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Dear Church Family

“I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service” these words declared by Princess Elizabeth in her 21st birthday address on 21st April 1947 are being fully lived out in practice by Her Majesty. We who benefit are now preparing to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee: 70 years of dedicated service.

Though she is unique, even at this young age she realised that she could not undertake this role without support, and called on each of us to help her:...”But I shall not have the strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given”.

Over seven decades on from this invitation, the long weekend of Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June is also an invitation to show support to Her Majesty, and to live out her ideal of loving each other in practical acts of service.

With so many opportunities across Stratton Team Ministry to join in community events we decided to focus on supporting those rather than adding in our own. We will or have celebrated by holding a Team Thanksgiving Service on 29 May.

But let me take this opportunity to thank you for all the ways in which you serve one another in church and in our communities, be it arranging beautiful flowers in church, making, selling and buying cakes at our coffee mornings, serving in a kitchen, singing, polishing our brass, cleaning...the list is endless and varied.

In particular, thank you for when you reach out to a neighbour to ensure that each of us feels invited and included in this wonderful chance to celebrate.

God help me make good my vow,
and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.

Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.

Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Blessings
Elveen*



LOOKING BACK

We all, at times look back for all manner of reasons.

As a child I remember our one-hundred-yard long garden, all given over to vegetables, as were all those of our neighbours. There with no fences and pleasantries were shouted one to another. In one of those adjacent cottages lived a solitary man and my father would shout "morning Herbert, how b'ist?".

The reply was always "better than I hevabin!" and always repeated, "better than I hevabin!".

As a child I wondered how bad he had been and what had, if any had been his problem? It never varied.

In my working career, at the time I was in charge of a busy Invoice section and there were frequent discrepancies from one warehouse. No matter what the incoming invoice quoted the receipt showed a different figure on occasions.

Calls to the storekeeper seemed pointless so a trip to the store ensued. I would point out that the invoice charged for 1500 items, yet only 1400 showed on his receipt note. The reply brooked no argument, "we only received fourteen double hundred!!" Two noughts were always quoted as 'double hundred'.

Some years ago I found myself actually using the phrase in company with others, it took some explaining away.

So looking back can evoke various emotions but what better than to look back to the New Testament and the record of Jesus' teachings.

Surely this is a source of strength and encouragement for us all and we should, in this instance continue to look back!!

Colin Howell





Boys Brigade News

The Gloucestershire Battalion Junior Section chess competition took place on Saturday, 30th April at Charlton Kings near Cheltenham.

Eleven Boys from five Companies arrived at Charlton Kings Junior school for an intense afternoon.

The Boys were given a number as they arrived and a "round robin" system worked well, with all the Boys playing each other, in eight minute matches. Each Boy having a break with a biscuit and drink, before moving round for the next match.

At the end of each match, if there was no outright winner, points were awarded for the chess pieces taken.

After eleven games of chess, two Boys had tied for first place, so it came down to the results of all their matches.

So Magnus from 5th Swindon, won by 1 point! and Henry came a close 3rd place.

Well done to all the Boys who took part, they played with good sportsmanship and everyone had an enjoyable afternoon.

Our Anchor Boys and Junior section have cleared the patch of ground behind the Centre and we scattered wildflower seeds over it. You may have noticed these are beginning to grow, so we wait and see what flowers come up, and hopefully encourage the bees and butterflies.

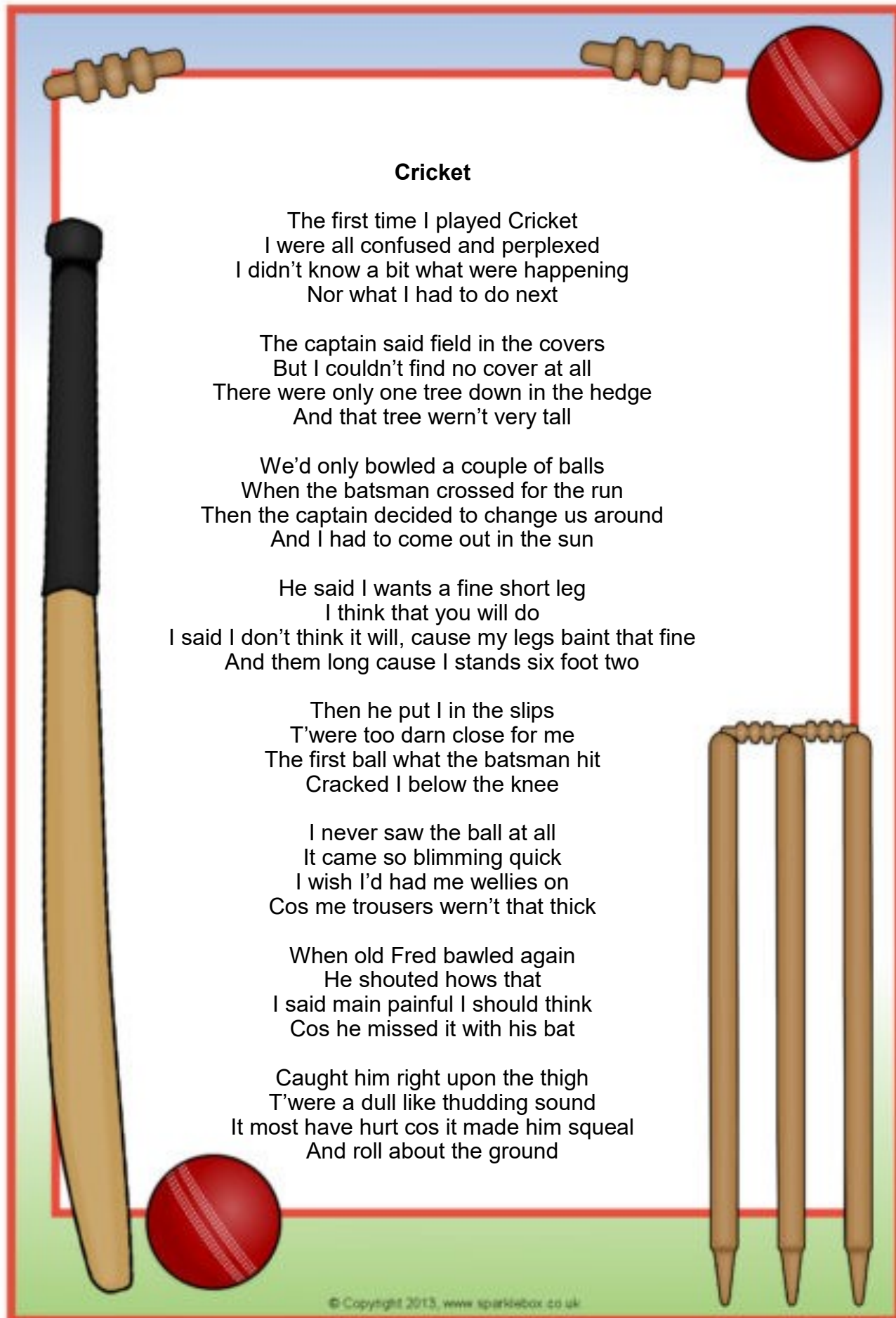
5th Swindon Boy's Brigade have vacancies in the Anchor Boys Section, for Boys aged 5 to 8 years and the Junior Section for Boys aged 8 to 11 years. We do a variety of activities from a structured programme and join the Gloucestershire Battalion for competitions and events.

To find out more, please contact Teresa Daghish on 5swindonbb@gmail.com

Teresa Daghish.

Eric's musings

Eric Barnes family have given us a few more of Eric's Musings.



Cricket

The first time I played Cricket
I were all confused and perplexed
I didn't know a bit what were happening
Nor what I had to do next

The captain said field in the covers
But I couldn't find no cover at all
There were only one tree down in the hedge
And that tree wern't very tall

We'd only bowled a couple of balls
When the batsman crossed for the run
Then the captain decided to change us around
And I had to come out in the sun

He said I wants a fine short leg
I think that you will do
I said I don't think it will, cause my legs baint that fine
And them long cause I stands six foot two

Then he put I in the slips
T'were too darn close for me
The first ball what the batsman hit
Cracked I below the knee

I never saw the ball at all
It came so blimming quick
I wish I'd had me wellies on
Cos me trousers wern't that thick

When old Fred bawled again
He shouted hows that
I said main painful I should think
Cos he missed it with his bat

Caught him right upon the thigh
T'were a dull like thudding sound
It most have hurt cos it made him squeal
And roll about the ground



The umpire said he weren't out
But he were down a fair old time
I never heard the umpire count
So prap's he were up at nine

The next ball hit his middle stump
Hit it right down flat
So this time there weren't any doubt
He were out and that were that.

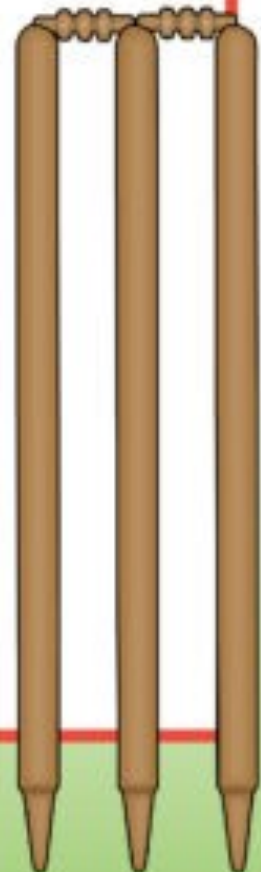
And so it went on for hours & hours
How I stuck it I never shall know
I did bide and chase the stupid ball
Till me legs just wouldn't go

Then at last they all were out
And we had a cup of tea
But the sun went in and the clouds came up
Black as black could be

Our first two batsmen were out
And never saw the ball
In fact we had five wickets down
Without a run at all

Then at last twere my turn
To swing the little bat
I thought myself I'll hit the ball
Or I'll eat me bliniming hat

I were all way to the wicket
When it emptied down with rain
So I never hit the little ball
And I've never played again



Down Country lane and Tracks

St Leonard's
Chapel Chapel-
Le-Dale North
Yorkshire



I came across a picture the other day of St Leonards a small low church nestled in the valley between Ingleton famous for its waterfall and Ribblehead Viaduct famous for the sheer size of the building of a railway bridge across the vale on the Settle to Carlisle railway line.

We spent a week walking with the Church walking group a few years ago and did a walk along this valley from Ingleton stopping for lunch at the Church with wooden seats in the grave yard. It is on its own in the valley with few scattered houses but a full graveyard. A very low church with a short bell tower to keep out of the high winds that blow through this wild area.

The church was built in the 16th century as a chapel to ease the overflowing church at Low Bentham to help with the increased farming families in the valley and to save an 18 mile walking trip to the nearest church.

The church was only 2 miles from the proposed new Railway line which was designed and plans to build the vast structure of the 440 yard Ribblehead viaduct and the near 1.5 mile Blea Moor Tunnel through the hill side essential for the completion of the Settle to Carlisle railway line.

The ill fated construction cost the lives of many in worksite accidents. The families of nearby shanty towns, set up during the construction work, lost many children to smallpox. These two events led to the small churchyard being enlarged to meet the increased demand. There was a sign of poverty as most of the graves had no headstones. In all 215 lives were lost.

The chapel was never dedicated to a saint officially, being called the Chapel of Wiersdall ,the Chapel of Witfalls and also Fells Chapel then also called St Mary's Chapel and finally St Leonards. It could have been called several different names at the same time as in 1554 in a Will made by Richard Gibson it referred to 'the church of Saynte Leonard at Ingleton'

There is a marble memorial in the west wall which is a sobering feature.

'To the memory of those, who through accidents lost their lives in constructing the railway works, between Settle and Dent Head. This tablet was erected at the joint expense of their fellow workmen and the Midland Railway Company 1869 to 1876.'

It is a small chapel 48 feet by 20 feet with a larger surrounding graveyard in a wild and windy vale below Ingleborough mountain, with Wernside in the distance. It is one of the wettest and grimmest weather in the area.

On a sunny day when we visited it was nice to rest on a seat in a peaceful vale.

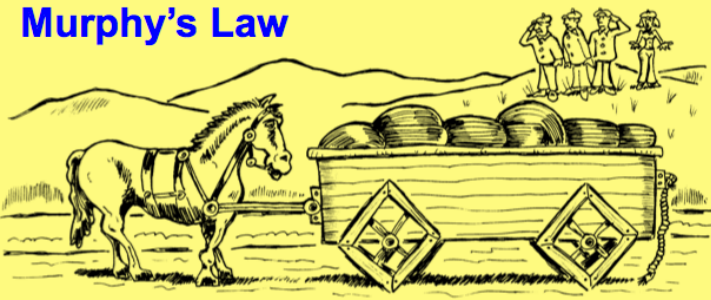
Richard Pflieger



Jests for June

Murphy's 5 lesser Known Laws!

Murphy's Law



Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong.

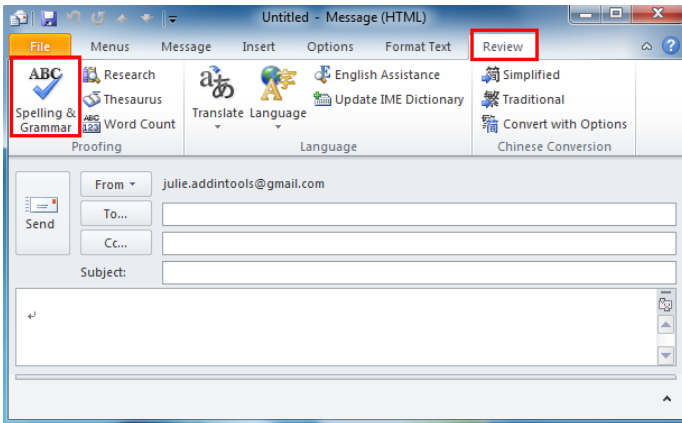
Maybe it already has!

- 1) Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them talk.
- 2) Change is inevitable except from a vending machine.
- 3) Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
- 4) The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.
- 5) Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

10 Funny Food Items on Menus around the World.

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| 1. Muscles of Marines and Lobster Thermos. | Cairo |
| 2. Fillet Steak, Potatoes, Chocolate Mouse. | Hong Kong |
| 3. Roasted Duck let loose. | Poland |
| 4. Pork with fresh garbage. | Vietnam |
| 5. Dreaded veal cutlet with potatoes in cream. | China |
| 6. French Creeps. | Los Angeles |
| 7. Cold shredded children and sea blubber in spicy sauce. | China |
| 8. Toes with butter and jam | Bali |
| 9. Sweat from the trolley. | Europe |
| 10. Fried fishermen | Japan |

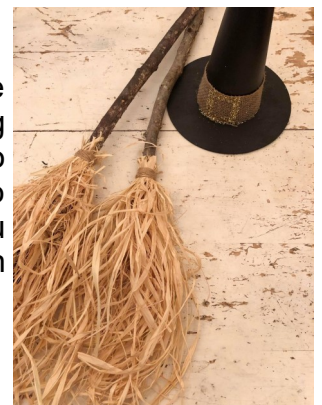




Spell Cheeker

Eye halve a spelling chequer. It came with my pea sea (P.C.) it plainly marques four my miss steaks eye kin knot sea. Eye strike a key and type a word and weight four it too say whether I am wrong oar write. It shows me strat a weigh. As soon as a mist ache is maid it nose befare two long. and then eye can put the error rite, its rarely ever rong. Eye have run this letter threw it and I am pleased two tell you its letter per fact. My checker tolled me sew. Source unknown.

This week I went to get some items at my local D.I. Y. store. There were two elderly sisters in the queue in front of me arguing. As I was packing my bits and pieces I noticed a broom had been left at the checkout, so when I got outside I searched for the sisters and spotted them getting into a car. 'Excuse me', I said to the sister in the passenger seat, but did you by any chance leave your broom inside? 'no' she replied quickly and with a smile, 'we came by car'.



A Japanese tourist hailed a taxi in Delhi and asked for the airport.

On the way a car zoomed by and the tourist said 'Oh! Toyota - Made in Japan! very fast.' Soon afterwards another car flew by. 'Nissan - Made in Japan! very fast.' The Indian taxi driver was getting irritated by the tourist. When the taxi got to the airport the cabbie pointed to the meter and said, That will be 500 Rupees, 500 it was a short ride, why so much? asked the tourist. The taxi driver replied, "Meter- Made in India very fast.

Bye Now



June 5th - 1st Sunday of the Month - Pentecost

9:30am St Margaret's Church Holy Communion Service

9:30am St Leonards Church Sunday Morning Worship

10am St Mary Magdalene Church Family Service

June 12th - 2nd Sunday of the Month - Trinity Sunday

9:30am St Margaret's Church Sunday Morning Worship

9:30am St Mary Magdalene Church Holy Communion Service

11am St Leonards Church Family Service

June 19th - 3rd Sunday of the Month - First Sunday after Trinity

10am St Margaret's Church Sunday Morning Team Worship

June 26th - 4th Sunday of the Month - Second Sunday after Trinity

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.

We are online at 9am Monday to Wednesday for Morning Prayer via

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MEETING POINT

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St Leonard's Church Stanton

Hosts Coffee Morning now at
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On Wednesday

15th of June 2022

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Bumps & Babes

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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 11.15-12.30

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

Cost: Free

Contact Us & Useful Links



Bumpsandbabes5@gmail.com



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



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Bumps and Babes St Margaret's Swindon

Volunteers needed to either knit or crochet squares or blankets for the GWH

Or have you got any spare balls of wool to offer?

The GWH End of Life team and Brighter Futures are providing End of Life patient's with blankets.

Blankets are provided to make the hospital setting more homely and less medical in the patients last days of life. The family can then keep the blanket as a loving memory.

Obviously with the COVID 19 pandemic, all blankets and squares must adhere to the Trust's Infection Control Policy so if you can help out at all please contact June Lewis for the simple guidelines.

June Lewis: 07788713729 or email june.lewis13@btinternet.com





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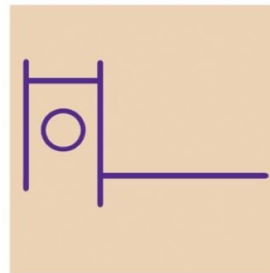
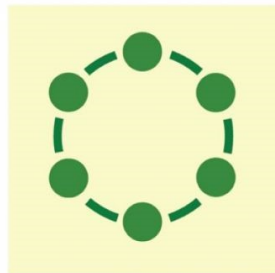
You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

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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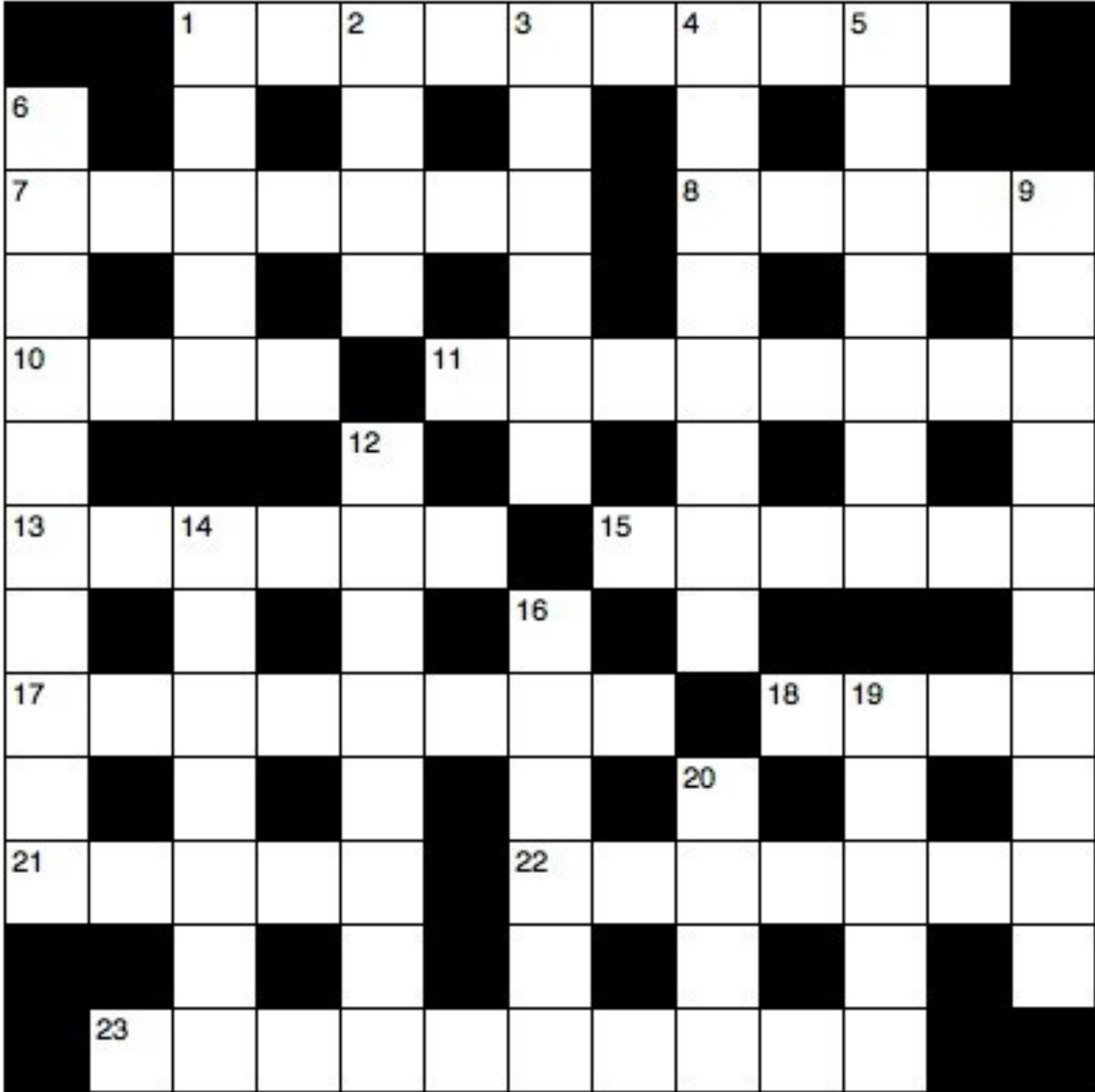
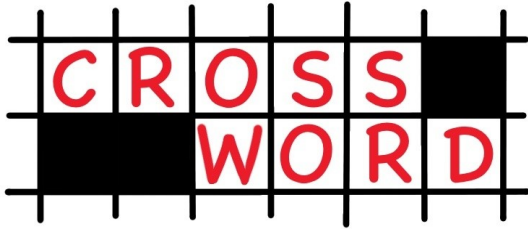
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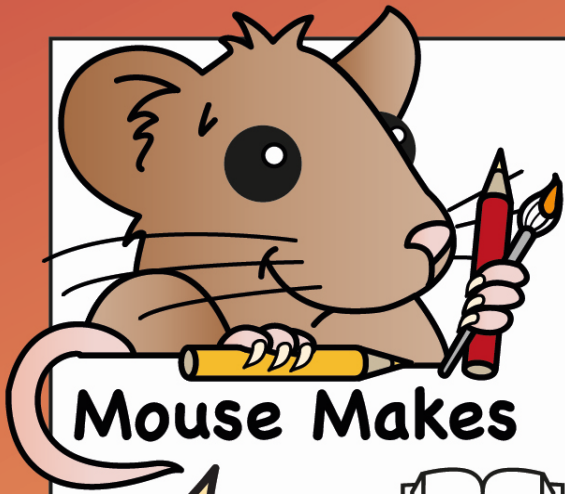
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- 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts,brothers,I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
- 21 'As for man,his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
- 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
- 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!(Revelation19:7)(4)



Mouse Makes



Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11

It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.

The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound** like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and **touched each** person.

All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**



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language about the great things **God** had done. About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

All the words in bold type in the story are in the word search, can you find them?

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ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

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