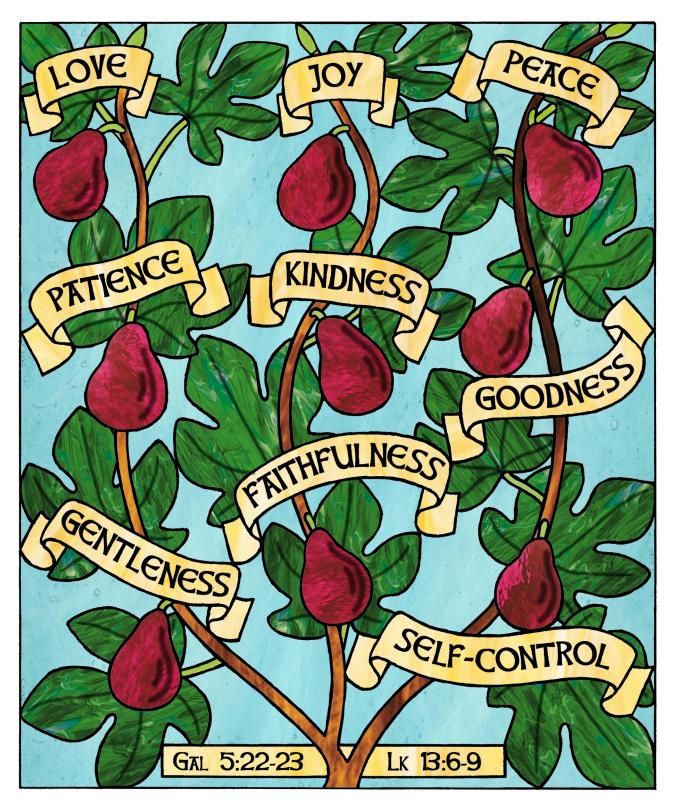


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At the time of writing this we are celebrating Ascension Day. This marks the moment when Jesus was taken up into heaven in full view of his disciples.

Jesus' final words to the disciples before he left them when asked "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said 'it is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

These last words are not just for that particular time, they are for us today. The disciples had to wait a little while longer to receive the Holy Spirit but we have that power and connection already, there is nothing to wait for.

The Holy Spirit has been described as many things, comforter, counsellor, guide and teacher etc. The Holy Spirit at work in our lives enables us to do more than we could than if we relied on our own strength. People will often pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit because the general feeling is we leak! By working in the power of the Holy Spirit we use up the power like running out of petrol in a car. I am not sure that is strictly true as the Holy Spirit is with us always and that power doesn't deplete just because we've had a productive Christian day. What I suspect happens is that we stop drawing on it, the day is going so well that we forget to look for God and begin to start reverting back to our own strength and resources again. I have to admit I'm as guilty of that as the next person. So we have to be attentive always, listening for the Holy Spirit's promptings, power and guidance.

There are many prayers you can use, Lord fill me with your Spirit, works just as well as any long winded poetic prayer.

If you feel that perhaps you've never truly experienced the Holy Spirit then a simple prayer could be

Lord, you breathed on your disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit, would you breath on me and fill me? In this moment, I receive your spirit.



The Holy Spirit is to empower us to be able to spread the good news of Jesus and to build each other up. Yes there are personal gains but the true focus should be on fulfilling the mission jesus gave his disciples as he was about to leave them.

Go into the world and share what Jesus has done for you. I hope that you will take time to think about where is your mission field that God has placed you in? Your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues.

Pentecost is a celebration of when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, it changed everything for them, from that day the Good News was spread far and wide. It spread through the world and through time until it reached us and touches us now. We take up that message and pass it on to others. We are called to do it boldly not hidden away in an upper room of our own making, we are called to do it in the power of the Holy Spirit who will equip us. There are exciting stories being shared about a quiet revival among some of our younger generations, God is moving by his Spirit like He's always done, lets be ready to play our part for God and His Kingdom.

Every Blessing Rev Elveen





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"Join us, Join in!" Mothers' Union Swindon Deanery Branch Our next meeting will be on Friday June 13th It is in St Margaret's Centre at 2.30pm. It will be - "The Lord's Prayer - A Dialogue" Do come and join us. For more info, visit the Bristol MU website www.mubristol.co.uk







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#### Weekly Prayers for June - Theme: Supporting Our Clergy

#### Monday: Called To Serve

"Come follow me" Jesus said "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:19,20

Jesus invites all of us to follow him: to repent of our sins and receive his gracious salvation.

We give particular thanks for all clergy who make a full commitment to their ministry.

We pray for them and their families. During a busy ministry it can be difficult to keep in touch with family and friends. As they offer care and compassion to their congregations, we pray that they may also feel supported, encouraged and loved.

#### **Tuesday: Inspired to Serve**

Again Jesus said to them "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:21,22

In the power of the Holy Spirit the disciples were transformed and inspired. They boldly proclaimed the good news of salvation through Christ's death on the cross and miraculous resurrection.

May we all be transformed as resurrection people, not just at Easter, but every day.

We pray that the work of our clergy will be supported, sustained and inspired through all the ups and downs of life. Each day at morning prayer they say;

"As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you: now and for ever"

May that be a reality for us all.



#### Wednesday: Equipped to Serve

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, and become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4: 11-13

We give thanks that as you call people to serve, you equip them with a range of skills.

We give thanks for those many supportive roles in our churches.

*"Be still and know that I am God"* Psalm 46:10.

In the midst of busy lives give us times of peace to bask in the loving presence of God. We cannot serve in our own strength. Jesus gave us an example of regularly seeking times of prayer through his ministry. Refuel us Lord to do your will.

#### Thursday: <u>Celebrating the Family Of God</u>

Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 29:19,20

We give thanks for clergy and churches who support MU and we pray for churches not yet involved to join us and join in.

In the words of this prayer, may they join with the worldwide ministry and mission, "empowered by your spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world".

Just as faith spread across the world through the work of the missionaries, bringing faith, joy and hope to whole communities, may we in turn be inspired by their faith and witness.

May we prayerfully, and where possible, actively support the diverse needs of our world.



#### Friday: Making and Nurturing Disciples

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore to send out workers into his harvest field. Matthew 9: 37,38

Jesus taught, nurtured and encouraged his disciples to continue his work. Before his death he prayed for them and continues to intercede for us.

We pray for our clergy as they share the gospel, and bring people to a knowledge of Jesus, and then continue to develop and nurture faith.

We pray for people that we only see rarely in our churches, whether they visit at Easter or Christmas or for a baptism, wedding or funeral. May they be welcomed and feel the peace and love of Christ. We all have a part to play in developing God's Kingdom.

#### Saturday: Joining God's Plans

For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 We pray that in all things we may seek God's will and be prepared to join in with his plans. As we pray and read our bibles give us open ears and hearts and minds to hear what God would want us to hear and do what he wants us to do. We pray for our clergy, as they develop their ministry and seek new ways to proclaim the gospel. We have a God of surprises. May we be prepared to be flexible and try new approaches.

#### **Final Blessing Prayer**

The Lord bless us and watch over us: the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace. Amen



1 <sup>st</sup> June	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter					
St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church		l's Church	St Mary Magdalene Church		
9:30am	9:30am			10am		
Sunday Morning Worship		Sunday Morning Worship		All Age Worship		
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Pentecost					
St Mary Magdalene Church			St Leonard's Church			
9:30am			11am			
Sunday Morning Worship			Family Service			
15 <sup>th</sup> June		Trinity Sunday				
St Leonard's Church 10a		10am		Team Worship		
22 <sup>nd</sup> June		1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity				
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Please see our website for the most up to date information www.strattonteamministry.co.uk We will endeavor to give as much notice as possible to any changes but that may not always be possible. St Mary Magdalene Church South Marston

## Stratton Team Ministry invite you for All Age Worship

10am Every First Sunday of the month St Leonards Invite you to our Family Service at 11am on the Second Sunday of the Month

All welcome for a lively Family Service designed to involve children and appeal to adults.

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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

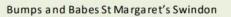
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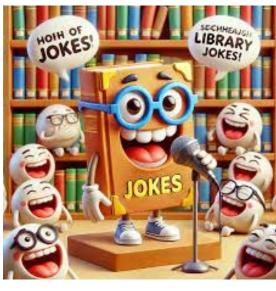
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Register for your place now https://forms.gle/fM4NesmSPYWTNuiC7



\*Bumps and Babes aims to provide a safe place for younger babies to explore, therefore the group is only open to babies up toa year old or until they are very mobile - you will be responsible for your child at all times. A babies and toddlers group runs in the St Margaret's Centre on a Wednesday and Friday where there are more age-appropriate toys for toddlers. Please contact us if you have a special request.





#### Bizarre but true stories.

Spring Health Leisure requires a part-time fitness instructor able to work evenings and weekends. Must be flexible.

Hartlepool Mail

Advert in the Glossop Chronicle for a factory shop closing down sale: "New stock arriving daily.

Sign on the Truro- Falmouth branch railway line: Toilets are closed at Falmouth Town Railway Station due to flooding. Please use Falmouth Docks.

Daily Mail.

On the pack of a purchase from a garden centre: Kills ants for up to five weeks. The Times.

Sign on a farm fence in Colwyn Bay:

'Well rotted horse manure £1 or DIY 50p'

At our local community refuse tip there is a sign saying: 'If you can't read please ask for assistance.'

Readers Digest.

When she was a child Catherine Pease-Watkin was always somewhat alarmed by a sign at a local hospital in Yorkshire:

'White Hart Hospital Guard Dogs Operating.'

Two's company, three's a crowd. Did you know for his state visit to Britain US President George W Bush brought along 250 Secret Service men, 150 National Security Department advisers, 200 government representatives, 50 political aides, 100 journalists, his personal chef, four cooks, a 15 strong sniffer-dog team and his armoured limousines.

Daily Telegraph

Police in Sussex called in their chaplain after being spooked by a ghost at Lewes police station. They dubbed the apparition The Chief Inspectre. The News of the World.

Only four people attended a meeting to discuss public apathy. in Dorchester, Dorset.

Sunday Times.

My daughter's grandfather gave her a book of "kind" nursery rhymes. Not only was Humpty put together again, but Jack and Jill sustained no injury and Polly Flinders anel Little Miss Muffet et al came up all smiles. My daughter read the book once and put it aside. I think children like a bit of violence.

The Times

So many elderly people meet to reminisce on a village beach in Darite, Cornwall, that the local council has been asked to provide a longer seat. Western Morning News.

A 74 years old woman running in a half-marathon at Reading came last because she went to use a portable lavatory. While she was still in there it was lifted onto a lorry.

The Times.

A language kit designed to help British long-distance lorry drivers crisscrossing the linguistic frontiers of Europe enables them to order chips in six languages. The Times.

#### A few references:

You will be very fortunate if you can get this man to work for you.

Telegraph

I am sure he will join your company as he leaves ours fired with enthusiasm. Daily Telegraph

A reference for a nurse said: 'She has shown herself capable of anything and we will be glad to see her back.'

Daily Telegraph

A ship's captain was once told: 'This man deserves a berth. Make sure you give him a wide one' Daily Telegraph





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:

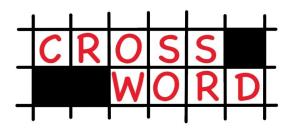
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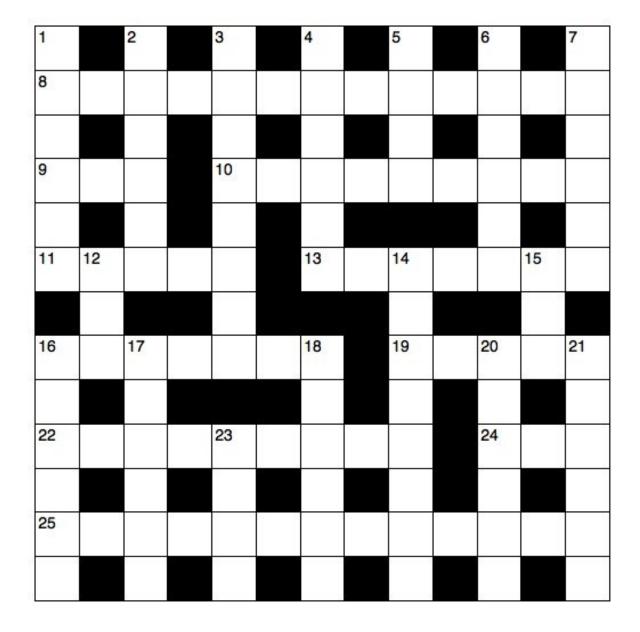
If you haven't considered the PGS before, we would ask you to prayerfully consider doing so. It's very easy to sign up and it works in a similar way to a Direct Debit (that it is intended to replace), in that a regular payment authorised by you goes out either weekly, monthly or yearly straight to the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









#### Across

8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)

9 In favour of (3)

- 10 'The child's father and mother at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
- 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- 13 'Terrors him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)

#### Across

19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)

22 Holy Communion (9)

24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land" (Joshua 18:8) (3)

25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

#### Down

1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)

2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)

3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)

4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)

5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6-12) (4)

6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)

7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)

12 Ate (anag.) (3)

14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)

15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)

16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)

17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)

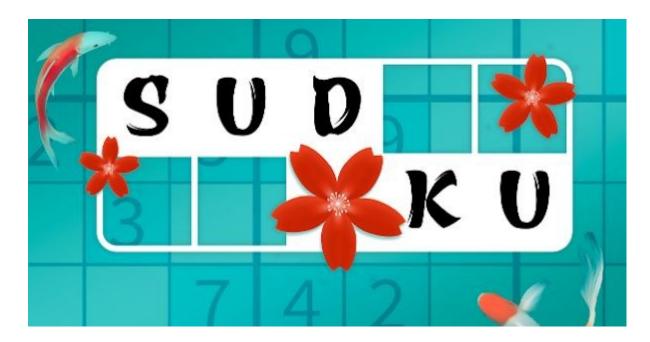
18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)

20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)

21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)

23 Diva (anag.) (4)





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Hello everyone,

Swindon Food Collective is your local independent food bank that collects and redistributes donated nonperishable food and non-food items to those in need. We help individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves for a variety of reasons such as low wages, low income, family crisis, delayed benefit payments, redundancy, bereavement or sickness.



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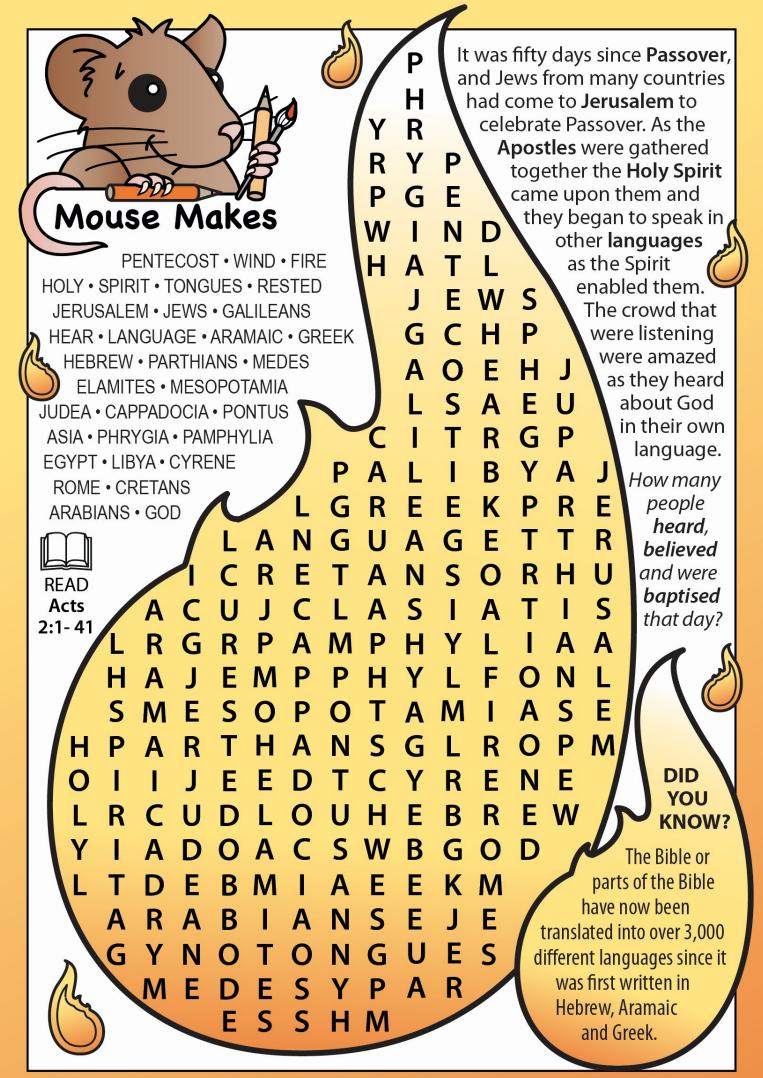
"Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea (40 bags); Small Bags of Sugar (500g); Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Toothpaste; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants"

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#### **Crossword Solutions**

#### ACROSS:

8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

#### DOWN:

1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

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