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news, views, events
and services at
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 Saturdays 9–10

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 Wednesdays 5.30–6.30

Cubs For boys and girls aged 8–10½
 Wednesdays 6.30–8.00

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 Wednesdays 6.30–8.00

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St George's

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Here Comes Spring
 Photo by Andy Clark

Services and Events in March:
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Jenny writes: Building Faith and Connections

I don't know about you, but I certainly feel that life is just flying by and feeling very condensed. Perhaps it is because Easter has fallen early this year, so it has felt that there has been little time between Christmas ending and Ash Wednesday occurring on 14th February. And then, of course, Valentine's Day oddly occurred on the same day. The last time that happened was in 2018. In fact, it has only happened three times in the last century – 1923, 1934 and 1945 – and will happen again in 2029 for the final time this century!

I began to think how that odd juxtaposition might make me think differently about the start of Lent and what I was going to do through March. Indeed, the falling on the same day does offer a unique opportunity for reflection on the themes of love, sacrifice and renewal. It also serves as a reminder of the balance between earthly pleasures and spiritual devotion, and how to navigate between celebrating romantic love and observing the beginning of Lent. Here is a way to be given a gentle nudge to reflect on relationships, values and commitments, and to consider how we can deepen both our faith and our connections with others, during this season of introspection and renewal.

One way to take the opportunity to think about our faith, deepen relationships and make new connections is the wonderful Lent Breakfast series on Saturday mornings. There are talks from people involved in different ministries, opportunities to learn from different types of discipleship, and also a chance to meet and learn about the people we meet on a weekly basis in church but perhaps have less time to talk with after a Sunday service. There is also a series based on Nick Fawcett's Reflective Services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter, led by Rita Waters, and taking place on Wednesday mornings.

At the recent Saturday Lent Breakfast, someone asked me about my own prayer time. Anyone who has met me before 9am knows that I am not an early bird by any

means (excepting Holy Communion at 8am of course)! However, I always feel much better and grounded in the day, if it has started with reflective music, and a Bible reading and prayer time which is conveniently accessible on the Pray as you Go App, provided by the Jesuits of Britain. While I usually read a different book or Lent series booklet over Lent, I decided for my Lenten commitment this year, to start the day 15 minutes earlier, not rush around so much and commit to a longer prayer time, but not adopt any new practices, just extend the normal. Sometimes, it is simple adjustments which can bring us closer to God and deepen our faith. And if I can attend the Lenten breakfast and enjoy the company of new and old friends (when I'm not on duty at "the other job") that's the building connections factor. So far, so good.

The Easter services will all be finished by 31st March, so I pray that in this Lenten season we may all find a way that works for us to renew our faith, and make new connections within our lovely church community.

Blessings, Jenny



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Tril's newsletter describing her 100th birthday celebrations

Dear all of you at St George's

After all this time, I am really touched that you remembered or cared! Thank you for all the good wishes. It was a really happy day.

Firstly, as Graham was still here from Germany for Christmas, staying with Cara and Bali, he collected me for a 'champagne breakfast'; then an afternoon tea party in the village and a wonderful family party at an hotel in the evening. Graham had managed to find old photos from my whole life and created a presentation of it. It was all a blur – but such a happy blur! I hope it was recorded so that I can relive it. My flowers were absolutely beautiful, thank you all. By careful management they lasted for days.

Previously, Graham had taken me on a little tour of where I lived as a little girl. Of course the country hadn't changed but the people had moved on. The people living in our farm were able to tell us a bit of the intervening years, but had no idea who we were. Their name was Wilson, as was my maiden name, by coincidence.

Also, the press interviewed me – it wasn't aggressive interviewing. I was on the front page of the local paper. Which was a shock!

Lots of grateful love to you all,

Tril

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Easter Messy Church

COME AND JOIN us at our **Easter Messy Church for Adults** on Tuesday 26th March **in church** from 7pm to 9pm. Last year we had a good gathering of people who enjoyed being able to take some time out to be creative and to reflect on the meaning of Easter. Light refreshments provided.

Our Easter Messy Church for Families is on Saturday 30th March **in the parish rooms** from 10am to 12 noon. Children welcome accompanied by their grown-ups. Light refreshments provided.

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Mothers' Union Fundraising Raffle

FEBRUARY SAW the group put on an afternoon tea to raise funds for the Mothers' Union. We decided that as we are all getting older we would allow others to take the strain, so asked all the members and visitors to select their choice of sandwich filling beforehand. Monday morning saw us raiding the supermarkets in Hazel Grove for sandwiches, cakes and scones. We arrived to find that an elf and fairy had kindly set out the room ready for us, including putting on the heating! People set out the cups and saucers, put on the water heater, prepared the boxes for each person with their choice of sandwich along with cake and buttered scone. The tables were set with fresh flowers and colourful table cloths, the raffle was set up and we were ready.

After joining in the MU prayer and a thought for the day, along with a few notices we started with a quiz. Everyone was given a sheet with a list of initials, each one

being the first line of a hymn or carol. There was great discussion and even those in the choir found it challenging; one table pooled their thoughts and they managed all twenty!

Soon it was time for tea - boxes were handed out, tea and coffee was served, with time for more conversation and laughter and then the raffle. Our thanks to all who helped before and after.

We are pleased to say that we made a profit of £90.50 for MU funds as well as having a very pleasant afternoon of both fun and fellowship.

Our next meeting on **Monday 11th March at 2.15 pm** will focus our thoughts on Easter and will be led by Brenda Baxendale. Everyone is welcome.

Pat Rigley



photos: Hazel Jenkins

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Holy Baptism

11th Feb Sol Hulton-Bristol (by full immersion)

12th Feb Donna Hampshire and Janette Gichero.

Holy Matrimony

24th Feb Adrian Knight and Denise Jesus

Funerals

None last month

Communion Flowers were sponsored as follows:

21st Jan from the Alcraft and Hayden families, in loving memory of Walter Fallows.

28th Jan from Jill, Anne and Lynn, in memory of Brian and Nancy Wainwright.

11th Feb in loving memory of Jean and Ron Norton, and Mary and Bill Heavyside.

19th Feb in memory of Edna and Norman Tootell.

26th Feb from Kate Stephenson and family, remembering Barry and all our loved ones.

Floodlighting was sponsored by:

29th Feb: Sheila Flitcroft, in loving memory of Ian Flitcroft.

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Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on **Monday 11th March at 2.15pm**, when our thoughts will centre on Easter and Brenda Baxendale is to lead us. Everyone is welcome.

Lent Breakfasts: Alternative Ministries
Meeting People where they are. Breakfast is served from 9.30am and the talk and discussion run from 10am to 11am.

Saturday 2nd March: Company on the Final Lap: Chaplaincy in a Nursing Home: Abigail Ogier. Chaplaincy Team, Methodist Homes.

Saturday 9th March: The Work of the Street Pastors: Tina Rimmer. Former Stockport Street Pastor.

Saturday 16th March: What Have we Discovered? Reflection and discussion: Chris Dawson

Lent Meditations

Start on Wednesday 21st March from 11am to 11.30am for five weeks. Meeting in the Parish Room. Stay for some soup.

Message Board

I am hoping to dismantle the Recycling box at the back of church, as it has been there for some time, but I can't send it off until it weighs 10 kg. So far, it weighs about 6 kg. Please could I ask

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that you have a good look in cupboards and drawers for any suitable items that might increase the weight. Leaflets are available beside the box, indicating what is acceptable, and also a list of what is not acceptable. Thank you. Rosie.



Baptisms, Banns and Marriage bookings:

Please contact the vicar:
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April 2024

Grapevine magazine dates:

Deadline copy date: **Fri 22nd Mar**
Committee meeting: Tue 26th Mar

St George's floodlighting – sponsorship request form

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

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Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services 2024

Sunday 10th March Mothering Sunday

Flowers distributed.

8am Holy Communion

10.15am Mothering Sunday Communion service

Palm Sunday 24th March *Palm Crosses*

Distributed

8am Holy Communion

10.15am Palm Sunday Communion with reading of the Passion

4pm Palm Sunday celebration service

Monday 25th March

7.30pm Taizé-style Communion

Tuesday 26th March

7pm to 9pm Easter Messy Church for adults (in church)

Wednesday 27th March

7.30pm. Tenebrae service

Maundy Thursday 28th March

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion

Good Friday 29th March

2pm Good Friday service (Hot Cross Buns to follow)

Easter Eve Saturday 30th March

10am to 12noon Easter Messy Church (Parish Rooms)

7.30pm Easter Eve service

Easter Day Sunday 31st March

8am Holy Communion.

10.15am Easter Sunday Communion (Easter Egg Hunt to follow)

4pm Easter Sunday celebration service

During March, the 9.30am Wednesday Morning Prayer and 10am Holy Communion are in the parish rooms along with Warm Spaces until 1pm

Sunday services: 8am, 10.15am and 4pm in church

The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross

WHAT ARE KNOWN to us as the 'Seven Last Words' are contained in the Passion narratives of all four Gospels, but not all seven are contained in any single Gospel. The chronology of the first five can be deduced from the sequence of events given, but for the last two, the Gospel accounts are contradictory.

These utterances of Jesus have become the subject of readings and meditations, especially during Passiontide, and can be found in the Gospels as follows (New Revised Standard Version):

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| First – | 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' | Luke 23: 34 |
| Second – | 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.' | Luke 23: 43 |
| Third – | 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' | John 19: 23 |
| Fourth – | 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' | Matthew 27: 45 & Mark 15: 33 |



- Fifth – 'I am thirsty.' John 19: 28
- Sixth – Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. Luke 23: 46
- Seventh – When Jesus had received the wine, he said 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19: 30

Additionally, in Matthew 27: 50 we find, 'Jesus cried out with a loud voice...' and in Mark 15: 7, 'Jesus gave a loud cry...'. Both continue '...and breathed his last', but they do not recount the words of Jesus.

We would justifiably have doubts about the veracity of four different accounts by four different writers that concurred exactly in every detail, so I think we must accept each of the Gospel writers' words as we find them. Does the order of the sixth and seventh words matter? It is not difficult to imagine these spoken or cried out loudly, one immediately after the other. In either order their meaning and intent remain clear: one of faithful submission, the other of completion (some translations give 'It is accomplished', and the Latin 'Consummatum est' provides a similar context).

Over time, we have become very familiar with the Gospel accounts of the crucifixion and Christ's words from the cross, but what these reveal to us of his earthly ministry and his sacrifice on the cross can be constantly renewed, especially at Passiontide.

Over recent years our Communion service on the evening of Monday in Holy Week has been combined with elements of Taizé-style worship. This enables other readings, meditations and prayers to be integrated into the Common Worship order very effectively. This year our readings will be the Gospel accounts of the Seven Last Words interspersed with meditations on them. These have been adapted from those in *A Procession of Passion Prayers* by Eric Milner-White who, at the time of its publication by SPCK in 1956, was Dean of York. In their original form they reflect the language of the Book of Common Prayer (universally used by the Church of England at that time). Modifying them was rather a challenging task that required much care and respect, but in putting them into more contemporary language, it is a testament to their original meditative power that they remain inspirationally vivid and moving. Do come and join us for the service on the evening of Monday, March 18th.

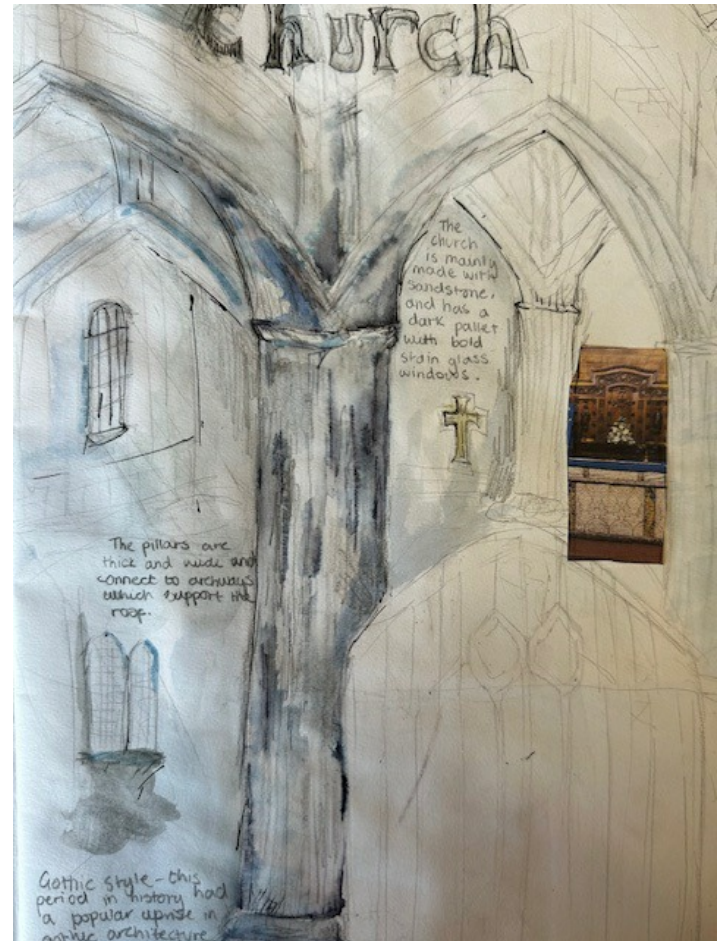
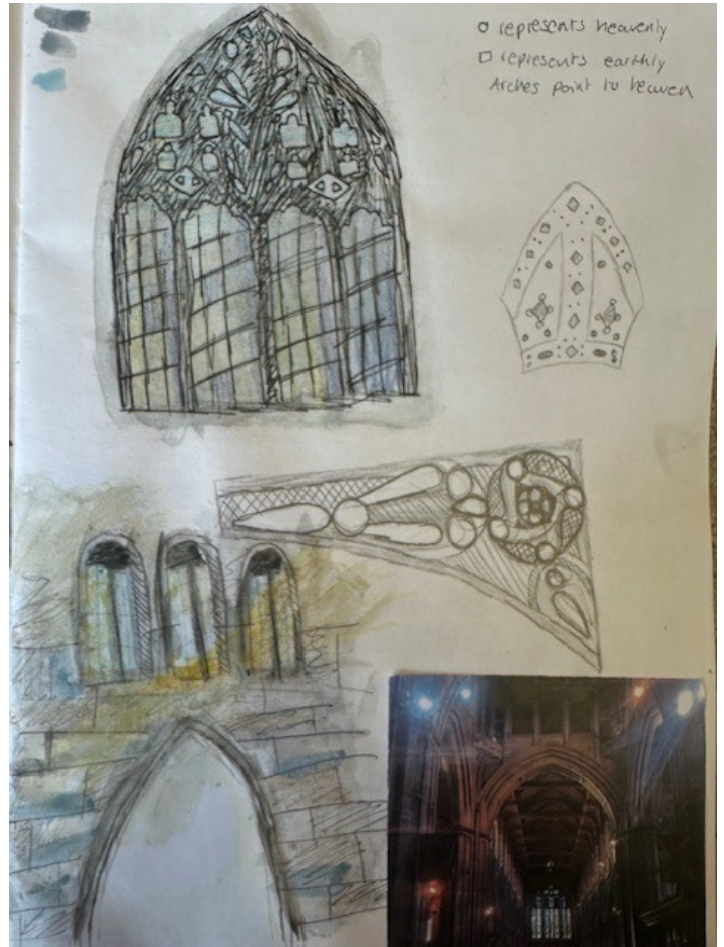
The Seven Last Words have also been the inspiration for musical composition, most notably by Haydn, but a lesser-known sequence of pieces is *Sept Chorals-Poèmes d'Orgue pour les sept paroles du Christ* by the French organist and composer Charles Tournemire (1870-1939) written during February and March in 1935. These were in turn the inspiration for seven large paintings by my artist friend Tom Walker. Each of these powerful images, completed in 1993, is in oil and acrylic on canvas, and measures 5ft-8in tall and 2ft-2in wide. Having been exhibited at various locations in the UK and in Europe, accompanied by performances of the music, they are now in a side chapel in the Church of St John the Evangelist, Duncan Terrace, Islington. Photographs of the paintings depicting Words four, six and seven are included here.

Post script: The fourth word is the opening of Psalm 22 – read through the entire Psalm.



Stockport Grammar School Art Trip

THESE ARE art works created by pupils from Stockport Grammar School during a recent trip to St George's Church. These are a fabulous taster of what is to come as they have offered us a display of their work over the summer. Many thanks to the wonderful Becci Upton for leading this trip and organising the summer exhibition.



Family Connections

I RECENTLY came across an old photograph of my uncle Arthur from his days as a cornet player in the Wheatley Hill Colliery Band, County Durham. Arthur was my father's brother-in-law, married to his older sister Margaret. The photograph is dated 17th July 1953 and Arthur is standing at the back, fifth from the right holding his cornet and looking as lovely and fun-loving as I always remember him.

Louise Clark



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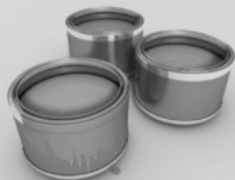
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Recipe of the Month: Spicy Easter Biscuits

100g butter
90g caster sugar
200g plain flour
½ teasp mixed spice
½ teasp freshly grated nutmeg
½ lemon, grated zest and juice
1 large egg yolk
75g currants

For the topping:

1 egg white
caster sugar to sprinkle

First: Set oven to 180°C/160°C fan/350°F/gas mk 4. Grease and line baking trays. Grate the lemon rind and squeeze juice.

Put all ingredients for biscuits apart from currants in mixer or processor and mix well to combine. Scrape down if necessary and mix again to a soft dough. Add currants and mix in by hand.

Roll out dough on a floured surface to about ½ cm (scant ¼") and cut into rounds. Transfer to baking sheets. Gather up remaining dough and repeat until it's all used up.

Bake for 10-12 minutes then take out of the oven and brush very lightly with the lightly beaten egg white. Sprinkle with a little caster sugar and return to the oven for 4-5 minutes until pale golden brown.

Cool on the tray for 5-10 minutes then move to a wire rack until completely cold.

Pamela Ferguson

Jean is always up for a spin on the dancefloor

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Thoughts on Meditation

SOMETIMES WE don't get started on something because it feels hard to make the time, or we start and our new habit slips because life gets in the way. It can be like this with meditation. Even giving ourselves fifteen minutes a day to sit can be a challenge, let alone the ideal of twenty minutes morning and evening.

So what about a three-minute mindfulness meditation you can do almost anywhere, anytime? Something that brings you back in touch with yourself, renews, relaxes and refreshes mind and body. It can always grow into something bigger and something more spiritual. Here goes:

A Three-Minute Mindfulness Meditation

- Make yourself comfortable on a chair or sitting cross-legged on the floor. Sit upright, so that your body weight is comfortably supported by the chair or floor.
- Allow your eyes to close.
- Become aware in turn of your thoughts, your feelings and your body sensations. Simply observe them each in a calm, detached manner – like a curious but objective observer, not judging yourself – there is no right way to do this.
- Focus your attention on your breathing. Notice the air coming in and leaving your nostrils. Notice the rise and fall of your belly, a gentle fascination with this breath in this moment.
- Focus your attention on your body sensations. Scan your body and observe any sensations – or absence of sensations – in any part of your body, in a calm, detached manner. Breathe gently into any parts that want comfort. Now let the focus of your attention widen to become aware of what's going on outside you.
- End the meditation by opening your eyes, stretching and bringing your attention gently back to the everyday world.

It might be helpful to record and play this guidance on your phone.

Chris Dawson



photo: Andy Clark

Inspire Song Café Church

OUR INAUGURAL SERVICE was held at St George's on 4th February. We were blessed with a number of people coming along to enjoy cake, drinks and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere and several people took the trouble to comment how much they had enjoyed it:

"I think it was beautifully put together and provided real food for the soul and worship opportunity. The confession and forgiveness is very special, and your sermon about trust was very helpful. I can now shut my eyes and imagine the basket being pulled up the cliff and also balancing on a tightrope! The song words were meaningful and I was so grateful to be able to sing them at St George's. Sending my thanks and appreciation for our time of fellowship together."

"Thank you very much for the lovely service this afternoon. The music, readings and prayers created an

oasis of praise! We all felt very uplifted and encouraged. I hope that we can have some more of these services in the future."

"I just wanted to say thank you again for the service this afternoon. I sometimes struggle with the formal settings and feel I am just going through the motions as it is all so familiar. A service like today really speaks to me and I found it very touching. I like the more modern hymns and your talk was excellent. I love the Taizé responses in the prayers. It was all very different, and it must have taken a lot of planning. Your cakes were delicious. Thank you. A lovely meaningful service."

There were also some helpful comments as to how we can improve and develop the service and make it even more accessible, and we're grateful for all those thoughts and opinions too.

Elaine

Here is a Man

Seen by Lois Kelly in St Hilary's church, Erbistock

HERE IS a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.

He worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He had no credentials but himself. Whilst still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against him.

His friends – the twelve men who had learned so much from him, and had promised him their enduring loyalty – ran away and left him.

He went through the mockery of a trial, he was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

But I am well within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the parliaments that have ever sat, and all the kings that have ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon the earth as has this one solitary life.

Anon, 17th Century



Recent Baptisms



THIS IS the baptism of Sol Hulton-Bristol, which took place by full immersion on Sunday 11th February, and was conducted by Jenny.

Sol's mother, Susannah, reflected on the day:

"What an amazing experience we all had yesterday for Sol's baptism.

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to Jenny and the team.

Everyone that attended said how beautiful the service was.

I asked Sol how he felt after being submerged in the water and he said 'happy' and that pretty much summed up the feeling of everyone there."

ON THE FOLLOWING day, Monday 12th February, our new curate, Jane, baptised Donna Hampshire and Janette Gichero.



Sudoku puzzle: easy

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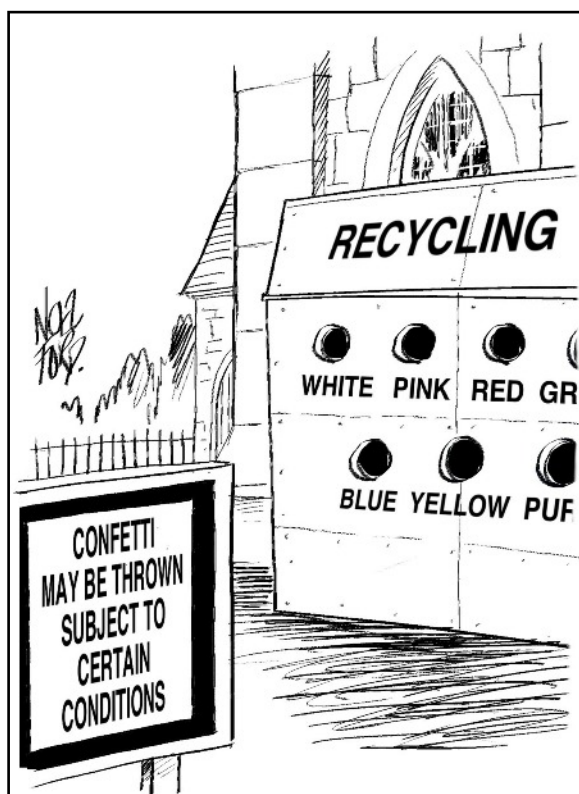
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Sudoku puzzle: intermediate

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(Answers to all puzzles are on p. 22)



Crossword

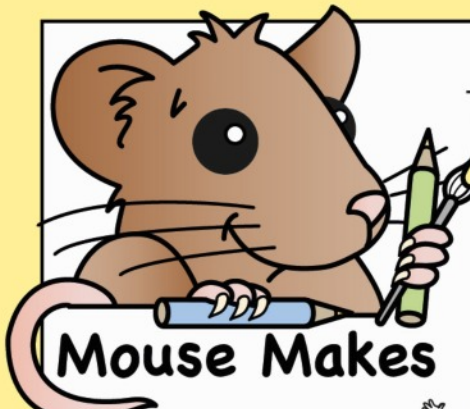
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Across

- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
- 3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on — —' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
- 8 Seep (4)
- 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
- 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
- 14 'A city on a hill — be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
- 15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12-13) (6)
- 17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)
- 20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)
- 21 Sail (anag.) (4) 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)
- 23 Eye sore (4)



Down

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
- 2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
- 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
- 5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
- 6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
- 7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
- 10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
- 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
- 13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
- 16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)
- 18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
- 19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)



Mouse Makes


"I am the **resurrection** and the life.
The one who believes in me will live
even though they die."
John 1:25

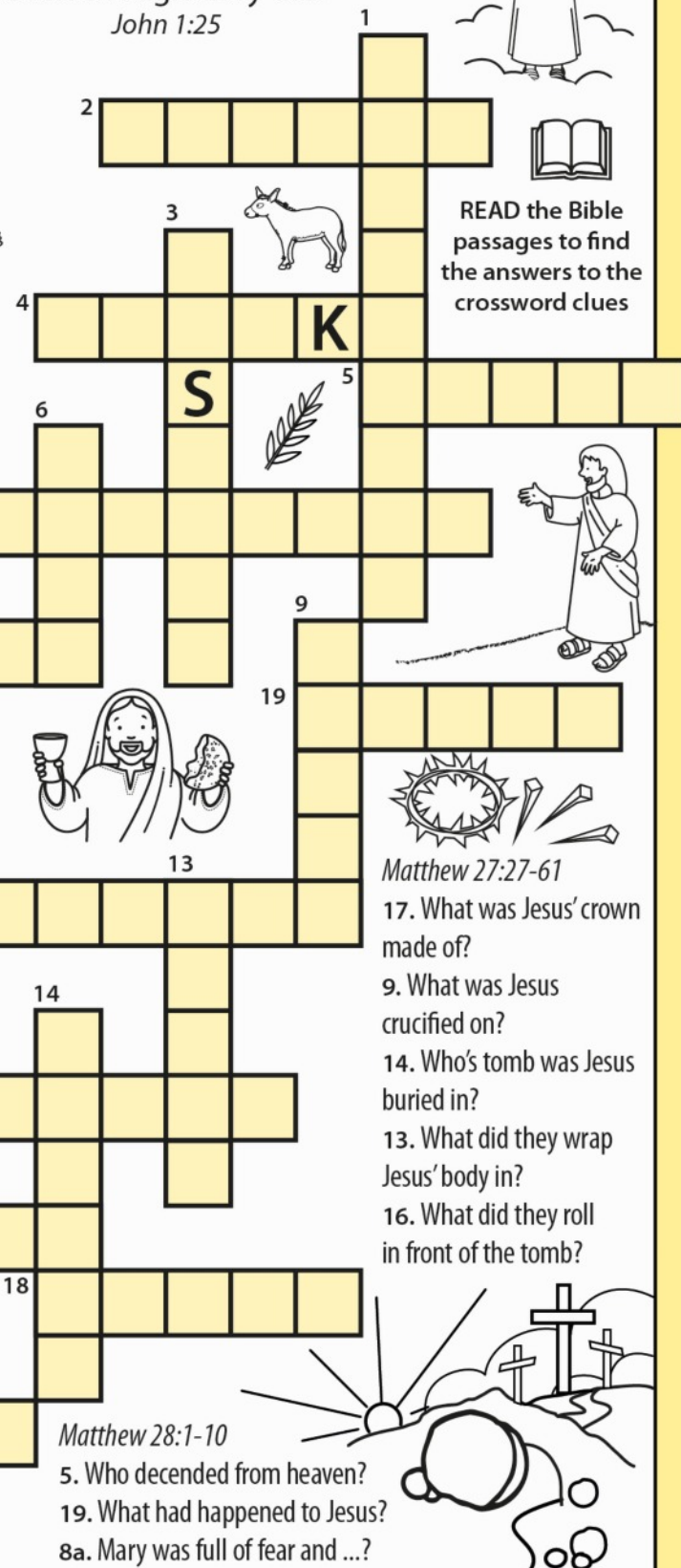



**READ the Bible
passages to find
the answers to the
crossword clues**

Matthew 21:1-11


- Which city did Jesus ride into?
- What did he ride on?
- What did the crowd shout?
- What did clothes did they put down?
- What did they cut down to spread on the road?

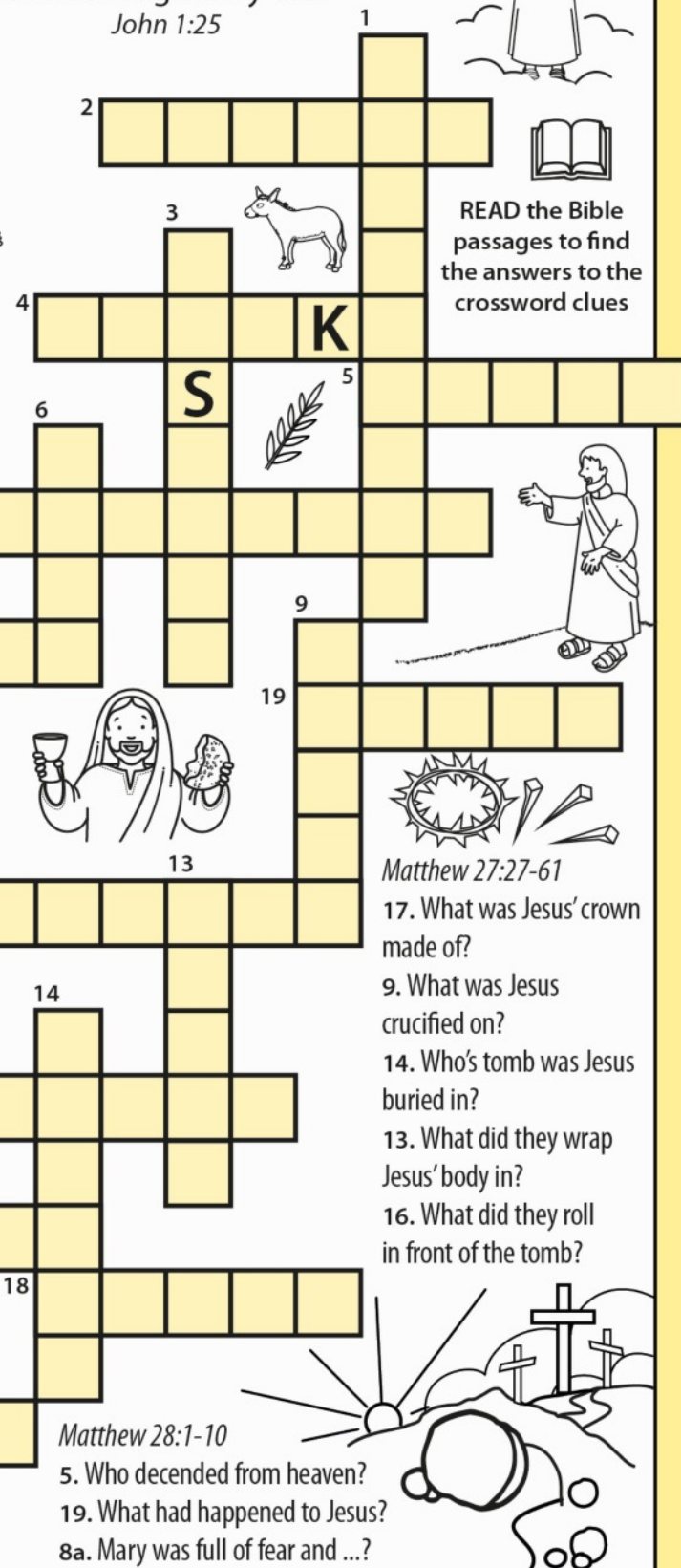




Matthew 26:17-29

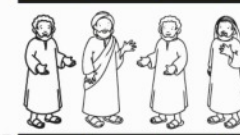
- What feast did Jesus celebrate?
- Who did he celebrate it with?
- What did Jesus break to eat?

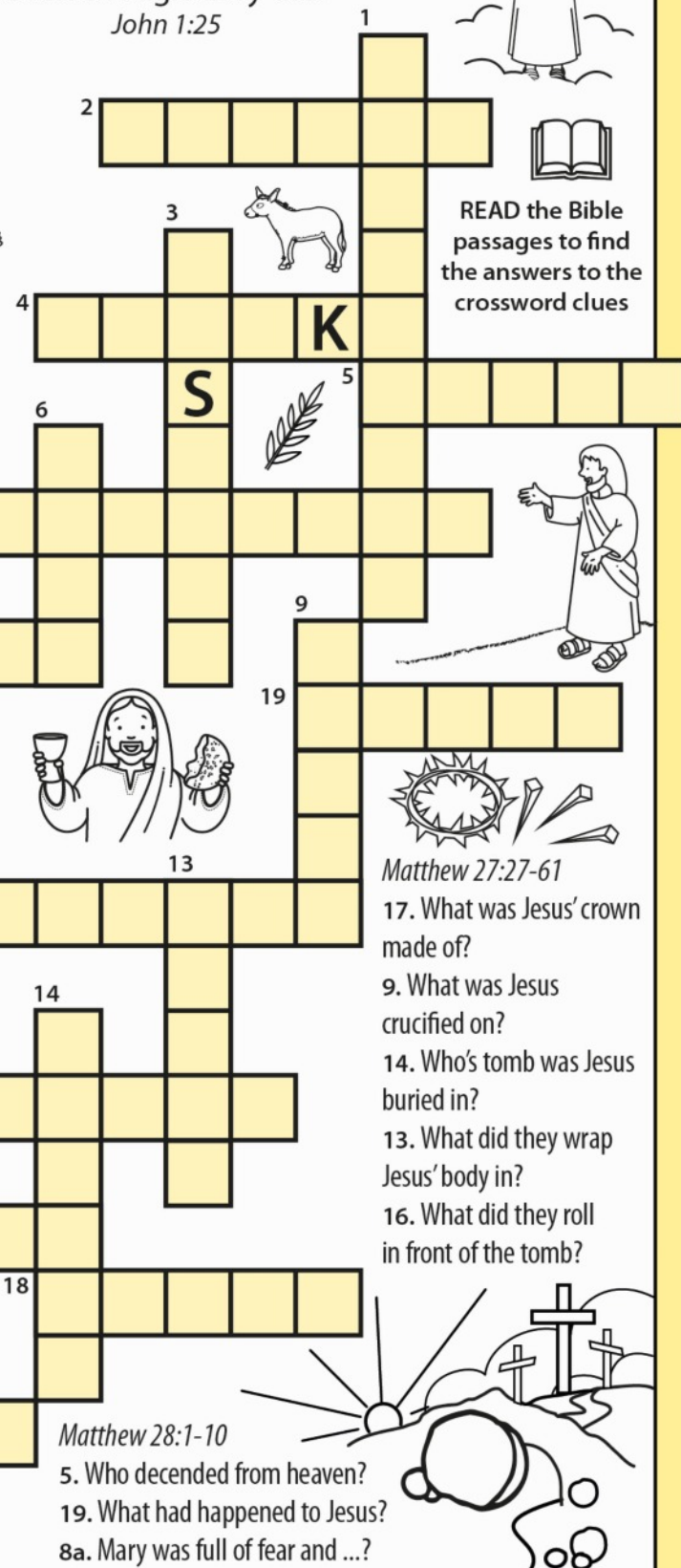




Matthew 26:36-75


- What did Jesus go to do at Gethsemane?
- Who denied Jesus?

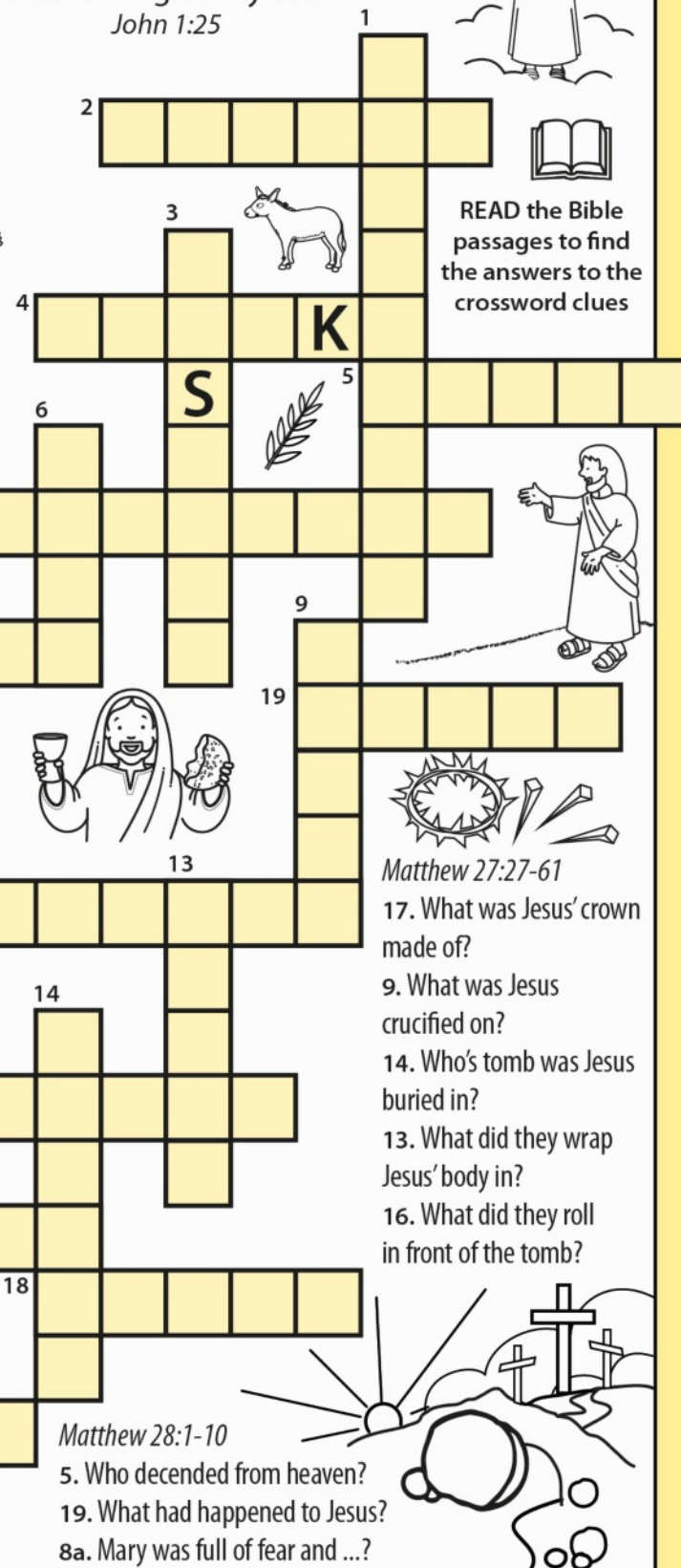




Matthew 26:14-16

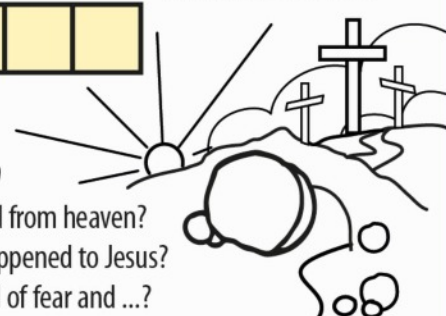
- Who betrayed Jesus?
- How many silver pieces was he paid?

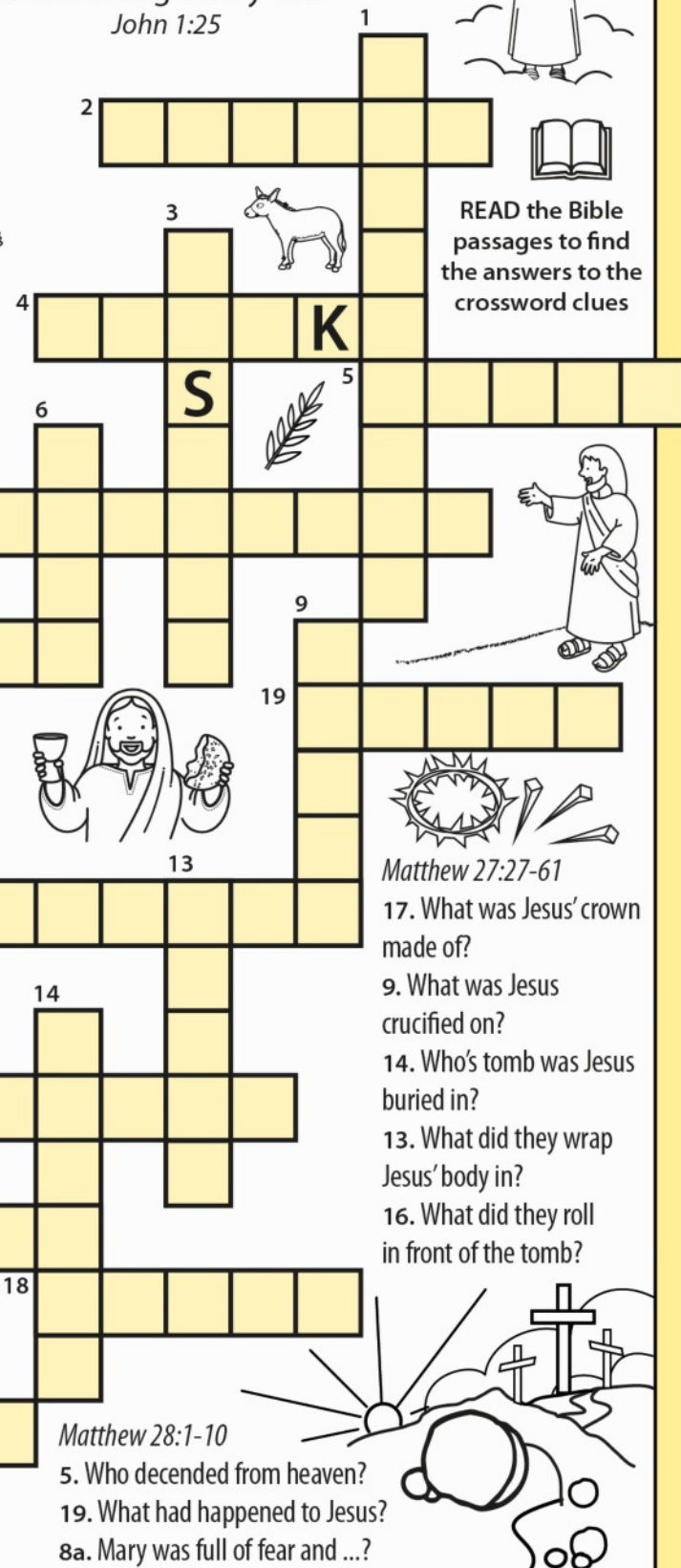




Matthew 28:1-10

- Who descended from heaven?
- What had happened to Jesus?
- Mary was full of fear and ...?





Spring 1 at St George's Primary School

THIS HAS been a lovely term filled with lots of learning and fun. Our school theme this half term has been **courage**. As a school we discussed what courage might look like – as ever when we aren't sure, we looked at the Bible for advice. We read and acted out the story of Daniel in the lion's den, David and Goliath, and Moses. We also looked at examples from sport – Derek Redman – and history – Rosa Parks. The children have been given badges and certificates in collective worship, celebrating times when they have shown courage in the classroom or at playtime. They have also been writing prayers and discussing what we could do if we find ourselves needing a bit of extra courage. Next half term we are looking at **forgiveness** and sending home a sheet with ideas for how parents can share this learning at home.

Excitingly, we have established a Worship Group with children from year 2 up to year 6 – featuring several of our lovely choristers – these children are setting up the hall ready for worship, lighting the candle and leading the



greetings and prayers. They are a fabulous group with bags of enthusiasm. This week they went to a Worship Leader's conference at St George's school in Hyde where they shared what we are doing and came back with lots of great ideas for our worship. Next term Elaine is coming to visit our group and share our ideas and plans.

Jan Langton





Music Scheme – March 2024

Sunday 3rd March – The Third Sunday of Lent

10:15am	Parish Communion	No Evening Service
Setting:	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening	
Hymns:	368 All my hope on God is founded; 515 Lord, thy word abideth, 391 Blest are the pure in heart 628 Ye that know the Lord is gracious,	
Anthem:	Purge me, O Lord – Tallis	
Anthem:	If ye love me – Tallis	

Sunday 10th March – Mothering Sunday

10:15am	Parish Communion	No Evening Service
Setting:	Missa Stopfordiensis – Mayes	
Hymns:	260 Morning has broken, like the first morning; 362 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord, 253 For the beauty of the earth, All our blessings, all our joys... 548 One more step along the world I go,	
Anthem:	Song of Mary – Shephard	

Sunday 17th March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday / St. Patrick's Day

10:15am	Parish Communion	No Evening Service
Setting:	A Mass for Worth Abbey – Greening	
Hymns:	499 Lift high the cross, 108 Glory be to Jesus, My heart is filled with thankfulness 432 From heaven you came, helpless babe,	
Anthem:	Ave verum corpus – Elgar	
Anthem:	Solus ad victimam – Leighton	

Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

10:15am	Parish Communion	4:00pm	A Service of Readings & Music for Holy Week
Introit:	Holy, holy holy – Schubert	See Order of Service for details	
Setting:	The Addington Service – Shephard		
Hymns:	128 All glory, laud, and honour... 112 My song is love unknown, 129 Ride on, ride on in majesty!		
Anthem:	Adoramus te, Christe – Dubois		

Wednesday 27th March

	7:30pm	Tenebrae Service
	Hymns:	178 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, 127 When I survey the wondrous cross

Thursday 28th March – Maundy Thursday

	7:30pm	Holy Communion
	Setting:	The Addington Service – Shephard
	Hymns:	SP58 'Prepare a room for me,' 318 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray 322 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
	Anthem:	Verily, verily I say unto you – Tallis



Music Scheme – March 2024

Friday 29 th March – Good Friday		
	2:00pm	Good Friday Liturgy
	See Order of Service for details	

Saturday 30 th March – Easter Eve		
	7:30pm	Easter Vigil Service
	Exsultet:	Plainsong
	Setting:	Mass of St. Thomas – Thorne
	Hymns:	SP73 This is the night of new beginnings. 145 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Sunday 31 st March – Easter Day						
10:15am	Parish Communion		4:00pm	Choral Evensong		
Setting:	The Canterbury Service – Barker		Hymns:	137 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and...		
Hymns:	147 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia, 157 The day of resurrection! SP80 See, what a morning, gloriously bright, 160 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,			148 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now...		
				159 The strife is o'er, the battle done!		
			Responses:	Wilby	Psalm:	66. 1-11 [Stanford]
			Canticles:	Evening Service in G – Stanford		
Anthem:	Arise in us – Shaw		Anthem:	Christ the Lord is risen again – Foster		

St George's Church Choir Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, December 2023



photo: Andrew Regan

Puzzle solutions

Easy Sudoku solution:

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

Intermediate Sudoku solution:

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

Crossword solution:

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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)
(during this winter, the Wednesday morning services are in the Parish Room)

Services which are live streamed only:

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

The church will also be open for individual private prayer in the chapel on Wednesdays and Sundays from 11am to 12 noon

What am I?

LAST MONTH'S 'What am I?' was actually marketed as an item to keep socks in pairs whilst washing them, but my son had a better idea – for sealing food bags – which is what I use them for.

March's 'What am I?' is another item I use.

Rosie Stead



Rejected Baby Names

FOLLOWING ON from the most popular babies' names, listed in the February issue, in New Zealand every year, the Department of Internal Affairs releases a list of babies' names rejected by the Registrar General of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

In total, 64 name registrations were rejected including Bishop; Major; Empress; Queen and Princess.

One baby was denied Pope and two, Messiah.

The UK tends to be less strict, but prevented one British mother from calling her baby, Cyanide.

Most popular names in 1924 reappear in 2023 – Ivy, Florence, George and Arthur. That being so, look out for names from the 1970s reappearing – Sharon, Tracey, Gary, Ian, Wayne and Nigel.

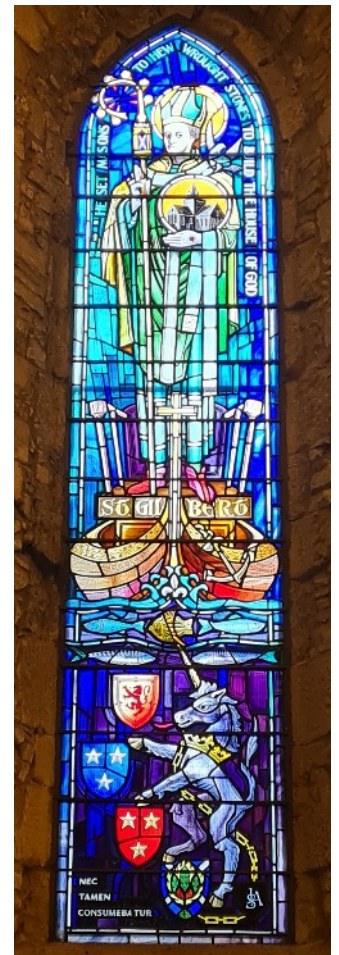
Watch this space.

*Edited article from the Guardian,
21st January 2024 by Coco Khan*

Holiday images of stained glass

THESE STAINED-GLASS windows caught my eye when Kim and I visited Dornoch Cathedral in Sutherland, near the start of our North Coast 500 holiday in 2022.

Andrew Regan



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