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AUGUST 2022



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Vicar's Letter

The other day I was listening to the radio, and it mentioned how many days it is was to Christmas (in case you're wondering on the 1st of August there are/were 146 days until Christmas day). When I heard this my mind immediately jumped into Christmas planning mode – I do like to forward plan.

But then I stopped and reflected on all we have going on in August, because as a deanery we have a busy month as we join up our evening services to make them deanery services.

Sunday 7th August 6:30pm Evensong at St Augustine's

Sunday 14th August 6:30pm Evensong at St Luke's

Sunday 21st August 6pm Evening service at St Andrew's

Sunday 28th August 6:30pm Evensong at Holy Trinity

Can I encourage you to try and visit one – I find visiting different churches is a great opportunity to experience different styles of worship and see how different churches do things differently and learn from each other – but also just being there is an encouragement to the other churches. As Paul said in Thessalonians 5:11a that therefore encourage one another and build each other up.

At St Mary's we are having a short break from Thursday Thinkers to let our brains rest (or perhaps just mine) , but will be meeting up for a summer social later in the month. Our Thursday Holy Communion Services will be continuing as normal.

Lastly can I take a moment and thank everyone for continuing to make me feel welcome, to Tony and Craig for all their help and patience with me asking 101 questions. Finally, to Denis for being so open to me changing the way we plan the hymns for the service and as always, his playing. Without Denis, everyone would either have to put up with my dodgy DJing skills or me playing the chorus of Saturday Night by Whigfield on repeat and probably not in time it really is the limit of my piano playing skills.

As I write this, I have taken shelter from the heat in an airconditioned coffee shop. So, in closing please, try and stay safe whether that is from heat, blizzards, hurricanes or torrential rain (you never know with the British weather).

As always you are all in my prayers.

Take Care

Hannah



**The Church garden work
party this month will be
on
Saturday
13TH AUGUST
from 2-4pm**



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Well hello there again my pawsome chums, I fur-stly need to thank you for telling my female human about all your own furry members of your family. I have enjoyed hearing from her all about them. Today's tail is about a time recently is when I was very helpful to my humans.

Now but most humans (and I'm sure you're not) think that Cats are lazy and just sleep all day. We do sleep a lot, but this only because we are very *claw-ver*. For example my humans are not the most security conscious (mainly the male one), so it is up to me to *paw-trol* the house looking for anything that is not right which is quite often.

The first thing I do when I wake up is give myself a wash, I am a very clean cat despite what my female human thinks. I then begin my chores, walking round the whole house checking that everything is in order. If it is, I then go and talk to my humans to open the back door. Sometimes they understand and open the door. Other times they don't (as I said, I don't think they are very smart). This particular morning, my humans were having a bright day and let me out when I asked. Off I happily trotted outside as the weather was purr-fect (I don't like doing my cat-inspections in the rain) and I began looking for anything unusual. I counted the fence panels looked for holes – none to report. Grass still here – the humans really need to cut it, such an indignation to have to cross the grass with it touching my stomach. I trotted over to the outhouse, yep in one piece. But then wait a *meow-ment*, the side gate is wide open. Now I know I should not go out the gate as the big wide world is dangerous for a cat like me – no matter how claw-ver I am. So I try to close the gate, but it keeps swinging back open. I keep trying but to no avail. So it is time to call in the humans.

I go and talk to the female human, but she just tries to talk back to me, not actually having a clue what I am saying – so rude. The male human just pats my head and goes back to eating his breakfast. I try the female one again and try to take her outside, but she is busy painting her face, but trying to hide the fact she is doing it - why? Eventually with much *purr-sistance* I managed to persuade her to follow me, leading her to the open gate which she closes. Then the bit I love the *meow-ost*. I get lots of *cat-tention* and best of all a treat.

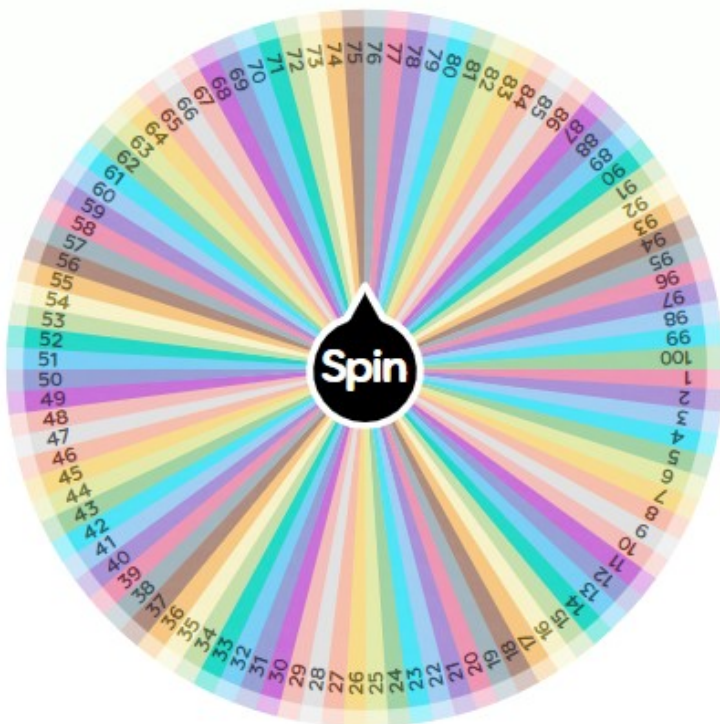


So please remember humans that it is easy not to give a serious voice to children or people who are different from us. But God throughout the bible used the unexpected people and animals, Moses who people thought had a lisp, a woman who was considered not to have lived a Godly life, dodgy Tax Collectors, murderers, donkeys and not forgetting numerous children, Samuel, David, Jeremiah, Mary, Rhoda to name a few. As Jesus says “Whoever becomes humble like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. How *claw-some* is that. So don't be surprised my human friends if God does not use you or even your pet to help, comfort and save you from terrible things that can enter your garden from a gate being left open.

Meow for now

Amelia.

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HAVE YOU ANYTHING FOR THIS MAGAZINE?

Thank you to Hannah and John for their contributions. If you have anything which would be of interest, please contact the editor, Craig Hunter early in the month, so that your space can be reserved.

Please send any material for the Magazine by the 17th of the month

How to keep your house cool in a heatwave

When the sun is sizzling overhead, many of us fling wide our windows and even doors, in an effort to get a draught of air through our homes.

But an NHS sleep consultant advises that, instead, people should keep their windows shut and their curtains drawn all day. “It’s all due to temperature differentials. As the sun comes up throughout the day it heats the inside of your house.”

“If you keep your windows and curtains closed until dusk, however, your house will feel very cool when you go to bed. As the sun sets, open your curtains and windows and you’ll feel a lovely breeze coming through your house, which will help you sleep.”

Regular weekly Services at St Mary’s

Monday	8:30-9:00am	Morning Prayer (in Church & on zoom)
Thursday	8:30-9:00am	Morning Prayer (in Church & on zoom)
Thursday	10-11:00am	Parish Eucharist in Church
Sunday	10:30-11:30am	Main Service (in Church & on zoom)
Sunday	6-7:00pm	Evensong (on 4th Sunday each month)



Morning Prayer

When morning in russet and saffron clad
Is mantling the hills in a dew-soft plaid
To the song of the moorland two-wings glad
Let my heart upraise;

When light creeps in through the chinks of the door
When the mist ascends from the mountain floor,
When the ocean shimmers like burnished ore,
Let me give Thee praise.

O God of the morning, Christ of the hills,
O Spirit who all the firmament fills,
O Trinity blest who all goodness wills,
Keep us all our days.

From Prayers of the Western Highlanders

ACROSS: 8, Prince of Peace. 9, INF. 10, Unmarried. 11, Gulag. 13, Treason. 16, In aid of. 19, Arena. 22, Calvinist. 24, Pad. 25, Moses and Aaron.
DOWN: 1, Spring. 2, Sinful. 3, Scourged. 4, Commit. 5, Spur. 6, Matins. 7, Feed on. 12, Urn. 14, Erastian, 15, Own. 16, Income. 17, At last. 18, Friend. 20, Empire. 21, Adding. 23, Inst.

Crossword Answers



St James the Least of All

The Rectory

St James the Least



On the best way to visit the homes in the parish

My Dear Nephew Darren

Your offer to bring in your team of church members, in order to make a house call on every home in our parish, was most generous. I do understand why you would need us to accommodate your team of 25 visitors, and then hold a residential training weekend for our own members of the team. I accept that we would have to produce a visiting pack listing all our church organisations, giving contact names and numbers and a short resume of what each group did, along with our mission statement and safeguarding policy. I also understand your suggestion that we include a supplement outlining our stewardship scheme.

Your plan that we should then hold an opening Service to which all the newcomers would be invited, and to which we might fly in a world-renowned speaker for the occasion, is understandable. And then of course we would need your help us to set up a finance committee with budgets and organised fund raising. But what you seem to have missed is that our entire parish consists of something like 70 homes. They would not feel visited, but invaded.

Instead, I feel it would be best if we attempt something a little more low-key: an invitation to sherry after Mattins, perhaps, where we could find out which of them plays golf and who may like to join the Bridge Club. Gradually, as the sherry flowed, we would also seek to discover who would be prepared to go on the brass cleaning, flower arranging and grass cutting rotas, which are the traditionally recognised signs of committed Christians, at least in this parish.

Inevitably, this means that none of our church members will be joining your team as you visit the residents of the new tower block in your parish. Most of our congregation abandoned attempting stairs some years ago and their polite enquiries about which Hunt the residents belong to, and where they stable their horses may lead to a rather stilted conversation.

You are, of course, all prepared to welcome your new residents with enthusiasm, excitement, and frenetic activity; our policy of polite indifference and brief conversations about the weather should soon help ours to settle in in no time.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Our designated Local Charity to support this Quarter July—September

Southend in Sight

Southend Blind Welfare was set up as a local charity in 1958, with major support from Southend Round Table no 106. Even today it still receives active support from, among its volunteers, ex-round tablers and their wives. Still helping the countless blind or partially sighted people in Southend allowing them to live fulfilling, active and independent lives. It has always been and remains a local and independent charity. Offering advice, social activities and practical help through clubs, hospital liaison and a team of volunteers who work to make peoples experience of sight loss as straight forward and stress free as possible.

Operating from premises in Hamlet court road where there is an excellent charity shop, meeting rooms and a special unit manned by sighted and blind volunteers which gives advice on equipment which is available to help make life easier for the blind and partially sighted.

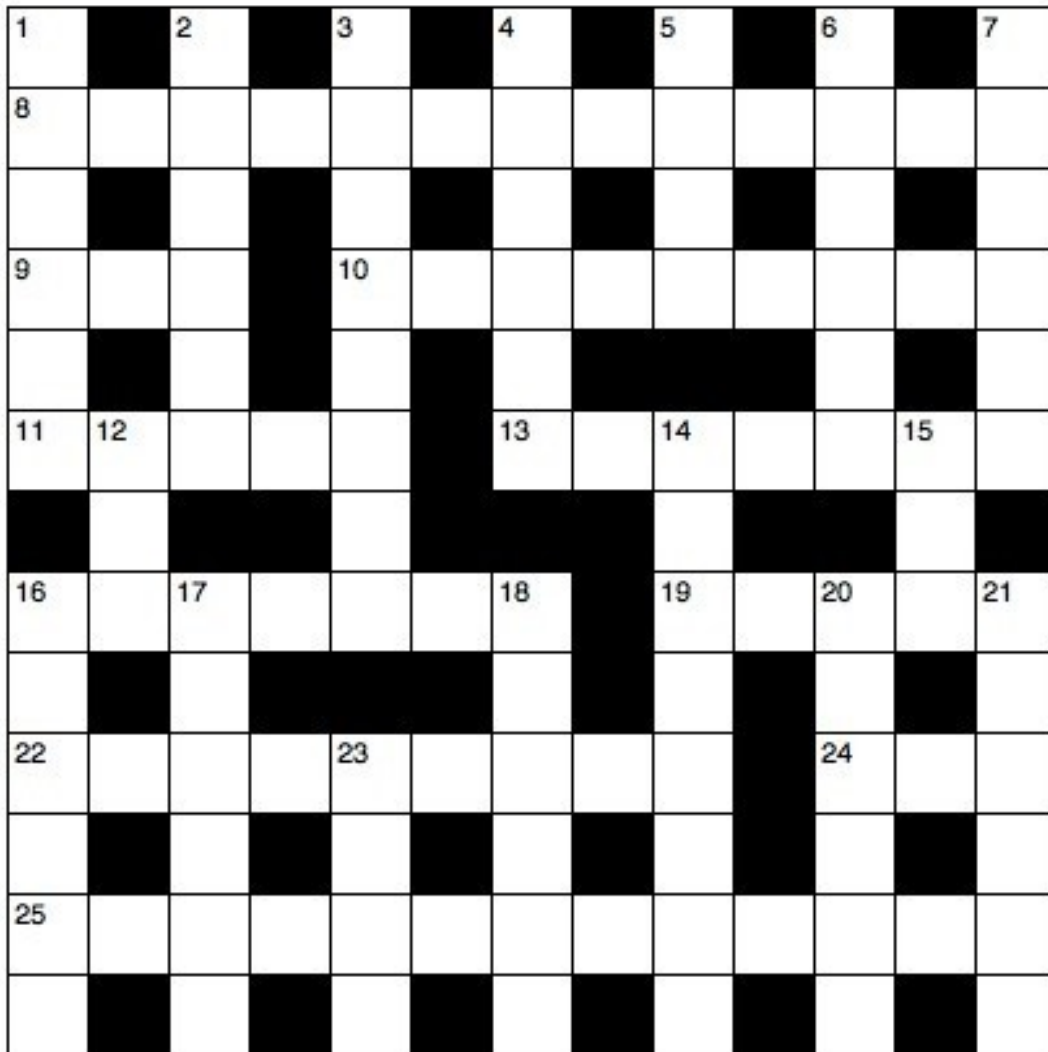
A surprising number of us start to lose their sight as we get older, usually from macular degeneration this is a common condition that affects the middle part of your vision. It usually first affects people in their 50s and 60s. In fact, I know a couple of people who used to volunteer for Southend in Sight and are now benefiting from their services!

When she died Barbara was their longest serving volunteer having been instrumental in setting up the special unit and also working at Southend hospital to help and advise people who were attending the sight clinic there.

John Tuff



Crossword anyone?



Crossword Clues

Across

- 8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)
- 9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)
- 10 Single(1Corinthians7:27)(9)
- 11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)
- 13 Treachery(2Kings11:14)(7)
- 16 Of India(anag.)(2,3,2)

19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the — ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)

22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)

24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)

25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down

1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)

2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)

3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings 12:11) (8)

4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)

5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)

6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)

7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)

12 Run(anag.)(3)

14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)

15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm 12:4) (3)

16 Earnings(1Corinthians 16:2)(6)

17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that——you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)

18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1)(6)

20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state(Daniel 11:4)(6)

21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,— to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)

23 This month(abbrev.)(4)

St Mary's Church Hall Week Day Regular Hirers/Activities

Monday	<p>Strollercise Strolling to 50's music 6-7,000 steps (3 miles) Fun, friendly, all ages, no gym kit required 10 -11am and 11.15am -12.15pm Contact: Karen/Tracy 07745 154065</p>	<p>Barling & Lt. Wakering Women's Institute 1st Monday of month, 2 pm Contact Phyl Wickenden 01702 582185</p> <p>USA Singing Group 2nd & 4th Monday 1.45pm to 3.45pm Contact Colln E: colln.edwards5@btopenworld.com</p>	
Tuesday		<p>St Mary's Bloomers Floristry Group 1st Tuesday of month (from Sept) 2pm to 5pm Contact Jane E: jvpartridge@gmail.com</p> <p>USA – Crafting 2nd Tuesday of month 1.30pm to 3.30pm Contact Janet 07810 879673</p>	<p>HIIT Fitness Class 6-7pm Contact Michelle 07903 527799</p>
Wednesday	<p>USA Ukulele Improvers 2nd Wednesday 10 – 12 noon Contact: Peter Bone 07837 562910</p> <p>USA Guitar Group 1st & 3rd Wednesday 10 – 12 noon Contact: Alan Barrett 07796 270251</p>		
Thursday	<p>St Mary's Community Coffee Morning 10.30 am to 12 noon All welcome</p>		
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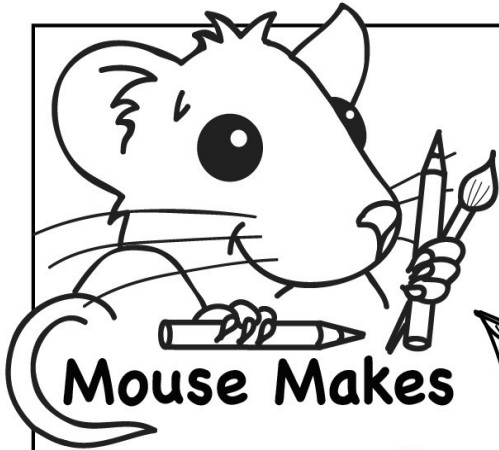
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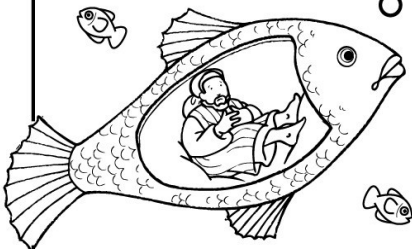
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What swallowed Jonah?
A big _____

How long was he there?
three _____ and
three _____
Jonah 1:17

JONAH'S JOURNEY

Which city did **God**
tell **Jonah** to go to?



_____ and why?
Jonah 1:12

Where did Jonah
try to go instead?



What did he travel in?

_____ Jonah 1:3

What did God send to stop him?

A great _____

What did Jonah tell the **sailors**
to do to make the sea **calm**?

_____ him into the **sea**
Jonah 1:4-16



What did Jonah do?

_____ then what did the fish do?
Jonah 2:1-10

DID YOU KNOW?

In Bible
times wearing itchy
sackcloth made from
goat's hair was a sign of
grief and repentance



When Jonah reached Nineveh
he proclaimed God's **message**...
the city would be **overthrown** in

_____ days
Jonah 2:1-10

What did the people do?

F _____
What did they put on?

_____ Jonah 3:1-9

What did God do?

R _____
Jonah 3:10

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