



April
2024

Stratton Team Ministry
Seeking, Sharing, and Serving God Together
www.strattonteamministry.co.uk



**You abundantly water the ploughed fields,
You settle
its furrows and soften the earth
with showers. You bless its growth. Ps 65:10**

STRATTON TEAM MINISTRY

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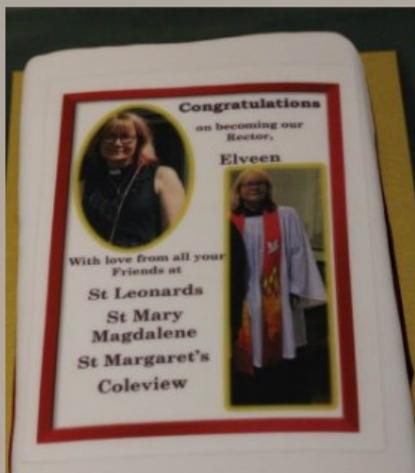
Dear Church Family

What a wonderful service we had on 21st March! It was a celebration for the lifting of the suspension that had been in place since 2006.

This means that any Incumbents you have had since that date were Priests in Charge. I began my post here as Priest in Charge but in addition to that my post was temporary. It was created as such due to the new housing estate being built at South Marston. I started initially on a 3 year

contract that was extended to 6 years. Last year after a meeting with Archdeacon Christopher it was decided that the house building was slowing down and there was no need to keep my post temporary. It was decided to begin the process of lifting the suspension and making my position open ended as Rector. After consultation with our PCCs, our Patrons and Bishop's staff the suspension was lifted and I was licensed at the service on 21st March.

It was a celebration for all of us as there are many benefits for our churches as well as me. I truly love it here and feel incredibly blessed to have such loving and supportive congregations. To know that my temporary status has been lifted gives me and my family a real sense of stability and rootedness, I may even add some colour to my white walls now!



I want to thank everyone who came to the service to celebrate there were just under 80 of us! A special thank you goes to all involved behind the scenes in planning and putting on the service; so many it's impossible to name but I do want to name a few. Firstly, Georgina our administrator who works so hard for us but who was a complete trooper as it took a great deal of planning. Secondly Karl who manned the sound desk and made sure me, the readers, intercessors, the Bishop and the Archdeacon were all heard clearly. Thirdly to my lovely Church Wardens who took pride of place roles in the service. To Pat and Ray who have been vergers at St Margaret's for years and who do so much behind the scenes work. To Richard and David, who not only make sure we are warm in church but who faithfully ensure everything runs smoothly and looks great. To Angela and the choir, how wonderful to have you there. To Rob S who played so beautifully and sang. Thank you to those who cleaned and polished the church before the service, it looked lovely.

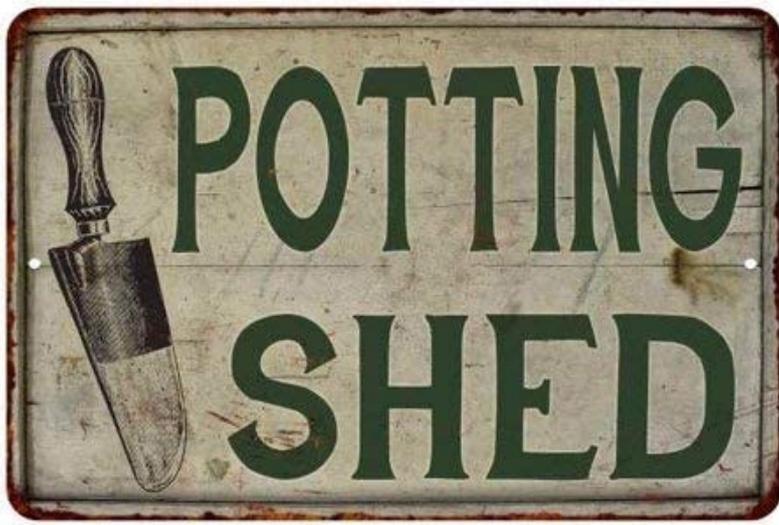
There should be a shout out to the caterers who were the Salvation Army (the sandwich people) what a fantastic spread at a reasonable cost meaning everyone could enjoy the evening. There were people involved in serving drinks and clearing up and I want to express my deep thanks to you all. June, thank you for the cake what a lovely surprise and also for being involved with food, napkins and everything else.

I know that I have probably missed out people and if that is you, I am truly sorry and hope that you will forgive me.

Blessings

Elveen





Warden's Potting Shed

Seeds have been sown in the potting shed and the results are good, I am at the moment potting on the plants into individual pots and trays in readiness for the plant sales in May.

It has been an interesting spring to grow plants, trying to maintain the heat and not having it too warm so that the plants remain strong.

At the end of March it is a struggle to have enough room for the potted on plants and trays of seeds.

I will be able to update you next month with what is ready to come out of the Warden's Potting Shed.

Happy gardening

Richard Pflieger



Book Review -- The Memory Keeper of Kyiv by Erin Litteken

I wanted to find out more about the background to Ukraine and Russia's history in Ukraine and saw this book advertised

The book tells the history of Stalin's Activists marching across the Soviet Union in the 1930's transporting Ukrainian, taking over farms and creating a man-made famine which stole almost 4 million lives. The Second World War and Hitler's invasion of Poland and Ukraine added a second blow and after the war the man-made famine was kept quiet as Russia was on Europe's side.

Erin Litteken is a descendant of a Ukrainian family living in USA and reimagines their story in Ukraine. It tells how Katya a 16 year old in 1929, surrounded by her family and in love with the boy next door. When Stalin's Activists arrive in their village and neighbours start to disappear never to be seen again.

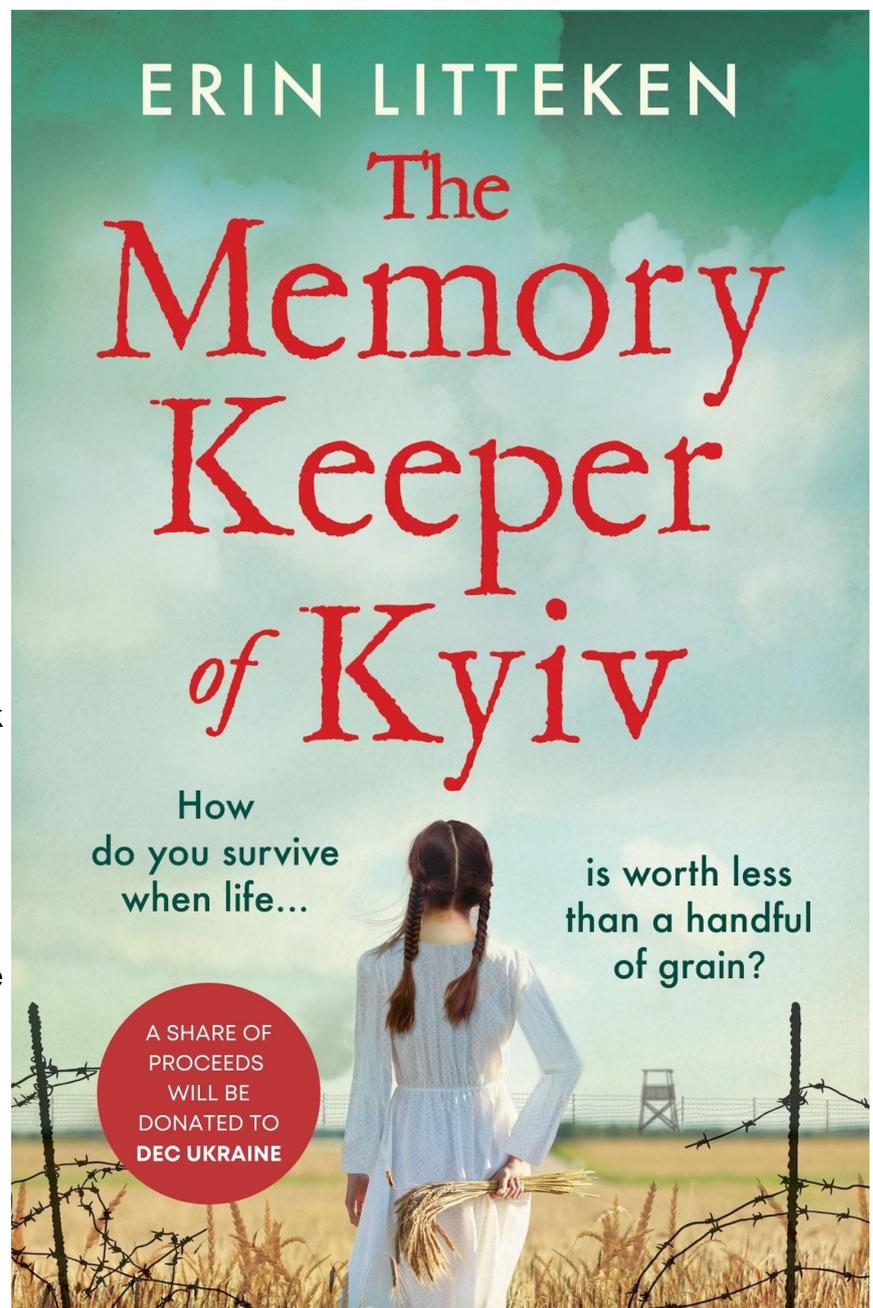
The book also tells of a family in USA of Ukrainian descendants who struggle with trying to translate the diary of their Great Grandmother, who lived through the famine and kept a diary of that time.

It is an interesting insight into Ukrainian life and tearful at times. Switching from Ukraine 1929 to USA 2004 after every chapter which lightens the read and is a powerful testament to Ukrainians not wanting to be annexed by Russia.

I have put the book in the St Margaret's Centre entrance hall book swap cupboard, please look out for it.

There is a second book being written telling a second part of the family during the Second World War. I hope to buy this when it comes out so look out for Erin Litteken.

Richard Pfleger



RELIGIOUS OR CHRISTIAN?

A PRAYER IN THE MORNING

If only, oh if only, I could a Christian be
And not just a religious busy-bee
If only I could wake up each day
In harmony with him and pray
To be and speak and act and do
To live as he would want me to
But how do I cross that divide
Of status and position's pride
To where, from him, I cannot hide
To meet and speak with him that day
To know, somehow, what to say
To let his will guide me along the way
To kneel awhile and quietly pray
Perhaps not say a word at all
To simply stop and let life stall
Invite him to share with what I am to do
So that he may give me that vital clue
That sets me out in a better way
Of how to live that new precious day
And bring a fresh new humility
My mind's eye now to clearly see
The difference that the day can be
Not RELIGIOUS but true CHRISTIANITY

Dan Read

Here and There

As we age we sit and cogitate, at least I do. As a stranger in a crowded room I can allow my mind to wander, at times finding myself on a Tea Clipper of the 1800s standing steadfast beneath billowing acres of canvas.

At other times, I am once again picking copious baskets of tender runner beans in our garden.

In truth I am here and there, as indeed God our heavenly Father is also. He is here and there at all times. Let us not forget that equally so, He is here and now. He is, in short, ubiquitous.

God is also omnipotent, in short He is all powerful. He is here with us now and always. As long as we nourish our store of faith, we have nothing to fear.

Colin Howell

God is Omnipotent



A P R I L

7th April	Second Sunday of Easter	
St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church	St Mary Magdalene Church
9:30am	9:30am	10am
Holy Communion Service	Sunday Morning Worship	All Age Worship
14th April	Third Sunday of Easter	
St Margaret's Church	St Mary Magdalene Church	St Leonard's Church
9:30am	9:30am	11am
Sunday Morning Worship	Holy Communion Service	Family Service
21st April	Forth Sunday of Easter	
St Margaret's Church	10am	Team Worship
28th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church	Coleview Community Centre
9:30am	9:30am	11am
Sunday Morning Worship	Holy Communion Service	Holy Communion Service

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 13th April @ 4pm

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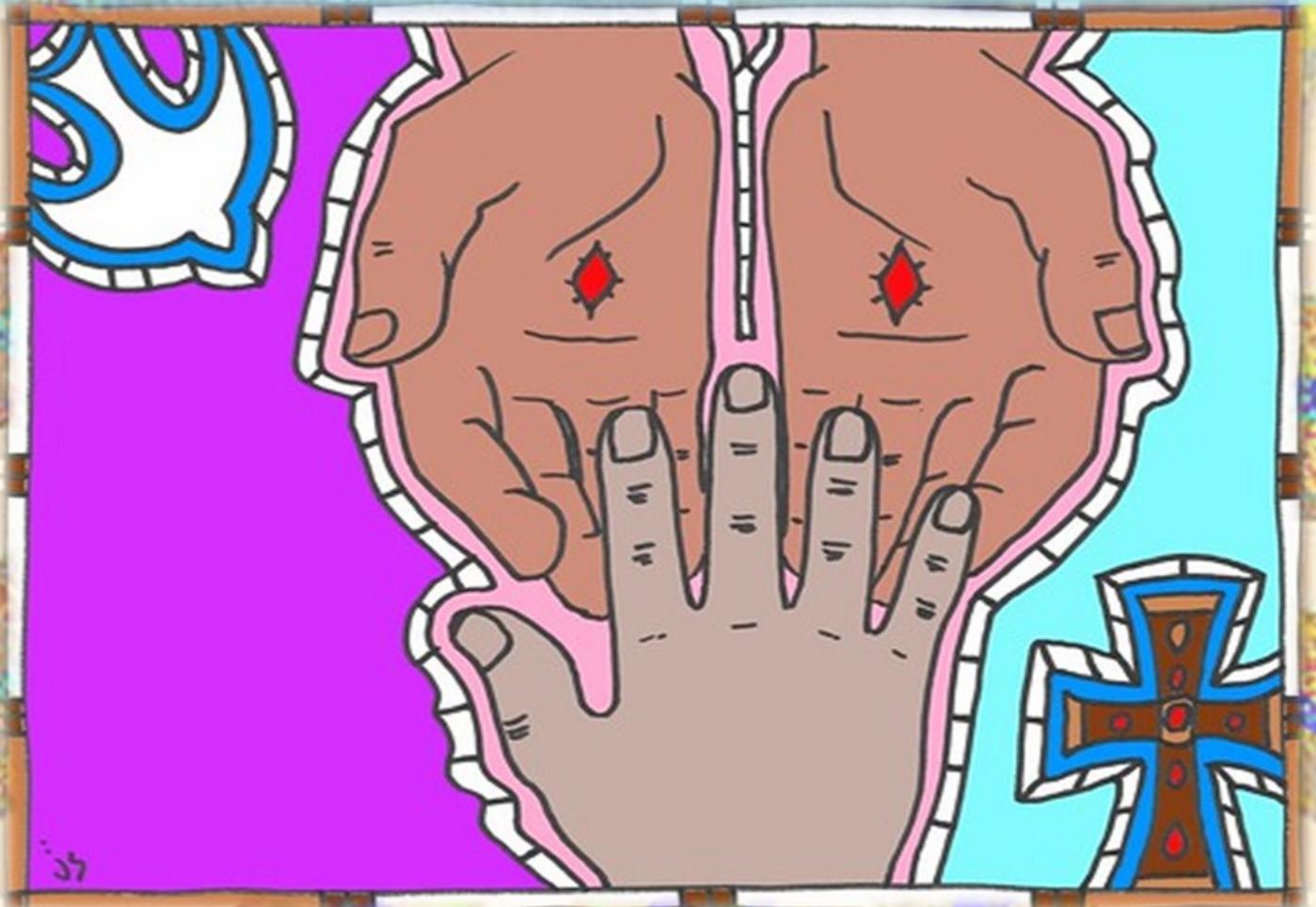


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FREE!

STRATTON TEAM MINISTRY
At St Leonards
Family Service
Invite you on the
14th April



For a lively Family Service designed to involve children and appeal to adults.
The Theme this Sunday
Doubting Thomas



Stopping Violence
Stopping Poverty
Stopping Injustice

www.mothersunion.org

Weekly Prayers for April – **Abundant Life**

Monday: Power of prayer

Jesus looked at them intently, then said “Without God, it is utterly impossible, but with God everything is possible.” **Mark 10:27 (TLB)**

Holy Spirit, Living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see. Give me passion for my purity, Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Deb Lee - Carlisle Diocese

We praise our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Who came to earth to bring transformation to his people.

As we follow in our Lord's footsteps, may we,
with kindness and understanding, also bring
transformation to our communities.

Loving Lord, we turn to you trusting you hear our prayers. **Amen**

Tuesday: Life in its Fullness

‘Whoever would love life and see good days... must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. **1 Peter 3:10, 11**

Loving Lord, we turn from our selfish ways and seek out the way of peace, that we may embrace abundant life.

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.

Loving Lord, we turn from our selfish ways and celebrate your abundant life with thankful hearts. **Amen**

Wednesday: Worldwide Membership of the Church

Since Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” **John 20:21 – 22 (NRSV)**

Almighty Lord, thank you that we are joined together in unity through the love of Christ. Strengthen our bonds of worship and service that together we may share your love with those who you bring into our lives.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the members across the world who faithfully carry out the mission of the church in their own communities. May they be blessed as they live out Christ’s command to love God and our neighbour with all our heart.

Loving Lord, we turn to you and ask that you would revive us afresh.

Thursday: Peace Makers

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:9**

Go peaceful, in gentleness, through the violence of these days. Give freely, show tenderness in all your ways.

Through darkness, in troubled times, let holiness be your aim. Seek wisdom, let faithfulness burn like a flame.

God speed you, God lead you and keep you wrapped around His heart. May you be known by love.

Be righteous, speak truthfully in a world of greed and lies. Show kindness, see everyone through heaven’s eyes.

God hold you, enfold you and keep you wrapped around His heart. May you be known by His love. *(Paul Field)*

Lord, we unite together in our mission to show our Christian faith by helping the sustainable transformation of communities worldwide. Help us bring this about by nurturing strong relationships at all levels, and promoting peace and reconciliation locally, nationally and globally.

Today we remember the people caught up in conflict: the politicians as they seek solutions; the peacemakers as they seek to bring hope; and the priests and pastors as they seek to bring comfort.

Loving Lord, we turn to you and receive your peace.

Friday: Becoming lifelong disciples together

Parents, do not irritate your children, or they will become discouraged. ***Colossians 3: 21 (GNT)***

Ever loving God, thank you for the gift of family. In the family your binding love finds expression and is where dreams, hopes and aspirations are nurtured. Bless and strengthen every family. In your loving mercy give us the resilience to trust in you in the midst of hard times. Help us to focus on our dreams, hopes and aspirations that we may find joy in you.

Amen. - *Dorothy Siep, Papua New Guinea:*

Father, families are made up in many ways, new and renewed, growing and developing, conventional or unusual. We pray for the strengthening of marriage and family life. We pray for all families to learn and accept your unconditional love.

Loving Lord, we turn to you trusting you hold us all.

Saturday: Celebrating the Church around the World

As for God, his way is perfect: the Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. ***Psalm 18:30***

Loving Lord, we pray for your transformational blessing on the Church worldwide.

We pray for our members throughout the world as they build hope and resilience in others through their witness and their work.

We give thanks for signs of transformation in families and communities worldwide as we reach out in love and service.

We pray for the flourishing of the Church as we adapt for the needs of this present time and entrust ourselves to God to lead us forward.

Transform our lives, so that we may accomplish your purpose. **Amen**

Jokes



A husband and wife were travelling on holiday in Scotland. As they approached Kirkcudbright they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. The argument raged until they stopped for lunch. As they stood in the restaurant, the husband asked the girl behind the counter, Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you pronounce, very slowly, where we are?, The girl leaned over the counter and said

“Burrrr..... gerrrrrrr..... Kiiiiing”

Genuine comments from flight crews:

- 😊 Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the crew. Please do not leave children or spouses.
- 😊 We are pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry - unfortunately none of them are on this flight.
- 😊 As we prepare for take off please make sure your tray tables and seat backs are fully up-right in their most uncomfortable position.
- 😊 Smoking in the lavatories is prohibited. Any person caught smoking in the lavatories will be asked to leave the plane immediately.



A priest was speeding along on a motorbike when he was stopped by a policeman. The officer said: "I can't help noticing you've got L plates, Father. For someone who has yet to pass his test you were going dangerously fast." "Don't worry, my son," said the priest, "Jesus is with me." "In that case," said the officer, "I'm going to have to book you. You're not allowed a pillion passenger."

An old man boasted about his fitness to a group of youngsters. "Every morning," he said, "I do fifty push-ups, fifty sit-ups and walk two miles. I'm as fit as a Fiddle! And you want to know why? I don't smoke, I don't drink, I don't stay up late and I don't chase after women. And tomorrow I'm going to celebrate my ninety-seventh birthday." "Oh really?" said one of the youngsters, "How?"

At the site of a new church the contractor stopped to chat with one of his workmen. "Paddy," he said, "didn't you once tell me you had a brother who was a Bishop?" "That I did," said Paddy "And yet you are a bricklayer, it sure is a funny old world. Things in life aren't divided equally are they?" "That they're not" agreed Paddy as he proudly slapped the mortar along the line of bricks. "My poor brother couldn't do this to save his life."

Some symptoms of Being Over Twenty-Five:

- ☺ You leave clubs before the end to beat the rush.
- ☺ You stop dreaming of being a professional footballer and start dreaming of having a son who might be instead.
- ☺ Before going out anywhere you ask what the parking is like.
- ☺ You wish you had a shed.
- ☺ Rather than throw an old pair of trainers out you keep them because they might be alright for the garden.
- ☺ You become powerless to resist the lure of self-assembly furniture.



A few riddles to end with:

What do you call an igloo without a toilet?

An ig.

What do you call a missing parrot?

A polygon

Why was the theatre crying?

The seats were all in tiers.

Why was six unhappy?

Because seven eight nine,

That's all folks.



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 20th April

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

17th of April 2024

Everyone Welcome



STRATTON

COMMUNITY

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SAVE THE DATE

14th

September

**FREE
ENTRY**

2024



Bumps & Babes

ARE YOU A NEW
OR EXPECTANT PARENT?

Register Now

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



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

Thank you to the Sandwich people for the wonderful buffet on the evening of the 21st March.

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

Great British Classics Charity Night.

**Monday
15th April**

From 7.00pm
(last orders 9.30pm)

Price £9.00
per main course

• **Raffle**

At
The Crown Inn
Stratton, Swindon
SN3 4NL,

(To book a table call
01793-827530

email:

thecrownstratton@gmail.com)



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



April Activities at Beechcroft Library



Tues 2nd 18:00pm - 19:00pm - Public Engagement Session (Parish Council)

Tues 2nd-Sat 6th - Children's Easter Activities

Fri 5th 13:00pm - 15:00pm - Children's Easter Treasure Hunt

Tues 9th 10:00am - 12:30am - Advice and Financial First Aid

Thurs 11th 19:00pm - 21:00pm - Stratton History Society

Thurs 18th 10:30am - 11:30am - Visit by Firefighter Dan & his new fire engine!

Thurs 18th 13:30pm - 15:30pm - Beechcroft Book Club

Sat 20th 12:00pm - 14:00pm - World Earth Day Sunflower Planting

Sat 27th 10:30am - 13:00pm - Lego Challenge



Regular Free Activities & Groups

Tues	13:30 - 15:30	Fun Art Group
Wed	10:00 - 12:00	Friendship Group
	10:30 - 12:00	Women's Support Group by MIND
	14:00 - 16:00	Tea and Tech
Thurs	10:30 - 11:15	Toddler Storytime
	10:30 - 12:30	Stratton Advice Point
	13:30 - 15:30	Bereavement Group
	16:15 - 18:30	Family History Research
	18:00 - 19:00	Homework Club
Fri	11:00 - 12:30	Knit, Sew & Natter Group
Sat	10:30 - 13:30	Chess Club & Board Games
Sat	11:00 - 11:45	* Saturday Story Time



*Every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month (6th & 20th April)





Stratton St Margaret
Parish Council

Weekly Community Activities

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

SUPPORTING CONNECTIONS BY BRITISH RED CROSS

FROM 1PM ON WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL

WHAT IS SUPPORTING CONNECTIONS?

SUPPORTING CONNECTIONS IS A FREE WORKSHOP DELIVERED BY THE BRITISH RED CROSS. IT'S AIMED AT ORGANISATIONS, PROFESSIONALS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE EXPERIENCING LONELINESS.

**A FREE COURSE FOR UP TO 15 ADULTS!
PLEASE EMAIL CHERRY TO BOOK YOUR SLOT!**

cherry.riley@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk





Stratton St Margaret
Parish Council

2024 Annual Assembly

***Members of the public are warmly
invited to attend the Parish Assembly!***

Wednesday 24th April at 6pm

Grange Leisure Centre, Grange Drive, Swindon, SN3 4JY

GRANGE
**LEISURE AND
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

***Come along to have your say, ask those questions,
and enjoy some nibbles, tea and coffee.***

Tel: 01793 823761

E: info@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk

Meadowcroft Community Centre

Addison Crescent, Swindon

SN2 7JX

CREAM TEA &

SING ALONG!

For the Over 60's

Wednesday 1st May

1pm - 3pm

Meadowcroft Community Centre

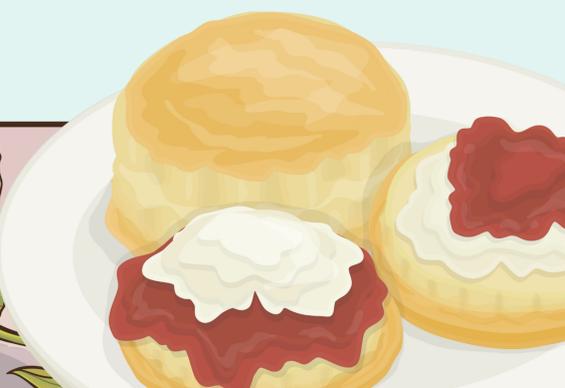
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Limited Spaces so please book!

Contact us at:

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STRATTON FESTIVAL



Saturday 29th June

12:00 – 16:00pm

GRANGE LEISURE CENTRE, SN3 4JY



FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR
LOTS OF FUN!





GIVING

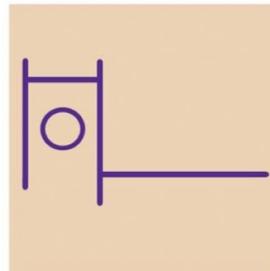
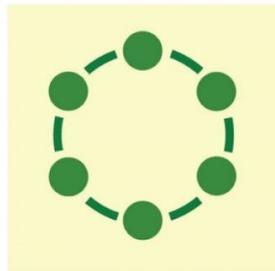
You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

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



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PARISH
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Recycling @ St Margaret's Centre

**RECYCLE YOUR
CRISP PACKETS HERE!**



RECYCLE FOR



**WILTSHIRE
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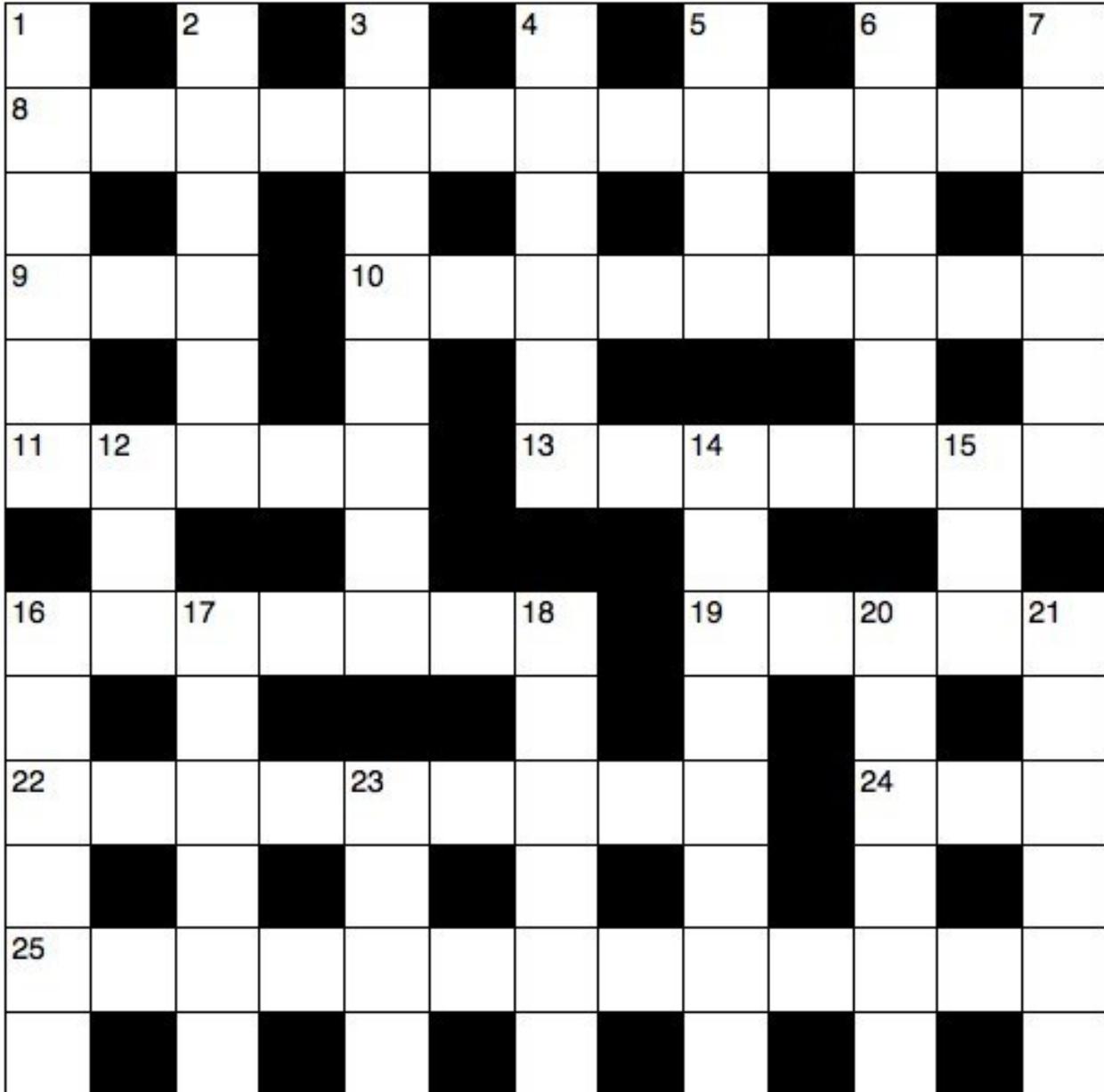
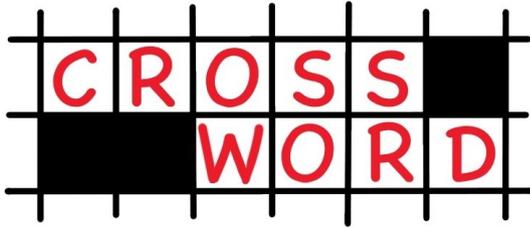
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ACROSS

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
 13 Muslim holy month (7)
 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)

ACROSS

- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

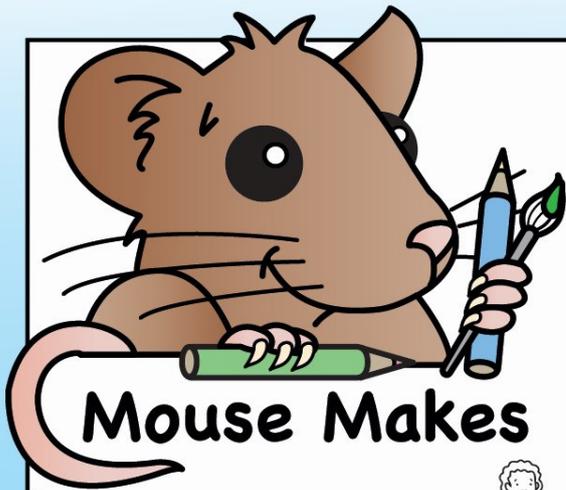
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- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

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Mouse Makes



How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?

Read John 21:14



How many disciples were there? Who were they?

Read John 21: 11

Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing. They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked; "Have you caught anything?" "Not a thing" they answered.



He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some."

So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net.

Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"



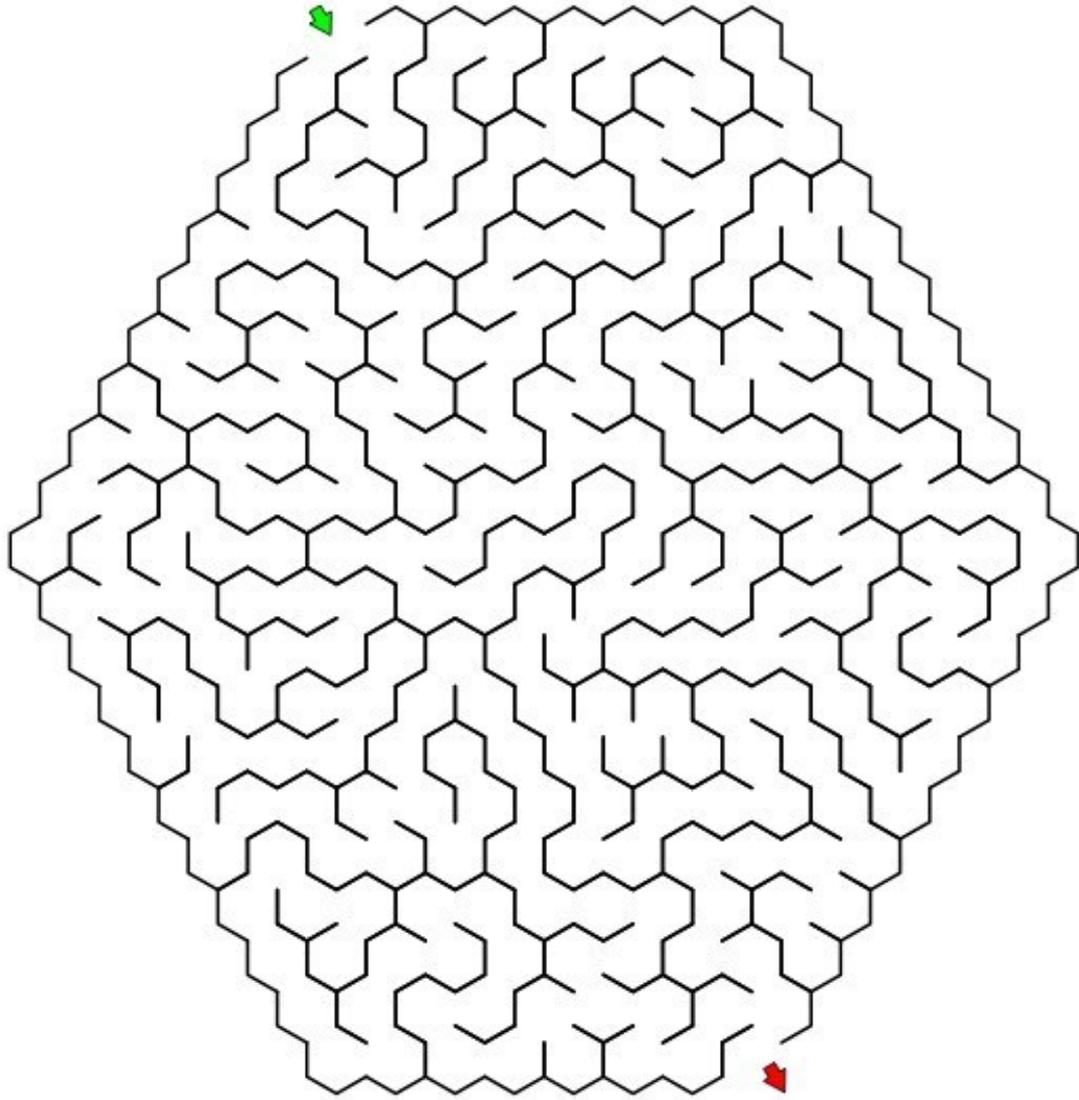
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the story in **John 21**

How many fish did they catch? Read John 21: 11

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Crossword Solutions

ACROSS:

8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

DOWN:

1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

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