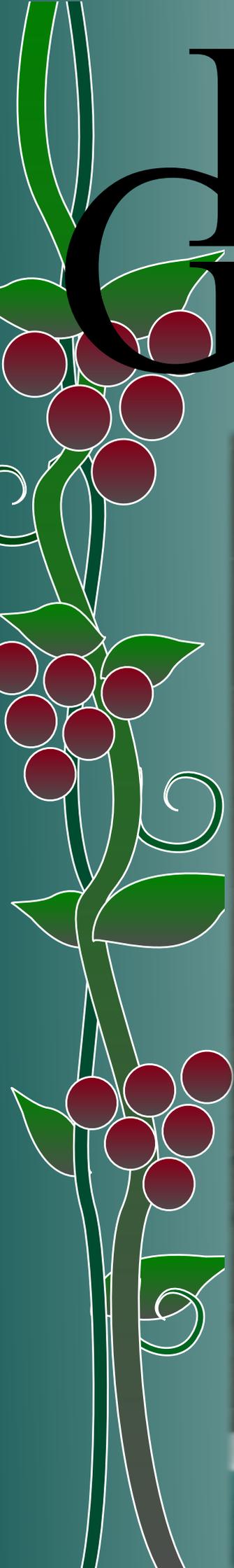


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Parish Office	Marion McCall 480 2453	Brownies	Rachel Lockett 775 2755 Voni Walker 07956 674 241 For girls aged 7-10. Meet Thursdays 6.30-8pm in the Parish Room.	Handbells	Andy Clark 483 3703 Play for All-Age and Taizé services, plus other special events. Ringers of all ages (with or without experience) always welcome. Rehearsals in church arranged around the ringers' availability.
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The eagle lectern at
St George's
(photo by Andrew Regan)

Services and events in July:

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From the Editor:

Dear Readers,

'LOVE IS NOT ruled with reason, but with love ... No difficulty can stay it, no impossibility appal it. Love is title just enough, and armour strong enough, for all assaults, and itself a reward of all labours.'

This quotation, from a best-selling work by the Jesuit priest and martyr, Robert Southwell, entitled 'Mary Magdalen's Funeral Tears', which was first published in 1591, came to mind recently. I was watching the television adaptation of Nancy Mitford's novel, 'The Pursuit of Love', starring Lily James as the love-struck but unfortunate heroine, Linda Radlett, whose pursuit of love is far from straightforward. Linda, however, is certain that it is the only thing in life that matters. Some weeks before the series was screened, the film Mary Magdalene was also shown on television. This film, released in 2018, and directed by Garth Davis, starred Rooney Mara as Mary, and a brooding Joaquin Phoenix as Jesus. In truth, although the film is earnest, and clearly means well, it's not altogether successful, although worth watching. Its best element to me is the luminosity that Rooney Mara brings to her rôle as Mary. She is portrayed as something of a rebel, and an enigma to her parents. But when she encounters Jesus and his disciples, her life is transformed. She is baptised by Jesus, and welcomed as a disciple equal with the men (despite some grumbles from some of them!) and takes a full part in their ministry, empowered by the spirit of the Lord.

As we know from the Gospels, Mary followed Jesus to the foot of the cross, and in her love and grief wept

outside his tomb in the garden on the first Easter Day. She was the first person to see the risen Lord, and to hear him call her name in that wonderful, simple, total affirmation of love. "'Mary!" Jesus said.'

The article about Mary Magdalene, later in this month's magazine, (page 7) fills in some of the other details about Mary and her life, and her importance for the early Church. Southwell's account of the thoughts and feelings of Mary, both before and after her encounter with Jesus by the empty tomb, is imaginative, loving and intuitive. He describes her bitter despair, followed by its transformation into fear, uncertainty and then wonderful conviction and joy. She has resisted all attempts to dissuade her from her quest for Jesus: 'Her eye was watchful to seek whom her heart most longed to enjoy, and her foot in readiness to run if her eye should chance to espy him.' Her faithfulness and her love are at the heart of both Southwell's prose account and Rooney Mara's portrayal in the film.

Such enduring love and faithfulness are, of course, at the heart of the Gospel that we hear about and rejoice in every time we attend church, say a prayer, or perhaps even look out at a beautiful summer's day. Shakespeare, a contemporary of Robert Southwell, I believe, encapsulated them in his Sonnet 116.

Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.

Have a wonderful month!

God bless!

Richard Parr.

Editor.



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Elaine writes:

The Snakes and Ladders of life

“Your go.”

“Six. One two, three, four, five, six. Up the ladder”, announced the beaming five year old.

He shook again, with the kind of care which is hopeful of another six, and therefore another go. He counted again and his face dropped as he landed on the head of a snake.

“I don’t want to play snakes and ladders any more. Only ladders.” He remained resolutely on the square before, daring anyone to challenge.

This is the game of life though, isn’t it – snakes and ladders? We all want to have a life full of ladders and we struggle with the disappointment and the distress of landing on one too many snakes.

Coping with disappointment and distress is a skill we learn early on in life: at games like this or when batteries run out on favourite toys or when the specific colour of socks aren’t washed, ready and available to go out on the bike.

Even though we think we might have grown out of this, we are slugged when something unexpected comes along, or when something we have longed for hasn’t been able to go ahead, or when something we’ve worked hard for is whipped out from beneath our feet.

For example: many people have been waiting to have the wedding day of their dreams to find out that it is more like the stuff of nightmares with constant rearranging, readjusting, postponing and trimming down due to the coronavirus restrictions. The disappointment and stress feels overwhelming and well laid plans have fallen around their ears.

In recent months there are those who have been desperate to go to important family gatherings; to

commemorate special occasions; to travel on long-awaited holidays or just simply longing to meet each other for a hug. Diary dates have been erased and it seems too much of an effort to recreate the planned joyous time when it’s seven months down the line.

Over the last few days, the Montana Spine Race has ended. It happens every summer and winter and extends over the 268 miles of the Pennine Way, and the world’s fittest runners aim to complete the route in as short a time as possible and certainly in less than 168 hours. This summer 91 runners started and 49 finished. It’s an endurance test in every respect. Peter wrote about the Spine Race in the February 2019 magazine when Eugeni Roselló Solé was less than four miles from the finishing line before he had to pull out. How he dealt with the crushing disappointment is hard to imagine.

Dealing with disappointment is so much more than our own personal version of snakes and ladders and, despite the encouragement and affirmation of friends and family, we can feel lonely, lost and confused when the snakes appear longer than the ladders.

We are told to hand our heavy burdens over to Jesus, (1 Peter 5:7) to allow him to carry all that weighs us down, helping us to have the opportunity to look above how we feel and to explore other possibilities and prospects for the future.

We are encouraged to pray and, even though our anxieties may be overwhelming we should place them before the Lord with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6-7). Even though that may be the last thing on our minds, we will be given the kind of peace which surpasses all of our understanding but will keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

However your life is at the moment, may you know God’s peace in your heart and mind and know the love that he has for you, each of you in your particular situation.

Come to Jesus knowing that he cares for you and will journey with you through the snakes and ladders of life.

With every blessing

Elaine

Pilgrimage routes to explore in the North

A ‘Santiago of the North’ has been launched, encouraging people to walk ancient pilgrimage routes to Durham dating back more than 1,000 years.

Around 30 churches in the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle are part of four revived pilgrimage routes starting from villages and towns in the region, re-creating the routes taken by pilgrims to Durham Cathedral.

‘The Way of Learning, The Way of Life, The Way of Light and The Way of Love,’ allows pilgrims to walk from

27 to 45 miles while exploring places of historical and religious significance.

Modern-day pilgrims can visit churches and historical monuments, museums and galleries on the route, including shrines and places associated with Saints Cuthbert, Bede, Hilda, Helen, Wilfrid, Oswald, Aidan and Godric.

Further pilgrimage routes, *The Angel’s Way* (30 miles) and the *Way of the Sea* (62 miles) link Lindisfarne and Durham, the two most important pilgrimage centres in the region.

Parish News Roundup

Holy Baptism

- 6th June Kirsty Leanne Johnson (by total immersion)
 13th June Renaya Eliezer Joyce Cauchie
 20th June Jamie Ryan Hollingworth (by total immersion)
 20th June Ezra Morrell

Holy Matrimony

- 19th June Matthew Clarke and Jemma Anne Cassidy

Funerals

- 27th May Dorothy Thompson
 15th June Jill Barbara Higgins (at St Matthew's, Stretton)
 18th June Elizabeth (Betty) Kerrigan (at the Rowan Chapel)
 28th June William (Bill) Ashley (at St Matthew's, Stretton)

Burial of Ashes at St George's

- 13th June Joan Marshall

Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows:

Main altar:

- 6th June Remembering John's birthday, with love from Janice Puddifoot and family
 13th June For those recently baptised and those looking forward to baptism
 20th June from Margaret Sharrard, for Julian

Parish News Roundup

27th June from Jean Norton, in memory of Mary and Bill Heavyside

Floodlighting:

- 4th June In loving memory of Chris Neilson, from Janet, Claire, Matthew and Andrew
 29th June For our lovely Mum, Pamela Elizabeth McCall on what would have been her birthday. We love and miss you from Marion, Lorraine, David and Sue

Message Board

Parish Lunches WILL start again on Monday, 5th July. Meet at the Puss in Boots at 12.30pm, and, thereafter, the first Monday in each month.

The T4U Shoe Box Appeal is taking place again this year. If you have any spare shoe boxes and/or Christmas wrapping paper, Marion Johnson would be pleased to receive any donations. Wrapped shoe boxes will be available in church from August, for collection by the end of October.

Last year 137 boxes were sent to T4U for distribution, and were collected from St George's Church, Stockport Sunday School and Garner's Lane Methodist. Well done everyone!

Parish News Roundup

Summer Grapevine

Regular readers may remember that *Grapevine* is not usually published in August, but we produce a slightly expanded July/August edition, and return refreshed in September!

However, like last year, as the pandemic continues, we plan to publish a 12-page edition in August (copy permitting!) in order to keep people in touch with news from St George's and St Gabriel's.

Unfortunately, it will still have to be in digital form. We hope that we will soon be able to resume normal service!

The Grapevine Team

Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:

Please contact the vicar.
 Telephone: 0161 456 9382
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August 2021

Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 16th July**
 Committee meeting: via email

Services at St George's in July

We will continue to be open for **congregational worship** for many services in July. Other services will be live streamed, as indicated below. Please see our Facebook page and website for the latest information.

Services in church, with congregation

Wednesdays: 9.30am Morning Prayer (also live streamed)
 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sundays: 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.15am Parish Communion (also live streamed)

The church will be open for individual private prayer in the chapel as follows:

Wednesdays and Sundays: 11am to 12 noon

Live streamed services

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

Sundays: 10.15am Parish Communion (also in church)
 9pm Compline (until end of July)

Sunday 25th July: 4pm Choral Evensong

Online events:

Sunday 4th July: 5pm Story Time with Nicola
Friday 30th July: 1pm Messy Church Bake Off
Sunday 1st Aug: 5pm Story Time with Nicola

Holy days, July 22nd: The Other Mary

AS THE TRADITIONAL Easter story is remembered again this month, you may notice that there is one name that frequently occurs. It is that of the 'other' Mary – not the mother of Jesus but Mary of Magdala, who stood by her at the cross and became the first human being, male or female, actually to meet the risen Christ. That's quite a record for a woman who, the Gospels tell us, had been delivered by Jesus from 'seven devils'. As a result, her devotion to him was total and her grief at his death overwhelming.

In church history Mary Magdalene became the 'fallen woman', a harlot who was rescued and forgiven by Jesus. And while there is no evidence to prove she was a 'fallen woman', the contrast is sublime: Mary the virgin mother, the symbol of purity and Mary Magdalene, the scarlet woman who was saved and forgiven, the symbol of redemption. Surely, we all fall somewhere between those two extremes.

What we do know is that the two Marys stood together at the cross, the Blessed Virgin and the woman rescued from who knows what darkness and despair.

The second great moment for her was as unexpected as it was momentous. She had gone with other women to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An angelic figure told them that Jesus was not there, he had risen – and the others drifted off. But Mary stayed, reluctant to leave it like that. She became aware of a man nearby, whom she took to be the gardener. She explained to him that the body of 'her Lord' had been taken away and she didn't know where to find him.

The man simply said her name, 'Mary', and she instantly realised it was Jesus. She made to hug him, but he told her not to touch him because his resurrection was not yet complete. She was, however, to go to the male disciples and tell them she had met him. She did – but they couldn't believe her.

Her words – 'I have seen the Lord' – echo down the centuries, the very beating heart of the Christian Gospel.

Revd Canon David Winter

Mr Crow and that cat – an update

THIS SUMMER, Mr Crow is alone. There has been a brief encounter with a rather smart-looking female, but he has yet to mend his ways, and she clearly was not willing to cope with a pushy bully. Last year's babies have gone off to try their luck elsewhere.

The ginger cat continues her valiant attempts to personify – or should I say "felinify"? – neglect and near-starvation. She has yet to realise that her cover was blown when she saw me using a trowel and a bowl as I dealt with little flowering plants, clearly thought we were in an outdoor kitchen, and sat patiently at my feet, purring loudly!

Angela Foulkes



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Adult Baptisms

THE TWO adult baptisms last month (Kirsty and Jamie) came about because they were asked to be godparent to Rosanna and Rosita Stones, plus the new arrival due in August. As neither of them were baptised, I spoke to them about the exciting possibility of taking their next step in faith. Both Kirsty and Jamie were very keen to take this opportunity and were offered baptism in the font or by full immersion.

As you can see by the images, they both chose full immersion and it is moving to hear how they felt and the difference it has made to their lives. They took everything very seriously and I feel very blessed to have been part of their journey. We look forward to them taking their places as godparent for the children (I am a godparent too!) at the end of August and we thank Macauley and Elmira for asking us to take on this most important role.

Elaine

My baptism (6th June): Kirsty Leanne Johnson

THE DAYS LEADING up to my baptism felt strange. I was excited but I was also nervous and I can't explain why. I guess I was full of emotions about such a big day in my life that was about to take place; I've always had my beliefs and I've been very strong about them my whole life, but this was different.

I know God has always been with me but in a way I was thinking, from this day he will truly be within me and I will be in his light. I woke up that morning with a sense of purpose knowing something amazing was happening to me that day. I just had so much happiness inside me, arriving at the church felt different than before, and I can't put into words to explain why. It just felt right.

I felt overwhelmed with emotions, especially with words that were said by Elaine in my baptism. They really touched my heart, to the point of crying out because of

how much I felt their meaning – not just about me but about my family and how God will always look on us.

The moment of coming out of the water I felt lighter, as if I didn't have weight in me any more, as if, in a way, I had been lifted. I was overcome by happiness but also a lot of tears followed. A sense of purpose, making me truly feel like I want to be the best version of me I could be for myself but more so for God. I know he's always been with me but I feel closer to him now.

This will, hands down, be one of my most precious memories in my life, having my close family and friends support through it and even seeing emotion on their faces. I will forever be grateful to Elaine for allowing me to have such a beautiful moment and sharing it with her; she is indeed herself a beautiful soul. The days that came after I felt as if I was on cloud nine still, very overwhelmed and even still so very emotional.



I remember after my baptism, when my family and friends were leaving to go home afterwards, I was crying because of how much love I felt for them and how much they mean to me and how I had been blessed by such wonderful people in my life and just to realise how precious it is that is God has given this to me. These people, the love, everything! I've always been grateful for everything but somehow I saw and felt it differently. I was filled with even more love, and in a sense, realising how precious and special and also how fragile life is and to never take things for granted and make the most of what I have with whoever I can and share my kindness and love with as many people as possible for however long I have.

One of the beautiful moments I had that day was being with my two beautiful goddaughters, Rosita and Rosanna – the way they came running to me and stood by my side and shared that precious moment! I thank God for them every day, such beautiful children, so kind and happy, and how grateful I am for them and their parents. They're more than friends, they're like a family also to me. I am truly blessed.

Jamie Ryan Hollingworth: baptised 20th June

Hi Elaine.

I would like to thank you for such an incredible experience.

I was incredibly nervous beforehand, and you really put me at ease and made it such an enjoyable experience! Two of the guests felt part of this and they both mentioned how comfortable they felt and that this journey would be one they would want.

It felt amazing just to be part of such a special occasion and to share it with people I love.

I don't know if I'm being silly but I feel more awake, more conscious and I feel this is because of Sunday.

I'm trying to start a new journey myself and this moment was the start of that.

Being able to put my sins and past behind me, I'd say I feel a sense of relief.

Thank you for your support and for sharing your own stories with me.

I hope I can come and be a part of the church more in the future.

Thank you again for such a special experience

For Elmira and Macauley to choose me to be a part of their children's lives as well as their own is so amazing and I will never forget these moments in life.

I just cannot wait to be able to finally see them have their own day and share that special moment with them.



(See Rosita and Rosanna with their godfather-to-be Jamie)

Gems from village schools c. 1930

WITH MIXED-AGED CLASSES numbering up to 50, "News Time" on Monday mornings could be amusing – and even philosophical! My mother remembered a small boy still giggling at the memories he had of the pigs on the farm, who had escaped into the cider orchard during the autumn weekend. "It was so funny, Miss", he said, "cos they was all drunk!" Encouraged to give more details, he explained, "Just like the men, Miss, some was happy, some was sleepy and some was fightable!" He then added, "but none of them wanted to come out!"

Bible stories always featured on the curriculum, and children retelling stories was an obvious way of checking that they had listened and understood. One boy's version of the transfer of power between Elijah and Elisha went, "Lija said to Lisha, Lisha, I've got to go. Is there anything you need?" 'Yes', said Lisha, I want a double portion of

your spirit.' 'All right', said Lija, 'I'll leave it for you on the mantelpiece.'" After hearing the story of Lot's wife, one small voice piped up, "Please, Miss, who got the salt?"

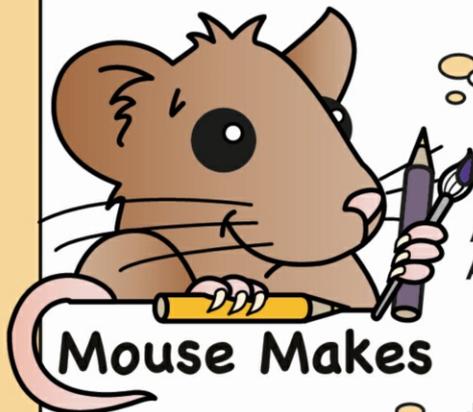
As a child in the 40s I can remember many adults being versed in Biblical and Shakespearean themes, and being able to recite poems that they had learned at school. Mum recalled teaching children the poem, The Burial of Sir John Moore after Corunna, that includes the lines,

"They buried him darkly at dead of night

The sods with their bayonets turning".

Inevitably, I suppose, the child who answered the question "What do we mean by 'the sods?'" ignored the plural and replied, "Please, Miss, Sir John Moore"!

Angela Foulkes



Read the full story in
Luke 10:25-37

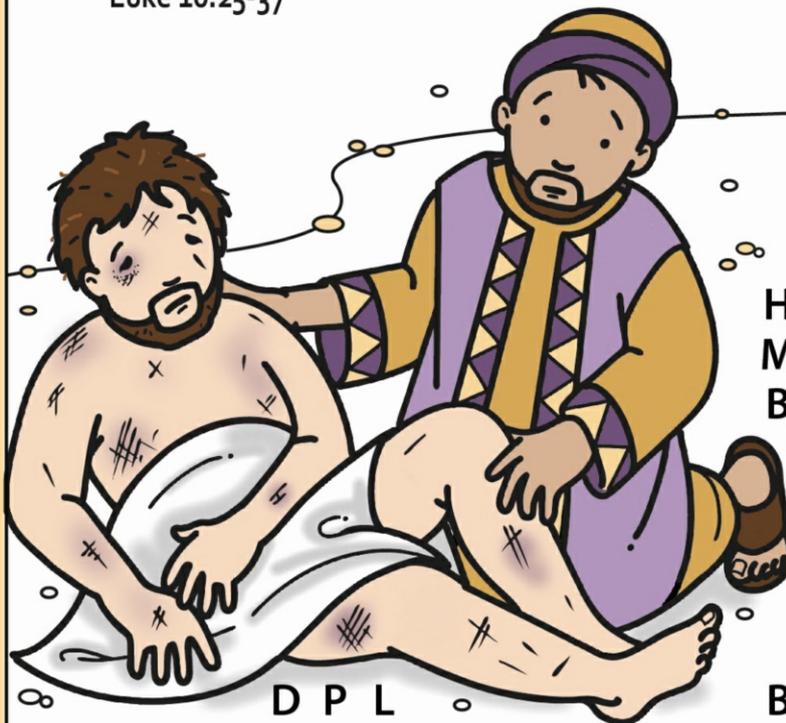
The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A man asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" and Jesus replied with this parable:

A man was attacked by robbers, they tore his clothes, beat him and left him almost dead. A priest saw him but walked by on the other side. A Levite saw him but walked by on the other side. A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?



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Garden Gnomes

HAVING DISPOSED of this long, depressing winter, we have now seen snowdrops, crocus and daffodils, all flowering at the same time. The church gardening has, for the last seven months, been just a matter of clearing up rubbish that has grown all year round, from twigs to beer bottles, black canine bags and cider bottles. But now we have to think about pruning the roses and drastically cutting back the shrubs and bushes. The geraniums which were left planted in situ all winter, in wet and freezing conditions, seem to have survived quite well. So all they need now is sunshine, being a desert plant, to trigger them into growth again. The camellias have already bloomed, if a little frostbitten around the petals.



Agapanthus (Tony Hall, licensed under [CC BY 2.0](#))

May and June are the busiest months for tackling all the work. But we, I say we, there have usually been two or three people doing the work, needed to start rigorous pruning. The first clients were the roses, then the hydrangeas, which flower so well against the buttress walls in late summer. Let us hope for a similar display as last August-September's, which seems a long time ago.

Last September was a month when I managed to visit several North European gardens and parks before autumn took hold. I saw the most marvellous agapanthus clumps in full glory, and even oleanders, since they had a hot dry summer on the European continent.

Everyone, I think, has some favourite flowers, usually derived from a pleasant memory of some event or past experiences in their lives. My own favourites are the short-lived wood anemonies and wild violets, but, best of all, the quaintly-named Sweet Williams, with their rich purple petals and the agapanthus with its delicate pale blue flower, atop a long stem, neither of which we have in the church garden. Has anyone got some of these plants to spare, which they would be willing to donate? They will survive outdoors in a south-facing aspect, even during the winter, or potted in a greenhouse.

Dahlias are many people's favourite, along with geraniums, but we have some of those. I wonder if any of our gardeners have their own favourite plants and flowers, be they lupins or chrysanthemums – I'm sure they must have or they wouldn't be gardening.

But, as usual, we do need a lot of extra help, especially in the summer, to trim all the lime trees of side shoots. Without extra help we just have to do all the essential work each week, simply to maintain the 'status quo', which is not a particularly spectacular plant!

Bushes and shrubs are the other options for planting, which require less maintenance, but they also give the diminishing wildlife a habitat for survival.



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Sudoku puzzle: easy

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

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Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

								3
	3	1		2				8
			5		9		1	
5			6					
1		4				2		9
					2			7
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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 23)

Crossword

1		2			3	4		5		6		7
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9								10				
11						12						
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14		15						16				
	17			18				19		20		
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22						23						
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Across

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8-12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)
- 23 I gain me (anag.) (7)
- 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)
- 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

Down

- 1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)
- 2 Church of England incumbent (5)
- 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)
- 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)
- 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in — ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)
- 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)
- 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)
- 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)
- 16 Real do (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)
- 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day — ' (Romans 14:5) (5)
- 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)



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Robinsons Brewery and their Shire Horses

THE DEATH was announced recently of Peter Robinson, aged 89, former chairman of Robinsons brewery. Known as 'Mr Peter' to brewery staff and licensees, he joined the family business in January 1957 as company secretary, before becoming a director in 1962 and chairman in 1978, a position he held for 42 years.

Peter and his two brothers, Dennis and David, were the fifth generation of Robinsons to go into the business and oversaw the firm's retail expansion towards the end of the 20th century. Now the brewery has managing directors, William and Oliver – the sixth generation of Robinsons.

The Unicorn Brewery, as Robinsons is known, started life as a public house, the Unicorn Inn on Hillgate, and was purchased by William Robinson in 1838. His eldest son, George, brewed the first ale there in 1849. The Unicorn Brewery still rests on the foundations of that public house on Lower Hillgate, Stockport. It rises through many floors to tower above the market place and is one of Stockport's iconic buildings.

There are guided tours of the brewery, starting with a steady climb up many steps from the Visitor Reception to the top of the building. From then downwards you are introduced to the art of brewing the many ales that Robinsons produce, finally arriving back at the Visitor Centre. You could then enjoy a meal in the restaurant, beautifully presented and accompanied by samples of Robinsons ales. Unfortunately, both the guided tour and the restaurant are currently closed, due to covid restrictions, but the shop and museum remain open.



But no visit would be complete without a visit to the stables, opposite the entrance on Harvey Street, to see the two working Shire horses, Bobek and Mojo, who pull the dray. This no longer carries kegs of ale, but is still a familiar sight on Stockport's streets when the horses are being exercised.

Having spoken to the marketing and PR assistant at Robinsons, Sam Kennerley, to obtain more information about the Shire horses, I was asked to send him a list of questions and he would obtain the answers. Sure enough, within 24 hours, I received the following detailed information:-



Which are the regular working horses? Three are mentioned, Bobek, Mojo and Boris. Do they take it in turns to work?

Bobek and Mojo are our show geldings and reside at the stables at the brewery.

They can each be driven as a single (one horse pulling the dray) or they can work as a pair (both horses pulling the dray).

Pre-pandemic, they attended shows up and down the country, made PR appearances and worked with tenants to support the business.

Boris is only a yearling gelding and will not be broken to work until at least the age of four; he lives in a field at the moment.

Have they been able to continue working during the pandemic – if not, where were they stabled?

As the Robinsons pubs were closed through the pandemic, they have not been able to work, so they have been living out in fields owned by the brewery.





Do all the horses have names? How are they chosen?

All the horses have names.

They have stable names – these are their everyday names, which are chosen by the stables team and the Robinsons.

And they have registered names, which are on their passports when they are first registered as foals with the Shire Horse Society.

Show names are made up of a "prefix", usually related to the breeder and then the rest of the name is chosen by the breeder.

Robinsons have their own breeding programme with the prefix "Hillgate" (Hillgate is the name of the road the brewery is on). The rest of the name is chosen by the Robinson family; we are working our way through the alphabet, so the next foal names will begin with E and F.

Are there any events planned during this summer where they might make an appearance?

We won't be showing this year, our main focus being to provide support to tenants and attend their pubs for events etc. and to draw in the public.

We started doing this when we returned to work in April and now have a packed calendar – all our events are posted on our Facebook page – Robinsons Shires.

How many Shires do Robinsons own/maintain in their breeding programme?

The brewery owns eight shire horses at present:

Mojo

Bobek

Boris

Jeff: he is our retired gent, who used to work at the brewery and was named Royale in his "show" days. He now keeps the brood mares and foals company.

Lady (brood mare)

Dolly (brood mare)

Hillgate Cordelias Charm (Dolly's foal), known as Dilly

Hillgate Doris Day (Lady's foal), known as Doris

Who gave birth to what earlier this year? Two registered mares were both in foal.

Lady gave birth to Hillgate Doris Day (Lady's foal)



Doris

Dolly (brood mare) – Hillgate Cordelias Charm (Dolly's foal)

Dolly is scanned back in foal - her next foal will be born Spring 2022

Some additional facts:

Bobek and Mojo have their breakfast at 6.30am and their supper at 8.30pm each day. Each Shire can eat for up to 18 hours a day.

The Shires see the dentist every six months to check the health of their 12 teeth.

Bobek's favourite treat is Polos... He can devour a whole packet in seconds.

The Shires average speed in walk is 4 miles per hour.



The Shire horses have served Robinsons brewery for over 100 years, with only a brief interruption during WW1 when all the horses were sold for war duties. Before the arrival of the internal combustion engine, Robinsons Shires worked every day delivering traditionally brewed ales to local inns and hostelries. The present day sight of the Shires pulling the dray along Stockport's streets evokes many memories of bygone days.

Rosie Stead

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Recipe of the month: Skinny Kedgeree

If, like me, you still have some extra weight gained during the various lockdowns, this recipe might be useful - and even if you have managed not to add extra weight, it tastes good. Instead of the usual smoked haddock or cod it is made with smoked mackerel.

- 1 large cauliflower
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 1 red chilli, deseeded and chopped
- 2 tbsp medium curry powder
- 1 teasp mustard seeds
- ½ - 1 teasp cayenne or chilli powder, to taste
- 2 small smoked mackerel fillets, flaked
- 2 hard-boiled eggs, peeled and quartered
- 2 spring onions, sliced
- handful of flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- salt and black pepper

To make the cauliflower 'rice', preheat oven to 200C/gas mark 6. Discard stalk, put florets in processor and blitz for 30 seconds. Transfer to a bowl and gently mix in a drizzle of olive oil. Spread cauliflower out thinly on a baking tray and put in a hot oven for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, put the rest of the oil in a non-stick frying pan and gently fry the onion and chilli for 5 minutes to soften. Add all spices and fry for another minute or two.

Stir the cauliflower into the onions then add mackerel. Season and heat through gently for a few minutes. Stir in parsley and spring onions. Divide between two bowls and add the egg quarters.

Serves 2. 360 calories each.

Pamela Ferguson

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Too good not to share

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand-new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people "cops".
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

Which one is YOUR favourite?

(contributed by Peter Pilbeam)

Plant-based Pantry

I WAS DELIGHTED to receive a most thoughtful response from Andrea Webb Reilly to my June editorial, which discussed how we as Christians share our world with animals, and are part of a wonderful eco-system.

Andrea has kindly offered to provide a series of delicious-sounding recipes that are suitable for

vegetarian readers and others that are suitable for vegans.

With Pamela's scrumptious, regular recipes that are such a popular feature of *Grapevine*, I feel that our readership is now well-placed to approach the second half of the year with full and happy tummies!

Richard Parr

Vegetarian Recipe: Crispy New Potatoes with Feta and Olives

This is a lovely warm salad that works at any time of year. Experiment away with any of the ingredients. The only essential here is the potatoes. If you want to make it yet more filling, add black or flageolet beans (note: it can be difficult to find tinned flageolet beans, they're easier to come by dried. Tinned or dried black beans are widely available). I don't find it necessary to add any dressing to the salad, but if you like, go ahead

Serves 4

700g/1½lb baby new potatoes, unpeeled, washed, dried and quartered

Olive oil for potatoes

75g/3oz pitted black olives, shredded

200g/7oz feta, diced

2 level tbsp chopped flat-leaf parsley

2 whole lettuces, shredded (I like Romaine)

Salt and black pepper

Optional:

1 400g tin of black or flageolet beans, drained, rinsed and warmed (or 120g of dried beans, soaked overnight, thoroughly cooked, drained, rinsed and added warm)

1. Spray the potatoes with oil until they're lightly coated (note: if you don't have an oil spray, toss in just enough oil to coat lightly). Add salt and pepper, and then cook in a baking dish for 30 minutes in an oven



preheated to 200 if a fan oven, 220/425 if a conventional oven (note: increase or decrease cooking time, according to how crispy you like your potatoes to be).

2. Toss together all the remaining ingredients in a bowl.
3. When the potatoes are crisped to your liking, toss with the other ingredients (including the warm beans, if using) and serve.

Andrea Webb Reilly

Smilers

Under the Warnings and Precautions section of my antibiotic it states:

Tell your doctor immediately if you feel your heart beating in your chest (and if you can't, it may be too late)

On the London Underground escalators:

Dogs must be carried (but I haven't a dog)

A headline in a local paper:

Local man wins rabbit show

Contributed by Rosie Stead



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, STOCKPORT MUSIC LIST – JULY 2021

Music listed may be subject to change

Sunday 4th July – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity				
10:15am – St. George's Service		[Upper Voices]	4:00pm – Annual Celebration of Marriage Service	
Introit:	The Call – Vaughan Williams		Hymns:	516 Love divine, all loves excelling, 449 God of mercy, God of grace, 548 One more step along the world I go,
Setting:	The Canterbury Service – Barker		Psalm:	67 [Smart]
Hymns:	612 We have a gospel to proclaim, 455 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,		Anthem:	The Call – Lloyd
Anthem:	Let all the world in every corner sing – Lang			

Sunday 11th July – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity	
10:15am – St. George's Service	4:00pm – Service currently suspended
Introit:	Fight the good fight – arr. Maxson
Setting:	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne
Hymns:	There's a wideness in God's mercy arr. Bevan 494 King of glory, King of peace,
Anthem:	Day by day – How

Sunday 18th July – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity	
10:15am – St. George's Service	4:00pm – Service currently suspended
Introit:	Ubi caritas – Gjeilo
Setting:	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening
Hymns:	368 All my hope on God is founded; 416 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Anthem:	The Lord is my shepherd – Goodall

Sunday 25th July – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity / James the Apostle			
10:15am – St. George's Service		4:00pm – Choral Evensong	
Introit:	Sing to the Lord – Tye		Hymns:
Setting:	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne		232 For all the saints who from their labours rest, 507 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Hymns:	502 Light's abode, celestial Salem, 627 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,		Responses:
		Psalm:	94 [Stewart]
Anthem:		Canticles:	
Funeral Ikos – Tavener		Evening Service in B flat – Stanford	
		Anthem:	
		The road home – Paulus	

Socially-distanced choir and director of music!



(photos by Janine Arnott)

Tril's June Newsletter

At last Tril's iPad problem seems to have been resolved and I received her latest news. It was a personal letter so I have edited it to give you her family news. *Rosie Stead*

I am so glad you are going into spring. I hated to think of you coping with all the inconveniences of Covid19 and the dark, cold winter days.

New Zealand has been very slow about organising our vaccinations. My Doctor wasn't pleased that a 97 year old diabetic had no idea when our vaccinations would come. So poor Cara and Bali (*Tril's daughter and son in law*) spent fruitless hours on the phone, and then went to one of the centres, to face a human! But with no better luck. However several of the retirement villages have already been done, and our manager has arranged for our care centre and apartments to receive the jab on July 5th – but not the staff of villas, so they may not be best pleased.

Now what can I tell you about my family? Firstly, Bali was honoured in the Queen's birthday list for services to Education. He and Cara are both busy people. Cara volunteers at the Fair Trade shop; the prisoners 'virtual' visiting system and prisoners aid at court. She is a wonderful housekeeper, for which I take no credit! Manages a pretty garden and a separate vegetable plot. And finds time to take wonderful care of me. I try not to mention things that need doing because she will be there almost before I have said it – and Bali too.

Graham (*Tril's son*) still plods along in Germany and declares he is not lonely because he is teaching all day. Nearly all of it on-line, with Zoom and Facetime. He has always cared for people and spends a lot of his little spare time with a musical friend, who has some progressive muscular disease. He gets them both onto trains and they follow opera round the area. (I have happy memories of them coming over for the opera season in Buxton and the fun we had). He has studied Russian and Hebrew and runs a choir amongst teachers of English in Cologne – and a book club! I miss him very much. All the years I was alone he used to come over every couple of months, and took me on some wonderful holidays after Wallace died. He has had his vaccinations, I'm glad to say and I'm looking forward to when he can join us here again.

One grandson, who has lived in France for many years, has bought himself a catamaran, taken all the required qualifications, while keeping a high-powered computer job going. Now takes people for trips on the Mediterranean at weekends!

The other grandson, who escaped from Kabul, where he worked before it shut down, has a New Zealand passport so managed to get home. Quarantined in a lovely flat and was fed and watered by his parents – at arm's length! He works for the World Bank and has to do it all at night, of course. He has bought a house in Wellington, which he hopes to let when he returns to 'normal' work, not in Kabul, but Dubai perhaps.

Thank you again for sending Grapevine – I read it cover to cover.

Lots of love to you and anyone who remembers me. Take care and God bless. Tril xx

Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

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

Intermediate Sudoku solution:

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

Crossword

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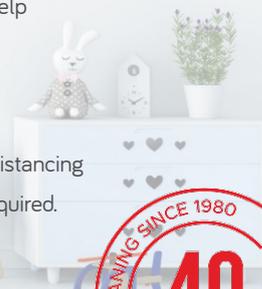
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