

A monthly round-up of
news, views, events
and services at
St George's, Heaviley,
SK2 6NU,
and St Gabriel's, Adswold
in the
Parish of St George, Stockport.
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Who's Who in the Parish of St George, Stockport

Vicar	Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall <i>vicar@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</i> 456 9382	St Gabriel's		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.
Readers	Peter Hall 456 9382 Rita Waters	Festival services	Rev. Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall 456 9382		
Churchwardens	Andrew Regan 440 0408 Hazel Jenkins 483 4679	Uniformed Groups with connections to St George's		Linen Guild	Pat Rigley 487 1999 Maintain the church's linen.
PCC Secretary	Lois Kelly 439 9458	Rainbows	Trisha Brown 07403 353 175 Sue Kirkland 07854 101 918 For girls aged 5-7. Meet Fridays 6.15-7.30pm in the Parish Room.	Magazine Editorial Group	Meet monthly to plan future issues. email: magazine@stgeorgestockport.org.uk
PCC Treasurer	Andrew Regan 440 0408 <i>treasurer@stgeorgestockport.org.uk</i>	Brownies	Rachel Lockett 775 2755 Voni Walker 07956 674 241 For girls aged 7-10. Meet Thursdays 6.30-8pm in the Parish Room.	Mothers' Union	Pat Durnall 483 4837 Meet on 2nd Monday of the month in church at 2.15pm.
Parish Office	Marion McCall 480 2453	Guides			
Magazine Editor	vacant	Beavers	Bill Frith 439 3232 For boys and girls ages 6 and 7 Meet Fridays 6-7pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church.		
Safeguarding co-ordinator	James Hibbert 07365 519207	Cubs	Bill Frith 439 3232 For boys and girls ages 8-10½. Meet Fridays 7.15-8.45pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church.		
Website	www.stgeorgestockport.org.uk	Scouts	Elizabeth Goodred <i>Elizabeth.goodred@stockportscouts.org.uk</i> For boys and girls ages 10½-14. Meet Wednesdays 7-9pm at rear of Trinity Methodist Church.		
Webmaster	Peter Hall 456 9382	Other Groups and Activities			
St George's Primary School		St George's			
Headteacher	Deborah Grindrod 480 8657	Bell ringers	Anne Mayes 485 6477 Practise Mondays 7.45-9pm. Ring on Sundays 9.45-10.15am. Meet in the tower.		
St George's Deputy Wardens	John Hardy 01663 764 462 Will Hesson 480 0630	Bible Reading Fellowship Notes	Janet Neilson 483 9025 Notes are ordered on request.		
Verger	role vacant	Bible Study Groups	<i>contact the clergy</i> Study groups and courses are arranged from time to time.		
Director of Music	James Hibbert 07365 519207 <i>actingdirectorofmusic@gmail.com</i>	Choir	James Hibbert 07365 519207 <i>actingdirectorofmusic@gmail.com</i> Practise Thursdays 7.30-9pm in the vestry. Sing on Sundays at 10.15am and 4pm services.		
Bookings for Parish Rooms	Parish Office or 480 2453 Judith Swift 483 8681	Church Flowers	Jean Hayden (<i>donations</i>) 483 2367		
St Gabriel's		Church Gardeners	Walter Stead 430 2449 Meet on Tuesdays 9.30-12.30.		
Contact:	Parish Office 480 2453	Coffee Mornings	Olwen Smith 483 6548 after the 10.15am service, in church.		
Bookings	Parish Office 480 2453	Cursillo	Usually meet on last Wednesday of the month. 7.30pm at different venues.		
Children's Activities					
St George's Children's Corner	Available for children (and parents) during services. Equipped with books, crayons and soft toys.				
Sunday Club	Louise Clark 483 3703 For children of nursery and school age. Meet during the 10.15am Parish Communion service most weeks during term time.				
Junior Choir	James Hibbert 07365 519207 Practise 6.30-7.30 on Thursdays in the vestry; sing on Sundays for 10.15am service.				
Praise and Play	Lois Kelly 439 9458 For 0-4s and their carers. Meet every Tuesday in term time, 10-11 in church.				

Front cover photo: St George's Church during the period of mourning for the late Queen Elizabeth II.

(photo by Andrew Regan)

Services in October:
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Elaine writes:

At the state funeral, among the pomp, processions and pageantry, there lurked a constant sense of poignancy and pain at the loss of someone very precious to us, our late Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II.

The pinched anguished expressions of her beloved family were evident as they lived out their grief over hours of television coverage in the full glare of the public, every movement examined, every nuanced encounter discussed, every outfit and seating arrangement mused over.

I wanted to applaud the amazing resilience of the young men holding the precious cargo of the Queen's coffin, with the additional weight of the orb, sceptre and crown placed carefully on top. The sense of responsibility was etched into their faces as they moved, step by carefully choreographed step, towards their destination.

The linked arms of the ratings showed their determination to work together as they moved the gun carriage, faces forward, pacing out to the steady beat of the bass drum, together, committed and honoured to be part of something so historic and important.

Those in heraldic dress, the armed forces, the police and the Queen's own household were among the many who walked the walk, privileged to be giving their time as

they marched steadily, mile after mile through the streets of London and then onwards from Windsor.

Then we saw the intimate scenes of the staff of the royal palaces, spread out ready to pay their respects along with Emma, the Queen's pony, the grooms and the corgis and their staff. Dignified and discreet, they stood quietly to wait.

The eyes of the world were on them all.

The thousands of acts of worship in honour and remembrance of the life and ministry of the late Queen culminated in services at Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel, Windsor. It would be easy to think that those contributing would be used to being involved in larger public and state services. Yet what we saw would have been the result of years of hard work behind the scenes in preparation and at a personal cost to those officiating who would have known the Queen well.

The Queen has ministered among us for over 70 years, and we have been blessed by all that she has shown to us and shared with us through her faith and her sure reliance upon God, through her steadfastness, often in the face of adversity, and her Christian love which has been spread abroad graciously and generously. May God bless her.

As we continue to grieve let us ask God for help for ourselves and for the royal family.

O God, who brought us to birth, and in whose arms we die, in our grief and shock contain and comfort us; embrace us with your love, give us hope in our confusion, and grace to let go into new life; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A floral tribute from the staff, children and governors of St George's School



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Welcome to Rev Dr Jenny McKay

I AM REALLY looking forward to joining the community at St George's. From the first moment I set foot in your church, at the 125th Anniversary Animal Blessing Service, I felt a warm welcome from a very inclusive church. As a minister in secular employment I fulfil my life as a priest both in the workplace and at church, and enjoy meeting people from all nationalities and cultures and discussing faith issues. I have been based in a rural parish church in Great Budworth for 22 years (from confirmation into the Church of England to training as an ordinand, and then a curate) and I find the new challenge of a city-based church very motivating! I have a virtual community of followers on my @thereverendvet social platforms, and I know St George's and the virtual following are going to benefit greatly from what both sides can offer in terms of spiritual nourishment and pastoral support. New initiatives in St George's regarding the concept of Welcome, and a short virtual course on this theme and a few other topics are in the pipeline. You will also meet my husband Dave, who is a GP practice manager in Liverpool, and his hobbies are education on climate change and Nordic walking. We have three cats as well, who keep us on our toes! Looking forward to meeting you all.

Every blessing, Jenny



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Some Memories of Her Majesty the Queen

IN 1952, I WAS five years old and in the reception class at St Mary's CE School in Reddish. For those of you who know St Mary's, it was not the modern school it now is, but was a very old building. The junior department had one small classroom and the rest was one large area divided into three rooms – two by a roll-back partition and the other by a curtain.

I remember being taken into the hall and stood on the front row (no sitting down in those days!) and being told by Mr Campaign, the head teacher, that the King had died. Whether we sang 'God Save the Queen' I really don't remember.

Sixteen months later in early June all my mother's family (and being one of six, there were a lot of us!) went by bus to Baxendale, near Accrington, where my aunt and uncle lived and had a television. The screen was probably the same size as the iPad that I'm using now. I do remember everyone crowding into the living room to watch the proceedings. There my memory fails me, as I must have got very restless and my father took me out for

a walk along the country lane in the rain. We came in through the back yard and I remember looking through the window and seeing Prince Charles and Princess Anne peering round a curtain, presumably when their parents were out on the palace balcony.

Twenty five years later I was teaching at Maycroft School in Brinnington when the Queen and Prince Philip came to Stockport during the Silver Jubilee celebrations. All Stockport school children went to Stockport County's football ground and put on various displays. Our school was involved in the country dancing display. The royal party drove round the edge of the pitch in an open top Rolls Royce. We all had the rest of the day off.

That same summer we took the oldest children on a day trip to London and I bought a Silver Jubilee tea towel which I am still using.

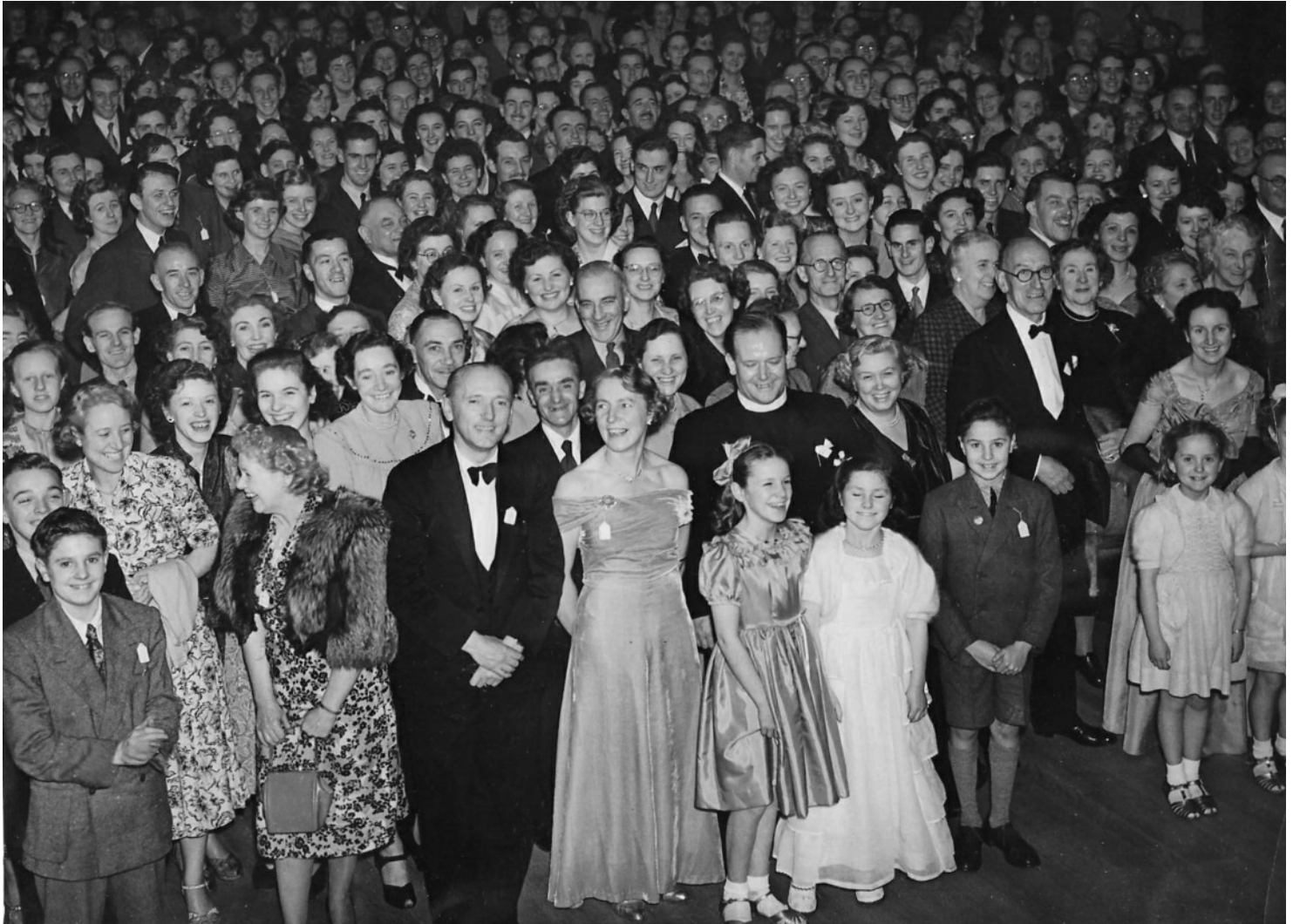
I wonder if any Grapevine readers were school children then, and took part in the day's events.

Kate Stephenson

Parish Party circa 1952/3

I FOUND THIS photograph of a parish party gathering at Stockport Town Hall, which must be around 1952/3, so around the time of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne and her subsequent coronation. It shows Wilfred and Edith Garlick and other familiar faces. I think Joan is standing behind the young girls on the right. My grandparents, Harry and Esther Gosling, are also in the front front row!!!!

Janet Neilson



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Holy Baptism

28th Aug Aurora Blu Glen
4th Sep Henry Theodore Williams
Willow Mae O'Connor
11th Sep Lyla Marie Dorothy Roberts
18th Sep Grace Amelia Martin
Charlie Kris Marsland

Holy Matrimony

None last month

Funerals

6th Sep Harold Tanswell. Service at St George's followed by burial at Stockport cemetery
17th Sep Edward (Ted) William Wych. Memorial service at St George's
22nd Sep James Walter Platt. Service at St George's followed by committal at the Rowan Chapel

Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows:

21st Aug from Marjorie Lees, for Family and Friends
28th Aug for those preparing for a new term
4th Sep in fond memory of Christopher Justice who would have been 60 this week.
11th Sep Birthday memories of Kevin, from the Staley family
11th Sep In memory of Irene Hinde our beloved sister in Christ and Cursillista! Irene was a

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prayer powerhouse for us and a great encourager from Peter Pilbeam, in loving memory of Margaret Pilbeam
18th Sep from Sandra Noble, in loving memory of George and Dorothy Newitt

Mothers' Union

Monday October 10th, 2022, at 2.15pm. We will be welcoming Judy Clark, a volunteer room guide at Lyme Park, to speak to us about the Hall and the Legh family. Everybody welcome. Come along and learn more about a local property and family. Tea and coffee will be served.

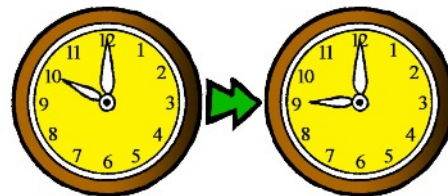
Dates for the diary

Sun 2nd Oct, 10.15am: Parish Communion to Celebrate 50 years of ordained ministry for Revd Canon John Roff
Sun 2nd Oct, 4pm: Welcome service for Revd Dr Jenny McKay
Thur 6th Oct, 7.30pm: Commissioning Service for Elaine as Rural Dean
Sun 9th Oct, 10.15am: Harvest Service
Sun 9th Oct, 4pm: Harvest Service at St Gabriel's

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Sun 23rd Oct, 2pm: Trafalgar Day service
Sun 30th Oct, 4pm: Choral Evensong
Sun 6th Nov at 4pm: Celebration of Life Service

Reminder: clocks go back at 2am on Sunday 30th October



Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:

Please contact the vicar:
Telephone: 0161 456 9382
or email:
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Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 21st Oct.**
Committee meeting: Tue 25th Oct.

St George's floodlighting – sponsorship request form

(Please return to Andrew Regan, 153 Acre Lane, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, SK8 7PB).

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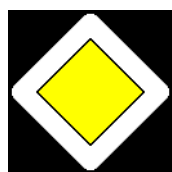
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Stockport or Oldenburg?

HAVING JUST RETURNED from our annual trip to Oldenburg, Germany, the subject of differences between the two cultures often came up in discussion. Is there more to it than towels on sunbeds? I can't speak for Germany as a whole, or indeed England as a whole, but merely about variations between two northern towns.

Well, for all those who have working knees, the bike is the way to go in Oldenburg! Footpaths are either split into two for pedestrians and cyclists or pedestrians and cyclists have their own path. So take care you're not walking on the wrong path! Cyclists have their own traffic lights. When turning right in the car your light may be on green but the cyclists going straight on on their bike path, also have a green light, so vigilance is a must if you're not going to knock a cyclist off his bike!



The rule of thumb in Germany is 'traffic from the right has right of way' – this is not just for roundabouts! This sign denotes that you have the right of way over traffic coming out of roads on your right. If this sign is absent, any form of vehicle, even the inevitable bike, coming from a road on the right has right of way and can come shooting out of a side road in front of you!



If you're not struck on waiting at traffic lights – keep your eye out for his little sign! The green arrow sign pointing right means that even if the light is on red, you can turn right with care. So if you hear car horns behind you furiously beeping, they are waiting for you to go through the red light and turn right! Not obvious if you're unfamiliar with this particular rule.

Motorways are great if you're in a rush – with the majority of them having no speed limits and lorries banned from using the outside lanes at busy times. The downside of travelling on motorways is that Tebay and

Gloucester services are a distant memory! There are simply car parking areas for you to stop and stretch your legs and a petrol station if you are lucky and even luckier if there is a toilet there!

It also takes a while to adjust to the 24-hour culture over there. There's no grabbing a quick bite of lunch for the shop workers. They can take their time and even fit in a siesta, as many local shops in smaller towns close at lunchtime from about 12 to 3pm. On Sundays all shops, from the corner shop to supermarkets and department stores, are closed. Many restaurants and cafes are still family run and have a 'Ruhetag', a day of rest, where they close for the day. More often than not it is a Monday.

During the month we were over there, we must have literally put only a handful of things in the 'general rubbish.' All packaging, from yoghurt pots to plastic bags and bottle tops, is recycled using the 'Gelbe Sack.' One rule which could well be introduced here is that bottles, whether plastic or glass, are bought with a deposit charge. They can easily be returned to any shop for a refund by placing them in a machine which then produces a receipt to be redeemed at the till. It is immaterial where they were bought.

What do I miss most about Oldenburg apart from friends? Definitely the cake!



I'm not disclosing how many times we visited our favourite cafe. Suffice it to say that, as soon as we walked through the door, the owner already knew our order! What would I like to bring over from England? Well, sometimes nothing beats a bit of good northern humour and understanding!

Pat Wilke

Why I like Retirement

- Question: How many days in a week?
Answer: Six Saturdays and one Sunday.
- Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?
Answer: Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.
- Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?
Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.
- Question: What is the biggest gripe of retirees?
Answer: There's not enough time to get everything done.
- Question: Why don't retirees mind being called 'Seniors'?
Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.
- Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal wear?
Answer: Shoes with laces.

Found on Facebook

St George's Twilight Fair

WE ARE PLEASED to announce the beloved St George's Twilight Fair is making a return on Friday 11th November. This has always been a lovely, friendly, creative and successful fair with plenty of local makers, artists and crafters and loads of buyers enjoying the beautiful church in an autumn twilight. The church will have its lovely refreshments stall. The fair will be open to the public from 2.30pm until 9pm and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. There may be some stall spaces left so if you would like to apply please email yarnandblast@gmail.com for more information about how to book. There will be a £2 entrance fee for adults, with accompanied children free of charge.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – a timeline

21st April 1926	Princess Elizabeth born to the Duke and Duchess of York, later to become George VI and Queen Elizabeth, later the Queen Mother.
21st August 1930	Princess Margaret born.
11th December 1936	Princess Elizabeth became heir presumptive after her father took the throne upon the abdication of her uncle, Edward VIII.
April 1945	The Princess signed up to the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the women's branch of the British Army. She trained as a driver and mechanic.
8th May 1945	Elizabeth and Margaret were allowed to leave Buckingham Palace to participate secretly in VE Day celebrations.
20th November 1947	Married Royal Navy lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, her third cousin through Queen Victoria, at Westminster Abbey. The heir presumptive adopted her husband's title, becoming Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh.
24th November 1948	Prince Charles was born.
1949	Princess Elizabeth and her husband moved to Malta, where they remained until 1951, while Philip was stationed there with HMS <i>Magpie</i> .
15th August 1950	Princess Anne was born.
6th February 1952	George VI died and Princess Elizabeth became Queen while in Kenya on a Commonwealth tour.
2nd June 1953	Queen Elizabeth's Coronation at Westminster Abbey. It was broadcast by the BBC.
18th February 1960	Prince Andrew was born.
10th March 1964	Prince Edward was born.
1967	The Queen visited Bredbury, Stockport to plant trees on Werneth Low.
16th May 1968	The Queen toured Top Lock and Possett Bridge, Marple, and waved to crowds from under an umbrella as she walked along a rain-spattered canal.
21st June 1969	A fly-on-the-wall documentary about the Royal Family was broadcast, giving audiences an unprecedented view of a year in the private and public life of the Queen and her family.
1977	The Queen celebrated her Silver Jubilee – 25 years on the throne.
21st June 1977	As part of her Silver Jubilee celebrations, the Queen visited Stockport.
13th June 1981	Six blank cartridges were fired at the Queen by a 17-year-old male, as she turned down Horseguards Parade for the Trooping of the Colour ceremony. He was apprehended by a guardsman and police.
29th July 1981	Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer at St Paul's Cathedral.
21st June 1982	Prince William was born.
15th September 1984	Prince Henry of Wales, known as Prince Harry, was born.
22nd March 1991	Another visit to Stockport, to open the Oakwood Cheshire Home in Offerton.
1992	The Queen's 'annus horribilis'.
	The Princess Royal and Captain Mark Philips divorce; the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of York separate, and Windsor Castle was hit by a fire.
1993	The Queen started to pay income tax.
28th August 1996	Prince Charles and Princess Diana's divorce was finalised.
31st August 1997	Princess Diana died after a car crash in Paris.
October 2000	Another visit to Stockport.
2002	The Queen's Golden Jubilee.
	Princess Margaret died aged 71, on 9th February, and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother died on 30th March, a few days before she would have become 102.
29th April 2011	Prince William married Catherine Middleton, known as Kate, at Westminster Abbey.
May 2011	The Queen made a state visit to the Republic of Ireland, becoming the first British monarch to do so in 100 years.

- 2012** The Diamond Jubilee. She was the first British monarch, since her great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, to celebrate 60 years on the throne.
- 22nd July 2013** Prince George of Cambridge was born to Prince William and Catherine. He was third in line to the throne.
- 2nd May 2015** Princess Charlotte was born.
- 9th September 2015** The Queen became the longest-reigning monarch in British history after passing Queen Victoria's 63 years and 216 days.
- 23rd April 2018** Prince Louis was born.
- 19th May 2018** Prince Harry married US actress Meghan Markle. The Queen conferred a dukedom on her grandson, making the couple the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. They welcomed a son, Archie, in 2019 and a daughter, Lilibet, in 2021.
- 8th January 2020** The Duke and Duchess of Sussex announced on social media their intention to "step back as 'senior' members of the royal family", adding that they would continue to "fully support Her Majesty, the Queen".
- 5th April 2020** With the UK in lockdown at the start of the pandemic, the Queen broadcast to the nation and the Commonwealth, in an exceptionally rare move. "We will meet again".
- 20th November 2020** A photograph was released to mark the 73rd wedding anniversary of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.
- 9th April 2021** Prince Philip died aged 99. The funeral took place on 17 April, during Covid restrictions. The Queen observed social distancing rules by sitting alone in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, as she bade farewell.
- 2022** The Queen marked 70 years on the throne with her Platinum Jubilee.
- 20th February 2022** Buckingham Palace announced that the Queen had tested positive for Covid. She returned to in-person public engagements two weeks later.
- 8th September 2022** Buckingham Palace announced the death of the Queen at Balmoral.

*Throughout her reign, the Queen made **270** official visits to **116** countries and **968** voyages on the Royal Yacht Britannia.*

Rosie Stead

St George's Church during the period of mourning for the late Queen Elizabeth II



photo: Andrew Regan

Slips, trips and typos

IF, AS THE SONG SAYS, "Love is all around us", so are these little accidents of language in all its forms, occurring even in online advertisements such as this offering of early MOT renewals by local motor specialists: *Don't forget we can carry out your MOT up to 30 days before your renal date.*

The famous 'Freudian slip' has provided work for linguists and psychologists ever since 1901. The classic example, *to say one thing and mean your mother*, says it all. Most verbal slips do not reveal the unconscious mind, but it may nonetheless be safer to give examples from one's own mistakes: in answer once to "Are you hungry?" I answered, "I'm not ravishing" – and managed to remember *ravenous* just in time to avoid general agreement!

Mixing up words such as *ravishing* /*ravenous* has a long, noteworthy history as a comic device, so I was at least in good company! Featuring in several of Shakespeare's plays, and probably for centuries before, it was Sheridan in *The Rivals* who created the unforgettable character, Mrs Malaprop, with her glorious utterings, such as "She is as headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile", and gave us the word, malapropism.



It was a great surprise to see that the word, *spoonerism*, was in the Oxford English Dictionary as early as 1900. The Rev. William Archibald Spooner clearly was a legend in his lifetime, and one can only hope that he was

not too offended by being generally known only for his tendency to reverse the initial sounds of two words. It is not clear that he did this often, *kinquering kongs* and *the weight of rages* being the sole examples generally accepted as his.

There are many contexts in which it is important to keep a straight face. Work involving careful listening and responding to concerned parents has produced these:

I know the doctor thinks I'm a hydropontiac

They think he may need his androids out

They said the Euston Station tube was probably blocked, but what that's got to do with it...?

The doctor said it wasn't due to the fall she had; her hearing problems were genital!

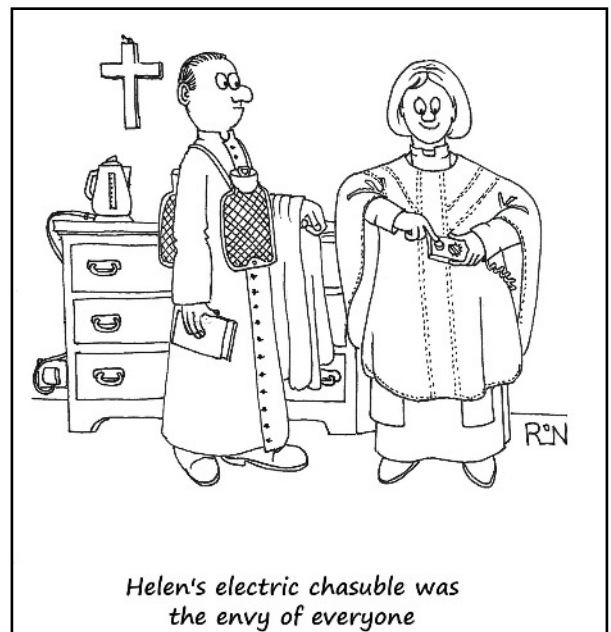
In this context, written work provides much safer ground, with letters addressed to *Department of Audiology and Education of the Dead* and reports stating that "*P... has been provided with bilateral post-anal hearing aids*" – poor child!

It is always safer to assume that unfortunate errors are typos rather than spelling mistakes or poor checking of written material. It frees one to discover jewels even in one's own church material:

1. (from a Christmas order of service) *If I were a shepherd, I would bring lamb*
2. (from a monthly music list) *O strength and satay, upholding all creation*

Little anomalies of language obviously brighten the lives of proof readers; further, a collection of them can also prove useful to editors. Essentially one-liners, they can provide a store of flexible inserts for awkward gaps in the text. How about collecting some and sending them to *Grapevine*?

Angela Foulkes





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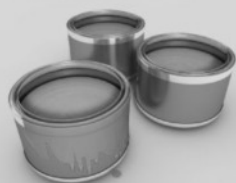
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Recipe of the Month: Carrot, Parsnip and Lentil Soup

With the weather becoming colder, and the prospect of us all having to tighten our belts in the present economic climate, this soup might be a perfect addition to your culinary repertoire this autumn

75g/3oz green lentils
2 tabsps oil
175-120g/6-7oz chorizo sausage, cut into cubes
350g/12oz onions, peeled and roughly chopped
225g/8oz carrots, peeled and roughly chopped
225g/8oz parsnips, peeled and roughly chopped
1 teasp ground cumin
1.7 litres/3 pts vegetable stock (from a cube is fine)
2 bay leaves
a few thyme sprigs
salt and pepper

Soak the lentils in double their volume of cold water for 6 hours or overnight. Heat the oil in a large pan, add the chorizo and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until

golden. Remove with a slotted spoon and set aside. Add onions to the pan and cook for 10 minutes until soft and golden.

Add carrots, parsnips, cumin and drained lentils and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes. Stir in stock, bay leaves and thyme. Bring to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes or until all is tender.

Cool slightly, remove herbs and purée the soup in batches in a blender or food processor. Return the soup to the wiped out pan, bring back to the boil and correct the seasoning. Sprinkle with the reserved chorizo.

Variations: Use bacon instead of chorizo

Add croutons to the finished soup

Use tinned lentils if you haven't enough
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For a vegetarian version, omit the chorizo

Pamela Ferguson

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THE MOTHERS' UNION Communion service took place on Monday 12th September at St George's. The service included enrolling three new members: Margaret Booth, Gerard Hayes and Kate Stephenson. Long service certificates were awarded to Marion Johnson, Pat Durnall and Jose Westwood who celebrated 40 years membership, and Margaret Sharrard with an amazing 55 years membership. Long-standing members, Pat Rigley and Marion Johnson, are to be nominated for *Inspiring Women in the Mothers' Union*.



Mothers' Union Members at the MU Communion



Pat Rigley, nominee for *Inspiring Women in the Mothers' Union*



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But where are all the Butterflies?

IN LAST MONTH'S edition of *Parish Grapevine* Angela Foulkes posed the question that is the title of this piece alongside a lovely photograph of buddleia cuttings (of the genus *buddleja*). This flowering plant often goes by its common name of the butterfly bush because the nectar-rich flowers attract butterflies during the optimum time of emergence of the adults. However, populations of many animals are in long-term decline, which means that we may be less likely to see them in our gardens, the countryside or other green spaces. The Living Planet Index, which measures the number of individual animals in almost 28,000 populations across more than 4,900 species, shows a 68% decline in population size since 1970. This is a staggering statistic, but more alarming is the fact that it does not include insects, the most abundant class of animals on Earth at an astonishing 1.4 billion per person on Earth. Insects provide humans with a range of benefits, referred to in the scientific literature as 'ecosystem services', including pollination and natural pest control. Without these important organisms, the Earth's life-support systems would collapse. A recent study by the Kent Wildlife Trust, in conjunction with Buglife and Diocese of Oxford, used citizen scientists to track changes in insect abundance between 2004 and 2021

(<https://cdn.buglife.org.uk/2022/05/Bugs-Matter-2021-National-Report.pdf>). The research used a novel method of counting 'splat rate', the number of insects splatted onto car number plates during a journey. The findings revealed an almost 60% decline in abundance between 2004 and 2021 in Britain. The reasons for decline in animal populations are varied and complex, but include land use and climate change. The Worldwide Fund for Nature estimate that humans have altered 75% of the Earth's ice-free surface, and scientific evidence shows that the Earth is now up to 1.2 degrees Celsius warmer than in pre-industrial times. These changes affect the habitat and resources available to animals, leading to population decline for some species. Butterflies are some of the most threatened species in the UK because of these changes in our environment, but some species will actually benefit from warmer temperatures extending their territory further north, while others that are less able to control their body temperature in extreme heat are in decline. Usually species that are light-coloured (the Large White) will benefit from a warmer climate while those that are dark-coloured (Red Admiral) will be less able to withstand warmer temperatures. This is because butterflies are ectotherms, meaning they cannot generate their own body heat, relying on external heat from the sun. When we see butterflies basking in the sun they are collecting solar energy needed for flight.

In a recent report entitled 'Working with Nature' the Environment Agency for England catalogued the loss of habitat, describing England as one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world due to our legacy of industrial development. The report does offer some hope

for the future through applying a range of 'nature-based solutions' to address multiple environmental problems. These solutions include measures such as peat restoration, species reintroductions, and natural flood management to help to restore biodiversity, trap carbon from the atmosphere, reduce risk of flooding and provide supplies of clean water. One such project that I have been working on with the Environment Agency over the last few years is a natural flood management scheme at New Mills, where water is held at points within the landscape by natural systems, such as log jams, ponds, and wooded areas, thereby slowing the flow of water into the River Sett to drastically reduce the risk of flooding in the town. Our monitoring has demonstrated the effectiveness of this solution and it offers a range of other benefits to nature. We can contribute through how we plant our gardens and manage our church grounds. We can also consider donating to or fundraising for charities that work on nature-based solutions, projects such as Earthwatch Europe <https://earthwatch.org.uk/giving> or NBS based in Oxford

<https://www.naturebasedsolutionsinitiative.org/support-us/>

Andy Clark

THAT WAS THE QUESTION accompanying a picture of buddleia, in September's magazine, with very few butterflies in sight. Usually, at this time of year, it is teeming with butterflies, but not this year.

I spoke to Robert Mantle, one of our Garden Gnomes, as he had been invited to take part in a butterfly count in August, on the lower slopes of Dovestones, on Saddleworth Moor, where there are many wild flowers.

Not only did they see butterflies, but also a great variety: meadow browns; great whites; green-veined whites; little whites and gatekeepers, to name a few.

The reason there were none around our gardens is that there was a sunny spring, encouraging butterflies to appear before their food supply flowered. Then this was followed by a cold spell, which didn't suit the butterflies.



Added to this is the use of insecticides and pesticides which have reduced all insect life.

Robert had also been on an annual butterfly-spotting walk in Wilmslow, near to the Airport. They were rewarded by the sighting of a red admiral butterfly – the first one seen there in the 20 years one of the spotters has been taking part.

So, in answer to the question, butterflies are around, you just need to know where to look.

Rosie Stead

Platinum Jubilee story

Colin, the Contrary Corgi, by Elaine Chegwin Hall

“PLEASE STAND for Her Majesty the Queen”.

Four padded bottoms rose up from four padded, plush red chairs, at the voice.

Seconds later there was a skittering sound of claws against a marble floor along with a steady clomp of polished boots and a delicate clip of high-heeled, well, medium-high-heeled, shoes which rounded the corner until they came into view.

The corgis, not ones much for royal protocol, arrived first and made themselves comfortable in the four baskets placed alongside the golden chair. Next came the Queen, a diminutive figure, but with a stately poise and cheery smile. The person who accompanied her was tall, his face unreadable, until one of the dogs got up to take a good sniff of his trousers and he grimaced at the hound.

“You may sit”.

Four puffs of air were expelled from the thick padded seats making rude noises, but no one laughed. It wasn't the done thing.

“You may wonder why you have been asked to come to the palace” said the official. He seemed to be responsible for all the announcements. The sitters looked at each other, puzzled looks on their faces, a vague memory of reading in school about people being sent to the tower for various misdemeanours, and scoured their minds for anything particularly awful that they might have done.

“You are all dog handlers in some way or another.”

“You,” he pointed to the large, well-built man on the left, his tattoo just visible above the collar of his shirt, “work in security”.

“You,” he indicated the tiny, little bird of a woman, “work with sniffer dogs in the police.”

“You,” directing his glare at the red-faced man next in line, “run a dog-walking business in Willesden.”

“And you,” turning to the statuesque woman in the cream suit, “work in animal therapy.”

They each looked at one another with bemused faces.

Recognising their discomfort, the official said, “Her Majesty is having trouble with one of her corgis, Colin. He gets into secret royal places he shouldn't do. He sniffs his way into royal banquets and sneaks the food. He doesn't like exercise and so is found in the royal bedchambers, sitting on the royal pillows and” – at this point, he looked embarrassed – “he gets into the royal handbag and eats the royal lipstick.”

Her Majesty sat regally on her lovely golden chair throughout, with scarcely a flicker of emotion across her face. Years of royal training meant that contrary corgis called Colin were not going to mess with her day.

Nevertheless, the time had come for Colin to show the same level of faithfulness and obedience that the four other corgis had learned from being pups.

“Each of you has exactly one week to find out what his problem is and to deal with it successfully”, said Her Majesty.

They all looked at the floor, just in time to see Colin, curled up underneath the Queen's very nice golden chair, wearing a shade of red lipstick which was far too dark for his fur and a shiny jewelled necklace which looked as if it had been pinched from the secure storage box, eating a ham bone and dropping bits of meat onto the carpet and making the place smell like a café.

Colin, it has to be said, was not fazed by this attention as he chewed and slobbered through his snack, close to the Queen's legs, under her beautiful golden chair.

“Please stand for Her Majesty the Queen”.

Everyone stood, the four compliant corgis, thinking dinner must be going to be served, got up and followed the Queen and the tall man, and the door was closed.

Colin stayed and drooled. The lipstick, however, stayed in place, creating a large red grin across his dirty chops and the shiny necklace was casually hanging from his right ear.

The four dog handlers looked at each other in disbelief, a collective sigh coming from their lips.

What shall we do next?

The dog walker tried to call Colin over, who looked back at him as if he were crazy. “Leave this bone behind? You must be kidding.” Colin seemed to say. A second attempt by the dog walker resulted in a show of fairly sharp teeth from Colin and the dog walker sat down – quickly.

The police dog handler tried to get the bone away from Colin's mouth. “No way José” Colin seemed to say, and the dog handler retreated, covered in slime and bits of chewed bone, and wiped her hands on the back of her trousers.

“The dog needs to know who's boss”, said the security man. He stood up to his full height and towered over the dog. “Come, heel, stay.” So, Colin rolled over, inviting the security man to scratch his belly.

“The dog needs to know that he is special, important and valued,” said the animal behaviour therapist and went forward, kneeling down on the sumptuous royal carpet to get close to Colin, nose to snout, to make friends and to help him know that he was loved. In return, Colin shared his dog breath with a cough and the animal therapist retreated – quickly.

Colin was the King of all he surveyed. He knew that he could do what he wanted, when he wanted and how he wanted. Dogs in his line of business, were meant to walk near the Queen, sit at her feet when bidden and not steal food from state banquets. The wearing of royal jewellery and royal lipstick was not allowed.

The four dog handlers scratched their collective heads as to what to do now. They looked at each other, and then looked at Colin who was making a loud snoring sound from underneath the golden chair.

They decided on a programme of tough love; up early in the morning to march alongside the Queen's guards to help him learn obedience.

When that didn't work, they did some dog training exercises, getting him to run up and down ramps and through hoops so he would be too tired to get into any mischief.

They put things that had nice and not nice smells to discourage him from sniffing out food. They sprayed air freshener in the rooms and opened windows so that the smells went outside.

They gave him a pamper day to know how much he was appreciated and valued.

They had exhausted everything they knew from their vast experience of dogs and hoped for the best.

Exactly one week later, they were back in the room on their padded red chairs. They heard the sound of claws against a marble floor, the steady clomp of polished boots and the delicate clip of not too high, high heels.

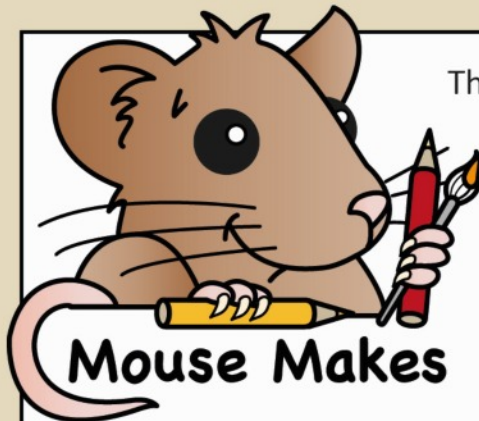
"Please stand for Her Majesty the Queen".

As everyone did, they noticed that there were not four but five corgis in the procession, although the fifth lagged behind at the back.

Four seated themselves in their little baskets alongside the lovely golden chair and Colin, contrary Colin, came trotting in with a set of pearls, orange lipstick which matched his fur, a lamb shank and a little crown at a rakish angle on his head and sat underneath the Queen's lovely golden chair.

It seems that Contrary Colin wasn't going to conform for anybody – not even the Queen.





Mouse Makes

The New Testament has **four gospels, twenty one epistles** and the book of *Revelation*.

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Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?

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The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter or message*

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A black and white cartoon illustration. On the left, a man in a dark suit and tie stands behind a wooden railing, looking down with a stern expression. On the right, a priest in a white cassock and black stole leans over the railing, looking up at the man in the suit with a nervous or pleading expression. The railing has the words "BAZ WOZ ERE" written on it in a stylized, hand-painted font. The background consists of vertical lines suggesting a window or a wall. The artist's signature "KILL FISH" is visible on the right side of the priest.

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- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
- 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
- 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
- 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
- 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
- 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
- 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
- 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
- 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
- 15 'If your hand — you to sin, cut it off' (Mark 9:43) (6)
- 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
- 18 Track (Job 41:30) (5)
- 20 Religious doctrine (5)

Early Christianity in Egypt

I WONDER HOW many people reading this are familiar with the classic books written by H.V.Morton: 'In the Steps of St Paul', 1936, and 'Through Lands of the Bible', 1938. I was fortunate enough to acquire copies of both of these prior to a budget tour of Western Turkey in April 1979, along with two friends.

We visited many of the sites of Asia Minor and, in particular, Ephesus, where St Paul encountered a hostile reception in the 'Great Theatre' by the Hellenic population, who worshipped Artemisia (Diana), whose huge temple stood nearby at Seljuk (St John's), close to where the Apostle's tomb is situated, underneath the church's altar.

Then we found the ruins of St Mary's church, which in 1936, according to Morton, was covered in brambles and nettles.



It still was some 40 years later, also with persistent rain. This early church was, in 431AD, the site of the Council of Ephesus, attended by an autocratic Egyptian monk, Shenuti. He was from Akhmim in Middle Egypt, which objected to 'the relic worshippers' of the time and was in conflict with Orthodox Bishop Nestorius. This was one of the reasons for the 'Great Schism', now known as the Coptic Monophysite and Greek Orthodox, although the history of the Egyptian Church began earlier, about 180AD, with the foundation of a Christian University in Alexandria.

Then followed the accession of Emperor Diocletian in 284AD and the 'Age of the Martyrs', which forced many earlier Christians to flee to Egypt, where they founded monasteries and churches all over this vast country, much of it desert. Many still exist, founded by the 'Desert Fathers' such as St Anthony and St Paul. These can be visited in their remote locations, hence my visit in 2010 to Egypt with an Archeological Society based in London, on a tour which, first of all, visited 'Old Cairo' with the churches of St Sergius, St George and St Barbara, all converts from the Roman population.

The next few nights were spent in Alexandria, where St Mark's is the main present day Coptic Cathedral, also

visiting the site of the Pharos Lighthouse, now the Qait Bey Fortress, and then to the Ptolemaic catacombs.



Leaving Alexandria, our journey was then to the Wadi Natrun monasteries in the valley itself, which takes its name from the vast salt deposits, producing an important source of revenue, even in modern times. Four of the desert monasteries are still occupied: Deir el Baramus (4th century); Deir es Suriyan (8th century); Deir Anba Macar (Macarius) (4th century), known as the 40 Martyrs, and Deir Anba Bishoi (4th century), which we were able to visit. Visitors must bring their own food; no charge for admission but a consideration is expected on departure.



Monastery of Anba Bishoi – inner walls and bell towers



Monastery of Anba Bishoi with background Monastery of Es Suriyan

Upon arrival, all 25 of us were shown around by a young monk with excellent English and a sense of humour, who apparently had been a maths teacher in Cairo, but preferred a quiet life within the monastic community, although he sometimes returned to Cairo for a visit. According to him, monasticism was thriving once again throughout the country. This was also borne out by the number of large new churches being constructed all over Middle Egypt, many of which were financed by expatriate money from the USA, where many Copts now live. One example being the huge new cathedral, now open in Aswan, which is now a city. Fortunately the riversides and islands are preserved and unspoiled by development.

However, first of all it was like entering a medieval fortress with 30ft high walls. Once through the gateway – visitors are no longer hoisted up in a basket – we came to the garden which grew vegetables and dates. Then the Kasr (Keep) with drawbridge, where previously the monks would take refuge in case of attack by Beduin raiders; then into the very dark church, covered in frescoes of Old Testament scenes, Jonah and Daniel etc. are favourites.



Lying upon one of the several altars was a long leather 'bolster' wrapped in what appeared to be a carpet. This apparently contained the remains of the venerated Saint Bishoi. There was also a record of a French engineer who had visited in 1778 and was told that St Bishoi's body was fresh and unwrinkled in his bolster!

Then it was on to the corn mill, still supplied with grain from a small farm in the Delta. The stones were still driven manually by a large diameter spur wheel when required. This led to the long barrel-vaulted refectory with its long stone table and stone benches, before entering the

bakehouse where visitors were all given a piece of village-style flatbread. It was very palatable and I kept some of mine to bring home, where it soon resembled a piece of concrete. Many villagers keep it like this and soak it in water when required.



Monastery of Anba Bishoi, Refectory table

After taking our leave of the monk and buying guide books, we boarded our coach again to visit a small café/resthouse on the main Alexandria/Cairo road. Here we had the usual bread, yogurt and honey, followed by dates, cake and coffee, before our journey south east through the desert with vineyards on the left hand side in the Delta. That night we stayed at the Auberge du Lac, in the Fayoum, the former hunting lodge of King Fuad and son, Farouk, until the early 1950s.

Sitting in the ornate drawing room after dinner, I came to the conclusion that the former Turkish royal family, certainly King Farouk, had a taste for French Empire furniture and a grand fireplace. I also noticed a large photo on the wall. It was King Feisal of Arabia, and opposite above the fireplace was an oil portrait of Winston Churchill. Evidently this was where he stayed in 1941 on his morale-boosting visit to the British Army, before el-Alamein.

James Batty

This is Part 1 of a trip that James took to Turkey in 1979 and a further trip to Egypt in 2010.

It is a fascinating insight into early Christianity and Part 2 promises to go further back in time to the Dynasties, of which there are 31, covering a period from 3100-150 BC.

Rosie Stead



Music Scheme – October 2022

Sunday 2 nd October – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity			
10:15am	Parish Communion	4:00pm	Welcome Service: Associate Priest
Setting:	The Canterbury Service – Barker	See Order of Service for details	
Hymns:	409 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem, 612 We have a gospel to proclaim, 305 I come with joy, a child of God, 610 To the name of our salvation		
Anthem:	If ye love me – Wilby		

Thursday 6 th October			
		7:30pm	Commissioning Service: Rural Dean of Stockport
		Setting:	The Canterbury Service – Barker
		Hymns:	191 O thou who camest from above 516 Love divine, all loves excelling 376 And can it be that I should gain
		Anthem:	If ye love me – Wilby

Sunday 9 th October – Harvest Sunday			
10:15am	Parish Communion	4:00pm	Harvest Service (St. Gabriel's, Adswood)
Setting:	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening	Hymns:	275 We plough the fields, and scatter... 251 All things bright and beautiful, 558 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,...
Hymns:	270 Come, ye thankful people, come, 251 All things bright and beautiful (Royal Oak) 274 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise 253 For the beauty of the earth (Dix)		
		Psalm:	100 [Lamb]
Anthem:	Look at the world – Rutter	Anthem:	Thou visitest the earth – Greene

Sunday 16 th October – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity			
10:15am	Parish Communion	No Evening Service	
Setting:	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne		
Hymns:	250 All creatures of our God and King, 321 Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking 309 Let all mortal flesh keep silence 469 I heard the voice of Jesus say,		
Anthem:	O taste and see – Vaughan Williams		

Sunday 23 rd October – The Last Sunday after Trinity / Bible Sunday			
10:15am	Parish Communion	2:00pm	Trafalgar Day Service
Setting:	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening	Hymns:	413 Eternal Father, strong to save, 455 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, 558 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of...
Hymns:	267 Thou, whose almighty word 449 God of mercy, God of grace, 301 God is here! As we his people... 503 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,		
Anthem:	O come, ye servants of the Lord – Tye		
		Anthem:	Crossing the bar – Parry

Sunday 30 th October – All Saints' Sunday			
10:15am	Parish Communion	4:00pm	Choral Evensong
Setting:	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne	Hymns:	229 Who are these like stars appearing? 391 Blest are the pure in heart, 22 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
Hymns:	232 For all the saints who from their... 626 Ye holy angels bright 227 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days! SP117 Thanks be to God for his saints...		
		Responses:	Rose
		Psalm(s):	148, 150
		Canticles:	Evening Service in A flat – Harwood
Anthem:	Cantate Domino – Pitoni	Anthem:	Beati quorum via – Stanford

Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

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

Intermediate Sudoku solution:

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

Crossword solution:

L	A	W	Y	E	R	B	A	L	S	A	M
O	E	M				T	A			E	
C	A	L	E	B		J	E	H	O	R	A
U	F	E				E	L			A	B
S	P	A	R	R	O	W		E	X	I	L
T	R					E	T				R
			E	X	C	E	L	L	E	N	T
C				O						E	S
A	C	T	I	N		E	N	D	E	M	I
U		R									
S	L	A	V	E	R	Y		G	A	L	A
E		I									
S	I	L	E	N	T		T	A	R	S	U

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)

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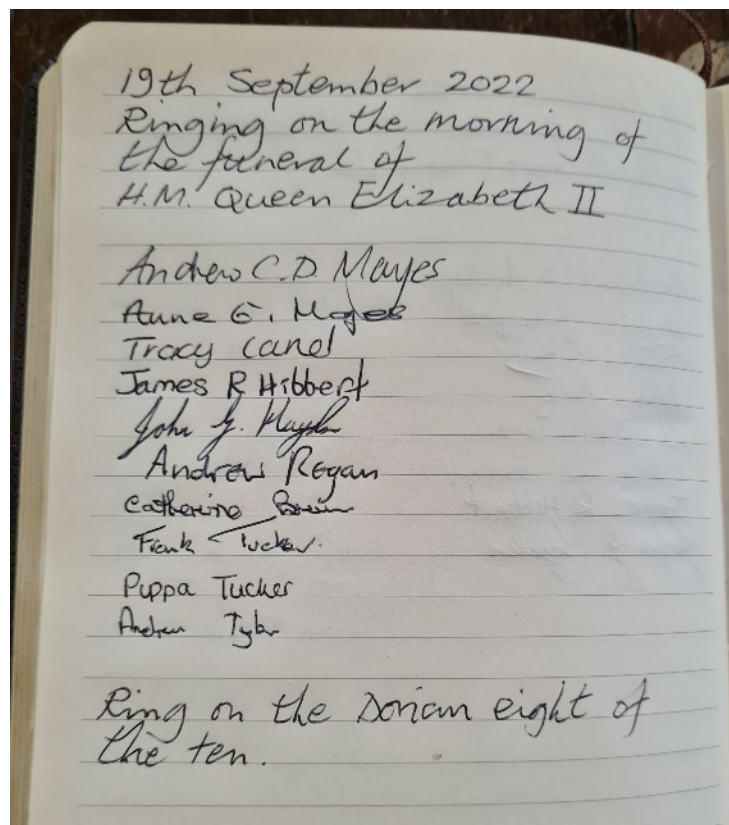
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- A FREE glass of wine
- The Recital also celebrates Roger's 50th Anniversary of playing the organ in St George's

Ringling at St George's for the funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II

The bell ringers of St George's Church rang the bells half-muffled on the morning of the late Queen Elizabeth II's funeral. The middle eight of the ten bells were rung, which are a Dorian mode and give a mournful effect. The photo below shows the page from the ringing book, signed by each ringer taking part.



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