

# Parish Grapevine

A monthly round-up of news, views, events and services at St George's, Heaviley, SK2 6NU, and St Gabriel's, Adswood *in the Parish of St George, Stockport.* [www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk](http://www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk)



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	Eliza 07967 798453 Louise 483 3703				

## Front cover photo:

This was a display of cottage garden flowers outside the Nether Alderley church last August

Photo by Rosie Stead

## Services and Events in October:

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# Embracing the Colours of October: A Season of Reflection and Renewal



**A**s the vibrant hues of autumn begin to paint the world around us, October arrives with a sense of wonder and change. My mother always used to say "the nights are drawing in" very frequently from September onwards with a feeling of dread. However, I

rather prefer to think of this time of the year as offering us the opportunity to be brought closer to the beauty of nature's transformation, reminding us of the ever-changing seasons of life. It is a time when we can reflect on our own spiritual journey, find solace in faith, and embrace the blessings that surround us.

In this season of reflection, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude. The harvest season encourages us to appreciate the abundance of blessings that God has bestowed upon us. It is a time to express gratitude for the bountiful gifts of nature, the love and support of our families and friends, and the unwavering presence of God in our lives.

As the days grow shorter and the nights longer, we can also find comfort in the warmth of fellowship. Our church community becomes a sanctuary where we can seek solace, share our joys and sorrows, and find strength in collective worship. Whether it's through prayer, church services or online events, we can come together to support one another and extend our love to those in need. The 2nd of October, by the way, also marks the day when I was welcomed into the wonderful St George's community. How time flies! It is a daily privilege to work among you all.

October also invites us to embrace the spirit of giving and service. As we witness the changing seasons, we are reminded of the cyclical nature of life and the importance of sowing seeds of kindness and compassion. Whether it's through acts of charity, volunteering, supporting our Shoebox appeal or

lending a helping hand in general, we can make a positive impact on the lives of others, demonstrating God's love in action.

In this season of transformation and renewal, let us all open our hearts to the colours of October. Let us embrace the beauty of change and find solace in the rhythms of nature. As we gather in the warmth of our church community, may we draw closer to God and to one another, seeking the strength and inspiration to navigate the seasons of life with faith, hope, and love.

May this October be a time of deep reflection, abundant blessings, and spiritual renewal for each and every one of us.

Jenny



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## Summer Baptisms

IT IS ALWAYS a pleasure to welcome new families into the church community through baptism. Over the summer we had two lovely christenings. The first was on 16th July and was of Miles Shaun Roy Livesey, seen here with parents Lauren and Rhys (see right). The second (below) was of Sofia Grace Cook pictured here with Jenny and from left to right: Keith Burnett (godparent), Darren and Vicki Cook (parents) and Clare Burnett (godparent) and Rebecca Robison (supporter). This was an extra special occasion as Keith was also baptised on the same day as his lovely god-daughter, Sofia. The third picture (below right) shows Keith and Sofia with her new prayer bear from St George's.



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# Raising the Poppy Fall



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## Parish News Roundup

### Holy Baptism

24th Sep Matilda Esme Burns

### Holy Matrimony

2nd Sep David and Lauren Bird

### Funerals

13th Sep Kathleen Margaret  
Heaward service in church  
followed by committal at  
the Cypress Chapel.

26th Sep Diane Johnson service at  
the Cypress Chapel  
followed by burial at Mill  
Lane Cemetery.

29th Sep Audrey Clare service at  
Christ Church Bebington  
followed by burial in Christ  
Church churchyard.

### Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows.

#### Main altar:

10th Sep Birthday memories of  
Kevin, from the Staley  
family.

17th Sep in loving memory of Peter  
and Margaret Pilbeam.

24th Sep from the Walton family, in  
loving memory of Brian.

#### Chapel flowers:

17th Sep from Sandra Noble, in  
loving memory of George  
and Dorothy Newitt.

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### Mothers' Union

We meet on **Monday October 9th** at  
2.15pm in the Parish Room when we  
welcome Carol from 'Steady in  
Stockport'.

This is a community-based  
organisation designed to offer people  
advice on how to prevent falls and  
accidents in the home, and general  
advice on staying safe in the home  
environment.

Please note that the north avenue will  
be open for parking.

Everyone is very welcome to attend  
what should prove to be a most  
interesting afternoon.

### Recycling Box

Please note: there are many items  
which are NOT suitable for the  
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Personal grooming items  
(straighteners, razors, hair dryers, etc.)

### Message Board

From the 2nd October the cost of first  
class stamps will rise by **15p** – the third

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increase in 18 months. At the moment  
they cost £1.10; they will then cost  
**£1.25**. *The rise is partly due to a  
dramatic fall in letters sent, says Royal  
Mail.* There is no increase in the cost of  
2nd class stamps, 75p – at the moment.

*Rosie*

### Services and events on Sunday 8th October

8am Holy Communion

10.15am Harvest Communion

12 noon Time for Reflection in the  
chapel area (20-30 minutes)

2pm Baby Memorial service

4pm Churches Together: Harvest  
Service at St Gabriel's, Adswood.

We will gratefully receive in-date  
canned and packaged goods for The  
Wellspring and also cosmetics, new  
underclothes, sanitary products and  
nappies for displaced and refugee  
families as part of our Harvest offerings.

### Baptisms, Bans and Marriage bookings:

Please contact the vicar:  
Telephone: 0161 456 9382  
or email:  
vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk

### November 2023

#### Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 20th Oct**  
Committee meeting: Tue 24th Oct

## St George's Christmas Tree Festival, 2023

AS I SAT down at the computer to write this article I thought that I'd just check my emails first, and sitting there were two application forms for the Christmas Tree Festival, so here we go again! It's really important that we try and keep the Festival fresh and relevant to everyone and explain clearly what we are providing. I'm guilty of the familiarity thing and sent out agendas earlier this year for the next CTF meeting. Jenny McKay then spent a puzzling few hours trying to work out what CTF meant – Christian Theology Foundation maybe, she certainly didn't think of Christmas Tree Festival!

So to the practical details – the Festival will be held from **Wednesday 29th November** until **Sunday 3rd December**. It will follow the familiar format with the infrastructure being laid out on the Monday and then the

exhibitors erecting their trees on the Tuesday. While it's fabulous to welcome back exhibitors from previous years, it's also exciting to see new exhibitors and welcome them to St George's – we had our first enquiry in August.

Forms will be available via the website, printed copies will be on the big table at the back, or I can email one to you very easily.

So please put the dates in your diary, and if you are able to volunteer to assist even if it's only for an hour, we would be extremely grateful. More details on that next month.

*Hazel Jenkins*



# Service to celebrate the life of Marjorie Olwen Garrido

29th July 1931 – 5th July 2023

THE COMMUNION SERVICE, to celebrate the life of Olwen Garrido, was held on August 12th and was conducted by the vicar of St George's, Revd Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall.

The entrance music was Handel's 'I know that my Redeemer liveth', followed by a welcome and opening prayer. After the first hymn, 'O Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the end', Olwen's son, David, gave the thoughts of the family.

He spoke of his mother's great faith, although she was afraid of death – maybe because of missing out – she loved life and never wanted to miss out! Her life was a life of love and devotion – and worry. She worried about everything and everybody. She didn't like any sort of risky activity.

Who would have thought that, whilst on holiday in Spain with a friend, she would fall head over heels with a Spanish gentleman! Victor noticed Olwen on the beach as he waited for a bus, and from that chance meeting to their final parting, they walked every step together.

Her parents had never seen a Spanish person before and were expecting someone dressed as a matador! It was quite a relief when Victor arrived to visit wearing a suit.

They never let each other down. Their lives had been lives of love and dedication to each other, and remained so until the last day. A true example to all.

The countless times Olwen sat in the avenue in the car, waiting in the dark, the wind and rain, whilst David



practised the organ, or was attending choir practices – one example of her selflessness – she never complained.

There were memories from the vicar who spoke of Olwen's faith – being able to partake in Communion and engaging in fellowship through groups. Worship was at the heart of her week. She was a faithful and long-standing valued member of the Mothers' Union.

Audrey Manzano, whose father in law was a Spanish GP, became a friend of Olwen and Victor through her role as Pastoral Worker. This enabled Victor to speak his native Spanish with Audrey.

Olwen always liked to know what was going on and so enjoyed the monthly pub lunches at the Puss in Boots – an excellent occasion to exchange news and views. Audrey recalled that Olwen had a childlike innocence, with laughter that came from deep within her heart. She would be sadly missed.

Olwen loved her family, David and Gemma, and was so proud of her grandchildren, Jessica and Jonathan. David ended by saying that love was stronger than death and that his mother would always live on in their hearts.

## *Edited tributes*

Hymns: O Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the end

Thine for ever! God of love

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Lord, for the years

Music on leaving: Toccata Symphony No 5 – Widor

## The Green Man may flash for longer

THERE ARE PLANS being considered that will allow 20 per cent longer to cross roads controlled by traffic lights, such as the green man crossings. This is because the population has become slower, as it has become older, and obesity has made people less fit.

Under Department for Transport guidelines, pedestrians have **6.1 seconds** to cross over both lanes of a normal road, walking at a pace of 1.2 metres per second. A recommendation will allow **7.3 seconds** to cross at a speed of 1 metre per second.

The present guidelines were devised in the early 1950s when Britain was adapting to the rapid rise in motor traffic. Research published a decade ago showed that 76 per cent of men and 85 per cent of women aged 65 and over were unable to use crossings safely, as their walking speed was slower than 1.2 metres per second. In a survey, the mean speed of participants was 0.9 metres/second for older men, and 0.8 metres/second for older women.

The changes will be put out to consultation in September, but are already being used on a pilot basis.

*Edited item from the Sunday Times*

## Wondering at God's Creation

ON SUNDAY 17th September the Sunday Clubs took advantage of the fine late summer weather and explored the nature on our doorstep. Armed with binoculars and magnifying glasses, we combed the church gardens for signs of life, in awe of the variety of life that makes up God's creation. These are some of the plants and creatures we found.



# A service to celebrate the life of Stanley Bernard Berry

**Aged 89**

OVER 100 PEOPLE attended Stan's funeral on Monday, 14th August. He had been a member of many organisations and several had representatives in the congregation, including:

brother Masons from Vernon Lodge, founded by his grandfather, where Stan had 53 years of service, was Worshipful Master twice and Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 2020;

fellow Rotarians from Stockport Rotary Club, where he had served since 1968, was president in 1983, and later awarded a Paul Harris fellowship;

parishioners at St George's, his spiritual home, and where he had been a regular member since his youth. Stan had been church warden, treasurer, a sidesperson and chief Garden Gnome, keeping the grounds neat and tidy.



He supported the Brookdale Rise community until as recently as June, and there were many friends and family in the congregation – all here because Stan had played some part in influencing their lives.

But the most important person in his life was not able to be in church – his wife of 60 years, Christine. She would be watching online, supported by the staff at Woodlands in Poynton. Stan knew she would be better cared for there, but was saddened that he was not able to give her the care she needed.

Both Elaine and Rita Waters (Reader), on separate occasions, accompanied Stan on his visits to see Chris, sharing Communion, and afterwards Elaine and Stan became like 'Ladies who Lunch' at a local Italian café in Poynton. He was a great conversationalist and the last time Elaine was with him, 15th June, he spoke of his failing health and his plans to go to Woodlands too, for some respite and to be near Christine.

He emailed Elaine saying he was being looked after very well. However, after a spell in hospital, he returned to the nursing home and died shortly afterwards.

The final words should come from Stan himself. Since he had lived on his own, he had captured his thoughts in 'blogs', written on his iPhone.

## The Smile

*I saw you first and then you smiled  
I knew then together we would walk the path of life  
Not without a stumble  
Always to recover  
Side by side we saw the world  
Together we smiled*

*I saw you smile at me today  
No joy as in years gone by  
Only tears for you have I  
Where have you gone my lovely that only your smile  
remains*

*Who took away from me all but your lovely smile  
I'll come again my lovely and you will smile again  
And I will remember you. And weep.*

*I met an angel today who helps and cares for you  
Who else but an angel could care as much for you  
Who but an angel can understand my grief  
And now I know all is well. The angels are helping*

*Don't save your smile for me my love  
The angels need it too  
And I will know you have the care I can no longer give.  
Though memory fails confusion reigns  
I love you still and always will*

The service ended with the final hymn, Jerusalem, the Prayer of Commendation and the Blessing, followed by the exit music, Elegy – G. Thalben-Ball.

*Edited tributes  
Rosie Stead*



## Razieh (Nazanin) and Narges baptism

IT WAS A very exciting day when we gathered on Wednesday 30th August for Holy Communion and for the full immersion baptisms of Razieh, known as Nazanin, and Narges. A number of people came in support and prayer and we celebrated together with refreshments afterwards.

Razieh and Narges write, "I am very happy that I entered the Christian religion and I feel peace and

wholeness and I feel that I have been born again and I have started a new life and I know that in this new path Christ will be with me and guide me with the words of the Bible and I see a very clear path in front of me."

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My how they've grown!



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Sarah Parker would love you to join her and her staff for a glass of fizz and some delicious cake.

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## Trips down memory lane

*James Batty, one of the Garden Gnomes, enjoys holidaying in the most interesting places and recounts his experiences in occasional articles. Here is this month's contribution.*

DURING THE GLORIOUS weather enjoyed throughout May, whilst visiting North East Germany as far as Lübeck, I took the opportunity to visit two gardens as well as the other attractions.



After a few trips down memory lane, looking at palaces and churches under restoration, I decided to revisit the Cecilienhof Palace, park and gardens, to the north of Potsdam, on the river Havel.

Some 25 years ago, when I first visited this palace, built in deliberate Tudor style, I was struck by its strong resemblance to Blickling Hall in Norfolk, with its lake and gardens.

The Cecilienhof house, with its extensive park, was the home of Kaiser Friederich III of Prussia, who married Princess Victoria, the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. 'Empress Viccy' then became the mother of Kaiser Wilhelm II, the grandson of Queen Victoria.

This half-timbered mansion was fortunately untouched by WWII and was used by the Allied Powers as the venue for the Potsdam Conference of 1945, having 72 magnificent panelled rooms. The house is open to the public and is full of memorabilia, photographs and

documents relating to the participating delegates who divided up post-war Germany. They all sat around a large marble table, donated by Stalin, the Soviet dictator. They each had a separate office and telephone and there are numerous photos of the delegates, including Winston Churchill, Anthony Eden, President Truman and King George VI to name a few.

The parkland, sloping down to the river Havel, contains a ruined Greek folly, a concert hall built in marble with rose garden and a large pyramid, concealing the ice-house, used for the kitchens – again, similar to Blickling Hall's pyramid in Norfolk. The main house itself has a superb garden facing the river, with rows of agapanthus plants and box hedges.

I walked through the park with mayflowers in bloom in the sandy soil, and spotted a notice on a tree which said: 'Owing to infestation of the toxic oak tree caterpillar, please do not touch or brush against any leaves.' However, I never spotted any of these toxic creatures, which I

had never heard of, as it happens.

I then visited the 75th anniversary exhibition in the main rooms before leaving the palace to return to the bus stop for my transport back to Potsdam and train to Berlin, and a much-needed dinner.

Another excursion I made was to the small ducal town of Weimar, the picturesque capital of the rural state of





Thuringia. This was my third visit to this scenic region, which also includes Coburg Castle (open to the public) which was the former home of Prince Albert. Weimar, with its Ducal Palace and a superb Jesuit church, was the home at various times to the poets Schiller and Goethe, also Wagner, whose well-preserved houses can be visited. But

on this occasion I intended to visit the 'Garden House' of Hungarian-born pianist and composer, Franz Liszt.

The 'Gartenhaus' is situated in the wooded Ilm valley, close to the river itself, roughly one mile from the market place. So I set off on shanks' pony, with a rucksack, through the meadows, following the infant river Ilm and watching the water fowl and a heron.

This small house and garden was where Liszt spent his final years in splendid isolation, although he died in Bayreuth in 1886. The garden is well kept and full of spring flowers, and on this

occasion I had the cottage and memorabilia to myself, taking in the woodland and riverside view, before returning to Weimar and all its memories, before I had to commence my journey back to Leipzig and finally return home via Frankfurt-am-Main.

James Batty

## A View from the Tower



This photograph shows a view of St George's School covered in scaffolding, and was taken from St George's Church tower during the tours on Heritage Open Day.  
*(photo by Andrew Regan)*

## Barbara Lee-Wood

BARBARA LEE-WOOD was one of the “flower fairies” and, following her death in 2021, a vase was donated in her memory by her family. The vase was dedicated in a simple service by Revd Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall who welcomed Sue and Julia, her daughters, and Shirley, her sister, to St George's.



## Recipe of the Month: Baked Celeriac and Potato Cake

For this recipe you will need either a sauté pan which can go from the stove top to the oven, or a shallow ovenproof dish about 10" in diameter. The recipe is quite heavy on butter so, if you prefer, halve the amount given and increase the amount of stock.

500g/1lb 2oz potatoes, peeled  
450g/1lb celeriac, peeled  
95g/3½oz butter  
4 cloves garlic, peeled and thinly sliced  
2 heaped teaspoons Dijon mustard  
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves  
55ml/2fl oz vegetable stock (cube is fine)  
salt and freshly ground black pepper

Using a mandolin if you have one, or alternatively a food processor or sharp knife, cut the potatoes into the thinnest possible slices, almost thin enough to see through. Do the same with the celeriac, keeping all the slices in cold water to stop them browning. Don't cut your fingers!

Preheat oven to 190C/375F/gas mk 5. Melt butter over moderate heat, add garlic slices and turn down the heat so they soften slightly without colouring. This may take 5 mins. Stir in the mustard and pour two thirds of the mixture into a jug.

If using an ovenproof dish, put the remaining third of the mustard butter in and then proceed as follows for either dish.

Drain the potatoes and celeriac and pat dry with kitchen paper. Put a third into the dish or pan, then drizzle with some of the mustard butter in the jug. Season with thyme leaves, pepper and salt. Repeat this twice so that all slices of vegetables are layered with thyme and mustard butter. Now pour the stock over the top. Cover with foil cut to fit, pressing it down well on top of the cake. Bake for about an hour and 10 minutes, until tender when tested with the point of a knife. Remove the foil, turn up the heat to 220C/425F/Gas mk 7, and bake for 10 mins longer until the top has browned and crisped a little.

Pamela Ferguson

## Pourya's Citizenship Ceremony



THIS IS ONE of the fabulous citizenship photos from Pourya when he became a British citizen on Friday 15th September at Stockport Town Hall. We see him here with Atousa and Aisa.

Many congratulations on this momentous and long-awaited occasion.

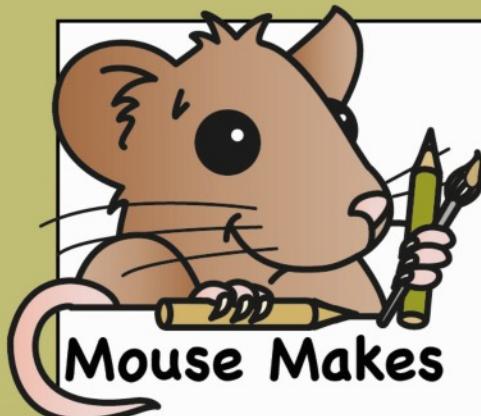
## Twilight Craft Fair

AFTER THE SUCCESS of last year's St George's Twilight Fair, we are pleased to announce that this year it will be held on Friday 10th of November. This has always been a lovely, friendly, creative, and successful fair with plenty of local traders, creators, artists and crafters, along with loads of buyers enjoying the beautiful church in the autumn twilight. The fair will be open to the public from 2.30pm until 9pm. The church will have their lovely refreshments stall as always and will be holding a raffle where you can win a selection of things from the surrounding stalls. There will be an entrance fee of £2 per adult with accompanied children free of charge. We hope to see many returning faces and new visitors to this lovely event.



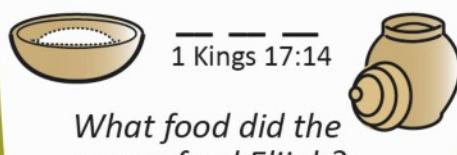
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## CONNECT THE BIBLE FOOD PAIRS

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WATER	FISH
LOCUSTS	QUAIL
LOAVES	FLOUR



What food did the ravens feed Elijah?  
— — — — and

1 Kings 17:6      Honey

What food did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?  
— — — — and

Matthew 3:4

What drink ran out at the wedding?  
— — — —

and what did Jesus use to make more?  
— — — —

John 2:3 and 7



What did the boy give Jesus to feed 5,000 people?  
Five — — — — and two — — — —

John 6:9



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
As Lot escaped Sodom with his family an angel told him not to stop or look back, but Lot's wife did look back and became a pillar of salt.

READ Genesis 19 v15-26



Find the words below and the answers to the questions all in the word search

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## Sudoku puzzle: easy

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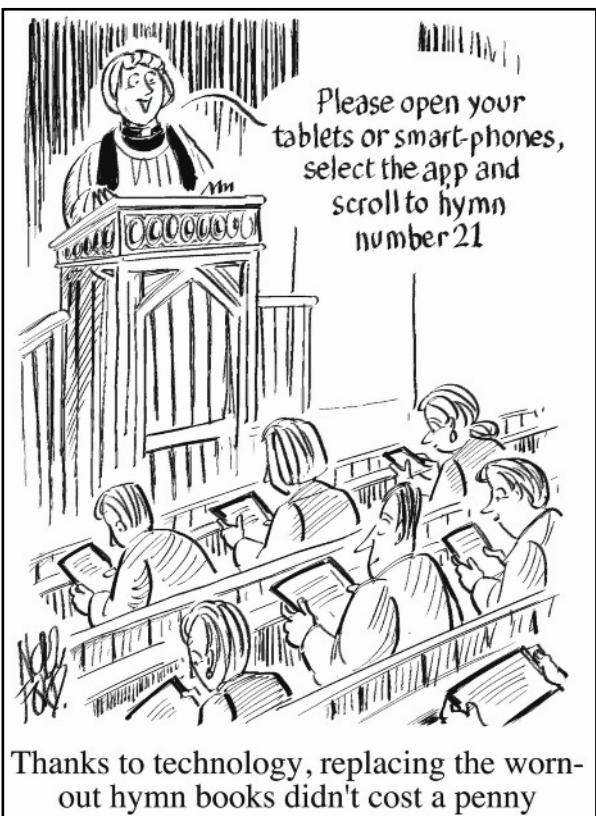
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## Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

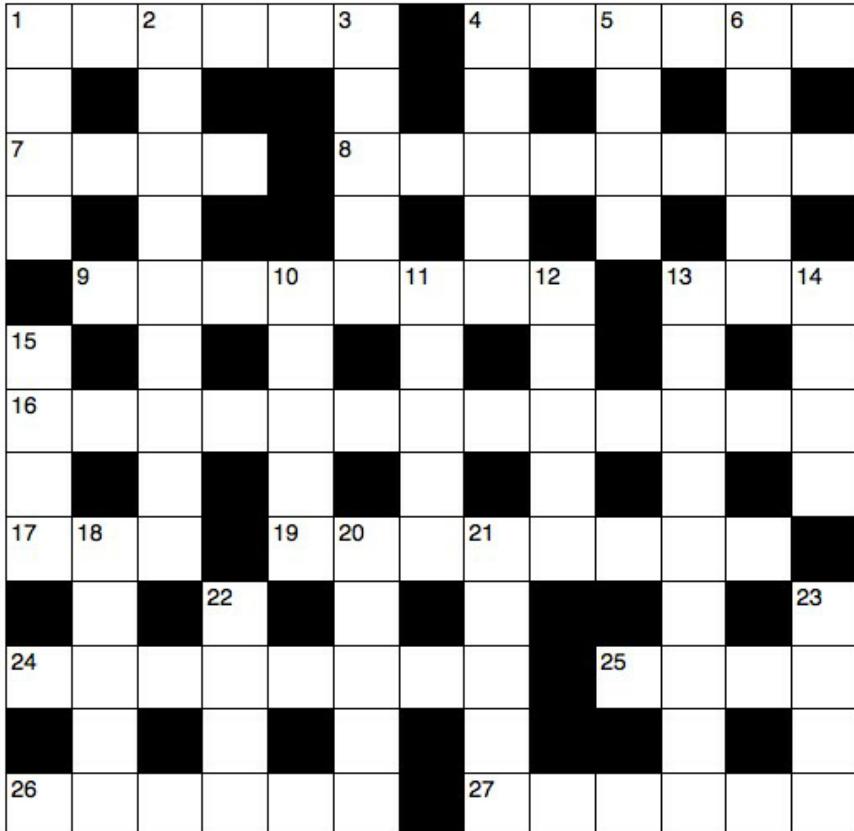
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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 23)



## Crossword



### Across

- He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 'For we must all - before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their - end' (Ps 107:27) (4)
- See 19 Across
- It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 'He has sent me to bind up the -' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- and 8 - a great company of the host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a -!' (John 2:16) (6)

### Down

- Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a

vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)

- He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born -' (John 3:3) (5)
- Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 'He encouraged them - - remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- Ruses (anag.) (5)
- Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 'This is my - , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- Bats (anag.) (4)
- 'You strain out a - but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

# Welcome Home by Revd Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall

JAMES AND BENEDICT lived with their Dad on a large, sprawling dairy farm, many miles away from the nearest town.

The farm had been in the family for generations and steadily, things had been improved and modernised.

As children, James and Benedict enjoyed working alongside their father on the farm, playing outdoors in the wide expanse of countryside and bringing the still warm milk, straight from the milking parlour, to pour on their cereals for breakfast.

It seemed an idyllic lifestyle.

They were taken to school on the bus, as it was too far to walk, and they met with other children who seemed to have much more exciting lifestyles than they did.

The others had good internet access so could watch things. They played computer games, went on holidays outside of England and could get to each other's houses easily.

James took all of this in his stride, but Benedict was envious.

As they grew up, there was more responsibility for them on the farm before and after school and in the holidays. James loved being out and about helping in the fields but Benedict, now known as Benny, was bored and complained loudly if he was asked to do even a simple task.

Any opportunity to get off the farm, Benny took it. He wasn't bothered if the rest of the work was left to his Dad, James and a few of the farm workers.

He resented being asked to do even small things such as tidying up his room, make a cup of tea or washing the dishes.

Anything he **did** do, was done with attitude – bad attitude, as he moped and complained and slunk around as if the world owed him a favour.

He would get lifts on the backs of the other boys' motorbikes and rode around the countryside with no thought for anyone else and often didn't even bother to wear a helmet.

He was important and he thought he was invincible. No one could touch him. **No one.**

He started staying out late.

He switched off his mobile phone so no one could reach him and caused his Dad no end of worry, but his Dad was a patient man and looked forward for this bothersome phase to pass.

Benny started answering back, being rude and loud and confrontational.

Everything had to be done Benny's way or no way.

If **they** didn't like it – it was tough!

He stormed out of the house after one argument and decided that he was going to move out, to be nearer his friends in the town.

He threw a few things in a bag, slung it over his shoulder to walk down the farm track drive to meet his friend at the end who was on a motorbike.

They roared off into the distance...

Dad saw the tail end of them driving along the road. No one knew where they had gone and Dad hoped Benny would see sense and come back soon.

The farmhouse was much quieter on the following days. No arguments, no slamming of doors but also, no Benny.

He had gone off-grid. Phone calls to his usual mates told them nothing.

Dad sat at the kitchen table with his head in his hands...

Benny, meanwhile, was having the time of his life.

He had bunked in with a few of his mates in someone's flat whilst they were out of the country. Five of them in a place made for two. They invited more people round for parties, movie nights and take-aways.

Benny was having a ball.

No one asked him to cook, clean or do anything.

No one expected him to get up early, sort anything out or even have a wash and change his clothes.

That's just how he liked it.

Some of the friends started drinking stuff that Benny hadn't tasted before. It wasn't half bad after the first glass or two and it made him feel he could be anyone he wanted to be. He could do anything he wanted to do and no one, but no one, could stop him.

The flat smelt and looked worse than any pig sty or cow byre he'd ever been into but, "hey, that's lads being lads", he thought to himself and settled down to wallow in the stained cushions on the sofa to watch TV.

A party was planned for that night. Money was running out and, "Desperate times call for desperate measures" said one of the friends.

"Let's get some drinks, the easy way," he said.

Benny wasn't quite sure what that meant but he went along with them all the same. They stopped outside the local supermarket. He was told to go in with two of them whilst the other two stood watch outside.

Feeling sick to the pit of his stomach, Benny meekly followed.

Once in the shop, they were told to stick together. One of his mates had backpacks which they trailed along the floor, putting in drink for the party.

To avoid suspicion, so they thought, they bought a couple of big bags of crisps which Benny paid for at the checkout.

They got out, breathing a sigh of relief, and started to celebrate the success of their theft, laughing loudly as they walked down the street.

Laughing so loudly, in fact, that they didn't realise that someone was behind them until a well-built man put his hand firmly on the shoulders of the friend with the bag.

"Sorry sir, can you come this way please?", he said in a booming voice.

Friends or not, the four of them ran as fast as they could down the main street and round a few corners before they dared to stop.

Benny's heart was pounding hard in his chest.

"Come on," said one of the others, "let's get this lot opened up. The party's started".

Benny didn't much feel like partying, but after a few of the cans, he felt a bit better.

"Who wants to go for a ride to the coast?" The roar went up and people jumped down the stairs and mounted the bikes. It didn't seem so important in Benny's fuzzy state, to insist on having a helmet. Everything was a laugh - wasn't it???

They screeched out of the town and headed off. It all seemed to be remarkably amusing and Benny flung his head back to enjoy the breeze through his hair.

"This is what it's all about" shouted Benny from the back, just before the driver took a bend too fast and Benny flew off into a grass verge and the driver couldn't control the bike and he crashed into an oncoming car.

The police and the ambulance were called.

They were both taken to hospital.

Thankfully Benny's injuries weren't too serious apart from a broken wrist. The driver of the bike, however, was taken to hospital with injuries to his head. The driver of the car was treated for shock.

The police interviewed them all and the driver of the motorbike was charged with various offences, not least dangerous driving. Benny was given an official warning and faced a hefty fine.

Whilst he felt rough, really rough, and he ached in every place that could be imagined, the biggest pain was in his heart because he knew that he'd have to be in touch with his Dad and tell him what had happened.

Whilst he was waiting for his arm to be set in plaster, he switched on his phone and was surprised to receive a text from his Dad.

It turned out that the police had been in touch with him, and Benny almost was scared to read what he said.

It was simple. Three words." Come home son."

Benny sat and cried, like he'd never cried before.

He came out of the plaster room wondering what to do next and shuffled along the corridor feeling sorry for himself.

There at the end of the corridor was his Dad, his arms outstretched and, without hesitation, Benny ran right into them and hugged him hard, as best as he could with a plaster cast on his arm.

"Welcome home son" and they walked out to the hospital car park together.

No one said that things were easy from that point on, but they were better than they had been and there was a new found respect for each other which grew from that time on.

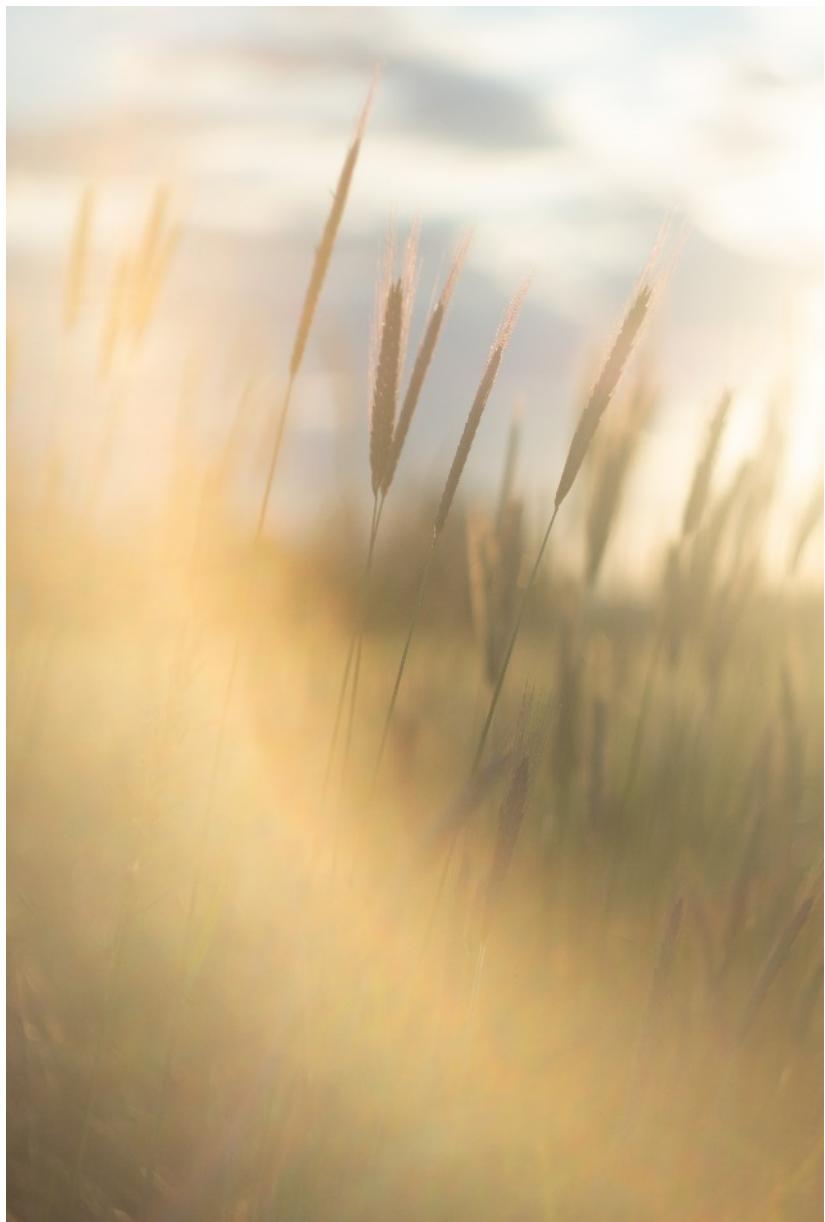
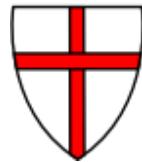


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# **Music Scheme - October 2023**

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Choir Tour to St. Oswald's Church, Malpas</b>
<b>Setting:</b>	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening	
<b>Hymns:</b>	607 Thy kingdom come, O God, 380 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, 416 Father, hear the prayer we offer: 435 Glorious things of thee are spoken,	
<b>Anthem:</b>	View me, Lord – Lloyd	

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Sunday</b>			
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Harvest Service at St. Gabriel's, Adswood</b>
<b>Setting:</b>	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne		
<b>Hymns:</b>	270 Come, ye thankful people, come, 274 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise 272 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer, 275 We plough the fields, and scatter		<b>See Order of Service for details</b>
<b>Anthem:</b>	Thou visitest the earth – Greene		
<b>Anthem:</b>	For the beauty of the earth – Rutter		

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October – The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
<b>Setting:</b>	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening
<b>Hymns:</b>	563 Rejoice! The Lord is King, 591 The kingdom of God is justice and joy, 376 And can it be that I should gain 627 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
<b>Anthem:</b>	The Lord is my shepherd – Goodall

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</b>			
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Trafalgar Day Service</b>
<b>Setting:</b>	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne		
<b>Hymns:</b>	202 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! 136 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the... 213 Christ is the world's light, 494 King of glory, king of peace,		
<b>Anthem:</b>	Ave verum corpus – Elgar	See Order of Service for details	

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October - The Last Sunday after Trinity / Bible Sunday			
10:15am	Parish Communion	4:00pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Setting:</b>	The Canterbury Service - Barker	<b>Hymns:</b>	395 Christ is our corner-stone, 515 Lord, thy word abideth, 14 Glory to thee, my God, this night
<b>Hymns:</b>	267 Thou, whose almighty word, 505 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, 305 I come with joy, a child of God. 503 Lord dismiss us with thy blessing,	<b>Responses:</b>	Smith <b>Psalm:</b> 119. 89 – 104
		<b>Canticles:</b>	Evening Service in B flat – Stanford
<b>Anthem:</b>	I give to you a new commandment – Nardone	<b>Anthem:</b>	Blessed be the God and Father – Wesley

## Puzzle solutions

*Easy Sudoku solution:*

3	5	9	6	2	8	4	7	1
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*Intermediate Sudoku solution:*

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*Crossword solution:*



## 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**

## What am I?

IF I TELL you that last month's item is called a 'Spikey' can you guess what it is used for now?

Many of you deduced correctly that it could be inserted into a bottle, but not why.

The item depicted in September's 'What am I?' is designed to prevent bottled drinks being 'spiked' by potent alcohol, or drugs, being added whilst the owner's back is turned.

There's a small hole in the top for a straw to be inserted.



October's 'What am I?' has been submitted by Lois Kelly.

Her sister is looking at their family history and was amused to see that in the 1921 census, their grandfather's occupation had been transcribed as:

**'clerk in Hole Owner'**

What do you think he was?

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