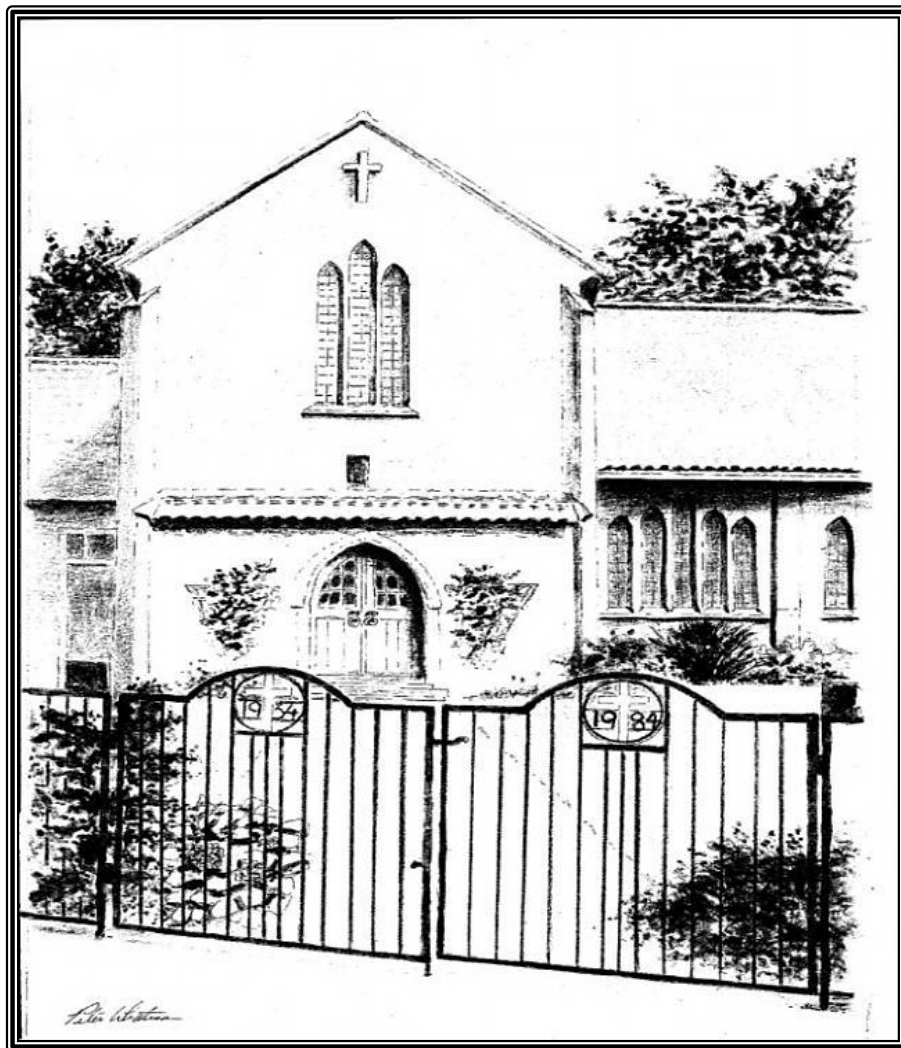


JUNE/JULY 2021

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NORMAL SERVICES

Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (1 st and 3 rd Sundays only)
	9:15 a.m.	Sung Communion & Crèche
All age Service:	9:15 a.m.	Normally on the 2 nd Sunday of the month
Messy Church:	3:45 p.m.	Normally on the 2 nd Friday of the month
Holy Baptism:	By appointment	
Other Services:	Refer to the Calendar in this magazine	
Weddings/Banns, etc.:	By appointment	

LETTER FROM HAZEL

Dear friends,

As more parts of the economy open up, you are probably looking forward to being able to do some things just like we did before the pandemic started. Things like eating out in a restaurant with a large group of people, seeing a friend or family member in person rather than on a screen, or maybe even going overseas on holiday. However, before rushing into experiences such as this, it is important to take some time to look back, to recognise the depth of the troubles that we and others have experienced and how God has been with us throughout. It is only by giving proper recognition to these things that we will be able to move forward knowing that we have come through it all intact. If we don't spend this time, we may be hiding something inside that will make us revert to some of our pain, anxiety and being overwhelmed.

During July we will have three weeks of services that should help with this process. The first one will deal with lament – a cry to God about things which have been (and maybe still are) not right.

Is it not you, God, you who have now rejected us and no longer go out with our armies?

Give us aid against the enemy, for human help is worthless.

Psalm 60:10-11

The second will be a time of sharing stories of how God has been with us during this time. We have another of these stories included in this magazine from Merri Womack. Do let me have any others which you are happy to share with others (anonymously if you'd prefer).

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Ephesians 3: 20-21

And the final one, will be an opportunity for healing, so that we can be assured that we have shared with God and with each other, those things which still concern us, and we have committed ourselves into his hands to bring about a greater sense of well-being, whatever that might mean.

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:21-23

Do spend some time this summer on this process so that we don't simply go back to the old ways of living, or even go into a new way of living, without reflecting on what we might have learnt through our experience. A recent Thought for the Day on Radio 4 quoted Henri Nouwen who said:

We don't think ourselves into a new way of living, but we live ourselves into a new way of thinking.

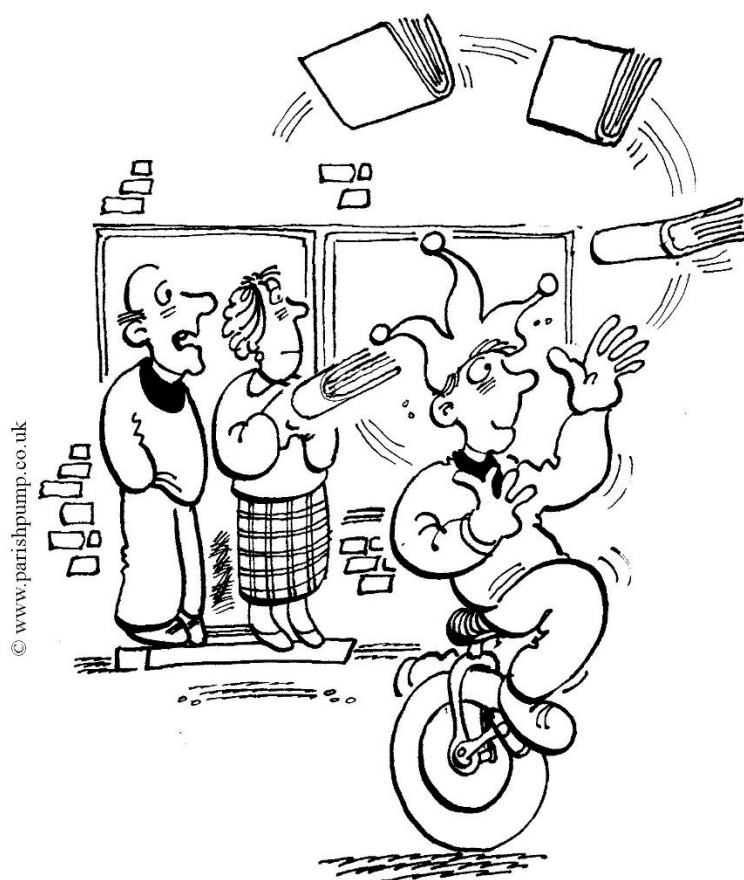
Maybe we will find ourselves thinking differently as a result of our lived experience, but let's be open to what this might mean for our shared life together, as it's still really too early to say what exactly this will look like in the future – we need to live in the new normal for a period before coming to any conclusion. PCCs and the ministry team will be giving this some thought over the next few months. Please do bear with us during this period. Keep in touch and let us

know what it is that you'd really like to see, so that we can be sure that we are following God's will when we make any changes to what it is that we do.

In the meantime, and in order that time and space can be given to the ministry team, who have been providing support to both congregations without much of a break for over a year now, we will not be introducing any new activities or altering the pattern of services that are held until September at the earliest. We want to be sure about a way forward before making any changes, so that we are not putting effort into something that is not sustainable.

Every blessing

Hazel



*...I think I must have missed that module
when I was at theological college!*

SERVICES FOR JUNE

Date	Service	Venue
6th	1st Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Mary's
	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford</i>	St. Francis/ On line service
9th Wednesday	10.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	
11th Friday	3.45 p.m. Messy Church	Livestream
13th	2nd Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis
	10.00 a.m. Non-Eucharistic service Commissioning of Churchwardens <i>Ken Bryan/Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Mary's/ Livestream service
16th Wednesday	10.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	

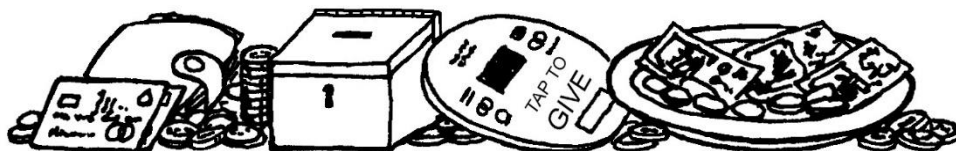
Date	Service	Venue
20th	3rd Sunday after Trinity – Father’s Day 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford/Brian Griffiths</i> 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford/Brian Griffiths</i>	St. Mary’s St. Francis/ On line service
23rd Wednesday	10.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	
27th	4th Sunday after Trinity 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O’Sullivan/Ken Bryan</i> 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O’Sullivan/Ken Bryan</i>	St. Francis St. Mary’s/ Livestream service
30th Wednesday	St. Francis open for private prayer	



SERVICES FOR JULY

Date	Service	Venue
4th	5th Sunday after Trinity 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford/Brian Griffiths</i> 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel/Brain and Rowena</i>	St. Mary's St. Francis/ On line service
7th Wednesday	10.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	
9th Friday	3.45 p.m. Messy Church	Livestream
11th	6th Sunday after Trinity 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i> 10.00 a.m. Non-Eucharistic service <i>Brian Griffiths/Hazel O'Sullivan</i>	St. Francis St. Mary's/ Livestream service
14th Wednesday	10.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	
18th	7th Sunday after Trinity 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Hazel O'Sullivan</i> 10.00 a.m. Healing Service <i>Hazel, Rowena and Lesley</i>	St. Mary's St. Francis/ On line service

Date	Service	Venue
21 st Wednesday	10.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	
25 th	8th Sunday after Trinity 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford/Ken Bryan</i> 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Richard Ford/Ken Bryan</i>	St. Francis St. Mary's/ Livestream service
28 th Wednesday	10.30 a.m. St. Francis open for private prayer	



On-line and paper-based resources for worship at home will continue to be circulated each week in addition to services taking place in person. At the current time, services are planned in the church building and on-line, but this is subject to change at short notice, dependent on local restrictions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic. Please check the weekly pew sheet for up-to-date information on times and location.

READINGS FOR JUNE & JULY

Date	Reading	Reader
6 th June	1 Samuel 8: 4-11 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1 Mark 3: 20-end	Richard Ford
13 th June	Matthew 25: 14-30	Merri Womack
20 th June	Job 38: 1-11 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 Mark 4: 35-end	Brian Griffiths
27 th June	Wisdom of Solomon 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24 2 Corinthians 8: 7-end Mark 5: 21-end	John Womack Ken Bryan
4 th July	Ezekiel 2: 1-5 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1-13	Brian Griffiths
11 th July	Special readings for non-Eucharistic service God with us in the pandemic	Annette Cordery
18 th July	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Ephesians 2: 11-end Mark 6:30-34, 53 to end	Rowena Griffiths
25 th July	Acts 11: 27 – 12: 2 Matthew 20: 20-28	Cheryl Davies Richard Ford

PARISH MATTERS

Magazine Subscriptions

The payment of £3 for the cost of a magazine for this year will be collected with this edition for those who pay yearly. Otherwise it is 50 pence per copy.

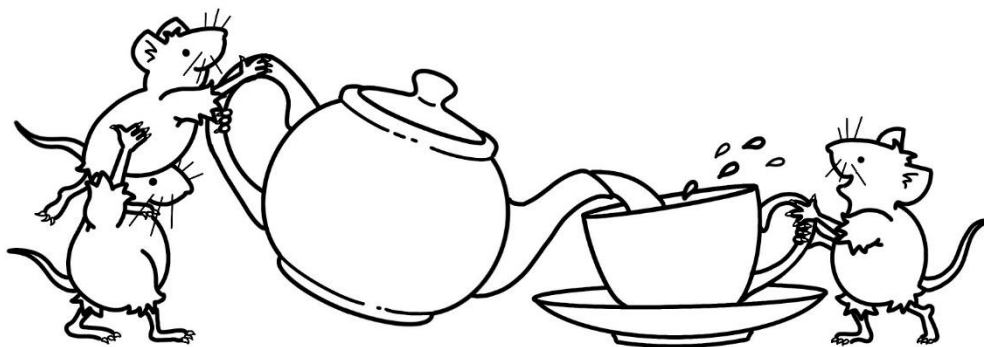
Children's Society Boxes

The annual count is now due so will anyone who holds a Children's Society Box please let Dave and Wendy Taylor have them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Advance Notice

Please save the date!

On **Saturday 18th September** in St. Mary's Church Hall or gardens, there will be a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer. More details in the next edition of the magazine.



Commissioning Church Wardens

Just as in 2020 we were not able to go to a service where the Archdeacon commissioned all church wardens across the whole of the Croydon Archdeaconry, so in 2021, the restrictions have not been lifted sufficiently for us to be able to gather in large crowds in churches, so we have again been given permission to do this within the churches. Hazel will therefore be commissioning the church wardens for both St Mary's and St Francis' churches at the 10am service on Sunday 13th June. This will be held in St Mary's Church and will be livestreamed on YouTube.

United in Giving

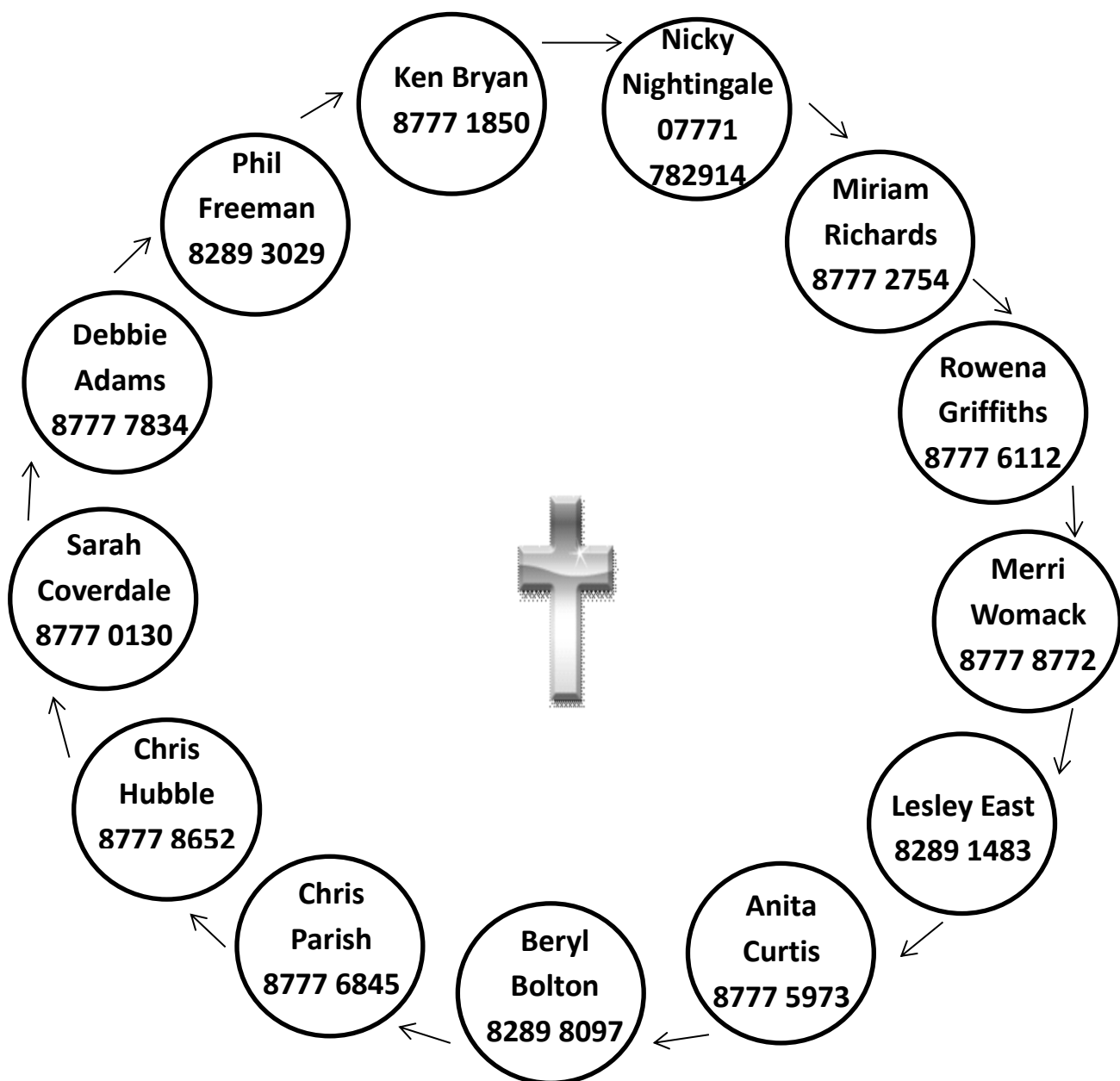
Our Annual Parochial Church Meetings at St Mary's and St Francis' this year took place both in the church buildings and on Zoom. These meetings came at either end of a stewardship campaign where we encouraged everyone to consider prayerfully the amount and method by which they gave financially to the churches. If you have not already done so, please do think about making a commitment to regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme, which you can find out more about at www.parishgiving.org.uk or from either of the treasurers: Bob West at St Mary's (robandlinwest@tiscali.co.uk) or David Wada at St Francis' (stfranciswwtreasurer@gmail.com).



St Francis and St Mary's Prayer Chain

Many people find they are given strength and peace of mind when they know that they, or their loved ones, are being prayed for. And the more people who are praying for someone, the better!

If you would like prayer for yourself, please call anyone on the chain below and they will pass a message on around the circle. If you like a name added to the intercessions list in our services, (which will be on-line as well as in-person) please state this when you make contact.



June

11th
St. Barnabas Pray for all who travel worldwide to spread the Christian faith.

15th
Corpus Christi We give thanks for the living gifts of Christ's body and blood.

24th
Birth of John the Baptist Lord, help us like John, to bear witness to you and your coming Kingdom.

29th
Saints Peter & Paul Pray that we may have the same qualities of faith, courage and devotion as we serve God.

A Prayer to the Light of our World

Lord Jesus, the light of our world, I pray that you may shine in my heart. Forgive my dull and cold feelings, my weak efforts to do your will. Drive out the stubborn shadows of selfishness, the rigid ideas that hinder the going-forth of your Kingdom. Give me a wider view of life. Help me to understand and sympathise with young people; Let me listen patiently and, if I am asked, give wise counsel from the depths of my own thinking and experiences.

Lord, give me a deeper sense of gratitude for all your loving mercies; a great thankfulness for the beauty of this world and for the precious gifts of home, love and friendship. Keep me serene in the midst of change. If the path ahead seems shaded, let me not falter, but go forward bravely, trusting in your promises and walking in your shining light which, bright as the sun at noon, will one day illumine the whole world.

(Jean Clench 1972- a member of St. Mary's Mothers' Union)

May

3rd
St. Thomas When we don't know, help us to trust. When we can't see ahead, help us keep going.

22nd
St. Mary Magdalene Like Mary, may we also proclaim the good news that JESUS IS ALIVE!

25th
St. James Pray that we may both listen and be obedient to Christ's call to us.

29th
Martha & Mary Let us be as quick to spend time at Christ's feet as we are to serve him actively.

Some Words from the Psalms

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and guide me, for you are the God of my salvation and my hope is in you, all the day long.

Psalms 25: 4-5

Longing for God

O God, you are my God, and I long for you.

My whole being desires you;

Like a dry, worn-out and waterless land,

my soul is thirsty for you.

Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you.

I will give you thanks as long as I live;

I will raise my hands to you in prayer.

My soul will feast and be satisfied,

and I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

As I lie in bed, I remember you; all night long I think of you,

because you have always been my help.

In the shadow of your wing, I sing for joy.

Psalms 63

TELLING OUR STORIES

How I know that God is with me – Merri Womack

On March 11th, John was rushed to hospital with a heart attack - a terrible shock to us all. The ambulance team were brilliant and an amazing team at King's operated to put a stent into one artery and to flush through two others.

The following day knew that I had to keep to the usual routines, including taking the dog for a walk – normally John's responsibility. Recent stories of dog-knapping heightened my awareness of my surroundings and when two men approached me as I walked by the golf course, I was somewhat wary. I transferred the lead to my left hand and held something hard – my keys - in my right. I bade them 'Good morning', they returned the greeting, and we all continued on our way.

Suddenly, it started to rain and soon it was pouring. Digby and I returned home soaking wet. As I turned into my road, panic set in as I realised that I had dropped my keys. Fortunately we have a key safe to the side of the house, so I was able to get in to dry the dog and change my clothes. All the time I was thinking about how I might find my keys. I made a notice to attach to the wire fence giving a telephone number in case someone had found them and, when it had stopped raining, I retraced my steps, searching all the time. After a while, I saw two ladies approaching, so I stopped them and told them about my keys. With great relief one of the ladies handed them over, telling me how she didn't really know what to do with them, so she was pleased that I'd come along when I did.

At that moment, I knew God was looking after me and I felt calm and safe. I have shared the story with a near neighbour, who has now become a great friend, having offered much support since.

The whole experience has helped me to be very mindful of people on their own and has made me more prayerful and thankful for my faith. God has clearly been at work in my life.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided

great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!.

Thomas Crisholm (1866-1960)

I am nothing without Christ, He is everything to me

He's the reason that I live, he is my only need

I know I couldn't make it through

One day without Jesus in my life

I am nothing, nothing without Christ.

Lyrics from 'Nothing Without Christ' by New Song

Unchanging Realities for Changing Times

*In time of great upheaval and uncertainty,
it is helpful to hold on to things that have not changed.*

*The Bible reminds us that the steadfast love of God
never ceases, and his mercies are new every morning.
He remains faithful to his people (Lamentations 3: 22-23).*

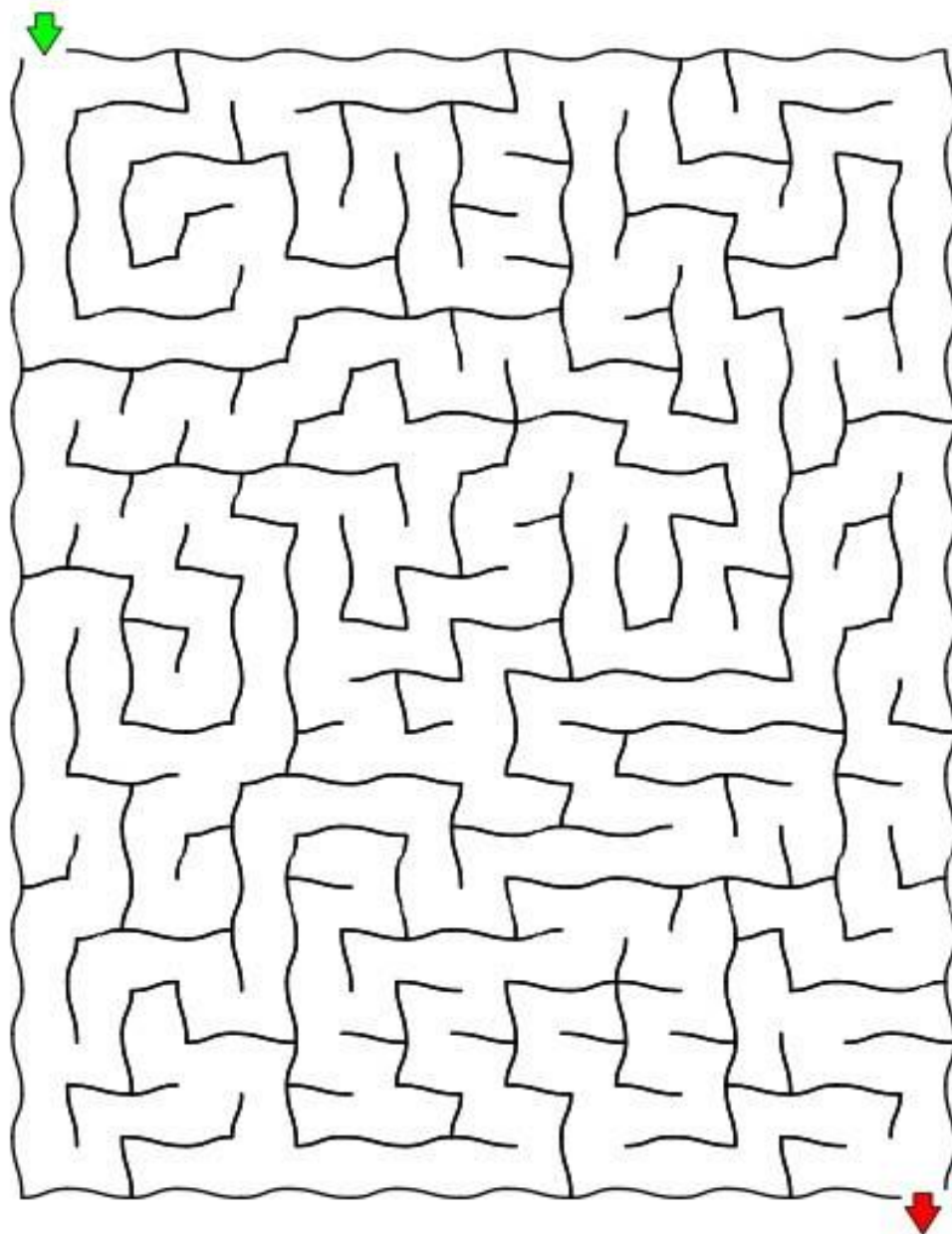
*The strength we need for today and the living hope we
need for tomorrow and beyond are ours in Jesus. By his
life, death and resurrection, he has felt our pain, given
meaning to our days and secured our future.*

*In changing times, **Jesus gives a living and secure hope**
that can never perish, spoil or fade (1 Peter 1: 3-4).*

*In the turning of the seasons, through life's joys and
sorrows, may God grant you peace and hope that endures
until that day when every tear is wiped away and all is
made gloriously new.*

From Bible Reading Fellowship

Can you find your way from the Green to Red Arrow?



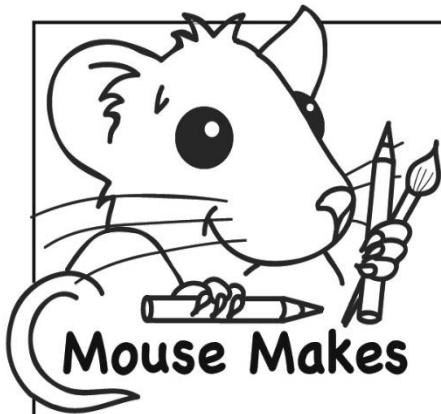
Answers to this month's crossword

ACROSS:

1, Ambush. 4, School. 8, Tired. 9, Famines. 10, Citadel. 11, Endor. 12, Atonement. 17, Avert. 19, Oracles. 21, Married. 22, Lance. 23, Rhythm. 24, Hyssop.

DOWN:

1, Attach. 2, Biretta. 3, Sided. 5, Compete. 6, Owned. 7, Lustre. 9, Falsehood. 13, Ostrich. 14, Talents. 15, Farmer. 16, Asleep. 18, Early. 20, Alley.



JESUS HEALS

Who was the first person
Jesus healed?
John 4:46-54

Who did Jesus heal
from fever?
Mark 1:29-31

How was the the
paralysed man
brought to Jesus?
Mark 2:1-12

Jesus **healed** and
made the...

SICK	ABLE
DEAD	WALK
BLIND	FORGIVEN
DEAF	ALIVE
CRIPPLED	SPEAK
SINNER	MOVE
MUTE	SEE
PARALYSED	WELL
DISABLED	HEAR



Where did the
demons ask Jesus
to send them
when he drove
them out?
Mark 5:1-20

How long had
the man by
the pool been
disabled?
John 5:1-15

What did Jesus say made
the woman well?
Matthew 9: 20-22



"There are **many** things that
Jesus did. If every one of them
were written down, I suppose the
whole world would not have room
for the books that would be written."
John 21:25

How many men were
healed from leprosy?
Luke 17:11-19

What did Jesus heal
Bartemaus from?
Mark 10:46-52



Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead,
how many days had he been buried?
John 11:1-45

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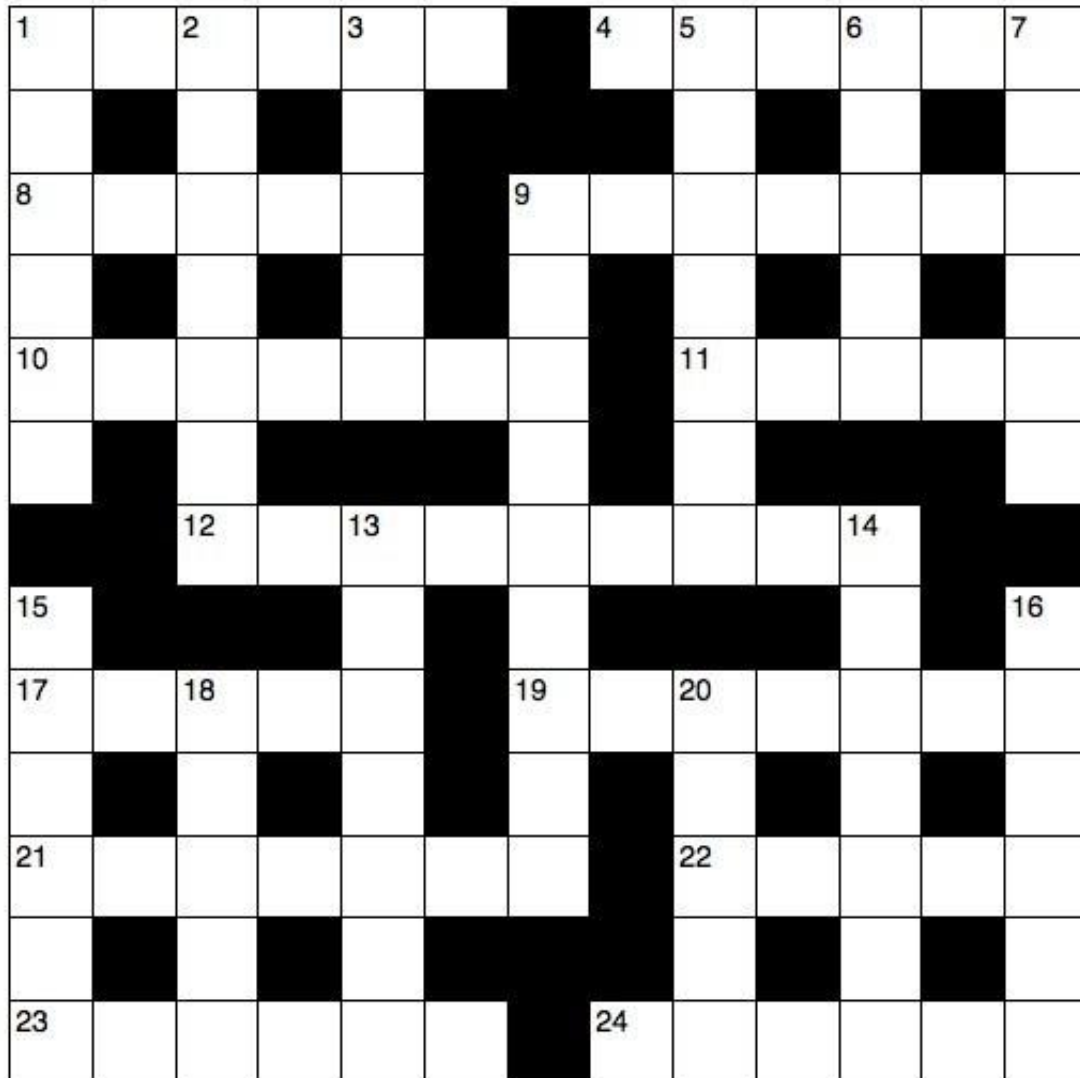
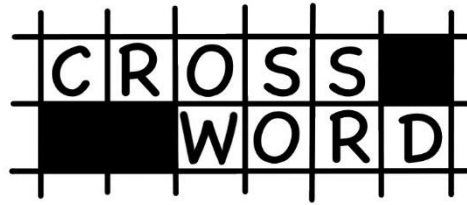


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Across

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including

- Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

WE ARE ALL GUILTY

Well, I am. At times! Of complacency of leaving it to others to sort out!

BUT we do have a duty when it comes to the safeguarding of children **OR** vulnerable adults in the church.

There is a manual in our church vestibule entitled, '*A Safe Church*', which is for reference by anyone and acts as a guide to safeguarding matters.

If you do have a genuine concern about such a matter, then you may wish to speak to Kay Mussard, our Safe Guarding Officer or one of the following; our Vicar, Rev. Hazel O'Sullivan or to one of the churchwardens.

HAVE YOU OR WILL YOU BE MAKING A WILL?

If so, please consider leaving a legacy to St. Marys.

Legacies we have had in the past have been a great blessing and encouragement and enabled us to carry out important work. It is helpful if the bequest is given without conditions so the PCC can use the money as they feel appropriate.

Please give this prayerful consideration.

To make a Will is one of the kindest things you can do so your wishes are known.

ROTAS FOR WELCOMING IN CHURCH

8.00 a.m. services

June

6th	St. Marys	Debbie Adams
13th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe
20th	St. Mary's	Debbie Adams
27th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe

July

4th	St. Mary's	Debbie Adams
11th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe
18th	St. Marys	Debbie Adams
25th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe

10.00 a.m. services

June

13th	St. Marys	Julie Conway & Annette Cordery
27th	St. Mary's	Pauline Christy & Linda West

July

11th	St. Mary's	Debs and Bill Howell
25th	St. Mary's	Merri and John Womack

ROTA FOR CLEANING THE CHURCH

Friday June 11th

Mrs. K. Mussard/Mr. G. Mussard

Friday June 25th

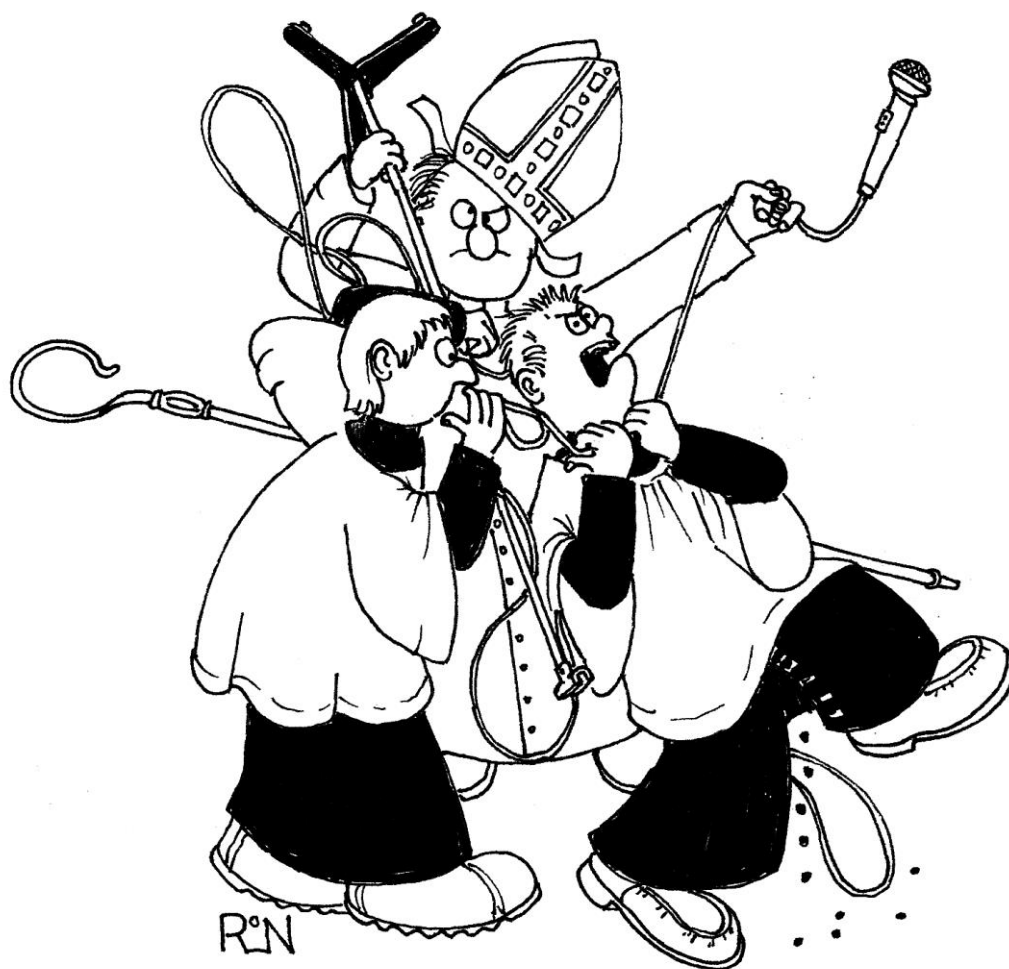
Mrs. M. Bond/Mrs. C. Cordery

Friday July 9th

Mrs. B. Bolton/Mrs. M. Womack

Friday July 23rd

Mrs. C. Bryan/Mrs. A. Cordery



After months of lockdown, the Sunday procession probably needed some practise.

Magazine Articles

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