

Link Magazine for St. George, Cam and St. Cyr, Stinchcombe.

(Churches within the Church of England, Gloucester Diocese)



St George, Cam



**St Cyr,
Stinchcombe**

JUNE 2020

50p

Both churches are closed during the ongoing Covid-19 situation. We are live streaming services daily:

Sunday 9:30am – Benefice Service

Live on Zoom and Facebook

Or on YouTube from about 11am /

Listen by phone on 01453 708200 from midday

Daily Services on Facebook Live

Morning Prayer @ 9am (except Sunday)

Compline (Evening Prayer) @ 5pm

all services can also be watched later on Facebook

Bible & Prayer Meetup – Wednesday @ 7:30pm

Live Zoom meeting



www.facebook.com/StGeorgeCam/



www.youtube.com Search for St George Cam



Download zoom app and use links in church emails

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Table of Normal Sunday Service and Readings for JUNE

Sunday	Readings for St George	Readings for St Cyr
7th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9.30am All Age Celebration with Holy Communion <i>First Reading: 2 Corinthians 13. 11-end</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew 28. 16-20</i>	11.10am Parish Eucharist <i>First Reading: 2 Corinthians 13. 11-end</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew 28. 16-20</i>
14th June <i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30am Parish Eucharist <i>First Reading: Exodus 19. 2-8a</i> <i>Second Reading: Romans 5. 1-8</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew 9. 35-10.8</i>	11.10am Parish Eucharist <i>First Reading: Exodus 19. 2-8a</i> <i>Second Reading: Romans 5. 1-8</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew 9. 35-10.8</i>
21st June <i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30am Parish Eucharist <i>First Reading: Jeremiah 20. 7-13</i> <i>Second Reading: Romans 6. 1b-11</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew 10. 24-39</i>	6pm Evensong <i>First Reading: Romans 6. 1b-11</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew 10. 24-39</i>
28th June <i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30am Parish Eucharist <i>First Reading: Romans 6. 12-end</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew 10. 40-end</i>	11.10am Parish Eucharist <i>First Reading: Jeremiah 28. 5-9</i> <i>Second Reading: Romans 6. 12-end</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew 10. 40-end</i>

We hope that the table above will be helpful to our readers, enabling them to follow where we are in the church year and give them the opportunity to read and reflect on the readings.

Keep up to date with news from the Diocese!

Go to:

www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/communications/

for interesting articles
and details of events taking place in the diocese



**St George's Church Door
Decorated for VE DAY**

Please note:

Our churches are closed

"Let us continue to pray, to love, to care for the vulnerable, and build our communities, even while separated"

Monday to Saturday

On Facebook Live, you can join our Benefice Morning Prayer at 9am and Evening Prayer at 5pm daily.

On Sundays, on ZOOM and Facebook Live or by Telephone, you can join our 9.30am Benefice Service Or, view it later, on YOUTUBE after 11am.

Plus

At 5pm you can join Evening Prayer on Facebook Live.

If you are not on Facebook the link to this page is:
www.facebook.com/StGeorgeCam/

For ZOOM Download the APP, then click on the LINK provided via a church email. For Youtube, go to www.youtube.com then Search for St George Cam

To listen to the Benefice Service by Telephone dial 01453-708200

Keep a look out for details of a Bible and Prayer Meet-Up on Wednesday Evenings at 7.30pm, via ZOOM or by Telephone- (Ask Fiona for the phone number to use)

Also.

Information in this magazine is correct at the time of going to press. Please keep yourself updated by keeping an eye on our Church Website, updated Government Announcements on TV etc. and the NHS Website.

Editorial:

ZOOM. Up until a few weeks ago I thought the zoom was what I did on my camera lens to get closer to (or further away) from a subject I was photographing.

I think we all know now that Zoom is a way of connecting with people especially for meetings and large family gatherings. It has been a fabulous help to us here at St. George and St Cyr to hold services every Sunday morning and for the clergy and me to hold meetings weekly to discuss worship and pastoral care.

Various forms of communication have been vital for people to carry on seeing loved ones. "Face Time", "Skype", "Messenger" and "Google" all have "platforms" to enable us to talk to and see one another at the same time.

Many would say that without the various forms of communication life would have been much more difficult than it is.

All forms of communication are important at this time including telephone calls, emails, letters and chatting over the fence to one's neighbours. It all helps to keep the "spirits up".

Perhaps one of the communication outlets which has not been so helpful is the televised news which has seemed to dwell on the negative and not the positive. Their "commentators and correspondents" have speculated endlessly about the worst-case scenarios and managed to find problems with almost every suggestion put forward. Indeed, lots of people have told me that they no longer watch the news bulletins as they are so depressing.

Although many people dislike Facebook others have found it a valuable way of keeping in touch. I use it quite a lot, mainly for business but I have uploaded a number of my images taken in and around the Cotswolds. Photography as well as being my livelihood is also my passion and sharing images is part of that. However, I did recently begin to wonder whether it was becoming boring to others and I was considering stopping.

I decided however that I would post one more. It was an image of the beautiful hamlet of Owlpen showing the church tower peeping through the trees. The reaction from followers of Facebook was very favourable. I was pleased. I then had a message from an old friend whom I haven't seen

for a long time. The message said "Thank you for posting this I really appreciate it as this is now the only way I can get to see the lovely countryside". This friend is disabled and can no longer leave the confine of the home to see what the majority of us take for granted daily.

This really forced home the importance to me of communication, especially to those who are vulnerable. Regardless the reason for their vulnerability, it is important that they don't feel forgotten or neglected. It is very easy in times of difficulty, like the one we are all experiencing now for us to "batten down the hatches" and forget that there are many people who's already difficult lives have become so much worse. For many of us there is a limit to how much we can do in these "social distancing times" to help others perhaps in the way that we would have liked. The one thing that most of us can do however is to keep in touch using whatever medium we are happy using.

So, if you find the opportunity to get in touch with someone, please don't put it off. It may make their day.

Meanwhile I will keep posting images on Facebook.

Please keep safe and well and in touch.

Ken.

Daily Hope

You might not know about the Daily Hope telephone line, which I understand has been set up by Justin Welby. Someone gave me the number and I tried it and was impressed.

You can listen to all sorts of things on it, like hymns, prayers, talks and other things. I think that perhaps people who do not have access to a computer could maybe benefit from this line.

The telephone number if you would like to try it out or pass it on to someone else is: 0800 804 8044.

Carrie Thould.

During this time of lockdown, something significant is happening 'out there'.

That simple thing is ACORN – of which more in a moment. But first let us be clear of the context.

The 'mood' is changing

As the result of the Coronavirus, those who have largely gone their own God-ignoring way been confronted with some new realities. That life is not guaranteed. That we are not masters of our own destiny. That life is fragile and death more real that we would wish.

Meanwhile, politicians and celebrities have spoken more about 'prayer' during the past weeks than they have done in a lifetime. The rainbow has become a symbol of hope. The NHS app for volunteers has been called GoodSam with a clear nod towards the Good Samaritan. The Queen has spoken of the reality of the resurrection of Jesus and the hope this offers for all.

Bring all this together and it points to God being at work. And it is hardly surprising that some churches are finding their streamed services attracting those from the wider community. But this is not enough.

If God is at work then we should be also.

We must take this missional opportunity

Before us is the opportunity to be 'on mission' by being active

partners with God in this new situation. Doing so to touch lives and grow in faith ourselves.

This is something that I and others have been doing with encouraging outcomes over the past weeks – using a simple approach I call ACORN. It is a spiritual practice for such a time as this. And a way to reach out when physical contact is not possible.

ACORN is a mnemonic with each letter standing for a step in the process.

In essence, the following is what's involved. This is what every church leader could encourage their members – young and old – to do each day during the lockdown. And please don't miss that this is as much about helping Christians grow as disciples as it is about helping others come to faith.

A is for Ask: Each day simply and prayerfully ask God 'is there somebody I'm being nudged to connect with – to reach out to – today?'

C is for Call: This is God's response to our question. His 'call' is for us to respond to the name that may come immediately or later by way of a sense that this is his nudge to us.

O is for Obey: Our response

may be through a phone call or any of the now well-recognised ways from Skype to Facetime to WhatsApp to SMS and more. The first step need be as simple as asking 'How are you doing?' and really listening to the answer.

And all the while remembering this conversation is as the result of what God has prompted to happen and being open to offering prayer either with them or for them.

R is for Report: Share with a Christian friend what God has done in this situation – even if it seems to be a very small step. Share what happened – much like the disciples reported back to Jesus when sent on mission.

N is for Notice God: Reflect on what God has done in and through us. In the past we may have been too busy to listen to God's voice and respond. But now, with God having our full attention, we may notice that God has used us and helped us grow in obedience and faith.

There are two notable things about acorns. First, they need fertile soil to grow – and we now have this in our communities.

Second, though an acorn is small and seemingly insignificant, it can grow into

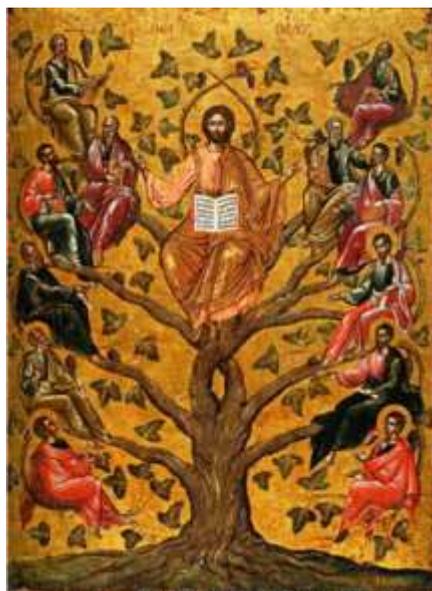
something big and beautiful – with patience and care.

Michael Harvey.

(An article from the National Weekend of Invitation Website)

God in the Arts

Sophia recently encouraged us to contribute to a Lent Blog 'God in the Arts' and a good number provided interesting and varied contributions. This month when looking at Parish Pump, I noticed this one which I thought you might like to read.



'I am the true vine'

Jesus the Good Shepherd has been a popular inspiration for artists from the earliest days of

Christianity. But this month we focus on another image that has been just as powerful and influential from the first centuries of the Church: Jesus the vine.

We think of grapes and the vine as symbols of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of Jesus, but early artists borrowed their inspiration from Greek and Roman sources with Dionysus (or Bacchus), the god of wine. For pagan believers, wine was a sign of intoxication and renewal of life, and Dionysus was a god who died and rose again. Under that influence, sculptors would carve vines on Christian tombs as a sign of that promise of new life.

But those artists were also influenced by the vine as an image of the people of Israel in the Old Testament, with God as the vintner tending his vine, as they were influenced by our Lord's own words in St John's Gospel. When Jesus talked of Himself as the vine, He was pointing to two truths. The first was the connection between the vine and the grapes: it was a symbol for the intimate relationship between Jesus and His followers. They are the grapes because they receive their fruitfulness from Jesus. Without Him, there would be no growth, no maturity, no fruit. 'Whoever remains in Me, with

Me in him, bears fruit in plenty.'

The second truth in this image is the wine that can bring life a new taste. Just as Jesus changed water into wine, His whole life was one of transformation – bringing water to the thirsty, sight to the blind, light to those in darkness, forgiveness to the sinner, and eternal life to those burdened by this world and the reality of death. The wine is a symbol of that goodness and flavour, both in creation and in salvation – the wine at the dinner party, and the wine in the chalice in communion. Jesus as the true vine brings that flavour and goodness to us.

Both truths speak out to us from this month's image of Jesus in an icon. In the Orthodox Church the icon is a window into the kingdom of heaven. As we stand and pray before the icon, if we can bridge 'the distance of the heart' (the space between the human eye and the icon), then God can reveal His glory to us. Here we see the face of Jesus in a 16th century icon, which is in the Byzantine and Christian Museum in Athens – the icon of Christ the true vine. He looks out at us, the Gospel book in His lap and His hands outstretched to bless the 12 disciples. The icon illustrates

very vividly that metaphor of Jesus when He says that He is the vine and they are the branches. But those hands are also welcoming us to be with the 12: they invite us to offer our lives to live in Jesus.

Anselm Grün, a German Benedictine, tells how one of his fellow monks wondered what a difference there would have been if Jesus had said, 'I am a slimming camomile tea.' But no, He says to us in the Gospel and in the icon, 'I am the true vine': live in Me like my 12 disciples and your lives can be fruitful in my service.

*The Revd Michael Burgess,
Parish Pump.*

Trinity Sunday, celebrating our God who is Three Persons

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space, and unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, which gives us life and illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit.

You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are *of* the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4: 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

Isaiah 45:22: 'Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other.'

Genesis 1:1-2: 'In the beginning God created.... and the Spirit of God was hovering...'

Judges 14:6: 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...'

John 1:1-3: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.'

Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells His disciples: '**I** am going to send you what **my Father** has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (**the Holy Spirit**) from on high.'

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we turn to its brilliant light, we find that the warmth and life there as well.

From Parish Pump

#FaithAtHome

The Church of England has recently launched #FaithAtHome, a new programme which it is hoped will "make prayer a household habit once again."

#FaithAtHome will feature weekly video content to help families to talk about faith and pray together. The videos will be led by children, young people, staff, and school leaders from across the country.

The #FaithAtHome programme will run for an initial 11 weeks, until the end of July, and can be accessed at churchofengland.org/faithathome. It will explore themes including courage, patience, generosity, resilience, love, and hope.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "The aim of these resources is to offer simple ways for families and households to approach complex and difficult topics,

such as illness, fear and bereavement. The coronavirus pandemic has forced people to confront difficult and painful questions that none of us can explore on our own.

"My hope and prayer are that #FaithAtHome will not only equip children and young people to engage with difficult questions, but also inspire them."

The Church of England's Chief Education Officer, Nigel Genders said: "Home is the new normal, and faith at home is a habit we need to rediscover. #FaithAtHome will offer people of all ages and faith backgrounds a chance to pause, think and reflect, and to rebuild lost habits of prayer and faithful reflection in the home."



Who could you Phone to-day?

Who do you know who is isolated and may be feeling lonely? A phone call could make all the difference to their day! Talking to someone is much more personal than texting or e-mail.

So, please think about picking up the phone for a chat when

you have some spare-time and brighten someone's day.

Remember some people do not have access to the internet so it is very important to keep in touch with them!

If you would like to speak to Revd. Fiona about anything, then please do give her a ring on 01453 548343 or 07817021196.

For your prayers

Please pray for peace and justice for all people, for all affected by poverty, hunger, natural disaster, and conflict, and for those who seek to help them.

Pray for all those around the world affected by Co-vid 19, those who are ill, those who have died and their families, and those seeking solutions to control its spread and to find a vaccine and cure.

Pray for all those who are distressed by the restrictions of Lock-down and for our leaders to guide us well in these difficult times.

Pray for the mission of our churches and an increase of God's people in our parishes.

Pray for Fiona, Sophia, Andrew, and Ken. For our

Churchwardens and the members of our PCCs together with those recently baptised, married, or bereaved.

Recent Funerals

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

Shirley Coe

George Morrison

Liam Jones,

Isabel (Robinette) Deere



Churchwarden's Notes

At his difficult time of uncertainty, we are all missing the fellowship and peace which comes of worshipping together. However, we have had the experience of virtual VE day celebrations which St Cyr's achieved with style and grace.





St George's to become an Eco Church

However, we miss the smiles and the news from other families. As Christians we are people of hope. We look forward to meeting again in God's house. In the meantime, we all have the certainty of God's love for us, wherever we are.

Paul Bartlett.

Anniversaries of death in JUNE for St Cyr

2nd Winifred Lewis,
5th Barbara Sylvia Allan
6th Cora Channel,
7th Rowland Sealey,
8th Ivy Lewis,
10th Mary Gibson,
11th William (Bruce) Aldridge,
19th Herbert (Joe) Workman,
20th Freda Rowles,
20th Barbara Talboys,
25th John Smart,
28th Mary Gale.

Avid readers of the Link Magazine may recall an excellent article by Martin Gregg in the February edition in which he outlined our ambition for St. George's to become an Eco Church. In essence, this means making the care of God's creation a focal point of both our personal and church life. Hundreds of churches of all denominations across the country have already embraced this initiative and have experienced new insights, ambitions, and growth as a result.

On Sunday 17th May Martin gave a short presentation at our online service that reiterated what Eco Church is, why we should become involved and how we plan to go about it. Below you will see a brief summary of Martin's presentation.

What is Eco Church?

Eco Church is a network of churches that are local centres

of creation care in the community.

Why should we be involved?

There are three key reasons why St. George's needs to be involved:

1. Caring for God's earth is part of Christian discipleship
2. It encourages our local community to engage with St. George's on ecological matters – an engagement that may become wider-ranging and long-lasting and
3. It demonstrates that St. George's has a positive and responsible attitude to caring for the environment

How does Eco Church work?

We look to achieve high standards of environmental responsibility in our:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Engagement with our local and global community and
- Personal lifestyle choices and behaviour

We are assessed on our performance in these five areas with a view to achieving Bronze, Silver

and Gold Eco Church status awards.

Where are we now?

We are currently attempting to meet the standards necessary to achieve the Bronze award (some other local churches, such as Dursley Tabernacle have already achieved this). We are doing well and are optimistic that we shall be ready for assessment by the end of the summer.

Fiona is an enthusiastic supporter of the scheme, and a small Eco Church Team consisting of Gareth Amphlett, Martin Gregg, Peter Ashman, and Richard Elliott is already hard at work.

However, we need more people on the team, so if you care about the environment and would like to help St. George's become a beacon of hope for a brighter environmental future, please get in touch. You can do this by contacting Fiona or any of the team mentioned above, or by sending an email to our dedicated Eco Church email address:

ecochurch.stgeorge.cam@gmail.com

Eco Church Tips, News and Views

As part of Eco Church we plan to have a regular 'Eco Church Tips, News and Views' feature

in each Link Magazine, so if you have anything you would like to contribute please send it to me and I will include it.

As a starter this week, think about becoming involved in wildlife counts and surveys. These are invaluable in establishing population and location trends and help scientists to identify and anticipate problems with wildlife populations. A date for your diary is between 17th July and 9th August this year when the 'The big butterfly count' takes place. This is a nationwide survey that was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Over 113,500 people took part in 2019 and is something that everyone can get involved in. We will provide you with more details about how to take part in the count in the next issue of the Link magazine.

Richard Elliott.

MU Report June 2020

MU, like all other organisations, have been unable to meet over the last few weeks. However, we have kept in touch with each other through telephone calls, emails, and chats through the window or across the road.

We have also linked into the daily and weekly church services so brilliantly conducted by Fiona and her amazing 'technical team'. I know I speak for all members of MU when I offer a heartfelt thank you to all concerned. MU have also streamed midday prayers on their Facebook page along with other resources to combat isolation and loneliness.

One, very positive outcome of the Covid 19 situation is the speed at which we have all caught up with new technology! Throughout this time Mothers' Union members are continuing in prayerful support of members across the globe, using our Families Worldwide prayer diaries as a guide and resource.

Of course, many MU members have had to self-isolate to prevent the spread of infection and have sorely missed contact with family and friends. We all hope that this situation ends soon, so that we can be reunited once again.

A major downside of the pandemic is the drastic drop in MU income, including £500,000 per year normally earned by hiring out the conference facilities at Mary Sumner House, our headquarters in the centre of London. The retail operation has also been closed, and Summer fund raising events have all been put on

hold. Like many other charities, an urgent appeal has been launched to enable us to continue to bring God's love to those who need us most.

Finally, apologies to Ken who was coming to talk to us in May. We will reschedule and look forward to hearing his talk, in the near future. I will leave you with a short prayer from Sheran, our Worldwide President:
Lord Jesus Christ, You said to your disciples, I am with you always, even to the end of time. Be with me today Lord as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself and keep me in your loving care always. Amen.

Mary Elliott.

Mothers' Union offers range of resources

The Mothers' Union has made a very practical response to the coronavirus.

As their website explains, "We know that our work and experience in re-building communities and supporting family life is going to be more important than ever once the threat of COVID-19 subsides. Our members will be some of the first in line to support those around them."

In the meantime, MU has drawn together a range of resources to "help nurture our members and their friends and neighbours through this challenging time." The resources will "help combat feelings of loneliness, to nourish faith and to help you continue to feel connected to your friends and community."

These include: rainbows, prayer cards, prayer resources, puzzles resources, and Bible study resources. More info at: <https://www.mothersunion.org>

A St George Tradition from Past Years

Looking for another old slide I came across the attached photo which I had taken in the 1950's.



It is the Eagle Lectern at Harvest Festival time with the bunch of grapes in its beak.

Whether this presentation had been originated by Revd Dr T A Ryder and Helen, his wife, or an earlier Vicar, I do not know, but it was a feature of the Harvest time Services from when we first came to Cam in 1949 and many following years.

Those were the times when real fruit and veg were sold or given away afterwards, rather than tinned goods for the food banks which has, in more recent times, become the preferred option.

Lionel Jones.

Foodbank

During this time of no services in Church, please continue to support the Foodbank by giving into the bins at Tesco if you are shopping there or by sending a donation.

Fiona.

Thursday Social Group

We might meet on-line, keep an eye on emails.
If you do not have email speak to Alex Reeves, James Irvine or Francis Jones – Tel. 546950.

Men's Breakfast

Until further notice this meeting will be held remotely via. a video/audio conferencing system called Zoom see:
(<https://us04web.zoom.us/>).

If you would like to participate in these meetings Please speak to Andrew Hill, Peter Smout Tel 542619, or Peter Ashman for more information.

Cam Parochial Charities

The next meeting for consideration of grants will be held on Thursday 2nd July 2020.

In the past, grants have been awarded to support local children's groups, to disadvantaged local people, and to young people pursuing further education or training.

Please telephone 01453 542518 or 01453 545231 to apply for a grant or request further information

Poems and Prayers etc.

MU - Covid Prayer:

Loving Lord,
We pray for your love and compassion to abound, as we walk through this challenging season.
We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making

decisions with widespread
consequences.
We pray for those who are
suffering with sickness and for
all who are caring for them.
We ask for protection for the
elderly and vulnerable,
to not to succumb to the risks
of the virus.
We pray for the misinformation
to be curbed,
that fear may take no hold in
hearts and minds
And as we exercise the good
sense that You, in Your
mercy provide
we will also approach each day
in faith and peace,
trusting in the truth of Your
goodness towards us,
Amen.

Titwillow

(With apologies to WS Gilbert)

On a tree by a river sat little
Tom Tit
Singing 'willow, titwillow,
titwillow'.
His mate fluttered in and
beside him did sit,
Singing 'willow, titwillow,
titwillow'.
"Oh, where are the people?"
bewildered, he cried,
"Tis many a day since a soul I
have spied"
"I think," said his wife, "they're
all staying inside!"
"Oh willow, titwillow, titwillow".

"I do like the quiet, I do like
the peace!
"Oh, willow, titwillow, titwillow,

"But find myself wondering why
did they cease
"Singing willow, titwillow,
titwillow?"
"The people in hundreds of cars
they all came
"Especially when there was no
sign of much rain,
"The weather's so nice, it
seems such a shame!
"Oh willow, titwillow, titwillow!"

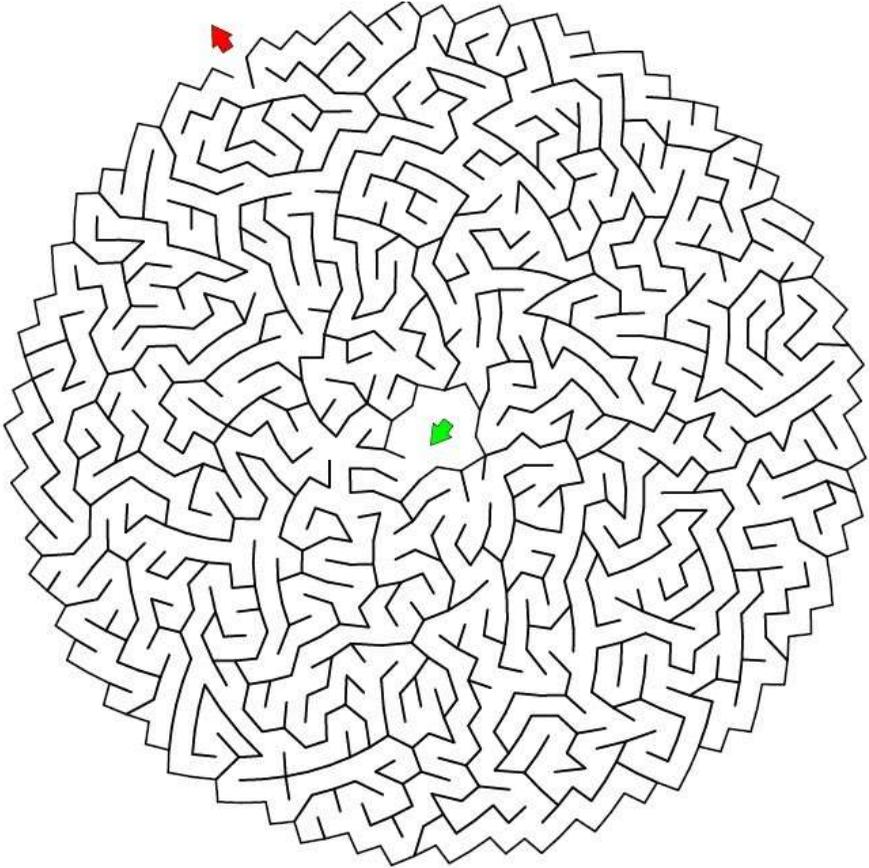
"I think I can tell you!" – she'd
a smile on her beak,
Singing willow, titwillow,
titwillow,
"For I saw some people last
Saturday week,
"Singing willow, titwillow,
titwillow,
"They stood in a group, they
were flying a kite,
"Along came a police car with
lights flashing bright,
"It seems the Old Bill gave
those people a fright!
"Oh willow, titwillow, titwillow!"

A buzzard, above them, then
uttered his 'mew'
Oh willow, titwillow, titwillow.
As quick as they could off to
safety they flew,
Singing willow, titwillow,
titwillow!
Arrived at their nest then our
avian pair
Correctly concluded what
caused human scare:
"They're frightened of critters
that fly in the air!
"Oh willow, titwillow, titwillow!"

By Nigel Beeton.

A Challenge for those with time on their hands and lots of patience

Find your way out from the Centre!



A final word: Rest in Peace Robinette

It was with great sadness that I did not receive a Poem for this magazine from Isobel (Robinette) Deere who provided her thoughts in the form of poetry for many years in our magazine. Robinette was a lovely lady and it was a pleasure to have known her.

Bob Robson.