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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](mailto: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](https://www.youtube.com/@allsaintsguildford)



## THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE



Every three years, in May, all clergy in the Diocese of Guildford gather together for a 'Triennial Conference'. The event takes place over three days, and at a conference centre called 'The Hayes' in Swanwick, Derbyshire. There's always a strong line-up of national and sometimes international speakers; and also plenty of time to reflect and be renewed in faith. This year the theme of the conference is, 'Rooted and Reaching: Church for a Changing World'. I'll be going with Alison Moulden, a Mission Enabler for the Dio-

cese; and Paul Young (Kerensa) who will be our guest entertainer – to make sure there are lighter moments too during the day and in the evenings!

I find the theme for this year interesting: 'Rooted and Reaching: Church for a Changing World'. It reminds me that we need to have deep roots in Christ our Lord and Saviour; roots that will sustain us through the demands and challenges of our lives. If our roots are shallow, we will be blown off course when the unexpected and unwelcome happens. We need to be deeply rooted in prayer, in worship, in fellowship with other Christians, if we're to weather the storms of life.

But we also need to be 'reaching' – reaching out to those around us, reaching out to people in need, graciously offering the Good News of the Gospel to those who are seeking. That means taking time to pray for those around us – our families, our friends, our neighbours. When we pray, coincidences – rather God-instances – happen; the Lord may put across our path someone we need to reach out to. It means taking time to look around us; to look with the eyes of faith at the world about us; to listen to people with the same attentiveness that Jesus had. As we pray, and look and listen, we will find ourselves reaching out in faith to the world that the Lord created and loves so much.

The theme of the conference also reminds us that we live in a 'Changing World'. Our world is certainly changing fast, but we need not fear. It is God's world; he created it and he sustains it; and he calls us to live by faith within it. As we do that we'll find ourselves increasingly rooted in Christ, and daily reaching out to those the Lord chooses to call us to serve. Please pray for the conference, for me and Alison and Paul, and for our Diocese as we seek to respond afresh to the Lord's call on our lives.

*Beverly*

MISSION FOCUS:  
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK  
10<sup>TH</sup> TO 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY



*Your faith.*

*Make it count.*

*Seven days to make a difference...what will you do?*

Christian Aid Week is our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households – to stand alongside people living in poverty. For one focused week, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray and act together. This year, what will we do at All Saints? (see the end of this article!)

### **Why take part in Christian Aid Week?**

The money raised during Christian Aid Week by All Saints and other churches could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. Most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. Fridah knows this reality well. But she's determined to protect her children and grandchildren from hunger. Through Christian Aid's local partner, Beacon of Hope, Fridah has received tools, seeds and training to grow fresh vegetables in a small city space – food she can cook for her family or sell to earn income. At the end of a narrow alley near her home, Fridah now tends her own urban farm. She grows kale, tomatoes and indigenous vegetables. Some feed her family. Some she sells. For Fridah, this means more than food. It means stability and choice. ***“Now I can plan. I can buy this; I can buy that. I can help my family. It's hard, but in God I trust, for the strength to keep going every day.”***



Christian Aid was founded by British and Irish Churches in 1945 to provide humanitarian relief to refugees and displaced people in Europe following the Second World War.

Nowadays, Christian Aid works with some of the world's most vulnerable communities in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. The website states:

**Together with our supporters and partners, we aim:**

- ✦ to expose poverty throughout the world
- ✦ to help in practical ways to end it
- ✦ to highlight, challenge and change the structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.

**We believe in life before death**

- ✦ We seek to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ, who commanded his followers to love their neighbours and work for a better world.
- ✦ We stand with the most vulnerable and excluded people of the world – both in times of crisis and for the longer term. We give people survival essentials when they are without shelter or refuge, and help them find the strength and resources they need to flourish and protect themselves from shocks and disasters. We support people to stand up for their rights and to build stable, secure lives they can enjoy living.

**We're part of a global movement for change**

- ✦ Together, we have great influence and impact. We want people to pray with us, to act, to give and to get involved with us in a variety of ways.
- ✦ We work to educate and mobilise people from all kinds of backgrounds to build a movement that can change the course of history and bring social justice to all.



**A partner staff member prepares hygiene kits for distribution in northwest Syria**

✦ We campaign to ensure a more equal division of power in the world, promoting the rights and voices of women and girls – and anyone discriminated against because of who they are. We push our political leaders to tackle climate change and tax dodging – which hit the poorest the hardest – and for our society to welcome those who have been forced to flee their homes overseas.

We at All Saints can be part of this movement to bring help to those who are in need. **In Christian Aid week we can:**

1) **Deliver envelopes** to houses in this area (no need to collect them – we put information on the back of each envelope as to how people can give online, or where they can return their envelopes to). If you even have 30 minutes to spare in Christian Aid week please deliver some envelopes. Please sign up on the list in the church entrance which road(s) you would like to deliver to – envelopes can be collected from the church entrance nearer the time **to be delivered only from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

2) **Take part in the cake sale and car wash** at Onslow Village Hall from **2pm to 4:30pm on Saturday 16th May.** This is always popular – last year we had a constant stream of cars all afternoon, and sold many cakes. Please come and support this – bake cakes, buy cakes, wash cars and bring your car to be washed. **Also please encourage your neighbours to come.** Please let Katherine Hopwood know what help you can offer.

3) **Give to Christian Aid** – either return an envelope to All Saints, or give online with the QR code or link below.



[fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/all-saints-guildford-2026-christian-aid-week](https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/all-saints-guildford-2026-christian-aid-week)

4) **Pray** for the work of Christian Aid.

*Katherine Hopwood*

# All Saints' HEAR HERE CLINIC



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September 21st  
October 19th  
November 16th  
December 21st

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maintenance,  
battery changes  
and advice**

## SMALL CHURCHES: ALL SAINTS' CHURCH KEDLESTONE

On our recent trip to Staffordshire and Derbyshire we visited a couple of National Trust properties. The first was Shugborough, the second, Kedlestone Hall.

When we arrived at Kedlestone, I was reminded of Richard Hemingway's 'Small Churches' series we enjoyed earlier in the year, so here is my contribution.



Kedlestone Hall is the seat of the Curzon Family and has been occupied by the family for over 700 years. All Saints' Church is all that remains of the medieval village of Kedlestone which was demolished in 1759 by Nathaniel Curzon to make way for his country house and parkland. The church is no longer in use and is under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

Kedlestone is recorded in the Domesday Book and it is known that a church was there in 1198. The church was largely rebuilt in the 13th century with major restoration taking place in 1884-85 by John Oldrid Scott.

The church is mostly filled with memorials to members of the Curzon family. In 1906, after the untimely death of Mary Leiter, 1st Lady Curzon, Lord Curzon commissioned G F Bodley to design a memorial chapel. The north wall of the nave was removed and the chapel constructed over a large burial vault.

The chapel contains a marble tomb for Lady Curzon (right).



*Trish Tye*



**ASCENSION DAY  
THURSDAY 14TH MAY**

Join us for a service of  
Holy Communion  
at 9.30am  
in the Reading Room



**PENTECOST  
SUNDAY 24TH MAY**

10am All-Age  
Communion  
4pm Tea-time Church





## FROM QUEEN ELEANOR'S JUNIOR SCHOOL.

This month, we're pleased to share with readers a piece of writing by one of the students at QE. They were asked: *Can I express my own ideas about the Holy Trinity?*

### **Holy Trinity**

Throughout this unit I have learnt about the Holy Trinity being three but one and the different aspects of each part as well as the fact that God the Father is God the Son, God the Son is not God the Holy Spirit and God the Holy Spirit is not God the Father. But they all come together as one God.

### **God the Father**

God the Father is the creator of earth.

God the Father is the father of the son.

God the Father is always watching us like Santa Claus. It is our job to protect the wonderful planet he has created for us.

Even though he is mad at Adam and Eve and our sins, he still loves us through our skin and bones.

### **God the Son**

God the Son is the father in humans.

God the Son is Jesus our saviour.

God the Son is the one who fed us.

He sacrificed himself for us to live and we must show our gratitude by praying , doing the right thing and being kind with all our heart to people.



# Car Wash & Bake Sale



**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
**2pm to 4.30pm**  
**Onslow Village Hall Car Park**



Car wash and bake sale organised by All  
Saints' Church

- ★ Christian Aid helps farmers to buy tools, and gives training, to enable them to adjust to climate change.
  - ★ Christian Aid provides emergency relief – after earthquakes, droughts, during times of war
  - ★ Christian Aid aims to end poverty
  - ★ Christian Aid helps those of all faiths and none
- Charity no: 1105851

## SO. WHO ACTUALLY RUNS THE CATHEDRAL?

*The Very Reverend Bob Cooper, Dean of Guildford, lifts the lid on life at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit*

Let me begin with a confession. When people discover that I am the Dean of Guildford, one of two things tends to happen. Either their eyes glaze over in the polite but unmistakable way that suggests they have absolutely no idea what a Dean is, or they say, with tremendous confidence, “Ah, so you work for the Bishop!”

Both responses are entirely understandable. The Church of England has spent centuries developing a structure of near-impenetrable complexity, and we should probably apologise for that. But here is a thing that might surprise you: the Bishop does not run the Cathedral. I do. In fact, and this is the bit that tends to raise an eyebrow, the Bishop cannot even enter their own Cathedral to conduct a service without my permission. We call this being a “Peculiar.” I have always felt that to be rather an apt description! However, our bishops are always welcome at Guildford Cathedral.

Cathedrals in the Church of England are legally and constitutionally independent of the diocese. They are governed by their own body, the Chapter, which I chair as Dean. Think of it, if it helps, as the board of a moderately complicated company with a large choir and a deep theological vocation.



### ***What Does a Dean Actually Do?***

That is a question I ask myself most mornings, usually whilst staring at an inbox that has somehow acquired another forty emails overnight. The short answer is, a great deal. The longer answer involves leading daily worship, preaching, presiding at the major services of the cathedral year, overseeing our clergy and

staff team, managing a beautiful building that has opinions of its own about heating and stonework, and, perhaps most importantly, casting a vision for what a cathedral is actually for in the twenty-first century.

Guildford Cathedral is a remarkable place. It is one of only two twentieth-century cathedrals built on a new site in England, and it sits on Stag Hill in a way that means it can be seen from miles around — a deliberate act of theological confidence, or possibly optimism, depending on your view of the 1950s. It is a working cathedral: we hold services every single day, welcome thousands of visitors, support schools across the diocese, and serve as a focus for civic and community life across Surrey. On any given week, you might find us hosting a school carol service, ordaining new priests, welcoming a state visit, or simply being a place of quiet prayer for someone who has wandered in off the street and needed somewhere to sit.

### ***Mother Church***

There is an ancient title that belongs to every cathedral, and it is one I find deeply moving: the cathedral is the Mother Church of the diocese. Every parish church in Surrey, including All Saints is, in a real sense, a daughter of this place. The word “cathedral” itself comes from the Latin *cathedra*, the bishop’s chair, which sits at the heart of our building as a symbol of teaching, authority, and pastoral care extended across the whole diocese.

What that means in practice is that the cathedral exists not for itself, but for everyone. It is a resource for the whole Christian family of Surrey: a place where clergy are ordained and sent out, where the diocese gathers for its great common celebrations, where the threads of the Church’s life across hundreds of communities are drawn together. When a new priest is ordained here at Guildford, they will go out to serve in parishes across the county. When schools bring children here for worship, those children are standing, perhaps for the first time, in the mother house of the faith of this region. There is something both humbling and magnificent about that.

That is why we think of parish churches and cathedrals not as rivals or alternatives, but as partners. You are not choosing between your local church and the cathedral any more than you might choose between your family home and the place where the whole family gathers for Christmas. Both matter. Both need each other.

### ***A Bit About Me***

I came to Guildford a eighteen months ago after serving as Archdeacon of Sunderland, and before that as a parish priest in Pontefract which gives you a reasonably good sense of my ecclesiastical journey across the country, even if the weather has improved considerably. My wife Kate has been a patient companion throughout all of this, and I am grateful that she finds cathedrals as interesting as I do. Most of the time.

Outside of cathedral life, I have a weakness for fine wine (I maintain this is vocational research into hospitality), and cricket, a game which I regard as a near-perfect expression of the Anglican via media: the capacity to do very little for a very long time whilst remaining convinced that something significant might happen! I am also working my way through the BFI's list of the 100 greatest British films, which is proving both enriching and occasionally deeply peculiar. I have walked the Camino Portugues, which I can recommend without hesitation to anyone who enjoys blisters, beautiful landscapes, and long theological conversations with strangers.

### ***Why the Cathedral Matters***

People sometimes ask whether cathedrals are relevant. I find this a slightly puzzling question when I look at the numbers; the thousands who attend our services, the schools we serve, the concerts and events we host, the visitors who come simply to stand in a space that speaks of something larger than themselves. But I think I understand the anxiety behind it.

The world is noisy and getting noisier. The cathedral offers something increasingly rare: beauty, silence, depth, and a story that has been told in this place every single day through prayer and praise, in sunshine and difficulty alike. That is not irrelevant. I would argue it is more necessary than ever.

So do come and visit us at Guildford Cathedral. You will be warmly welcomed. And if you happen to see a Bishop arriving, do let me know — I'll make sure the door is open.

*The Very Reverend Bob Cooper is Dean of Guildford, the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.*

## MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY: WALK FROM ALL SAINTS TO PUTTENHAM

More details in April's Magazine, pages 16 - 18. Like last year, people can join us for the whole walk, or just part of a walk.

Options include:

1) **Walk All Saints to Watts Gallery** (and arrange your own transport back from there, or walk back yourselves). (2.5 miles one way approx. 1 hour) Leave All Saints 10.15am.

2) **Don't walk at all** – but join us 11.15am to 12 noon for a cup of tea or coffee (at own cost) at Watts Gallery.

3) **Walk Watts Gallery to Puttenham at 12 noon** – there will be a car at Puttenham if someone needs to leave at that point. (1.8 miles, approx. 40 minutes)

4) Join us just for the **picnic lunch** at Puttenham church (bring own food and drink, mat to sit on) about 12.45pm.

5) Walk back from **Puttenham to Watts Gallery** (where there will be a car that can give lifts back to All Saints).

6) Walk back **from Watts Gallery to church**.

A few hardy people did the whole walk last year – but it's also fine to just do one part of the walk in one direction! (NB let leaders know if you are leaving the walk). It's a great walk as there are opportunities for people to walk as much or as little as they wish.



*Katherine Hopwood*

## EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WEARING A CROSS AS A NECKLACE?

“Good morning, sir, madam. You’re interested in a cross and chain I believe? Very wise, sir, if I might say so. So modern, so chic. Never out of fashion. Will you be interested in one with the little man on it, or without?”

*“Let us see both, please.”*

“Very wise sir. Now here we have the traditional model, but with a small diamond in the centre. Let’s people know you’re not without means, just a gentle hint there. Discreet size too, sir, not too pushy if you see what I mean. No?... Okay, what about this one... you look like a sporty-type sir, this one is lightweight, comes in various colours, to blend with your track suit or gym wear....or this one sir..... the ‘Weekend’ model - slightly larger so you can project well, particularly on Sundays, sir..... Or we have this one sir, imported from Jerusalem, so it’s very authentic, made of olive wood, I think there’s a special something about that don’t you sir?... Or here’s our very latest model, just come in, it’s recyclable, so when you get tired of it you can happily recycle it and know it’s not going to landfill. Very ethical sir.

“Now madam, here’s one of our high-end models, which I think madam will like; encrusted with small rubies, very appropriate I’m sure you’ll agree. Again, it gives just that little hint you’re a discerning person, yes? Or this one, it’s in plain gold, but rather larger because it plays ‘There is a green hill far away’ if you touch it, which is very sweet, don’t you think? “

*‘We were looking for something more traditional, plainer.’*

“Well, we can do that sir, if you wish. I just thought that madam might like something more in keeping with the times, if you see what I mean. Right, so two plain cross and chains. I’ll wrap them up right away...”

*By the Revd Roy Shaw, a retired but active priest in the diocese of York, where he is a spiritual director. Courtesy of parishpump.co.uk*



**Amethyst and diamond pendant, circa 1920, worn by Princess Diana in 1987. It was brought at auction in 2023 for £163,800.**

# ALL SAINTS' ***YOUTH GROUP***

## **SAVE THESE DATES!**

-  Sunday 17th May
-  Sunday 14th June
-  Sunday 19th July
-  Sunday 20th September
-  Sunday 18th October

**5.30-7.30PM IN THE CHURCH HALL**  
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## SAINTS OF MAY

### 9th May: Pachomius, the patron saint of administrators

Have you ever worked for a disorganised organisation? You know the scene: your boss lives in a mild panic, your goals and deadlines keep being changed, your colleagues whisper darkly in corners, emails contradict each other, meetings lead to more confusion... and you go home each night with a headache. Pachomius should be the patron saint of administrators everywhere. For back in the 4th century, without a computer or even a mobile he managed to run 11 separate monasteries like clockwork. He was born into a pagan family in Upper Egypt at the end of the third century, and as a youth conscripted into the army. On his release in 313 he became two things: a Christian and a hermit (probably craved some peace and quiet!). But Pachomius was no loner, and when other monks gradually sought him out, he did with them what he did best: he organised them. By 320 he had founded his first monastery.

Pachomius seems to have had exceptional powers of administration, no doubt perfected by his years of disciplined army life. By the time of his death in 346, he presided over nine large monasteries for men and two for women. Each monastery was divided into houses, according to its craft, such as agriculture, tailoring or baking.

Pachomius knew how to delegate: each house had its own leader. He knew how to keep in touch: he held team leaders' meetings twice a year. Pachomius knew about supply chains: food and drink never ran out. Pachomius knew about marketing: he found buyers for their produce in Alexandria. Pachomius knew about delivering a vision: a daily pattern of work and prayer and sleep was set in place to make sure that the monks and nuns could devote themselves to God for hours each day in prayer, and in memorising the Psalms and other Bible passages. He knew how to help people get things done. No wonder his Rule went on to influence that of Basil and Benedict. Certainly the gift of administration is listed by St Paul as a genuine gift of God, and prudence and clear forward planning are highly prized in the Proverbs.



## 20<sup>th</sup> May: Alcuin of York, Abbot of Tours, a teacher of genius

Here is a saint for all primary school teachers who have a passion to help children learn to read and write.

Alcuin was born near York in about 735. His family were of noble stock, and they sent him to York Cathedral School, which had the best teachers in the land. They soon realised that Alcuin had a genius for learning, and within a few years he had become master of the school himself. Under his guidance, the fame of the school grew, with more pupils and an ever-increasing library.

In 781 Alcuin visited Rome, where he met Charlemagne, then King of the Franks, who persuaded him to move to Aachen and become master of the palace school – in effect his minister of education.

Alcuin did a magnificent job – he went on to establish a primary school in every town and village, and because the teachers were the clergy, he saw to it that their own literacy and education were improved. But Alcuin did much more – he set up scriptoria for the copying and preservation of ancient manuscripts, for which we owe him the survival of many classical authors. He is also credited with inventing cursive script – or as we know it, ‘joined-up writing’ – as an aid to speedier copying.

Alcuin also revised the Latin liturgy, wrote nine biblical commentaries, revised the Vulgate Bible, and supported the orthodox doctrine of the procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son.

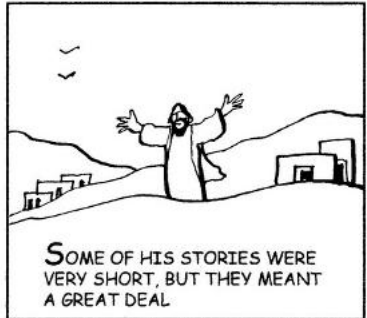
By 796, Alcuin was over 60 and ready to retire. Charlemagne appointed him Abbot of St Martin’s at Tours, and here, in his declining years, he built up a model monastic school as he had done at York and Aachen. He died in May 804, but his influence lives on today, and affects hundreds of millions of us – all of us, in fact, who use joined-up writing!



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# The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast

JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS

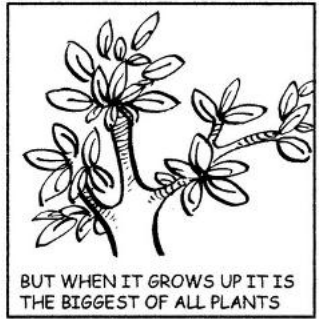


SOME OF HIS STORIES WERE  
VERY SHORT, BUT THEY MEANT  
A GREAT DEAL

ONCE JESUS EXPLAINED HOW  
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN  
WAS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

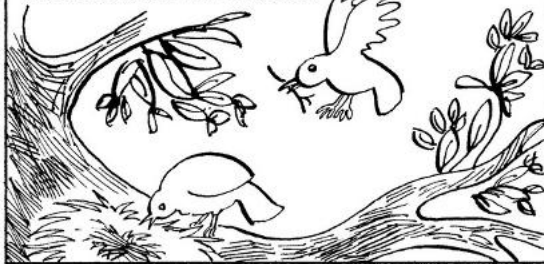


IT IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST  
OF SEEDS....



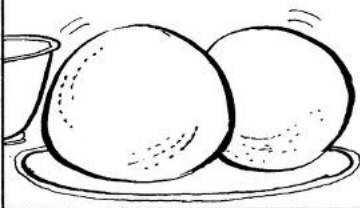
BUT WHEN IT GROWS UP IT IS  
THE BIGGEST OF ALL PLANTS

IT BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT BIRDS COME AND MAKE  
THEIR NESTS IN THE BRANCHES



JESUS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE  
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE YEAST.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A TINY INGREDIENT,  
WHEN IT'S MIXED WITH THE FLOUR,  
THE WHOLE BATCH OF DOUGH RISES



THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF SAYING THAT EVEN IF WE  
HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF FAITH... IT CAN MAKE A  
HUGE DIFFERENCE TO OUR LIVES, AND TO THE LIVES  
OF OTHERS.

## A RECIPE FOR MAY: SALMON & ASPARAGUS ONE-POT GRATIN

**Serves 4**

- ★ 30g dried breadcrumbs
- ★ 2 sprigs parsley - leaves chopped
- ★ 100g parmesan
- ★ 1 tsp olive oil
- ★ 25g unsalted butter
- ★ 1 red onion - finely chopped
- ★ 1 garlic clove - crushed or finely grated
- ★ 300ml double cream
- ★ 100ml milk
- ★ 500g asparagus - trimmed and halved
- ★ 4 skinless salmon fillets



1. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Combine the breadcrumbs, parsley and 25g parmesan, then set aside.
2. Heat the oil and butter in a large flameproof casserole over a medium heat and fry the onion for 5 mins until starting to soften.
3. Stir in the garlic, and cook for 1-2 mins more to soften slightly, then stir in the cream, milk and remaining parmesan.
4. Bring to a simmer and cook until the cheese has melted, then season well, stir and remove from the heat.
5. Tip in the asparagus and ensure it is submerged in the sauce.
6. Put in the salmon fillets, skin-side down.
7. Scatter the cheesy breadcrumb mixture over the salmon fillets, then transfer to the oven and bake for 14-16 mins until the salmon is cooked through and the breadcrumb topping is lightly golden.

*Thanks to [bbcgoodfood.com](http://bbcgoodfood.com)*

Dear Lord,

We pray for all the GCSE students this month and next who are sitting these important exams. We pray that you will guide them with their answers and pray that they will achieve the grades they need and bless their futures.

Amen

Toby

### Crossword answers (grid on page 30)

**ACROSS:** 1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel. 16, To do. 17, Incite. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash. 23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, Noah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus.

**DOWN:** 2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing. 8, Opportunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet. 24, Hindu. 25, Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.

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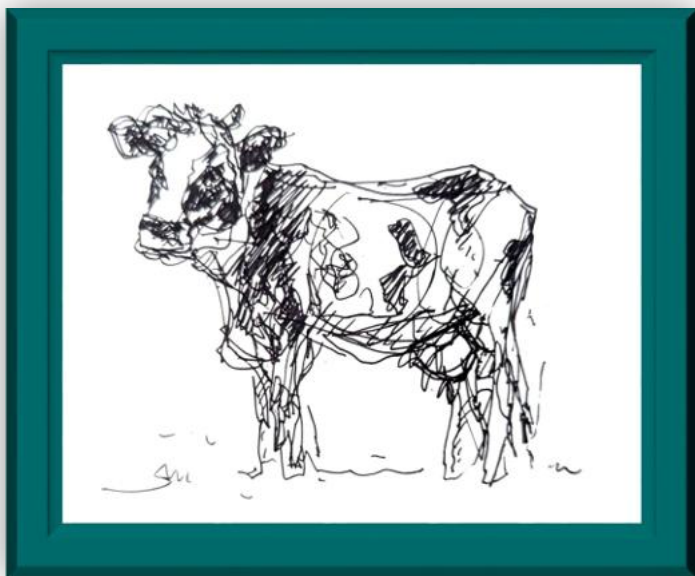
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## SUDOKU SOLUTION

Grid on page 31

8	9	2	1	4	6	7	3	5
5	1	7	3	2	8	9	6	4
6	4	3	9	5	7	8	2	1
7	5	8	4	6	9	3	1	2
9	3	6	8	1	2	4	5	7
4	2	1	7	3	5	6	9	8
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- 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and—  
awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)  
30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my  
chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

### Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)  
3 'A bruised — He will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)  
4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the an-  
gel' (Luke 2:13) (4)  
5 Slip (anag.) (4)  
6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will  
become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)  
7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)  
8 'Therefore, as we have —, let us do good to all people' (Galatians  
6:10) (11)  
12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)  
14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)  
15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on——!' (Philippians 2:8)  
(1,5)  
19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7)  
20 'She began to—his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3)  
24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)  
25 'Give to everyone who—you' (Luke 6:30) (4)  
26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm  
121:1) (4)  
27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem  
and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

## SUDOKU

Solution on page 33

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

## HALL FOR HIRE

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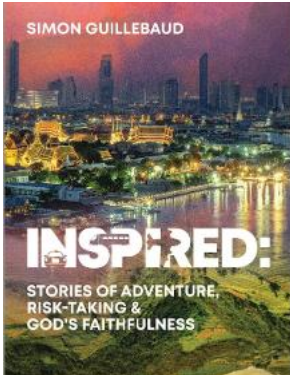
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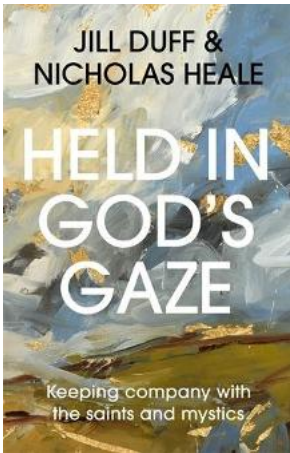


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Jill Duff and Nicholas Heale invite readers to share in their experience of friendship with holy figures, from ancient and Celtic saints to medieval mystics, women spiritual leaders, the Spanish Mystics, and modern voices of faith. Through short, engaging chapters, the authors explore how these saints encountered God through prayer, scripture, and devotion, offering reflections that help readers grow in spiritual maturity. Each chapter concludes with study questions, perfect for individual meditation or group discussion.



# Onslow Village Garden Club

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Our next Club meeting will be on **Wednesday 20th May**, at the usual time of 7.30pm in Onslow Village Hall, when Andrew Halstead will be speaking about 'Beneficial Insects in the Garden'. Andrew is a retired RHS Principal Entomologist and a very experienced speaker.

*Anne Bradbeer*



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- ★ Make or buy a bee hotel
- ★ Let some wild flowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase

For more about World Bee Day visit:  
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Oh God, Creator of the earth,  
We pray for tiny, buzzing worth.  
Bees work so hard and true,  
To pollinate and bring life anew.  
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Amen



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## WORSHIP AND READINGS

2026	8am	10am	4pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May, Easter 5</b>	Holy Communion  Acts 7:55-end, 1 Peter 2:2-10 and John 14:1-14	Altogether Worship  Acts 7:55-end, 1 Peter 2:2-10 and John 14:1-14	Tea Time Church  Acts 7:55-end, 1 Peter 2:2-10 and John 14:1-14
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May, Easter 6</b>  (and the beginning of Christian Aid Week)		Church Family Communion  Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-end and John 14:15-21	Tea Time Church  Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-end and John 14:15-21
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Ascension Day</b>		<i>9.30am Ascension Day Holy Communion</i>  Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-end and Luke 24:44-end	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May, Easter 7</b>	BCP Communion  Acts 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; and John 17:1-11	Morning Worship  Acts 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; and John 17:1-11	Tea Time Church  Acts 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; and John 17:1-11
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May, Pentecost</b>		All-Age Communion  Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 and John 7:37-39	Tea Time Church  Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 and John 7:37-39

# WORSHIP AND READINGS CONT.

2026	8am	10am	4pm
31 <sup>st</sup> May, Trinity Sunday		Church Family Communion  Isaiah 40:12-17,27-end; 2 Corinthians 13:11-end and Matthew 28:16-end	Tea Time Church  Isaiah 40:12- 17,27-end; 2 Corinthians 13:11-end and Matthew 28:16-end

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Sunday 3rd, 2.30pm	Confirmation Class
<i>Monday 4th</i>	<i>Early May Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 5th, 7.30pm	Altogether Worship Planning
Wednesday 6th, 10.30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Wednesday 6th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 8th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Saturday 9th, 9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 10th - Saturday	Christian Aid Week
Sunday 10th, 2.30pm	Confirmation Class
Monday 11th, 12.30pm	Women's Bible Study Group
Wednesday 13th, 12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch Group
<i>Thursday 14th</i>	<i>Ascension Day</i>
Thursday 14th, 8.00pm	Men's Group 'Exploring the Way'
Friday 15th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Friday 15th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Saturday 16th, 2pm-4.30pm	Christian Aid Car Wash & Cake Sale
Sunday 17th, 2.30pm	Confirmation Class
Sunday 17th, 5.30pm	Youth Group
Monday 18th, 2.00pm	Hear Here Clinic
Monday 18th, 8.00pm	Premises Team Meeting
Tuesday 19th, 12.00pm	Vision Group Chairs Meeting
Wednesday 20th, 10.00am	Central Team Meeting
Wednesday 20th, 2.30pm	Dray Court Service
Wednesday 20th, 7.15pm	PCC Meeting

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY CONT.

Wednesday 20th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 22nd, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
<i>Sunday 24th</i>	<i>Pentecost</i>
Sunday 24th, 2.30pm	Confirmation Class
<i>Monday 25th</i>	<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 26th, 10.30am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Thursday 28th, 8.00pm	Men's Group 'Exploring the Way'
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