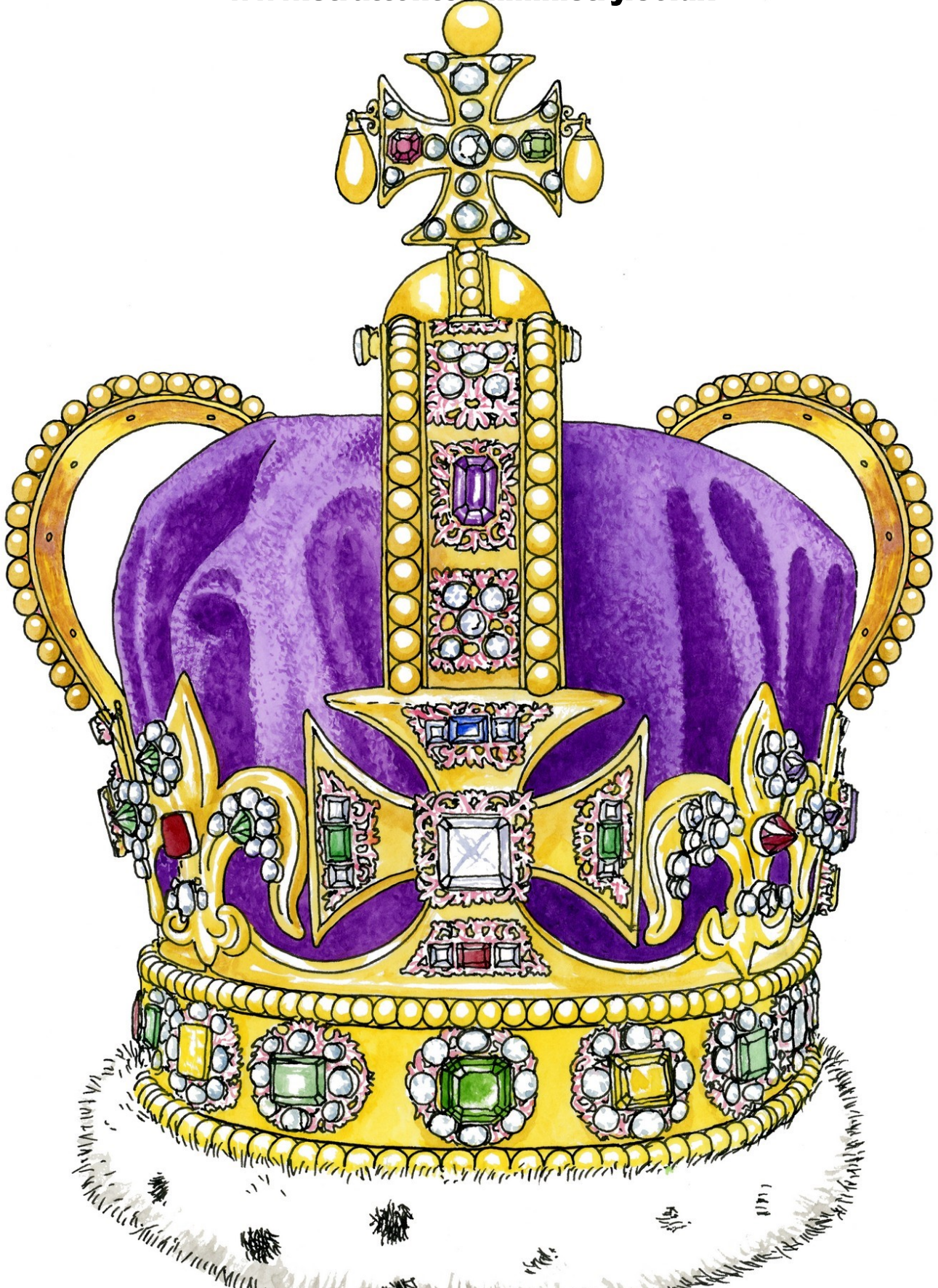


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Dear Friends,

May is here and what a busy month it promises to be! Bank Holidays, local elections, Pentecost, a national week of prayer in churches and the coronation of a new monarch! Lots going on locally and nationally. I'm guessing for many of us the coronation of a new monarch, King Charles III, will be something we have not witnessed before. There is sure to be a lot of pomp and ceremony, the traditional balcony photo and perhaps a glass or two raised to the new King. On her coronation in Westminster Abbey on 2nd June 1953, the late Queen Elizabeth II made promises before the congregation and before God that she would serve her country and those she governed. Towards the end of the ceremony she said "The things which I have here before promised, I will perform and keep. So help me God." The faith of the Queen was well recorded and despite the privilege of her position I have no doubt that at times she earnestly needed the help of God to keep the oaths she had made. A life of service can't always be easy, especially one lived in the spotlight.

As well as the coronation May sees a week of national prayer in the church- Thy Kingdom Come. During this week, Christians across the country will gather to pray. We will pray for our world, for the church, for our communities and for ourselves. You might recognise the phrase 'Thy Kingdom Come' it is from the Lord's prayer taught by Jesus to his disciples. But what is this Kingdom that we are praying for. God's kingdom is a topsy-turvy one. God is king and everyone is welcomed, everyone is loved. It's a place where kindness, truth, justice and compassion rule. It's not a separate place, somewhere we go to, it's a state of being and it's what we pray everyday- Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. I wonder what our streets would look like if heaven touched earth? How might our communities be different?

As we come together this month to be community, maybe to celebrate the coronation, maybe just to be with friends and family on a bank holiday (hopefully a sunny one!) I pray that we too will continue to live lives of compassion and service, recognising that everyone is important.

Blessings

Elveen





Church Notices



'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer evening at
Stratton Methodist

Wednesday 24th May at 7:30pm

All welcome for a joint prayer evening



SAVE THE DATE! 21st May.

21st May 11am there will be a team service with Arch Deacon Christopher Bryan followed by lunch together and then he will lead us in our vision planning. This is your chance to have your say, to share your hopes and dreams for the present and future of our churches. It would be great if as many people as possible can be there as we celebrate who we are and what we do. Be a part of shaping our vision as we look at how what makes us unique and special can be used to further God's kingdom in Stratton, Coleview, South Marston and Stanton.

Weekly Prayers for May - Transformation of the Church

Monday: Birth of the Church

Peter said, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:38, 41

The Spirit came and your Church was born, in wind and fire and words of power.

The Spirit came blowing fear aside, and in its place weak hearts were stronger.

The Spirit came as your word foretold, with dreams and signs, visions and wonders.

The Spirit came and is here today, to feed the hearts of a world that hungers.

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Come, Holy Spirit. Build your church in love and power to fulfil your mission on earth. Amen

Tuesday: A united Church

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. All the believers were one in heart and mind.

Acts 2:46-47; 4:32

Come, Holy Spirit. Unite the church in communion to reflect the Father's heart and glorify his holy name.

Heavenly Father, we rejoice to be your family, united in sharing life together. Empowered by your Spirit we praise your holy name.

As we share your goodness together, turn our gaze to those around us. Empowered by your Spirit may we draw them into your church.

Heavenly Father, unite us in communion as your church. Empowered by your Spirit we glorify your holy name. Amen

Wednesday: An empowered Church

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. *Acts 4:31*

Come Holy Spirit. Fill your church with power, enfold us in your love, inspire us with your truth.

The Spirit of God, precious gift once bestowed upon the few, is now lavished on us all.

In faith we receive the Holy Spirit; the blessing of God to empower his church.

Holy Spirit, envision your church with holy purpose; that we may build God's kingdom on earth.

With joy we receive the Holy Spirit; the blessing of God to empower his church.

Christ our Lord, fill your church with the power of your Spirit to boldly declare the wonders of God. **Amen**

Thursday: A global Church

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

God our Father, we come to you as ordinary, everyday people,
nothing special about us and no particular merits to boast of,
yet you have welcomed us into your family,
you have called us to be your Church,
and you have given us a place among the great company of saints
in heaven and on earth.

By your grace, help us to fulfil that calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Our Father binds us together from the four corners of the world;
His love draws us in to himself and out to one another, his global church.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Friday: A witnessing Church

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.
And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all. *Acts 4:35*

Draw your Church together, O God;

into one great company of disciples;

together following our Lord Jesus Christ

into every walk of life,

together serving him in his mission to the world,

and together witnessing to his love

on every continent and island.

Fill us with your love So that we may gladly speak for you, work for you,

And live our whole life for you

Until all the nations of the earth Join with us in endless praise;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

© *Prayers of the People 1992*

Come, Holy Spirit. Build your church to be a witness of your love. Amen

Saturday: A holy Church

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word. *Ephesians 5:25-26*

Come Holy Spirit.

Transform your church into the image of Christ

that we may be his holy bride

reflecting the radiance of his glory.

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;

She is his new creation by water and the Word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy Bride;

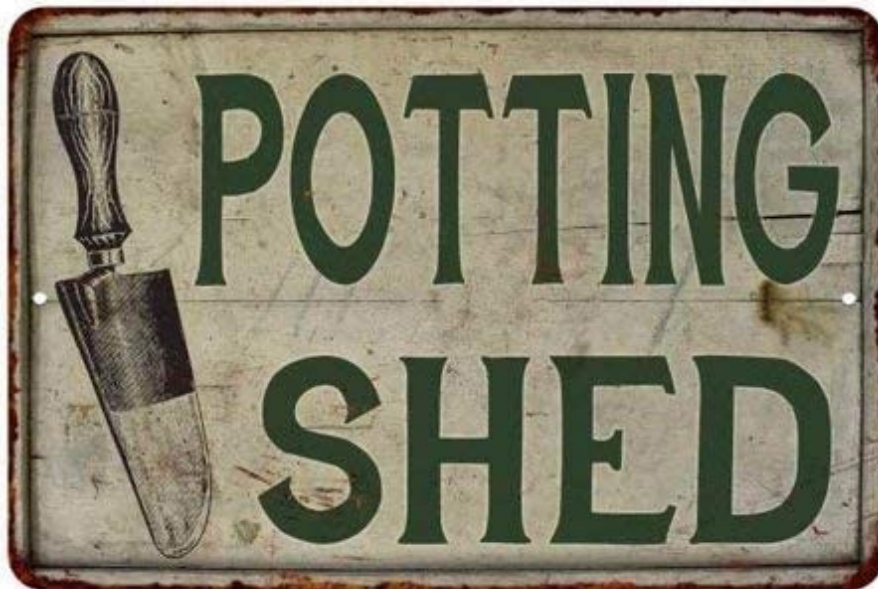
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

S.J. Stone; 1839-1900

Come Holy Spirit.

Ready your church for the wedding of the lamb

that we may be Christ's holy bride clothed in the radiance of his glory. Amen



Warden's Potting Shed

Sunday 7th May is Geranium Sunday and there will be a stall in the Centre after the morning Service.

There will be other plants as well don't miss out on the sale.

All proceeds from sale will go to Church Funds

This year there will be a stall at the Community Fete on Saturday 24th June at the St Margaret's Church, Centre and Gardens.

Please try to buy from the Warden's Potting Shed as the money goes to St Margaret's Church

Richard Pflieger



St Margaret's Church Building Reorder Faculty.

St Margaret's Church has applied for a Faculty to cover the Building reorder covering the following items.

Rehanging of the tower Bells

Adding a mezzanine floor and Staircase and raising the ceiling with in the bell tower

Removing the Victorian Chimney and installing a toilet (Disabled) Facility

Replacing Tiles of the Tower Roof, South Roof and Porch.

Renewing the electric supply boxes and wiring in the base of the tower

Digging of an access trench for services and installation to the tower from Church St.

Removing 11 pews from the back of the church

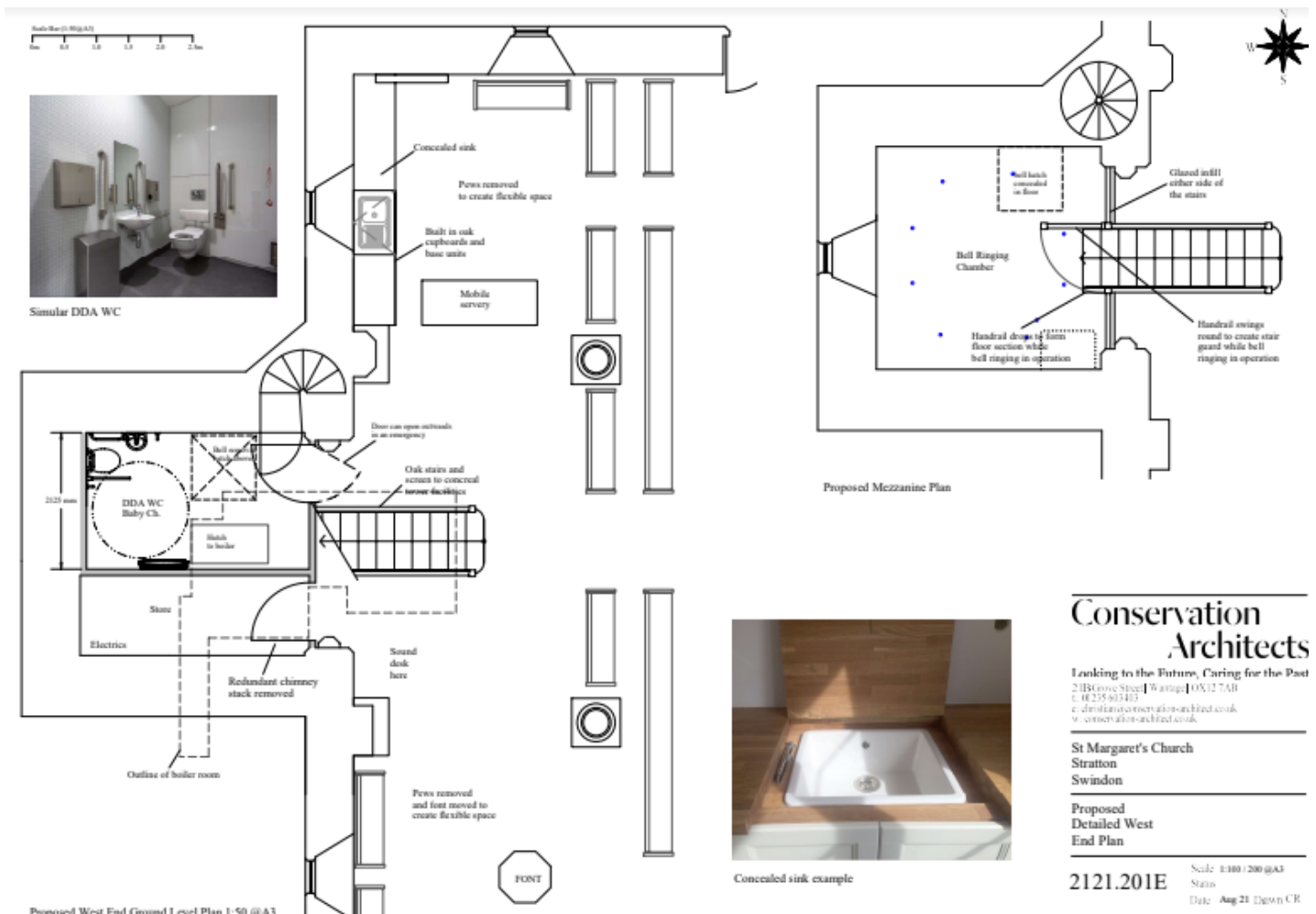
Installing a Kitchen at the rear of the church North side

Repositioning of the Font 1 metre to the rear of the church.

The 28 day period of showing of the proposed alterations is now in action and can be seen either in the Centre Notice board, Church Notice board in Church St or Notice board rear of the church.

Further information is available please contact

Richard Pflieger Building Committee of the PCC on 01793 828367



May

May 7th - Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30am St Margaret's Church

Holy Communion Service

9:30am St Leonards Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10am St Mary Magdalene Church

All Age Worship Service

May 14th - Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30am St Margaret's Church

Sunday Morning Worship

9:30am St Mary Magdalene Church

Holy Communion Service

11am St Leonards Church

Family Service

7pm St Margaret's Church

Choral Evensong

May 18th - Ascension Thursday

7pm St Margaret's Church

Holy Communion

May 21st - Seventh Sunday of Easter

11am St Margaret's Church

Sunday Morning Team Worship

May 28th - Pentecost Sunday

9:30am St Margaret's Church

Sunday Morning Worship

9:30am St Leonards Church

Holy Communion Service

11am Coleview

Holy Communion Service

Please see our website for the most up to date information www.strattonteamministry.co.uk

We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to any changes but that may not always be possible.

Stratton Team Ministry
Celebrates the Kings Coronation at

St Mary Magdalene Church

6th, 7th and 8th May

Flower Festival



Refreshments available on the
Sunday 7th from 2pm to 4pm



Monday 8th May (Coronation Bank Holiday)

St Leonards' church will be open from 10am -4pm while volunteers from the village and others help re-new the gravel path, tidy the churchyard, clean and polish inside.

Everyone is invited to just come along no need to work.

There will be refreshments, tea and coffee will be on offer, plus a children's quiz and someone to share stories and point out some interesting things about the church.



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In the Village Hall

10:00 - 12:00 on

Saturday 20th May

with

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**Enquiries or for table reservations
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St Leonard's Church Stanton

Hosts Coffee Morning now at
Stanton House Hotel

10:15am - noon

On Wednesday

17th of May 2023

Everyone Welcome



Jokes



At a golf course the eleventh fairway was bordered to the left by a cycle path and a road both out of bounds. One day, a club member hooked his shot so violently that his ball sailed over the fence that ran alongside the course, bounced off the cycle path onto the road where it hit the tyre of a passing bus and rebounded back onto the fairway. Flabbergasted by such luck his playing partner asked, 'How did you do that?' The member said, 'You have to know the timetable.'

A scruffy couple were looking at a new kitchen. After a while the man said to the salesman. 'Yes we really like it, but I don't think we can afford it.' The salesman said, 'You just make a small down payment, then you don't make another payment for twelve months.' The woman growled. 'Who told you about us?'



A little girl was in the garden filling in a hole when her neighbour peered over the fence. 'What are you doing?' he enquired politely. 'My goldfish died,' replied the little girl tearfully. 'and I have just buried him.' 'That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish,' remarked the neighbour. Patting down the last heap of earth the little girl said, 'That is because he's inside your cat.'



The queue at the bank stretched right back to the door. A woman customer decided to save time by filling in a withdrawal slip while she was waiting, but couldn't remember the date. So she turned and asked the woman behind. 'What's the date today?' 'It's the seventh,' a man at the very back of the queue piped up, 'Don't write it in yet.'

Another man went into a bank and asked the cashier to check his balance. So the cashier pushed him over.

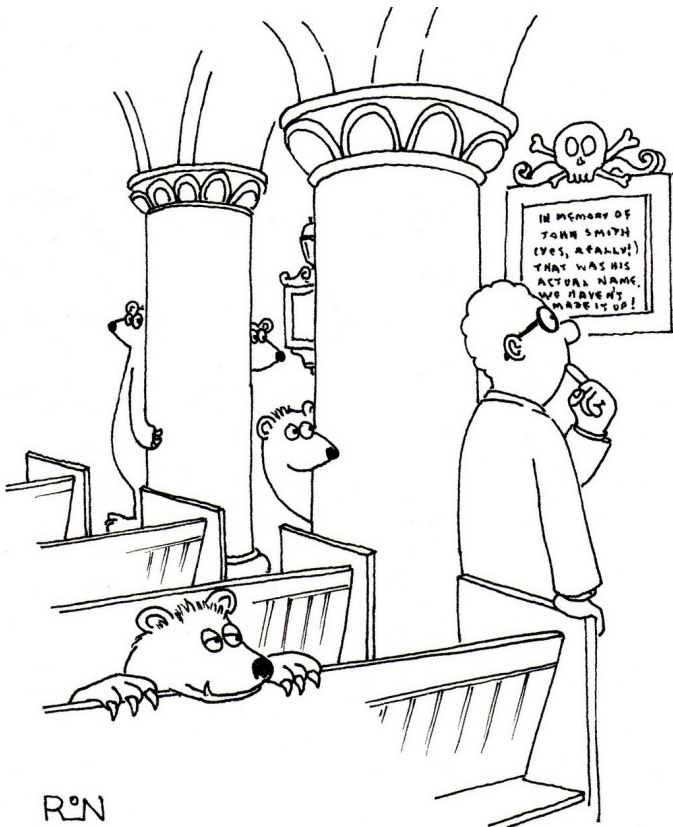


A woman celebrating her eightieth birthday was surprised to receive a note for jury duty. So she called the clerk's office to remind him that she was exempt because of her age. 'You need to come in and fill out the exemption form' they said. 'I have done,' she protested, 'I did it last year.' 'You have to do it every year,' they insisted. "Why? Do you think I'm going to get younger?'

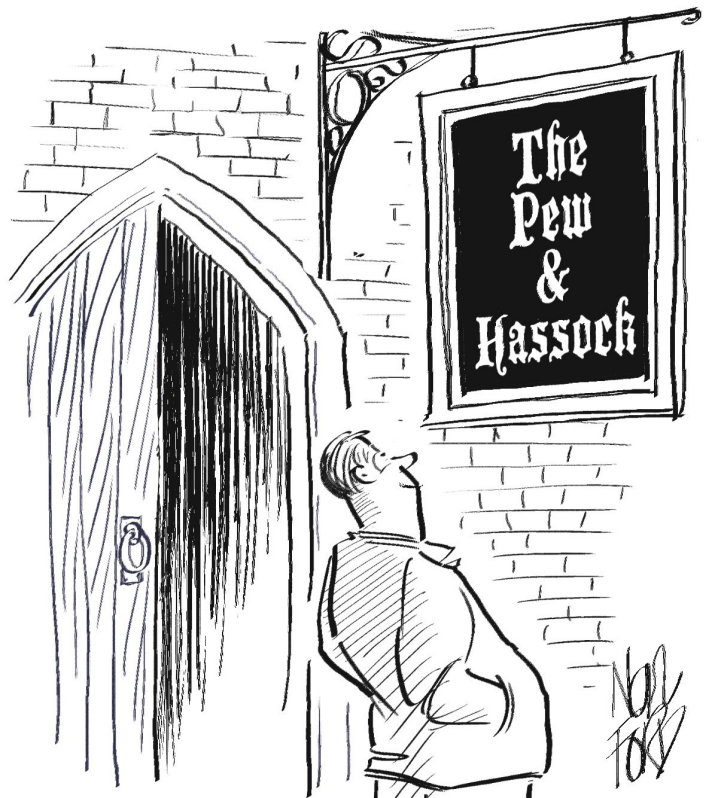
Some actual instructions on product packaging:

- ~~✍~~ On a pushchair. Remove child before folding
- ~~✍~~ On a shower cap. Fits one head
- ~~✍~~ On a Korean kitchen knife. Warning, keep out of children
- ~~✍~~ On instructions for a hairdryer. Do not use while sleeping
- ~~✍~~ On a sweet wrapper. Remove plastic before eating
- ~~✍~~ On a packet of peanuts. Warning, contains nuts

Bye



Dennis spent a long time in church looking for his forbears



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

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Come and join Stratton Team Ministry for our Bumps and Babes group on Tuesdays.

Bumps & Babes is a place for expectant parents and parents with babies (up to one year old*) to meet and chat over a coffee – sharing in the experiences of pregnancy and the joys and challenges of the early months of parenthood.

Mats and toys are available for you to play with your babies, as well as time for a few songs!

We are joined by guests each a month to share with us about subjects from weaning to breastfeeding; faith to reusable nappies!

Register for your place now via the link or complete a form on arrival – we look forward to welcoming you!

When: Tuesdays 11.15-12.15
(term time only)

Where: St Margaret's Centre,
Kenwin Close, SN3 4NY

Cost: Free

Contact Us & Useful Links



Bumpsandbabes9@gmail.com



www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/explore/kids-and-youth/bumps-babes/



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Bumps and Babes St Margaret's Swindon



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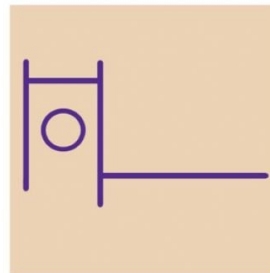
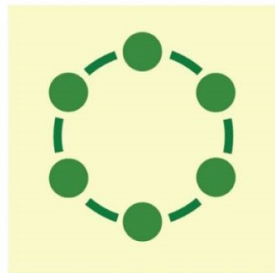
You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

Great News! You can now sign up to join the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) online. There is a link for this on the Giving page of our website:

<https://www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/giving/>

If you haven't considered the PGS before, we would ask you to prayerfully consider doing so. It's very easy to sign up and it works in a similar way to a Direct Debit (that it is intended to replace), in that a regular payment authorised by you goes out either weekly, monthly or yearly straight to the church. It is perfectly safe and can be stopped or changed at any time.

PGS is a great way to give to the work and mission of St Margaret's Church. Donations given through PGS come straight to the Church, there are no admin fees or bank charges for us to pay. 41 people have now signed up to do this - Thank you



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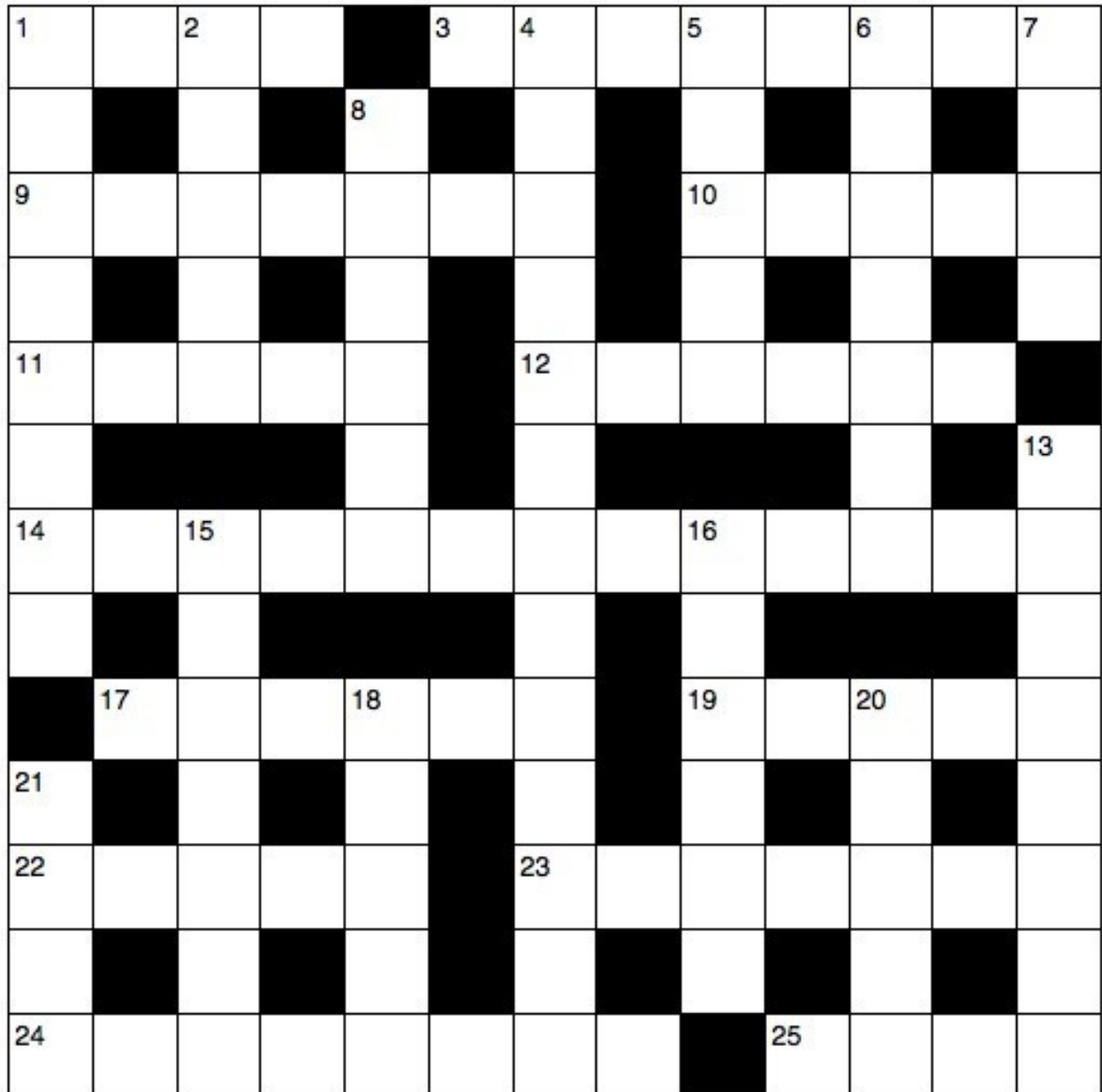
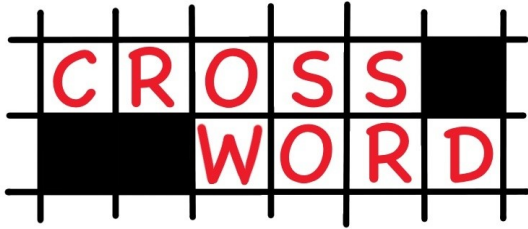
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Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)

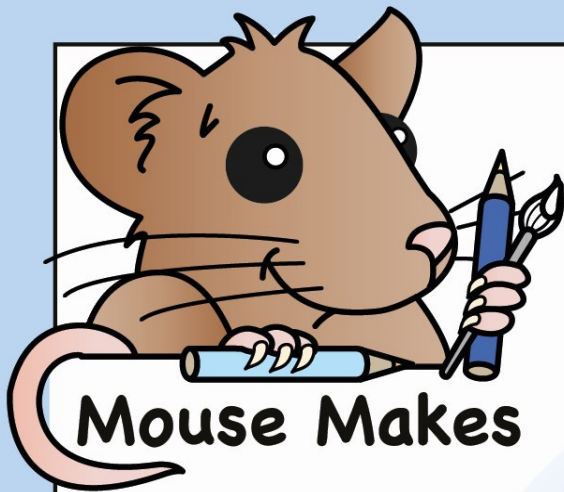
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- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
19 Attend to (3,2)
22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
24 Rule of sovereign (8)
25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
8 Minister of religion (6)
13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)





Mouse Makes

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?



READ Acts 1 4-17

_____ to be Jesus' witnesses. Acts 1:8

Find the answers in the word search

What hid Jesus from the Apostles?

a _____ Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to? _____ Luke 24:51

Who appeared to the Apostles?

Two _____ and what were they dressed in? _____ Acts 1:10

Where did the Apostles return to?

_____ Acts 1:12

Where is Jesus seated?

At the _____ of God. Mark 16:19

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Crossword Solutions

ACROSS:

1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.

DOWN:

1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.

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