Wednesday 5th, 10.30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Wednesday 5th, 2.30pm-4.00pm	Tea & Cake at The Vicarage
Thursday 6th, 8.00pm	Men's Group 'Exploring the Way'
Friday 7th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Saturday 8th, 9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday 12th, 12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch Group
Wednesday 12th, 2.30pm-	Tea & Cake at The Vicarage
Wednesday 12th, 7.30pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Wednesday 12th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 14th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Saturday 15th, 9.00am-1.00pm	Sponsored Bible Reading Event
Sunday 16th, 5.00pm	Confirmation Group
Monday 17th, 2.00pm-3.00pm	Hearing Clinic
Wednesday 19th, 2.30pm	Dray Court Service
Thursday 20th, 8.00pm	Men's Group 'Exploring the Way'
Wednesday 26th, 2.30pm-4pm	Tea & Cake at The Vicarage
Wednesday 26th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 28th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
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Crossword answers (grid on page 30)

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

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

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