



Stratton Team Ministry

July &

August 2023

Seeking, Sharing, and Serving God Together

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Mark 10:45
The Son of Man
did not come to be
served but to serve
and give his life as a
ransom for many

1 Cor 1:27
God chose what the
world thinks is foolish
to shame the strong
and what the world
sees as weak to
baffle the wise and

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Dear Church Family

Having celebrated my Birthday in June I got to thinking, how do you like birthdays? Do you try and forget when yours is, or do you make a big splash every year? Do you like presents, or would you rather have experiences? At the end of May, Christians celebrated the birthday of the church. It's celebrated fifty days after Easter, which of course means it moves around and this year that put it on the 28 May.

We remember the story in the book of Acts in the bible, when the Holy Spirit was given to the followers of Jesus 'And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.' Acts 2 verses 2-4.

It's the moment from which a confused, frightened group of people with a little hope changed into an inspired, energised group of people who had the confidence and courage to go and tell the world that they had found something wonderful.

Birthdays can be a time for re-evaluating, looking back and planning forwards. How have you changed for better and worse in the years you have been on the planet, what do you want to achieve in the future? It could be said of the church that it, (we) need to do the same – its history since those heady early days has not been completely swathed in glory let's face it.

So, if you are a part of the church or not, it's good to take stock and work out where next – for yourself, your family, an organisation you are part of. To look back at the places where we have not taken care of ourselves or others; where we have not been that nice, or thoughtful; where we have allowed ourselves to become lazy and self-serving and out of condition. To look also at the things we have done well, the talents we have made best use of, the times when things worked well, or we did the right things that resulted in our wellbeing and that of those around us. Christians can ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to feel real and vital and to help us change and move forward in hope and courage and energy like those first Christians. The Holy Spirit hasn't gone away, but just like with our bodies, we don't always listen – and it shows!

Perhaps the beginning of summer is a good time in the year to take stock of ourselves and the things we belong to – the hope (!) of better weather, the abundance of nature around us and longer days somehow make us feel that new things are possible. So if you decide to begin a new healthier eating regime, or to take up a pastime that will enrich you, or some exercise, or if you think it's time to repair a relationship or to take yourself in hand in other ways, I wish you every success. And if your birthday month is coming up, I wish you a very Happy Birthday!

Blessings

Rev Elveen



THE DOVE (Following a series of Sermons on the Holy Spirit)



The Spirit of God descends like a dove
Swiftly on Him who brought us love.
For the dove shows us grace and humility
Wings of gold/silver in such beauty.
Yet it bravely flies in gentleness
Eyes shining bright with tenderness.
Showing such countenance of choice
Simplicity and softness of voice.
Chosen by Noah this meek bird
Brought a message of hope, without a word.
Noah finding God's reconciliation
The Spirit in which we find Salvation
Is our advocate with him above.
Symbolic in that chosen dove.

Dan Read 1998



During the May half-term holiday, members of the 5th Swindon Boy's Brigade Junior section joined other members from around the Gloucestershire Battalion at T.R.A.C, an activity centre, Newent, Gloucestershire.

Arriving Tuesday morning, we put our luggage in our dormitories and splitting into groups, we went out to explore the site. Each group tried all the activities - pedal boats on the large lake, archery, play park pedal go-karts and a zip wire. After dinner and going onto the play park, we settled down to a DVD in the evening then bedtime.

Up early the following morning after a cooked breakfast, we went to the West Midland Safari park for the day.

At the start and the end of the drive around the Safari park, zebras, giraffes, and deer were allowed to wander, crossing the road and getting really close! The lions kept further away, thank goodness. After our packed lunch, we went into the rides area for the rest of the afternoon. Keeping in our groups, we tried lots of the rides, there was something for everyone, then into the gift shop to spend our pocket money. Arriving back at T.R.A.C. dinner was ready for us.

Next morning, after a good breakfast, the Boys enjoyed the activities on site, then after lunch, we went to Battle sports for Laser Tag. Half the Boys played rounders and football, while the rest were kitted out to play Laser Tag, swapping the groups over halfway through the afternoon.

Back at the campsite, a camp fire was lit, with half the Boys making s'mores (toasted marshmallows sandwiched between two chocolate biscuits) while the other group played bingo, then the groups swapped over.

A roast dinner followed by Eton mess for dessert was very welcome, then settling down to a DVD before bed.

Friday morning we packed our bags and tidied up, ready to go home. It had been a busy few days, with plenty to do at a great site, with good meals as always.

Next year's camp is already being planned!

To find out more information about your local Boy's Brigade Company, please contact T.Daglish 5swindonbb@gmail.com

Thank you

Down Country lanes and Tracks

St Swithun's Way and the Pilgrims Way.

A few months ago I wrote about the Church on Kingsgate and Cathedral in Winchester and about St Swithun and that when the weather was good I would walk the St Swithun's Way or part of it.

The St Swithun's way starts from Kingsgate Winchester to Farnham in Surrey and was a route of Pilgrimage. when St Swithun died in AD 862, people travelled the 34 miles to Winchester along an already formed ancient track which was an iron age route and then part Roman road. It is now slightly diverted due to the A31 passing through the Itchen Valley.

The route was extended from Winchester to Canterbury to 112 Miles when St Thomas a Beckett was killed in 1170 and then people travelled from Winchester to Canterbury as a pilgrimage route to visit the remains of St Augustine , St Anselm and St Thomas a Beckett.

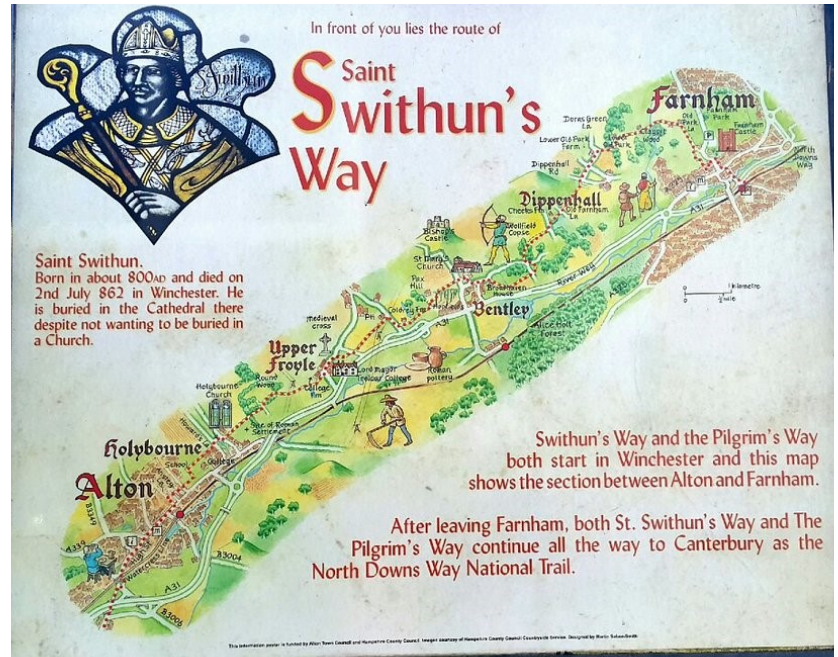
Most of the route was only dirt tracks and hollows through the countryside normally passing close to churches on the way one of which I recently visited when attending a wedding at Holybourne. Holy Rood Church which was built in the 12 century and takes its name from The Sacred Stream still remains today.

On a 9mile walk on a very hot day (27cwith no rain forecast) I set out to walk part of the Itchen Valley through the lovely quiet village of Itchen Abbas and then along the old Oxway where they used to drive the oxen to market. Then along the river Itchen to an ancient hostelry called the Bush Inn where I had a glass of ale. You could imagine the pilgrims walking along the tracks getting food and shelter at villages and Churches along the way.

Near Winchester there is an old Hospital of St Cross which still has a door for travellers to knock on and it is said they would receive a Dole of Bread which was a Wayfarer's Dole Morsel of Bread and a horn of Beer to any visitor who requested it.

I had to pay for our Ale at the Bush Inn!

Richard Pflieger



The Bible and Unknown Facts

The Bible is, seemingly, a repository of forgotten, or hitherto unknown facts. Reading the book of Mark one sees the story of a woman emptying the expensive contents of an alabaster box over Jesus' head shortly before his death.

Alabaster is a form of stalagmite found in limestone rocks largely in Northern Italy although locally at Watchet in Somerset. What though did the box contain? It was Nard an aromatic perfume. Another fact is that whilst the feeding of the 5,000 is well known it tends to overshadow the feeding soon afterwards, of a further 4,000 people.

The Roman Empire ruled Palestine and a comprehensive trading network existed throughout the Mediterranean region so it is quite possible that the alabaster box could have originated in Italy. Pontius Pilate was a Roman citizen and so too, was St. Paul who was born in Tarsus, capital of the Roman province of Cilicia which was made a Roman province by Emperor Nero in 64BC.

Delving through the Bible can reveal fascinating facts but none more so than the words of Jesus which form the basis for our Christian belief in the Holy Trinity. So let us keep enjoying our reading of The Bible all the while reinforcing the beliefs that support us through all the vicissitudes of modern life.

Colin Howell



Were Not Ten Healed

When I was a child the receipt of a Christmas or birthday present required a written letter of thanks. Other than shopkeepers ,Doctors or Clergy no ordinary folk possessed a telephone. Thanks were given verbally or by letter, In Jesus ' day they would have been given verbally in person. Nowadays, with e mails, texts and mobile telephones the need to say thank you has slipped down the pecking order. Like many of us I try to give gifts some for altruistic reasons others as a means of saying a thank you for a kindness received or a prayer answered . So often no acknowledgment is received, does this matter? Of course not. What we do is, as Jesus said between us and God. When Jesus healed ten Lepers only one thanked Him.

When God answers our prayers we should thank Him . When I was a child I went, with my parents to Evensong at St Andrews taken by a dear old Lay Reader (I guess now that he was about 60) and as a ten year old I remember him preaching that our first words of prayer should be of thanks to God for prayers answered before laying our needs before God.

To this day my daily prayers are prefaced by my thanks for prayers answered. Thanks cost nothing but surely to be healed is beyond compare but not being thanked did not stop Jesus continuing with His ministry.

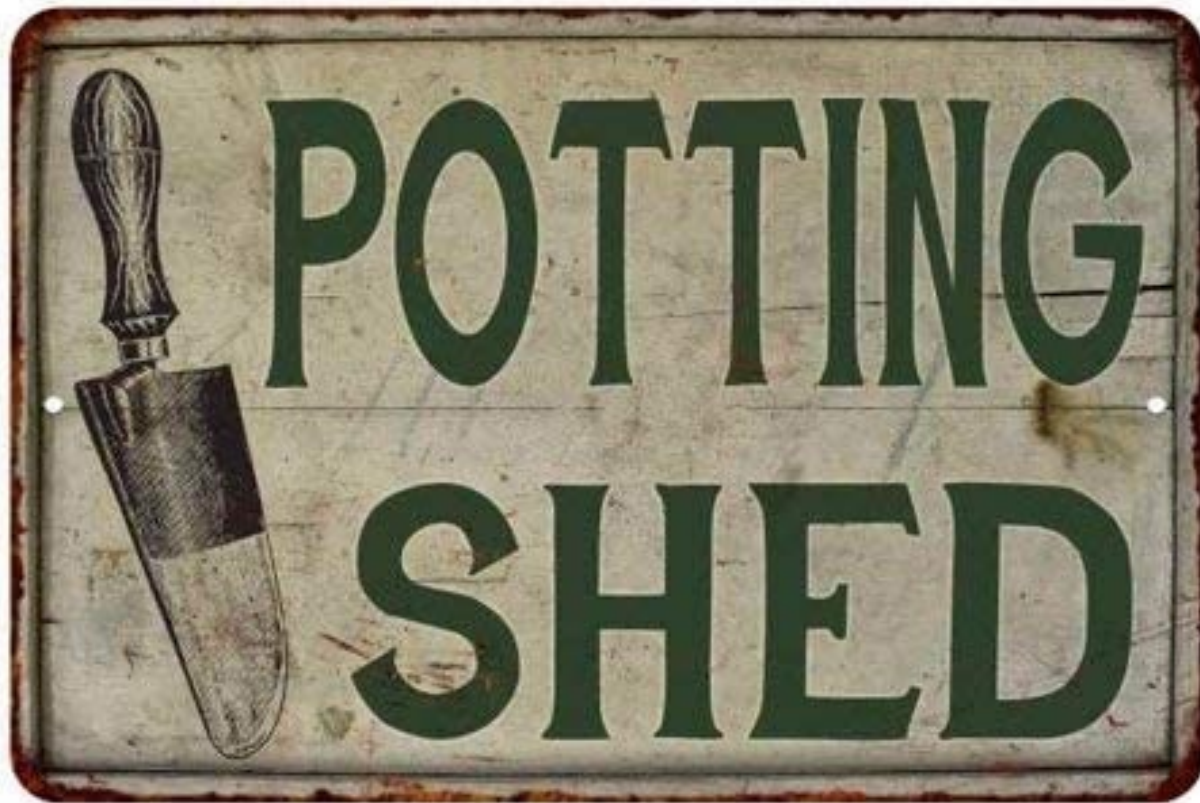
As Christians we have so much to thank God for simply His presence with us at all times and for prayers answered is worthy of our thanks. Prayerful thanks surely is paramount

But a physical gift to a good cause or our local Church would not come amiss The physical presence of our Clergy and St Margaret's need not only our prayers of thanks but our physical tangible gifts as well

Thank God for Faith. Deo Gratias.

Colin Howell





Warden's Potting Shed

Thank you for who have either supplied or bought plants this year in Aid of St Margaret's Church Funds. The money raised either from after church plant stall or on the Community Fete day raised over £300 this year. We have now sold out of all plants.

Following the Community Fete I have tidied up the potting shed, sorted out pots and racking giving the potting shed a good clean. It has been a good year for growing plants after a cold winter where several plants were lost due to the cold winter spell.

I will be thinking of what to grow for next spring, what did well and what struggled. Have a great summer and autumn and enjoy the Garden.

Richard Pflieger



Back in Time

It was wonderful to step back in time on June 11th by attending a church service at St Margaret's.

Twenty years ago, in 2003, my family experienced a wonderful year living, working and attending school in Wiltshire. We rented a home in Church Way, Stratton St Margaret. While we were waiting to move into our home, we stayed at Treetops Guest House with Terry and June Lewis. My husband taught science at Dorcan, I taught at Westrop in Highworth and our two daughters attended school at Colebrook. Each Saturday we would be off exploring Cotswold villages or other recommended places nearby. Each Sunday we would walk the short distance to our local church, St Margaret's. I was learning the art of bellringing and learnt a lot from this tower. Sue Foggin was also learning how to ring in 2003. We both rang our first quarter peal that year. Our two girls, Bryden and Elodie attended Junior Church with Anne Maree and Bryden also played clarinet with the church band. Rachel Jones was also in this band at the time. We always enjoyed chatting to parishioners after service at morning tea.

Tim Hawkings was the vicar at the time and the Hawkings family invited us into their home several times, including lunch on Christmas Day! We have fond memories of a pirate themed fete, a beetle game night, the Harvest Supper and carols at Coleview Community Centre.

Fast forward twenty years and we have just returned from a very special nine week holiday. We spent six weeks in Europe where we enjoyed a river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest, extra time in the Netherlands, Germany, Czech Republic and a two week Swiss train trip.

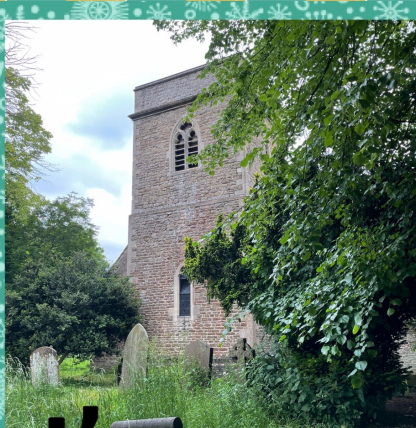
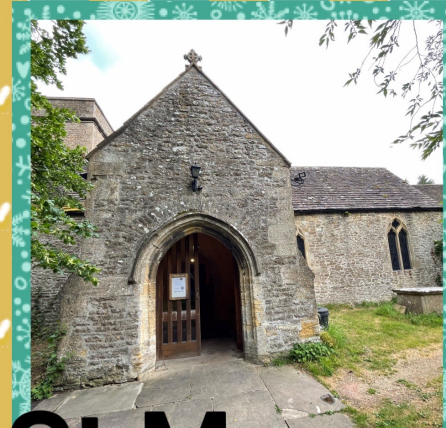
The last three weeks in the UK were our favourite because we stayed with very dear friends. Most people, we hadn't seen for twenty years. I rang the bells again at St Margaret's and we enjoyed attending the church service and morning tea afterwards. I enjoyed chatting to Jean who remembered us and a lady who went snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef at the age of 76. Afterwards we caught up with Alison Swann and the extended Hawkings family at Rachel and Lewis' home.

Thank you to everyone for being so welcoming and friendly. Come and visit us any time in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales.

Janelle and Nigel Cox

(photos on next pages from 2003 and 2023)





St Margaret's



2023

Weekly Prayers for July – Gratitude

Monday: Monday: Gratitude to God

Be thankful people. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts.
(CEB)

Colossians 3:15, 16

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. **His love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods. **His love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords: **His love endures forever.**

Give thanks to God who alone does great wonders, **His love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord share our story – we who unite in prayer across the world, from east and west, from north and south.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds through all the earth.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. **His love endures forever. Amen**

From Psalms 107; 136

Tuesday: Gratitude for the past

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. *Hebrews 13:8*

God of history and eternity, as we celebrate your faithfulness deepen our gratitude for the past and envision us for the future.

Loving Lord,

we look back down the years and see the imprint of your faithfulness on all that has come to pass.

We thank you for those who led the way in worship and service to your world. For those who faithfully served you in quiet and unseen ways.

Loving Lord, we look back down the years and remember your faithfulness to us with thankfulness and praise.

As we look back with gratitude so we look forward with faith. We place our trust in our loving God whose faithfulness spans all ages. Amen

Wednesday: A heart of gratitude

I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. *Ezekiel 36:26 (NLT)*

Lord, give me this day a heart of gratitude:

Give me a heart of gratitude which is so filled with thanksgiving that worry and concern have no room.

Give me a heart of gratitude which remembers you as the present Giver who is my refuge and my portion.

Give me a heart of gratitude which cries out thanksgiving and praise even in the midst of anguish, pain, and frustration.

Give me a heart of gratitude which is capable of love, hope, and peace despite the tensions, hurts, and foolishness of this world.

Give me a heart of gratitude which is ever and always yours. Amen *James Spencer (adapted)*

Thursday: Gratitude for Christ

Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. *Colossians 2:6-7*

We give thanks for the sacrificial love of Christ with deeply grateful hearts.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the joy, peace, help and blessings that you give to us each day.

Thank you for this wondrous world filled with all the wonderful gifts you have given to us.

Thank you for our families, friends and the fellowship of your Church.

And we thank you for the most wondrous gift of all – the forgiveness of our sins, bought for us by the love of your most blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen
Kilskeery & Trillick Mothers' Union, Province of All-Ireland

Friday: Gratitude for each other

I never stop thanking God for you. I always remember you in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16 (GW)

**Heavenly Father, we celebrate and give thanks
for the people who are part of our lives.**

Help us to appreciate each other's unique qualities.
Help us to treasure each other's special gifts.

May we be slow to judge and quick to forgive; ready to treat others as we wish for ourselves.

Let us seek each other's good by encouragement and support that our relationships may flourish
and reflect your perfect love .

**Heavenly Father, we celebrate and give thanks for the people who are part of our
lives. Fill us with your love for one another
that our relationships may flourish and grow. Amen**

Saturday: Gratitude for life

Jesus said: I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. *John 10:10*

How lavish is our God! We celebrate the gift of life with grateful hearts.

What wonders we find in the gift of life. Our joy in the beauty of nature; our delight in loving relationships; our pleasure in a job well done or a new skill mastered.

Each facet of life adds richness to our days. A foretaste of the glory that awaits when we step into the realm of eternity and our cup overflows.

Generous God, we thank you for the imprint of heaven which enhances our gift of the here and now.

How lavish is our God! We celebrate the gift of life with grateful hearts. Amen

Weekly Prayers for August – Songs of celebration

Monday: Songs of celebration

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. *Ephesians 5:19*

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. *Psalms 100*

**Lord of heaven and earth, may our songs of celebration bring praise to your name
and joy to your world. Amen**

Tuesday: Celebration of creation

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.
Psalms 19:1, 4

The heavens declare your glory, the skies exalt your name.

And though no anthems are sung, no sermons written or candles lit, within the beauty of dawn's
breaking chorus, sun rising, stars at night, lies more theology
than any hymn that we could sing.

**So we behold your glory, and in our hearts join with the heavens
in rejoicing. © John Birch**

**Lord of all creation, may our songs of celebration bring praise to your name and joy
to your world. Amen**

Wednesday: Celebration of God's righteousness

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. *Ephesians 5:19*

We will be glad and rejoice in you; We will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

**The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.
Psalms 9: 2, 8-11

Righteous Lord, may our songs of celebration bring praise to your name and joy to your world. Amen

Thursday: Celebration of God's goodness

They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. *Psalms 145:7, 9*

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His love is everlasting and extends to all creation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
Bringing wholeness, and peace beyond understanding.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His arms open wide welcoming home the prodigals.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His promises are sure His kingdom shall last forever.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! ©John Birch**

Lord of abundant goodness, may our songs of celebration bring praise to your name and joy to your world. Amen

Friday: Celebration of God's faithful love

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. *Ephesians 5:19*

Sing to the Lord a new song; play skilfully, and shout for joy.

For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you. *Psalms 33:2-5, 21-22*

Faithful and loving Lord, may our songs of celebration bring praise to your name and joy to your world. Amen

Saturday: Songs of celebration

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. *Psalms 105:1-3*

How can we not sing your praise with heart and soul and proclaim your name throughout the world?

God of creation, Awesome in power, Sustainer, Provider, Saviour, Father of all, there is none like you!

How can we not declare your glory through all that we are, and proclaim your name throughout this world? © *John Birch*

Lord of heaven and earth, may our songs of celebration bring praise to your name and joy to your world. Amen



2nd July - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am St Margaret's Church

9:30am St Leonards Church

10am St Mary Magdalene Church

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning Worship

Family Service

9th July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am St Margaret's Church

9:30am St Mary Magdalene Church

11am St Leonards Church

Sunday Morning Worship

Holy Communion Service

Family Service

16th July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10am St Margaret's Church

Sunday Morning Team Worship

23rd July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9:30am St Margaret's Church

9:30am St Leonards Church

11am Coleview

Desert Island Hymns

Holy Communion Service

Holy Communion Service

30th July - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Coleview Community Centre

Sunday Morning Team Worship

August



6th August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am St Margaret's Church	Holy Communion Service
9:30am St Leonard's Church	Sunday Morning Worship
10am St Mary Magdalene Church	Family Service

13th August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9:30am St Margaret's Church	Sunday Morning Worship
9:30am St Mary Magdalene Church	Holy Communion Service
11am St Leonard's Church	Family Service
6pm St Margaret's Centre	Praise & Prosecco

20th August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9:30am St Leonard's Church	Holy Communion Service
11am Coleview	Holy Communion Service

27th August - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10am St Margaret's Church	Sunday Morning Team Worship
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Come and
join us for:

Activities

Songs

Food

MESSY
CHURCH

Crafts

Games

Stories

SATURDAY SCENE

At St Margaret's Centre

(Kenwin Close, off Ermin street, Stratton St. Margaret)

Saturday 8th July

@ 4pm

We will bring our own picnic to eat
together



for more information Please contact us at
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☎ 01793 826505



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Calling all singers.....

Stratton Team Ministry choir invite you to join them to sing

A musical of the story of Noah and the ark



Captain Noah



and his Floating Zoo

*Weekly rehearsals, 7-8pm on Sunday Evenings
starting Sunday 28th May 2023 at St Margaret's Church SN3 4NB
Suitable for everybody over the age of 7 - Children particularly welcome
FREE - ALL MUSIC PROVIDED*

Performance on Sunday 16th July 2023 10am

For further information contact Angela and Robert at breakspears@sky.com
Or just turn up at rehearsals!



**St Mary Magdalene Church
South Marston**

MEETING POINT

**The 'drop in' is for all members of
our community**

Come and Join Us for Coffee

In the Village Hall

10:00 - 12:00 on

Saturday 15th July

Please note No meeting in August

Enquiries or for table reservations

please call 01793 831473

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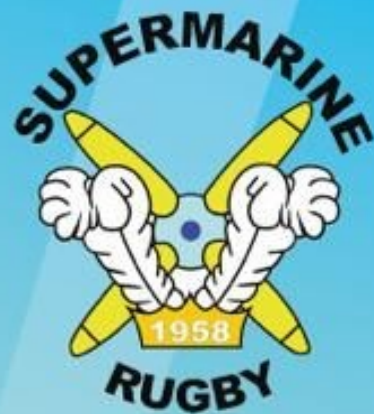
**Sunday
23 July**

Supermarine RFC

Family Open Day

10:30am - 3:30pm

**Supermarine Road
Swindon SN3 4BZ**



Bring the family along for a fun day filled with different sports sessions, fun taster sessions, rounders, raffles, stalls and much more...

Grab some chairs, a picnic rug and enjoy getting to see the children have fun, get exercise and get tired whilst experiencing the family feel of this great club.



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Introducing ...

Breakfast Club!



Stratton St Margery
Parish Council



Every Monday from 7:00-8:30am
At Meadowcroft Community Centre!

This is free for parents & children of all school ages.

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Stratton St Margaret Parish Council Skydive!

Each year our Chairman at Stratton St Margaret Parish Council chooses a local charity for us to raise money on behalf of. This year we will be raising funds for Prospect Hospice!

Last year we raised over £3,500 for Swindon Young carers. Usually we hold an annual summer festival, coffee mornings, car boots sales and a Christmas Carol service to help raise the funds.

However this year we want to raise even more for our new charity! So 5 brave staff members will be throwing themselves out of a plane! They will be doing a 10,000ft tandem skydive on 10th June, across the Salisbury plains.

So please sponsor as much as you can for this fantastic cause!

<https://gofund.me/4f468414>

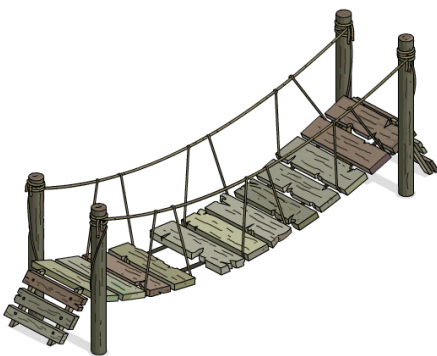


Jokes



While in Australia with the 1962/63 MCC Cricket Team the Rev. David Sheppard came in for more than his fair share of dropped catches. The story was going around that a young English couple who had settled in Australia were due to have their first baby christened. The husband suggested that it would be nice if they got David Sheppard to do it for them. 'Oh No,' said the horrified wife, 'not likely, he would only drop it.'

Doctor, doctor, my little Willie has just swallowed a tea spoon, please come at once.' 'Very well madam. I'll be right round, but. meanwhile tell him to sit still and not to stir.



The story goes that some delegates to a church conference in Scotland set off between sessions to explore the countryside. Presently they came across a stream spanned by a rickety bridge and started to cross ignoring the warning to keep off. A local inhabitant ran after them in protest, misunderstanding his concern one of the visitors called, 'It's alright, we are Anglicans from the conference.' 'I'm no caring about that,' was the reply,' but if ye dinna get off the bridge ye'll all be Baptists.



Church Notices

A notice outside Chichester Cathedral advertising lunchtime concerts read: "Sandwiches may be eaten." Someone had scrawled underneath; "So if you are a sandwich don't come,"



Happy Father's Day!



Last year on Fathers Day my son gave me something I've always wanted, the keys to my car

Father: When I was your age I worked sixteen hours a day in this business, seven days a week. Son; I really appreciate it Dad, if it wasn't for all your ambition, determination and hard work, I might have had to do that myself.

Holiday Time:



I met my husband in a Travel Agent, I was looking for a holiday and he was the last resort.



This resort was so dull, one day the tide went out and never came back.



I went on holiday to forget everything and when I opened my suitcase I found I had.



These days tourists are travelling further and further afield in the hope of avoiding the tourists.



When you're safe at home you wish you were having an adventure. When you are having an adventure you wish you were safe at home. Thornton Wilder



Where did the sheep go on vacation?
Where?
TheBaa-hamas.

Teacher; James, please use the words 'letter carrier' in a sentence.

"Yes miss, my dad said that after seeing how many things my mum was bringing on holiday, he would rather letter carrier own luggage."

To end with a few tributes;



Every once in a while we hear a man of high achievement, transparent integrity and penetrating intellect. Not today, though.



In many ways he has been like a son to me, insolent, ungrateful, disrespectful



Meeting Franklin Roosevelt was like opening your first bottle of champagne, knowing him was like drinking it. Winston Churchill.

Happy Hols

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(term time only)

Where: St Margaret's Centre,
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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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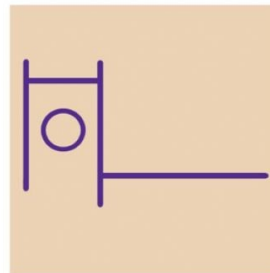
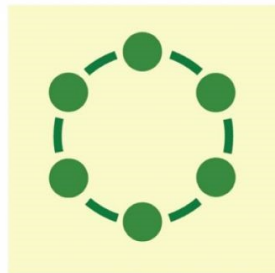
You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

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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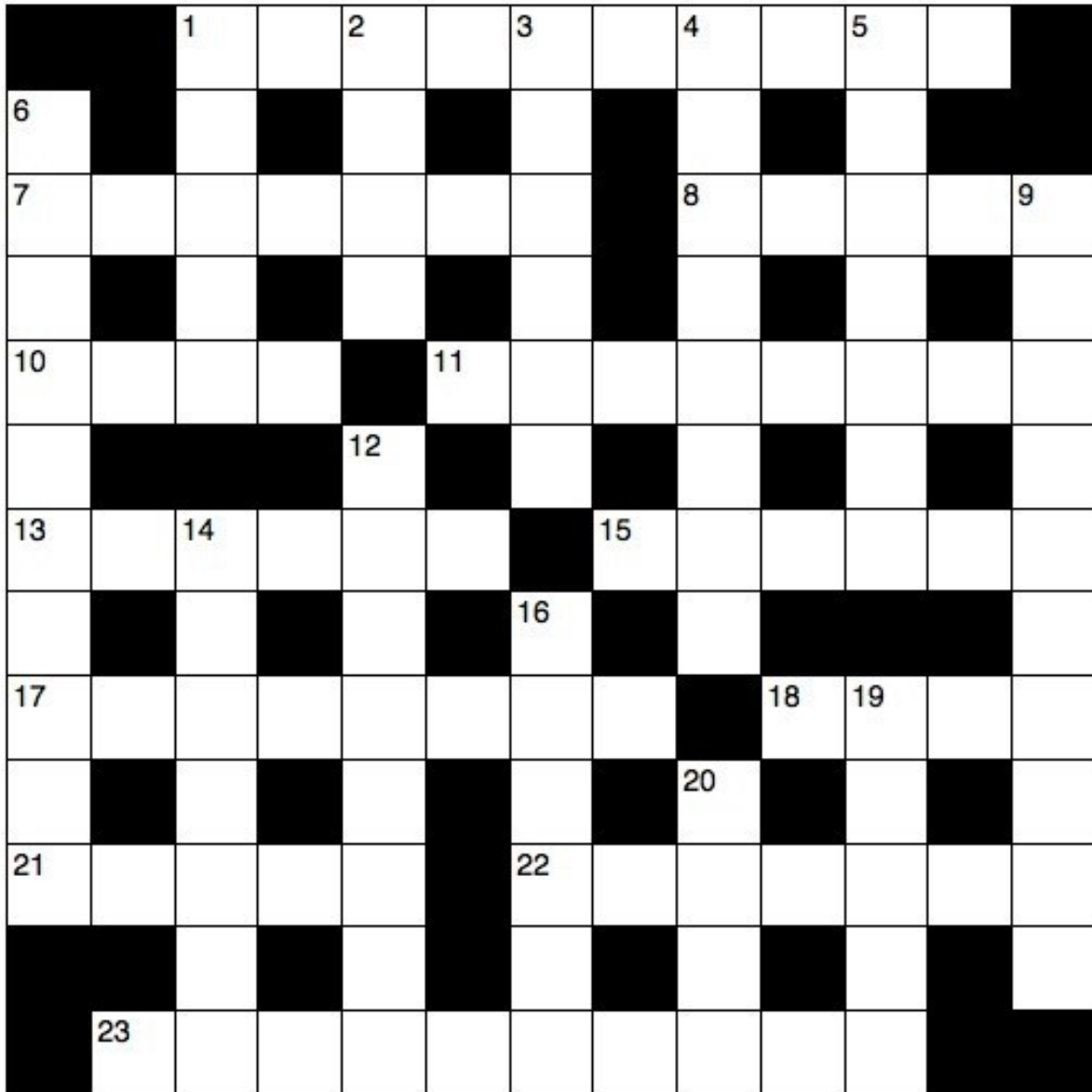
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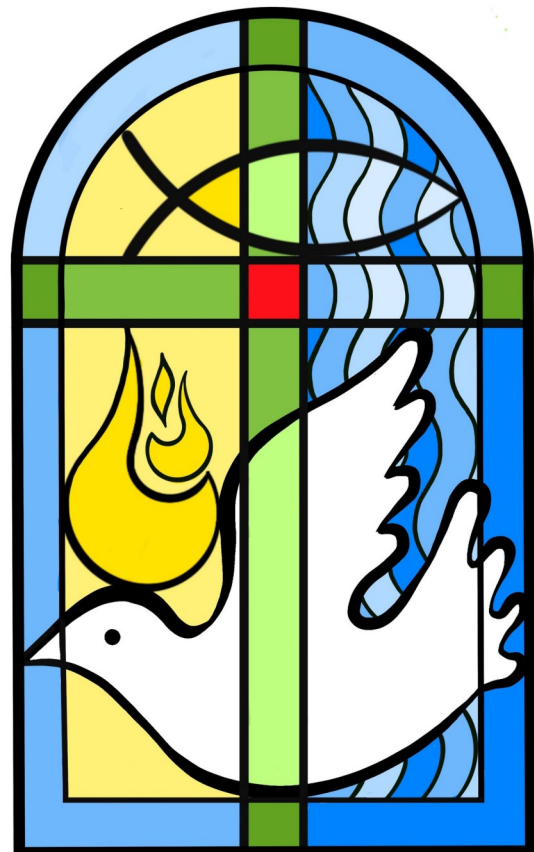
- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)

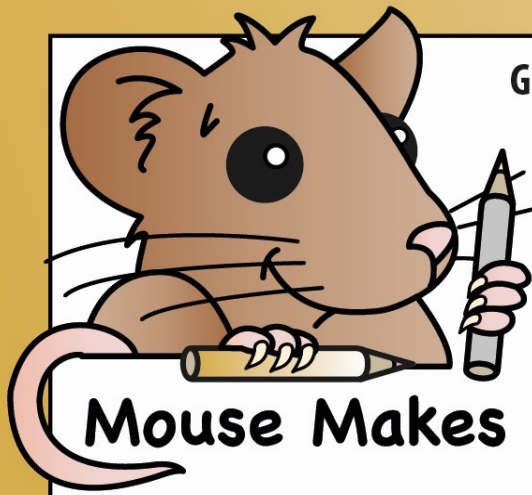
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- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1–6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)





Mouse Makes

Goliath, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.
"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"

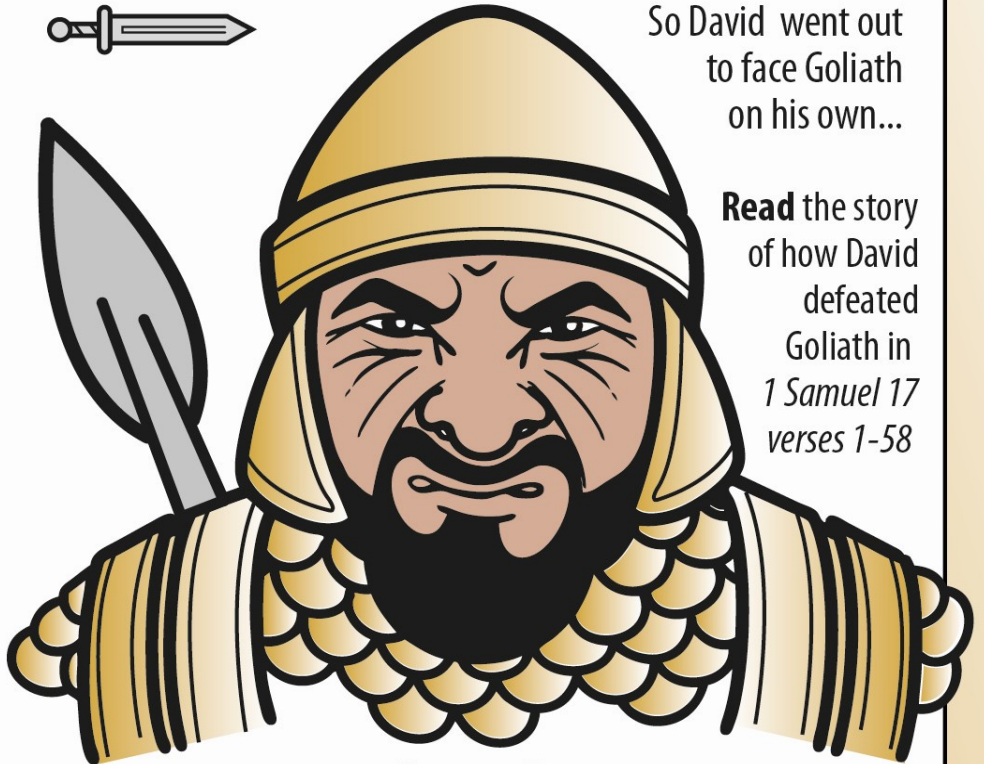


The Israelites were afraid, but **David**, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said:
"The **Lord** who delivered me from the lion and bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."



So David went out to face Goliath on his own...

Read the story of how David defeated Goliath in *1 Samuel 17 verses 1-58*



Where did Goliath come from?



_____ *1 Samuel 17:4*

How tall was Goliath?



_____ cubits.
1 Samuel 17:4

What was Goliath's armour made of?

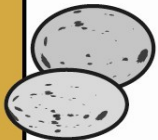
_____ *1 Samuel 17:5,6*

What weapons did Goliath carry?



a JAVELIN,
a _____
and a _____
1 Samuel 17:45

How many stones did David take from the stream?



_____ *1 Samuel 17:40*

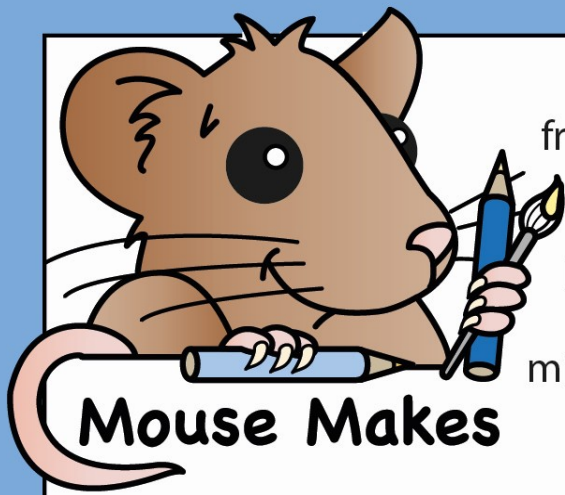


Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his _____

_____ *1 Samuel 17:49*

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Mouse Makes

After Jesus miraculously fed 5,000+ people from two fish and five loaves, he sent his disciples off in a boat across the Sea of Galilee before going up a mountain by himself. Later in the night, as the boat was being blown and buffeted by the wind, Jesus came miraculously walking on the water towards them...

Read the story in: *Matthew 14: 22-27,*
Mark 6:45-56 or John 6:16-21

What did Jesus do when he went up on the mountain?

_____ *Matthew 14:23*

What was the boat struggling against?

The _____ and the _____ *Matthew 14:24*



What did Jesus say to his disciples?

Do not be _____

_____ *Matthew 14:27*

What did the disciples think Jesus was when they saw him walking on the sea?

A _____

_____ *Matthew 14:26*

Who walked out on the water to Jesus?

_____ *Matthew 14:29*

What did Jesus say to Peter?

Oh you of little _____ why do you _____

_____ *Matthew 14:31*

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ACROSS: 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

DOWN: 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.

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