

May  
2024

**Stratton Team Ministry**  
***Seeking, Sharing, and Serving God Together***  
**[www.strattonteamministry.co.uk](http://www.strattonteamministry.co.uk)**



**Pentecost -Acts 2**

## STRATTON TEAM MINISTRY

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Dear Friends

It was with great pleasure I was able to announce who our Curate was going to be at our Easter services. Timing is everything with these announcements as they had to be co-ordinated with Charlotte's sending church, her training church, and our churches on the same Sunday.

Charlotte will be joining us after her Ordination as Deacon in June. It will be a wonderful privilege to train Charlotte into being the Priest God has called her to be. Please be praying for Charlotte and her family as she completes her college training, and they prepare to move.

I will let Charlotte introduce herself to you.....

Blessings

Elveen

Life often brings the unexpected. For me, the next adventure will be leaving my North Somerset home of 20 years and moving to Swindon to start work as curate in the Stratton Team Ministry, after my ordination as Deacon in Bristol Cathedral on 30<sup>th</sup> June. I never thought I would be doing this! My husband Anthony is uprooting himself to accompany me – and, though he doesn't know it yet, our dog Archie is coming too (in case you're interested, he's a bichon frisé/shih tzu cross). Anthony and I have three adult children, with the youngest still at university. My elderly Mum lives in Bristol.



I still feel surprised to find myself on this particular path – and yet it feels like the right thing to be doing, and the sense I have of being called by God to become a priest continues. This sense began to grow in late 2019 and I started training (or ‘formation’) at Sarum College in Salisbury in August 2022. All Sarum ministry students study largely from home, following online modules, tutorials over Zoom and attending several residential weekends each year. I soon found that I much prefer reading real, paper books to those on a screen! While I finish at Sarum in June, my training will not be over – as in any area, there is always more to learn and experience – but will continue through the next three to four years of curacy.

My British parents met singing in the choir of St Michael’s Church, Paris, and continued living and working in France, where my two sisters and brother and I grew up and went to school – so part of me still feels French! I learned the piano from a young age and also play the clarinet and accordion and have loved leading sung worship in churches over the years. I have done various admin jobs from freight forwarding to working for local charities.

I look forward to learning and discovering more as I worship, live and work alongside Elveen and all of you in the Team churches. As the song goes, *we are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load*. I am excited to find out how that journey has been for you so far, to join you for this next chapter of our journeys of life and faith and to find out with you where God might be leading next. See you soon!

Charlotte Stansfield



## St Margaret's Church building work.

We started looking at alterations to St Margaret's Church four years ago when we received a bequest from the Late John Cornwall to progress the planning and design of the tower changes, to rehang the bells and create a space to have a disabled toilet and kitchen facility along with the finishing of the retiling of the south roof and porch which needed to be done. As time went on the costs started to rise that when we finally got permission of a faculty to proceed. The building committee decided to have a two phased project due to funds. The roof work to be delayed and to apply for the Heritage Lottery fund for a grant to complete the roof with Roger Smith carrying out the application.

Work has been progressing on the tower. The chimney has been removed also the old ceiling of the ringing chamber and electrical work to allow for the new work to progress.

The 8 Bells were removed and will be retuned, cleaned and refurbished from Taylors and Son of Loughborough. 11 Pews have been recycled using the wood to build the staircase, Kitchen and screens.

The next stage will be to start to put in the Mezzanine floor and new bell chamber ceiling.

The building committee hoped and prayed that we would be successful with our application to the Heritage Lottery fund so that the roof could be completed following the tower work.

To our surprised we heard a week ago that we have been successful with our Heritage Lottery fund application and that we have been awarded £141,000 to carry out the work on the roof.

Thank you, Roger, for your hard work with the applications and thank you for answered Prayer.

Richard Pflieger

St Margaret's Church Building Committee





## Mothers' Union Fellowship Group

We have now formed a Mothers' Union Fellowship Group

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month and most months  
we meet at St Margaret's Centre from 2.30-4.00pm

Our next meeting is on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>

We start with a short service of worship -  
this month we will be focusing on "Thy Kingdom Come" which runs from Ascension Day (9<sup>th</sup> May) to Pentecost (19<sup>th</sup> May)

For more info go to

<https://www.mothersunion.org/ThyKingdomCome>

or come and join us



- raising awareness of modern slavery

Anne Pope - MU Deanery Leader



# May

| 5 <sup>th</sup> May          | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>St Margaret's Church</b>  | <b>St Leonard's Church</b>       | <b>St Mary Magdalene Church</b>  |
| 9:30am                       | 9:30am                           | 10am                             |
| Holy Communion Service       | Sunday Morning Worship           | All Age Worship                  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May | Ascension Day                    |                                  |
| <b>St Margaret's Church</b>  | 7pm                              | Holy Communion                   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> May         | 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter |                                  |
| <b>St Margaret's Church</b>  | <b>St Mary Magdalene Church</b>  | <b>St Leonard's Church</b>       |
| 9:30am                       | 9:30am                           | 11am                             |
| Sunday Morning Worship       | Holy Communion Service           | Family Service                   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> May         | Pentecost                        |                                  |
| <b>St Margaret's Church</b>  | 10am                             | Team Worship                     |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May         | Trinity Sunday                   |                                  |
| <b>St Margaret's Church</b>  | <b>St Leonard's Church</b>       | <b>Coleview Community Centre</b> |
| 9:30am                       | 9:30am                           | 11am                             |
| Sunday Morning Worship       | Holy Communion Service           | Holy Communion Service           |

Please see our website for the most up to date information [www.strattonteamministry.co.uk](http://www.strattonteamministry.co.uk)

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

Come and  
join us for:

Activities

Songs

Food

**MESSY**  
CHURCH

Crafts

Games

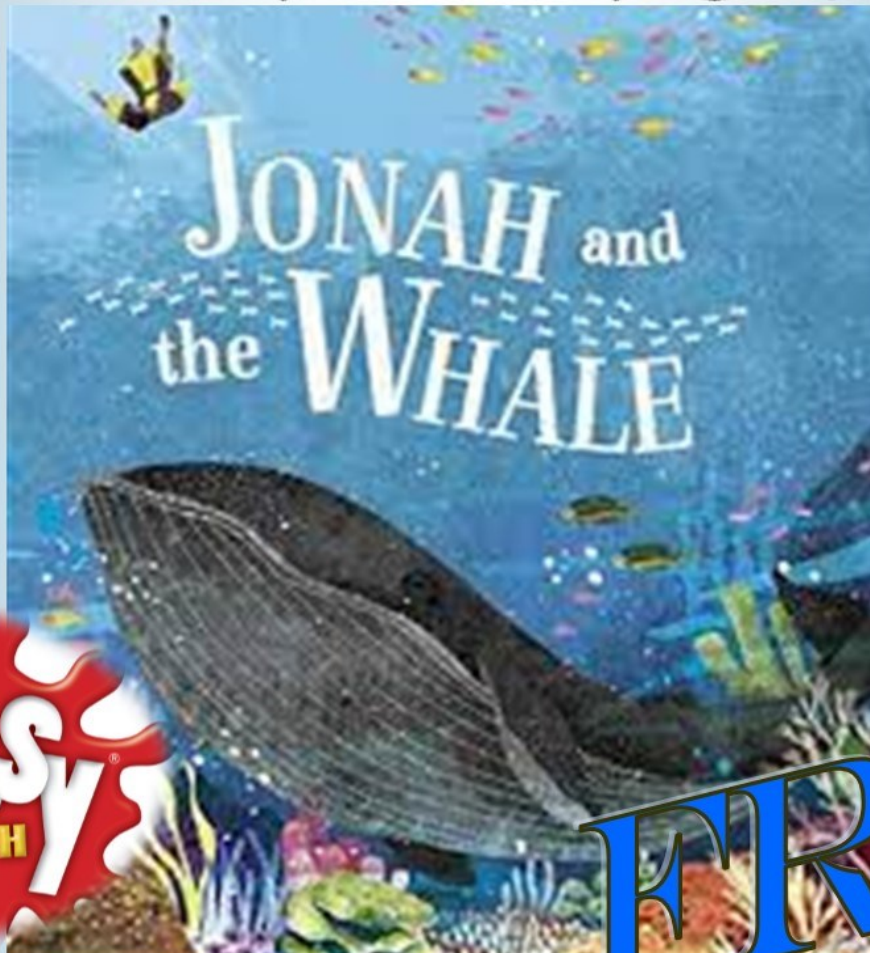
Stories

# SATURDAY SCENE

At St Margaret's Centre

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

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 4pm



**MESSY**  
CHURCH

# FREE!



for more information Please contact us at  
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☎ 01793 826505  
[www.facebook.com/stmsaturdayscene](http://www.facebook.com/stmsaturdayscene)



**St Leonards  
Family Service 11am  
Invite you on the 12<sup>th</sup> May**



For a lively Family Service designed to involve children and appeal to adults.

The Theme this Sunday

**Pentecost our Churches Birthday**



Stopping Violence  
Stopping Poverty  
Stopping Injustice

[www.mothersunion.org](http://www.mothersunion.org)

## 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. ©

*John Birch*

**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. ©Nick Fawcett**

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**

# Jokes

Our coach ground to a halt because it couldn't go any further due to fog. A torch was pushed into my hand with instructions to find out where we were. I was fumbling about this churchyard and came upon a gravestone. I managed to read most of it before my torch went out. On returning to the coach I told them of my escapade and they wanted to know who it was. He was "92", I said "A bloke called Miles from London".



A man walked into a fishmonger's and asked to buy six trout. "Certainly sir", said the fishmonger selecting the trout. He was about to wrap them up when the man said: "No! Please don't wrap them up yet. Can you just gently throw them to me one by one?" "I can", replied the fishmonger "But why?" "Well" responded the man, "I've been fishing all night and haven't caught anything. At least if you throw those trout and I catch them. I can honestly say when I get home that I've caught six trout."



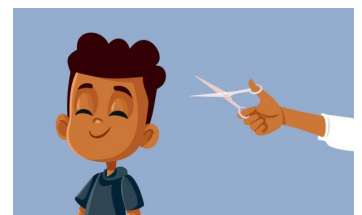
When things were rationed during the war the hostess at a small dinner party turning to one of her guests asked, "Well Mr. Brown and how did you find the meat?" "Oh' he replied 'I just moved a potato and there it was."




An old boy had fallen down in the road and some people came to his aid and helped him to his feet. As he started to move he staggered and an old lady asked: "Oh my good man. Have you vertigo?" No mam, replied the old boy. "Only just around the corner."




A woman getting her hair-cut asked the hairdresser when would be the best time to bring in her two-year-old son for his first haircut. The hairdresser replied: "When he's four."




## Now a few Quotable Quotes for Quoters:

 A camel looks like a horse that was designed by a committee

**Anon**

 Teamwork is always essential in a sales force. That way you always have someone to blame.


**Donald Trump**

 If at first you don't succeed, try a little ardour.


**Nigel Rees**

 An apple a day keeps the doctor away. An onion a day keeps everyone away.

**Graffiti.**

 One good turn and you have most of the bed covers.

**Elaine Moore**

 At the annual sheepdog trials, how many sheep were found guilty?


**Graffiti**

 I was so ugly when I was born the doctor slapped my mother.


**Henry Youngman**

 It was so cold last week even the politicians were walking round with their hands in their own pockets.

**Bob Hope**

 The French invented the only known cure for dandruff. It's called the guillotine.

**P.G. Wodehouse**

 Childrens' low maths grades today are usually due to a weak battery in their pocket calculators.

**Les Dawson**

 To jaw-jaw is always better than to war-war.

**Winston Churchill**



# Let it grow

for #NoMowMay

Plantlife's #NoMowMay is the annual campaign calling on all garden owners and green space managers not to mow during May.

**Approximately 97% of flower-rich meadows have been lost since the 1930s.** With them gone, is vital food needed by pollinators like bees and butterflies.

Leaving patches of grassy areas to grow longer this summer allows native flowers to bloom for **bees and butterflies** and provides shelter for small mammals.

With over **23 million gardens in the UK**, even the smallest grassy patches add up to a significant proportion of our land which, if managed properly, can deliver enormous gains for nature, communities and the climate.

Less mowing also means we have more time to enjoy our green spaces and connect with nature.

Whether you're in a city, town or the countryside – you and your green spaces can get involved in #NoMowMay. Put the lawnmower away and give nature a boost it deserves this summer.

Join the No Mow May movement at [plantlife.org.uk/nomowmay](https://plantlife.org.uk/nomowmay)



## Why do we need No Mow May?

We've lost approximately **97%** of flower-rich meadows since the 1930s. **But your lawn can help provide sustenance for vital pollinators.** Plantlife calls for people to get involved with #NoMowMay every year, and let wild plants get a head start on the summer. All you have to do is not mow your lawn in May and beyond.

- **Register** your lawn or green space. [Click here](#) – this helps us to better understand the total number and size of lawns the UK is letting grow for nature.
- Do nothing and **let your lawn grow** this May!

# St Margaret's Church Stratton



at

St Margaret's Centre  
Every Thursday

9:30am - 11:30am

Sundays after Church Services

*Tea also available*





# ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH SOUTH MARSTON

## Welcomes you to a Community Coffee Morning



**Just drop in**

**Come and Join Us for Refreshments**  
**(including bacon butties and delicious cakes)**  
**In the Village Hall**

**10 - 12**

**Every third Saturday in the month**

**Next date 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Enquiries or for table reservations please call**

**01793 824339**



# **St Leonard's Church Stanton**

Hosts Coffee Morning now at  
Stanton House Hotel

10:15am - noon

On Wednesday

15<sup>th</sup> of May 2024

*Everyone Welcome*



**STRATTON**

**COMMUNITY**

**FETE**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**14<sup>th</sup>**

**September**

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**2024**



# Bumps & Babes

ARE YOU A NEW  
OR EXPECTANT PARENT?

## Register Now

[forms.gle/fM4NesmSPYWTNuiC7](https://forms.gle/fM4NesmSPYWTNuiC7)

### 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](mailto:Bumpsandbabes9@gmail.com)



[www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/explore/kids-and-youth/bumps-babes/](http://www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/explore/kids-and-youth/bumps-babes/)



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



Bumps and Babes St Margaret's Swindon



# the Sandwich people

## **About The Sandwich People**

**More than just a sandwich!**

**Social Enterprise supporting homelessness locally.**

Freshly made sandwiches, buffets, cakes & sweet treats delivered to your door. Our team of volunteers, most of who are experiencing homelessness are supported by qualified and staff members to help them gain confidence and qualifications, ready for them move on to independent living, work, or education.

The Sandwich People are about changing lives. We are social enterprise run by people who have experienced homelessness and are now supported by The Salvation Army. Based at Booth House Swindon, we are your one stop shop for your buffet requirements.

We provide opportunities and training in a supportive but genuine working environment. We support people to develop a new social network based on respect, understanding and a shared hope for the future.

Since 2007 we are proud to have maintained our 5\* food safety rating. Our buffets start from a little as £3.00 a head. All made fresh onsite daily using locally produce items.

To find out more, please email [sandwichpeopleorders@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:sandwichpeopleorders@salvationarmy.org.uk)

*Thank you to the Sandwich people for the wonderful buffet on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> March.*

*Above wording taken from their website <https://thesandwichpeople.co.uk> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/thesandwichpeople>*



# STRATTON'S COMMUNITY PANTRY

*Available at Beechcroft Library!*

There'll be a great selection of free  
produce and pantry items available.  
I'm sure you'll find everything you need here!

**TUESDAY 10AM – 12PM**  
**FRIDAY 1PM – 3PM**



Stratton St Margaret  
Parish Council

Located at:  
Beechcroft Library , SN2 7QQ





**Stratton St Margaret**  
Parish Council

## Weekly Community Activities

|           | Activity   | Time          | Provider   |
|-----------|--|---------------|------------|
| Monday    | <b>Breakfast Club</b>  | 7am-8:30am    | SSMPC      |
|           | <b>Older Generation Walking Group - Coleview Community Centre</b>    | 9am           | SSMPC      |
|           | <b>Carers Cuppa</b>  | 1:15-3pm      | SYC        |
|           | <b>Jiu-Jitsu</b>   | 5:30-9pm      | DDMAA      |
| Tuesday   | <b>Good To Sing (Monthly)</b>  | 11am-12pm     | GTS        |
|           | <b>Community Pantry</b>  | 10am-12pm     | SSMPC      |
|           | <b>Fun Art Group</b>   | 1:30-3:30pm   | FOBL       |
|           | <b>Stratton's Youth Club</b>   | 3:30-5:30pm   | SSMPC      |
|           | <b>Public Engagement Session with Your Parish Council (Monthly)</b>  | 6-7pm         | SSMPC      |
| Wednesday | <b>Stratton Mental Health Support Group</b>                          | 10-12pm       | MIND+SSMPC |
|           | <b>Friendship Group</b>  | 10-12pm       | FOBL       |
|           | <b>Open Minds (Monthly)</b>  | 1:15-3pm      | OM         |
|           | <b>Tea and Tech</b>  | 2-4pm         | FOBL       |
|           | <b>Stratton's Youth Club – LGBTQ+ and Neurodiversity</b>             | 3:30-7pm      | SSMPC      |
| Thursday  | <b>Toddler Storytime</b>   | 10:30-11:15am | SSMPC      |
|           | <b>Stratton Advice Point</b>   | 10:30am-12:30 | SAP        |
|           | <b>U3A Dressmaking Group (Bi-Weekly)</b>                             | 1-4pm         | U3A        |
|           | <b>Thursday Club (Bi-Weekly)</b>                                     | 1-3:30pm      | TC         |
|           | <b>Bereavement Group</b>   | 1:30-3:30pm   | SSMPC      |
|           | <b>Beechcroft Book Club (Monthly)</b>                                | 1:30-3:30pm   | SSMPC      |
|           | <b>Stratton's Youth Club</b>   | 3:30-5:30pm   | SSMPC      |
|           | <b>Family History Research (Bi-Weekly)</b>                           | 4:15-6pm      | FOBL       |
|           | <b>Homework Club (over winter months)</b>                            | 6pm – 7pm     | SSMPC      |
|           | <b>Jiu-Jitsu</b>   | 5:30-9pm      | DDMAA      |
| Friday    | <b>Swindon Borough Council Community Cafe</b>                        | 10am-12pm     | SBC        |
|           | <b>Knit, Sew &amp; Natter</b>  | 11-12:30pm    | FOBL       |
|           | <b>Older Generation Walking Group – Meadowcroft Community Centre</b> | 12pm          | SSMPC      |
|           | <b>Community Pantry</b>  | 1-3pm         | SSMPC      |
|           | <b>U3A Discussion Group (Monthly)</b>                                | 2-4pm         | U3A        |
| Saturday  | <b>Chess Club &amp; Board Games</b>                                  | 10:30-1:30pm  | FOBL       |
|           | <b>Lego Club (Monthly)</b>   | 10:30-1pm     | FOBL       |
|           | <b>Saturday Story Time (Bi-Weekly)</b>                               | 11-11:45am    | SSMPC      |



| Key | Location                     |
|-----|------------------------------|
|     | Meadowcroft Community Centre |
|     | Beechcroft Library           |
|     | Walking Group                |

| Key   |                                     |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| SSMPC | Stratton St Margaret Parish Council |
| FOBL  | Friends of Beechcroft Library       |
| SYC   | Swindon Young Carers                |
| SAP   | Stratton Advice Point               |
| TC    | Thursday Club                       |
| SBC   | Swindon Borough Council             |
| MIND  | Mind Swindon                        |
| DDMAA | Draco Dojo Martial Arts Academy     |
| GTS   | Good To Sing                        |
| OM    | Open Minds                          |



# STRATTON FESTIVAL



Saturday 29th June

12:00 – 16:00pm

GRANGE LEISURE CENTRE, SN3 4JY

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR  
LOTS OF FUN!







# GIVING

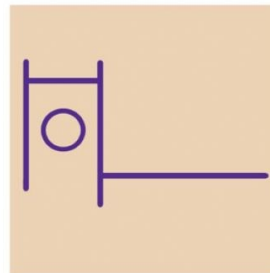
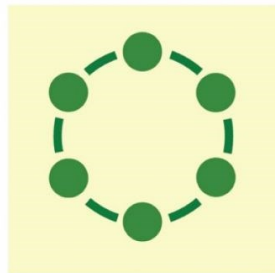
You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

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



TM

PARISH  
GIVING  
SCHEME



# Recycling @ St Margaret's Centre

**RECYCLE YOUR  
CRISP PACKETS HERE!**



**RECYCLE FOR**



**WILTSHIRE  
AIR AMBULANCE**



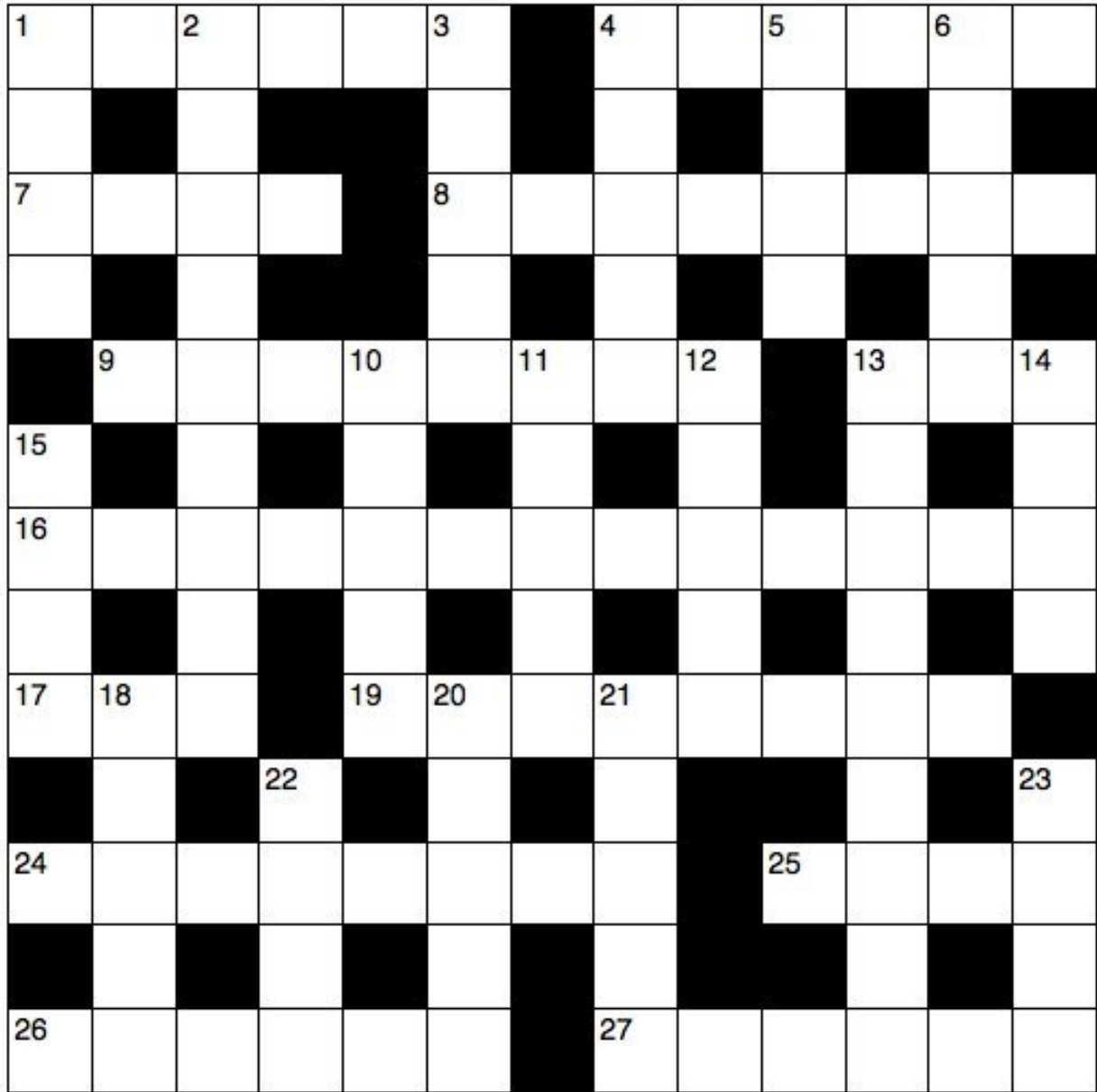
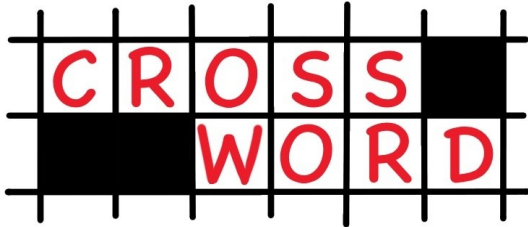
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Any brand of EMPTY medicine blister packets



**Across**

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)

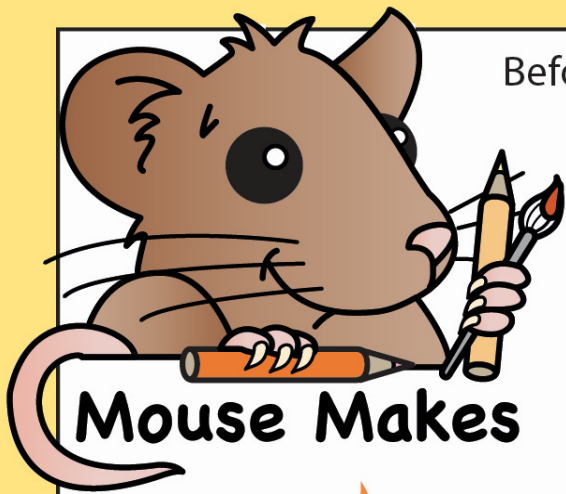
## Across

- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
- 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
- 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
- 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

## Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
- 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
- 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
- 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
- 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)
- 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)
- 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
- 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)
- 18 Cares (anag.) (5)
- 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
- 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
- 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
- 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)





Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told his disciples  
 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
 has come upon you, and you will be my  
 witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea  
 and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"...

...When the day of Pentecost arrived,  
 they were all together in one place,  
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 with the Holy Spirit."



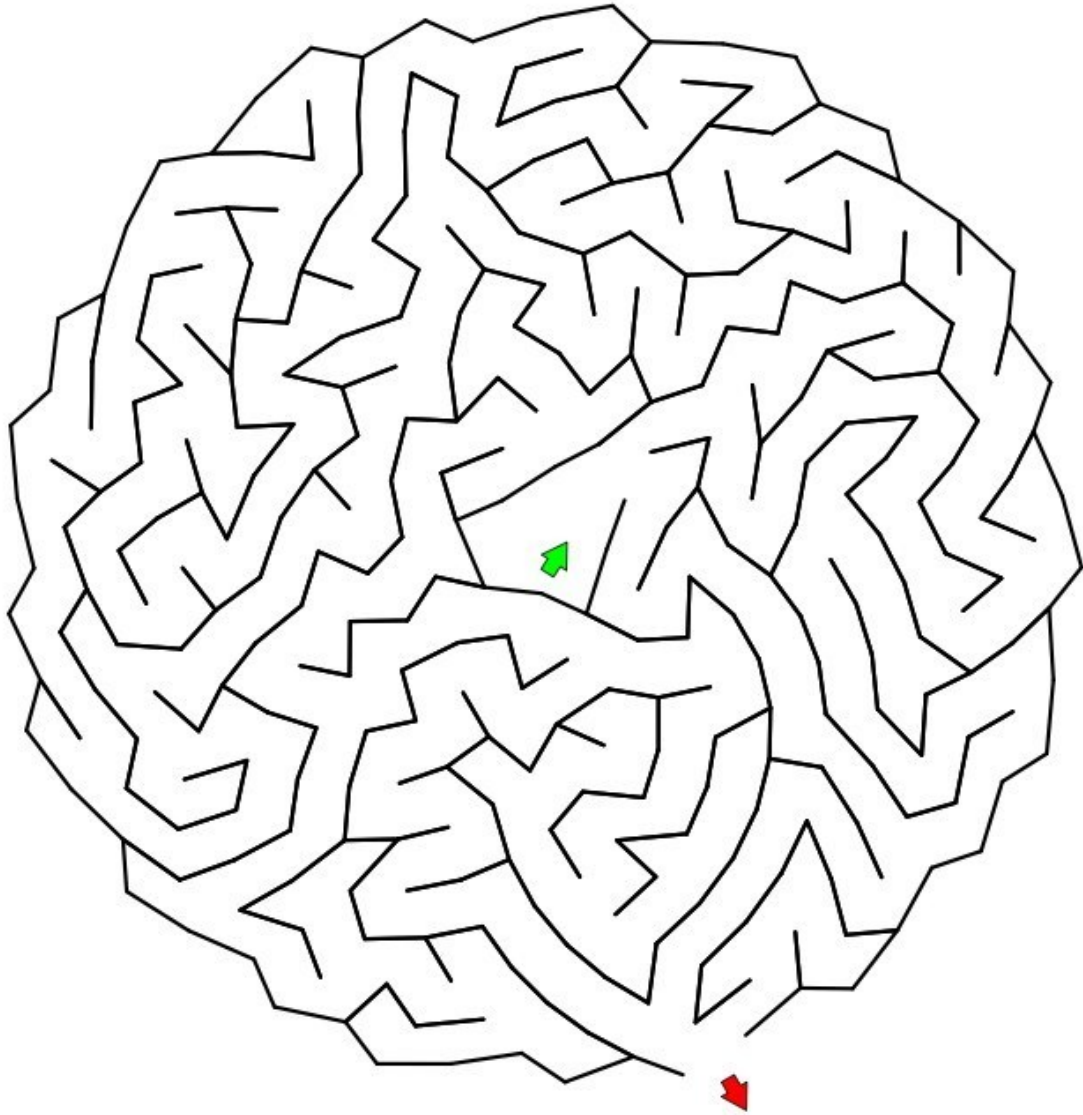
READ the story  
 of Pentecost  
 in Acts 1-2  
 Look up the Bible  
 verses to find  
 the answers to the  
 crossword clues.

How many  
 words can you  
 make from  
 the letters of:  
 DAY OF  
 PENTECOST



- 1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? *Acts 1:12*
- 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? *Acts 1:14*
- 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? *Acts 1:26*
- 5d Which special day was it? *Acts 2:1*

- 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? *Acts 2:2*
- 2 What appeared? Tongues of ...? *Acts 2:3*
- 4 What were the disciples filled with? *Acts 2:4*
- 9 What did they start speaking in? *Acts 2:4*
- 3 Who spoke to the crowd? *Acts 2:14*
- 7 Who had prophesied this? *Acts 2:16*



## Crossword Solutions

**ACROSS:** 1, Debtor. 4, Shaken. 7, Ache. 8, Leavened. 9, Overcome. 13, Etc. 16, Troublemaking. 17, Par. 19, Ignatius. 24, Treasure. 25, Mene. 26, Astray. 27, Dinner.

**DOWN:** 1, Deaf. 2, Behaviour. 3, Relic. 4, Swarm. 5, Aged. 6, Elect. 10, Rabbi. 11, Ocean. 12, Exalt. 13, Epicurean. 14, Cage. 15, Step. 18, Acres. 20, Gaudy. 21, An end. 22, Fair. 23, Fear.

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