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SERVICES AT ST MARGARET'S

SUNDAY	8.00am Holy Communion 9.45am Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments Evening Service - As announced
WEDNESDAY	10.00am Holy Communion followed by refreshments
HOLY DAYS	Holy Communion - As Announced

See the magazine calendar for the full list of services for the month
(Home communions by arrangement with clergy)

SUNDAY CLUB

Our children's Sunday Club meets in term-time in church for a service of all-age worship at 9:45am on the first Sunday of the month, and in the church house from 9:45am to 11.00am on the third Sunday of the month. All children aged 3 and over are welcome. Co-ordinator Mrs. G.M. McConville <https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/sunday-school/> or SundayClub@stmargaretsprestwich.com

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

Enquiries regarding arranging Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Marriages and Funerals by email please to stmargaretsprestwich@gmail.com

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Dear Friends,

I begin and end each day alone with the 23rd Psalm. It may seem over-familiar to you. But the words lead me to the one who, in turbulent and chaotic circumstances, somehow has the power to reach beyond them – and guide, accompany and protect me. The Hebrew words embrace a whole network of meaning. So far, I have collected 63 different English translations!

They all agree on the Lord, the Eternal, as our Shepherd – “I lack nothing”, says the Common English Bible; “I have what I need”, says the Christian Standard Bible; “he cares for me always”, says The Voice.

There are many ways of translating “the soul” that the Lord restores by green pasture, still waters and paths of righteousness. The Hebrew word is “nephesh” – “my life” (Contemporary English), “my inner person” (Complete Jewish Bible), “new strength” (Living Bible), “you let me catch my breath” (The Message).

“The Valley of the Shadow of Death” is “a valley of deepest darkness” (Revised English Bible), “a glen of gloom” (Moffatt), “a valley of death-shade” (Young’s Literal).

The rod is to protect, and the staff is to guide, says the Amplified Bible.

And the “Mercy” (chesed) that provides the Psalm’s signature is variously “lovingkindness” (Legacy Standard), “love unfailing” (New English), “loyal love” (Lexham English), “steadfast love” (Hebrew Tanakh).

I could go on....! Each word has an extra dimension, a new light, an extra nuance. But, in these difficult and challenging times, remember that these Psalms were fashioned out of conflict, need and sometimes desperation.

“Be still: and know that I am God.” This instruction comes not from a green pasture but from a person within a world that is violently changing – Psalm 46, which begins, “God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.”

These were the songs that sustained Jesus and the first disciples whether in Calvary, Galilee or Jerusalem. They remain a living well of inspiration for us, too.

Rev Steve

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our church family:

Ivy Joanne Edwards who was baptised on 1st June 2025 at St Margaret's Church. Her parents are Jordan Edwards and Nicole Hutton.

FUNERALS

We commend into God's loving care:

Barbara Ashurst whose funeral took place at St George's Church on Friday 6th June, followed by a committal at East Lancashire Crematorium.

Mavis Collinge whose funeral took place on Tuesday 24th June with a committal at Agecroft Crematorium, followed by a memorial service at St Margaret's Church.

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2025

Tuesday 1 st July	2.00 pm Rhyme Time 2.30 pm Standing Committee
Wednesday 2 nd July	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee 5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers
Friday 4 th July	2.00 pm Wholeness and Wellbeing
Sunday 6 th July	Third Sunday after Trinity 8.00 am All Age Holy Communion at St. Margaret's with baptism 9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's
Tuesday 8 th July	2.00 pm Rhyme Time
Wednesday 9 th July	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee 5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers 7.30 pm PCC
Sunday 13 th July	Fourth Sunday after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's with Laying

on of Hands in the Baptistry area during Communion
11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's

Tuesday 15 th July	2.00 pm Rhyme Time
Wednesday 16 th July	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee 5.30 pm Maggie's Music Makers
Sunday 20 th July	Fifth Sunday after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 9.15 am Silent prayer at St Margaret's 9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's with Sunday Club 11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's 7.00 pm Copy deadline for Magazine
Wednesday 23 rd July	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee
Sunday 27 th July	Sixth Sunday after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 9.45 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's 11.15 am Holy Communion at St. George's
Wednesday 30 th July	10.00 am Holy Communion at St. Margaret's followed by coffee

Livestreamed services (9.45am Sundays and 10.00am Wednesdays) are only available via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StMaggieP>

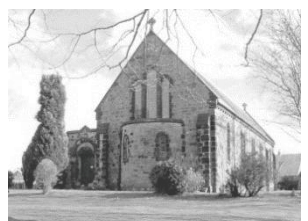
Pre-recorded services can be viewed via our blog <https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/blog/>, Facebook page, Bluesky feed or Tumblr. Just search for @StMaggieP.

Please do check our Facebook page, Instagram, Bluesky feed and website for up-to-date information.

NB GOODS FOR PORCH BOXES CAN BE DROPPED OFF ON THURSDAY MORNINGS, 9.30-11.00AM

St George's Church, Simister

This month we send our prayers to Joan Knott.



The parish **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** was held on Sunday 11 May. The statutory reports were published last month; here are the others.

PCC Secretary's Report 2025

During the course of 2024 the PCC held 8 meetings. These were very well attended with always 80% of the members attending.

In April we welcomed Rev. Steve Williams to be in overall charge of both St Margaret's and St George's churches. This is in addition to his continued service at St Gabriel's.

The PCC has once again had a very busy year, having lots of decisions to be made regarding the fabric and buildings at both churches and the halls. The repairs to the roof at St Margaret's finally started and as part of the guttering fell down, we had to have it all replaced. St George's entrance gates were in a dangerous condition and were replaced. The boilers at both churches and at the Lady Wilton Hall have given us a lot of concerns over the last 12 months and the PCC will need to address these concerns over the next 12 months. The ongoing repairs are always expensive and there have been difficult decisions have had to be made as to the priorities at each church and hall. We continue to raise funds to help with these projects and ask for your support in the coming year.

A big thank you to our Wardens at both Churches who have worked so hard on your behalf to continue our services at both Churches. There is so much work that goes unseen throughout the year, and we give thanks for all the time and effort they have given in the last 12 months.

Joan Evans

Electoral Roll

We now have 76 in total 44 Residents and 32 non -residents.

Deanery Synod Report

Synod continues to utilise a blended approach to meetings using zoom and in person meetings that appears to be going well.

We welcomed our new area dean Rev Donna Williams

There remains a strong focus on Eco Church with all churches encouraged to join the scheme.

Presentations on how to access the revitalisation fund, how to improve communication and reach out to our wider community.

The Bishop of Bolton visited and delivered a presentation on Grace and how to incorporate this into our daily lives.

Each synod ends with a sharing of joys and sorrows from across the deanery.

Diane Hill

Christian Stewardship Report 2025

I am continuing to get to grips with the role of Gift Aid secretary.

We have taken support and advice from Paul Bailey, Diocesan Giving Advisor, and have joined the Gift Aid Lite Scheme. We are now in the process of collating all the necessary information to claim outstanding gift aid claims. This is proving to be very time consuming.

I would like to thank Dani for her support and look forward to being able to give you all a more in-depth report in the future.

Gillian McConville

St Margaret's Sunday Club

Sunday Club offers children and young people the opportunity to meet in Church House once a month. At this monthly session we begin by sitting together to share breakfast snacks, this is followed by singing, stories and craft activities to encourage children to explore and develop their faith. Sunday Club numbers have increased during the past year, and we enjoy lively sessions with an average of 12 – 15 children.

Some Sunday Club children regularly attend the all-inclusive service held on the first Sunday of the month, older children serving as acolytes and younger children using the child friendly space near the baptism area. Our next step is to continue to support and encourage more families to attend the all-age service by liaising with the clergy team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated team who continue to work hard to make these monthly meetings interesting and accessible to all.

Gillian McConville

Messy Church

Messy Church is held in our parish once a month on a Wednesday at the Lady Wilton Hall in Simister 3.45 - 5.15pm. It is predominantly for primary school age children, but often younger/older children attend which is actively encouraged. Parents/Carers and often Grandparents bring the children and stay.

Messy Church was originally set up near Portsmouth, over 21 years ago. The aim was to create alternative ways and new places to worship, to complement but not replace the traditional Sunday Church Services.

Every session, tables are set out with different activities, crafts and games. These are provided in many different forms so to include all ages, preferences and abilities. It is very much child led so to encourage independence and choice while in a supportive, loving environment; skills that are very important today in an everchanging world. Photographs of the children's work are often put on the Church social media pages.

There is always a theme, linked to the lectionary, that is planned and then followed. A member of the clergy will read/tell an appropriate bible story and lead prayers before food and drinks are served. This is an important part of the ethos of Messy Church as it brings everyone together at the end of the session before they leave to go back into the community.

It is important to note that Messy Church wouldn't happen without the wonderful group of all age volunteers, who take on the many roles such as opening the hall and setting out the room, buying and preparing food, helping/serving in the kitchen and the planning/organising and managing the many different exciting activities taking place. Then of course there is the tidying up which is often done by everybody!

Please tell others about what we do. It would be lovely to see other children and their families.

Jacqui Jackson, on behalf of the 'Messy Church' Team.

Community Centre Report

The Community Centre continues to be fully occupied every evening as well as Saturday mornings with regular users. There are groups for pre-school aged children during the day such as Rhyme Time, Tumble Tots and Mood Music.

The local authority is starting a weekly, after school group for secondary school young people in the near future.

The committee continue to maintain and look after the building but there are concerns that big projects will need to be financed in the near future, including replacing hand dryers and the flooring in the main hall.

Gillian McConville, Management Committee Secretary

Music and Digital Communications Report to the APCM: Jan – Dec 2024

Our churches are fabulous buildings in which to perform music, and as well as having a thriving choir that sings anthems most weeks, we hosted a concert by the Manchester Chorale in October. Whilst small in number, our choir tackles challenging rep, including music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Karl Jenkins, Johnny Dankworth, John Rutter, Mozart and Debby Plummer. I continued visiting St Margaret's CE primary school twice weekly to run a lunchtime choir for KS2 children and lead the whole school weekly singing assemblies. We welcomed the whole school to church for an Easter service, a Harvest service in the Autumn, and a carol service just before Christmas. In the autumn term I took the school choir to the Stoller Hall for a lively singing workshop and back to the Trafford Centre for a day of singing carols and Christmas songs.

Items were posted to our blog and social media streams every day during Lent, including twice-weekly Stations of the Cross as well as seasonally appropriate hymns, anthems and readings.

Over the summer I took a sabbatical and visited other churches of the mission community for their main Sunday services. I experienced for myself the importance of a warm welcome, someone to sit with, and invitation to stay for coffee afterwards. There was a wide variety of hymns and other music, and some useful conversations about using technology in worship.

In Autumn we said au revoir to our relief pianist, Tom Davenport, who left to study trombone at Leeds conservatoire of music. We wish him well in his endeavours, and he continues to play for occasional services when back in Prestwich during his university vacations.

Throughout Advent we had our fifth online digital Advent calendar, which this year grew to three daily posts featuring bells as well as Christmas and Advent carols, hymns, anthems and readings. This was followed by daily posts for the Twelve Days of Christmas. Huge thanks again to all contributors, who sang songs, or read stories and poems. Our carol service and Midnight Christmas service were both livestreamed and well received.

We continue to post to our blog, Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter feeds daily, and these include "Our Daily Bread" prayers, reflections from the Society of St John the Evangelist, and short daily bible readings. We continue to use our public Facebook page for livestreaming services, and the private St Margaret's Community Facebook group in which we can offer each other spiritual support.

In 2024 we posted 223 articles to our blog, to which 294 people subscribe. Since establishing our website in 2016, over 94 000 people visited our website over 178 000 times. In addition, we have 564 Facebook page followers, 118 Facebook group members, 184 Twitter followers and 187 Instagram followers. Our blog consistently receives at least

2000 visitors per month, with highs of over 4000 in October 2024 (Harvest) and December 2024 (Christmas). All our blog posts are automatically 'pinged' out to Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr, from where they can also be accessed.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the dedicated singers of our parish choir, Maggie's Music Makers, and most importantly to Tom our organist.

Dr Carol Porter

Authorised Lay Minister (Digital Church) and Director of Music



Give a Little

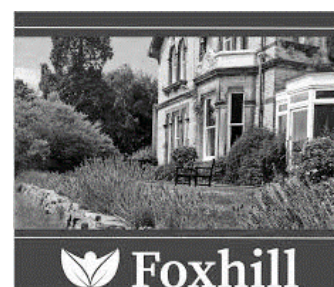
You may have noticed a QR code on our weekly service sheets over the past few weeks. QR codes are clever bits of technology – a bit like bar codes – that link the real world with the online world. Those of us comfortable with using smartphones can simply point the camera at the QR code, and it will open a website (which is specific to a particular QR code). In this case, the QR code opens the parish "Give a Little" page, in which we can donate £10, £20, £30, £50, or an amount of your own choosing, to the running of our parish.

For those of you reading this issue of our magazine online (and therefore for free!) here's the link – please help us to help you, by contributing to our running costs:

<https://givealittle.co/c/7BenBwKBCZ82XbR8wJRir8>

Parish Retreat to Foxhill

This year's retreat to Foxhill, near Frodsham was blessed with wonderful weather. There were experienced 'old hands' and some who had never been on retreat before. Led by Revs Christine and Sue, the theme was resting – and trusting – in the Lord, with plenty of opportunities for self-care, meditation, silent prayer, lively fellowship, and craft activities. Here are some reflections from the retreatants:



Being a newbie to retreats I was a little nervous as to how I would feel. All I can say is I do wish I had done it earlier. It was a good experience, and I felt very rested on my return. There was a good mix of sessions and services with plenty of free time. It meant you got to

know people in more depth and everyone looked after each other. We met people from other parishes and got an insight into their worship.

The food was very well prepared, varied and plenty of it. The staff catered for our every need. The rooms, although small, contained everything you could need. Tea and coffee were available at all times. Don't be afraid to try a retreat as it can be very enjoyable. Foxhill is not far away being near the village of Frodsham which, for the good walkers, is in walking distance. There is always the alternative of getting a taxi either one way or both. A very enjoyable experience.

Joan Evans

Foxhill 2025

If I close my eyes
What can I hear?
Songbirds and grasshoppers,
The breeze in the trees,
And the hum of bees.

If I close my eyes
What can I feel?
The warm summer sun,
The rain on my face,
And the hum of bees.

If I close my eyes
What can I smell?
New mown hay,
And Lavender blue,
With the hum of bees.

If I close my eyes
What do I know?
The world of creation
From songbirds to holly bushes
And the hum of bees.

If I close my eyes
Who can I be?
A child of God
Living with the hope of salvation
And the hum of bees.

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Ubi Caritas – Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

This is the first of a series of four motets written by Maurice Duruflé in 1960, based on motifs of Gregorian plainsong. The others are *Tota Pulchra Es* (see last month's magazine), *Tu es Petrus* (Thou art Peter) and *Tantum Ergo* (Only Then).



Ubi Caritas (where there is charity) is an antiphon for use on Maundy Thursday during the washing of feet and is attributed to Paulinus of Aquileia in 796. The melody used by Duruflé in this setting probably dates from late 8th century. The text of the prayer is:

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.*

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together into one.

*Exsultemus et in ipso, jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus sincero.
Sincero.*

Let us rejoice and be glad in Him.
Let us fear and love the living God.
And let us love from a sincere heart.
Sincere.

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Amen*

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
Amen

I first sang this piece on a Sing for Pleasure conducting course in June 2025, and very quickly grew to love it. It's complex, set for sopranos, altos, tenor I, tenor II, bass I and bass II, so 6 voice parts in total. The first two lines are repeated, sung by only the altos, tenors and basses. The sopranos don't sing until "Exsultemus" (rejoice), adding texture in the higher register. The "Et ex corde" phrase is also repeated, and "sincero" emphasised, before the lower voices return to "Ubi caritas" and a long and elaborate Amen.

As noted in my article about "Tota Pulchra Es", Duruflé does an excellent job of mimicking plainsong and Renaissance polyphony in modern notation. This is not easy. Plainsong has no bar lines, and relies on speech rhythms. To replicate this, and accommodate female voices,

Duruflé transposed the melody up a dominant 7th, and changes time signature regularly, varying between 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 quavers to a bar. Regardless, it's beautiful, and our parish choir has begun learning it, with the lower voice parts covered by Tom on the organ.

Meanwhile, you can hear a recording of St John's Choir Elora here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=755x6lRfLaQ>

Carol P



MESSY CHURCH

There is no meeting in July or August. Enjoy the summer break and we'll see you in September.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 14 July, 2:00pm at Zandra's house. Please let her know if you plan to attend. We will be discussing:



- Hamnet (Maggie O'Farrell)
- Yellowface (Rebecca Kuang)

Please tell Zandra if you plan to attend.

Do you find it difficult to get to church on a Sunday morning? No time can ever be convenient for everyone, and if a **weekday afternoon service** would suit you better let us know. If there's enough interest we will put on a service once a month, on a day to suit all those who would like to come. Just let one of the clergy, or the person who delivers your magazine, know.

Stockport Plaza

Dear friends, I have been asked by a few people if I am organising a trip to Stockport Plaza in October. This year the show is ANYTHING GOES this is by Cole Porter and has quite a few good tunes in it. If we can get the usual of 30 people going, I can once again organise a coach both there and back. Not sure of the cost as I have not yet received the posters for it but it is around £20.00 a ticket and about £10 / £11 for the coach.

The show is on the 25th October, and we are going to the matinee. If you are interested please sign your name on the list at the back of Church, or contact me direct, on 0161 7739683.

Joan Evans

Plant Sale

We are very pleased to announce that the final total for the Plant sale in May is £978.85p. Both Sheila and I are delight with this result and thank everyone for all their contributions of plants and help both on the day and helping to set up on the Friday. A great team effort. Joan Evans



Dates for Wholeness and Wellbeing Services:

July 4th: September 5th: October 3rd

All services are held at St. Margaret's Church, from 2.00. – 3.00pm

Silent Prayer:



This is on the 3rd Sunday in each month at 9.15am. in St. Margaret's Church.

If you require further information on either of these please see Carol Olive -ALM (Prayer and Spirituality)

From the Flower Arrangers

The cost of both reredos and columbarium flowers is £10.00 per date/person. You can contact your flower arranger direct by telephone (all names and numbers are detailed on the rotas) or you can place your payment in an envelope in the flower donation box in church, please clearly write on the following:

- Your name
- The name of your loved one
- Which flower arrangement - either reredos or columbarium
- The full date of your flowers



If you would like to take one of the vacant dates in memory of your loved one, please call Vicky Crookes on 07936548439 to discuss. Thank you.

**FOR ENQUIRES RELATING TO COLUMBARIUM AND REREDOS FLOWERS PLEASE CALL
VICKY CROOKES ON 07936548439
Columbarium Rota**

Date:	Paid for by:	In memory of & date	Arranger
July 6th July 20th	The McConvilles Anne Orrell The McConvilles Christine Taylor	Irene McConville 5th July Michael Orrell 17th July John Wellavize Lilian Dean	Christine Taylor 0161 773 1272
Aug 3rd Aug 17th Aug 31st	Joan Evans The McConvilles Mrs Brundret Jean Johnson Michael Gerrard	John Riley 2nd Aug Ted McConville 14th Aug Florence Brundrett 15th Aug Arthur Johnson & Mandy Bourne Nora Gerrard 23rd Aug	Vicky Crookes 07936 548439
Sept 14th Sept 28th	Barbara Sheppard Dutton Family VACANT Sue Hunsley	Herbert Bland 4th Sept Ellen Francis 4th Sept VACANT Ian Hunsley 29th Sept	Vera Swallow 0161 798 6561
Oct 12th Oct 26th	Irene Eggerton Margaret Nolan VACANT VACANT	Norma Shaw 19th Oct Raymond Grayshon 20th Oct VACANT VACANT	Sheila Johnson 0161 773 1406
Nov 10th Nov 24th	VACANT Carol Porter Sheila & Jack Gale Sylvia Hickson	VACANT Maureen Jones 18th Nov Wilfred Gale 23rd Nov Brian Hickson 30th Nov	Vicky Crookes 07936548439
Dec 1st Dec 15th Dec 29th	Direct to Church Vera Swallow Church Donations	George Smethurst 16th Dec Gina Swallow 22nd Dec Christmas Church Flowers	Sheila Johnson 0161 773 1406

Reredos Rota 2025

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July 6th July 13th July 20th July 27th	Ann Orrell Vacant Joan Evans Sheila Johnson	Michael Orrell 17th Vacant Harry Evans 21st Norman Johnson 31st	Barbara Ashurst 0161 798 6198
Aug 3rd Aug 10th Aug 17th Aug 24th Aug 31st	Yvonne Naylor Yvonne Naylor Sheila Johnson Sue Hunsley Barbara Shepperd	Joan & Brian Lane David Naylor John Gamble 21st Ian Hunsley The Bland family 31st	Sheila Johnson 0161 773 1406
Sept 7th Sept 14th Sept 21st Sept 28th	Viv Jones Vacant Watson family Gillian McConville	Edna & Eric Case 8th & 10th Vacant Betty Watson 21st McConville family	Vicky Crookes 07936548439
Oct 5th Oct 12th Oct 19th Oct 26th	Vicky Crookes Hedley Cox Ann Booth VACANT	Kane Crookes 7th oct Gilford & Eveline Preston Jean & Jack Mundy 19th VACANT	Vicky Crookes 07936548439
Nov 2nd Nov 9th Nov 16th Nov 23rd Nov 30th	Irene Kellett church flowers Judith Hall Brenda Griffiths Vacant	Richard Kellett 1st Remembrance Sunday Roger Hall 8th Nov ? Vacant	Christine Taylor 0161 773 1272
December	Advent - no flowers		

Annual Flower Arrangements 2025

ARRANGEMENT	DATE	FLOWER ARRANGER
Vase of Marguerites for St. Margarets Day	In place for Sunday 20 th July 2025	Sheila Johnson
Harvest Pedestal / Margaret Sedgwick Bequest	In place for Sunday 5 th October 2025	Vera Swallow
Remembrance Pedestal	In place for Sunday 9 th November 2025	Vicky Crookes



Maggie's Music Makers

We'll be taking a well-earned summer break after the Patronal Festival on 20 July, restarting weekly rehearsal in September.

You can hear examples of the music we sing on the website, or on our social media platforms.

If you're interested in joining us in September, please speak with Carol or Tom. There is no audition

process, nor is there an expectation that you read music. We sing hymns, learn anthems, and develop singing technique, all in a friendly and supportive environment. More details on the website here <https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/maggies-music-makers/> and here <https://stmargaretsprestwich.com/music-at-st-margarets/>

OUR DAILY BREAD JULY 2025

"Summer Holiday"

We're all going on a summer holiday no more working for a week or two. Enjoy your holidays, enjoy family time together and may God bring you safely back home again. Amen



1st: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? **Psalms 27:1**

2nd: Lord Jesus, friend of the friendless, helper of the poor, healer of the sick, whose life was spent doing good, help us to follow in your footsteps, make us strong to do right, to be gentle with the weak, and kind to all in sorrow, that we might be like you, our Lord and Master. Amen.

3rd: Thomas the Apostle: Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God.

4th: Fill our hearts with Your light and strength, O God, as together we journey with each other through life's toils and tribulations, seeking always Your truth and love. Amen

5th: Worship is discovering the truth and then rejoicing in it. "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship Him" **John 4:23**

Sunday 6th: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. **Psalms 25: 4-5**

7th: May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15:13**

8th: God is with us even in our dreams (Jacob) had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. I believe they carry our prayers to the Lord. **Genesis 28: 12**

9th: Tears of joy are like the summer rain drops pierced by sunbeams. - **Hosea Ballou**

10th: God has a plan for you today – and it's good in every way! "O lord, my God ... we are ever in Your thoughts." **Psalms 40:18**

11th: In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

12th: Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do

Sunday 13th: 'Tis the human touch in this world that counts, the touch of your hand in mine, which means far more to the fainting heart, than shelter and bread and wine. For shelter is gone when the night is o'er, and bread lasts only a day, but the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice sing on in the soul always. **Spencer Michael Free.**

14th: We thank you Lord Jesus, for this day; for friends and family, work and play; and for walking with us along the way. Amen

15th: St. Swithun's Day: Almighty God, by whose grace we celebrate again the feast of your servant Swithun: grant that, as he governed with gentleness the people committed to his care, so we, rejoicing in our Christian inheritance, may always seek to build up your Church in unity and love. Amen



16th: A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. – **James Dent**

17th: A light in the darkness stops everything falling apart. **Let Jesus be that light.**

18th: When the path ahead of us is washed away. God will give us wings.
You'll never walk alone.

19th: Gregory & Macrina, Teachers of the Faith: Lord of eternity, creator of all things, in your Son Jesus Christ, you open for us the way to resurrection that we may enjoy your bountiful goodness: may we who celebrate your servants Gregory and Macrina press onwards in faith to your boundless love and ever wonder at the miracle of your presence among us. Amen

Sunday 20th: Grant us a vision Lord, to see what we can achieve; to reach out beyond ourselves; to share our lives with others; to stretch our capabilities; to increase our sense of purpose; to be aware of where we can help; to be sensitive to your Presence; to give heed to your constant call. Amen. **David Adam**

21st: God of time, God of space, fill this moment with your grace. God of motion, God of peace, from each sin, give release. God of quiet, God of might, keep us ever in your sight.

22nd: Mary Magdalene: Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life. Amen

23rd: God created the world in six days; it won't take Him that long to destroy it. "The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare." . **2 Peter 3:10**

24th: Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint, **Isaiah 40:31**

25th: James the Apostle: Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him

even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay. Amen

26th: Anne & Joachim: Lord God of Israel, who bestowed such grace on Anne and Joachim that their daughter Mary grew up obedient to your word and made ready to be the mother of your Son: help us to commit ourselves in all things to your keeping and grant us the salvation you promised to your people. Amen

Sunday 27th:

May God keep us
May Christ shield us
May the Spirit bring us healing and peace
May God the Trinity keep us in light and grace today and forever. Amen

28th: A smile is such a funny thing, it wrinkles up the face; and when it is gone it is hard to find its secret hiding place. But far more wonderful it is, to see what smiles can do. I smile at you, you smile at me, and so one smile makes two!

29th: Mary, Martha and Lazarus: God our Father, whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, in learning, argument and hospitality: may we so rejoice in your love that the world may come to know the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your compassion, and your power to bring life out of death. Amen

30th: God has given you something you can give back to the world – in a way no one else can. “Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later” **Ecclesiastes 11:1**

Sunday 31st: Dear Lord, we pray for all school, college, university leavers who are ready to embark on a new era in their lives. We pray Lord, you will keep them safe as they start this new journey. Help them to be positive about their future whatever the outcome. “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” Amen. **Matthew 6: 34**



Greetings Cards and Prayer Blankets

Our dear friend Mavis sadly passed away last month. Amongst the great services she did for our parish over the years were upcycling old greetings cards and stitching together knitted squares into prayer blankets.

With grateful thanks to all who have donated cards over the years, the remaining stock is still available to purchase in church, but we need to find alternative recycling routes for our old cards now. Zandra Lewis

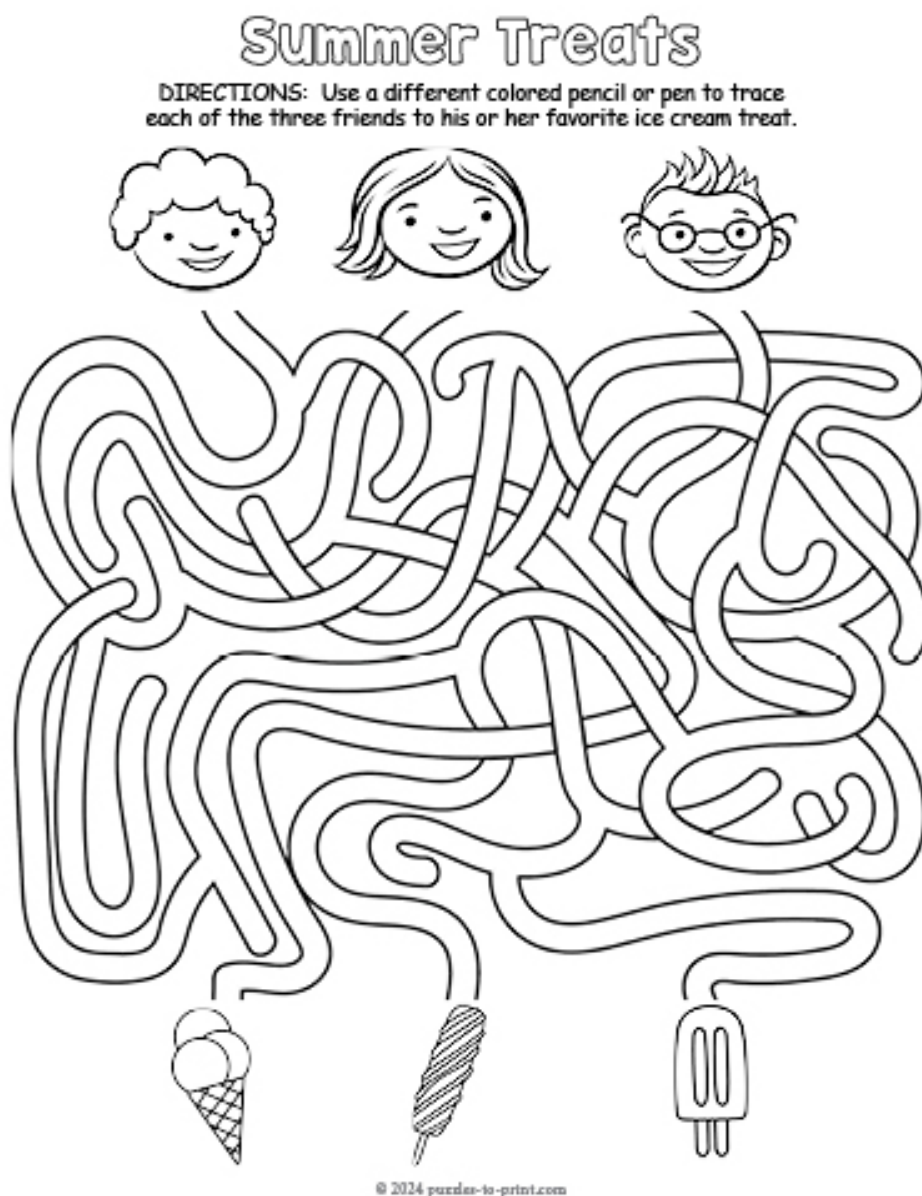
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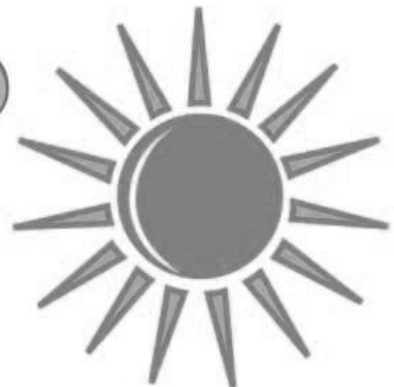
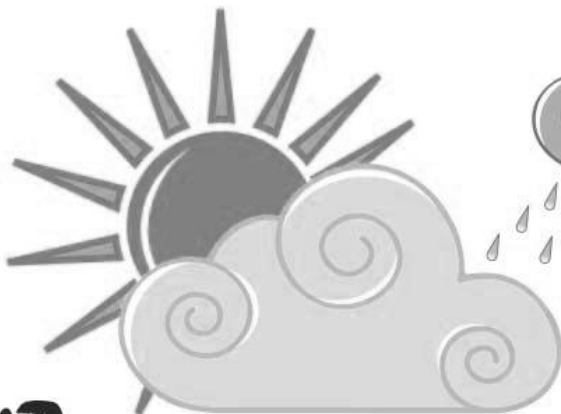
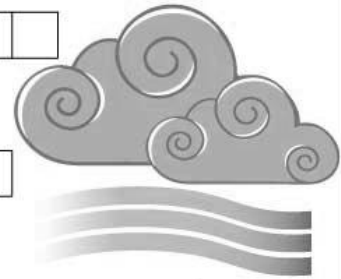
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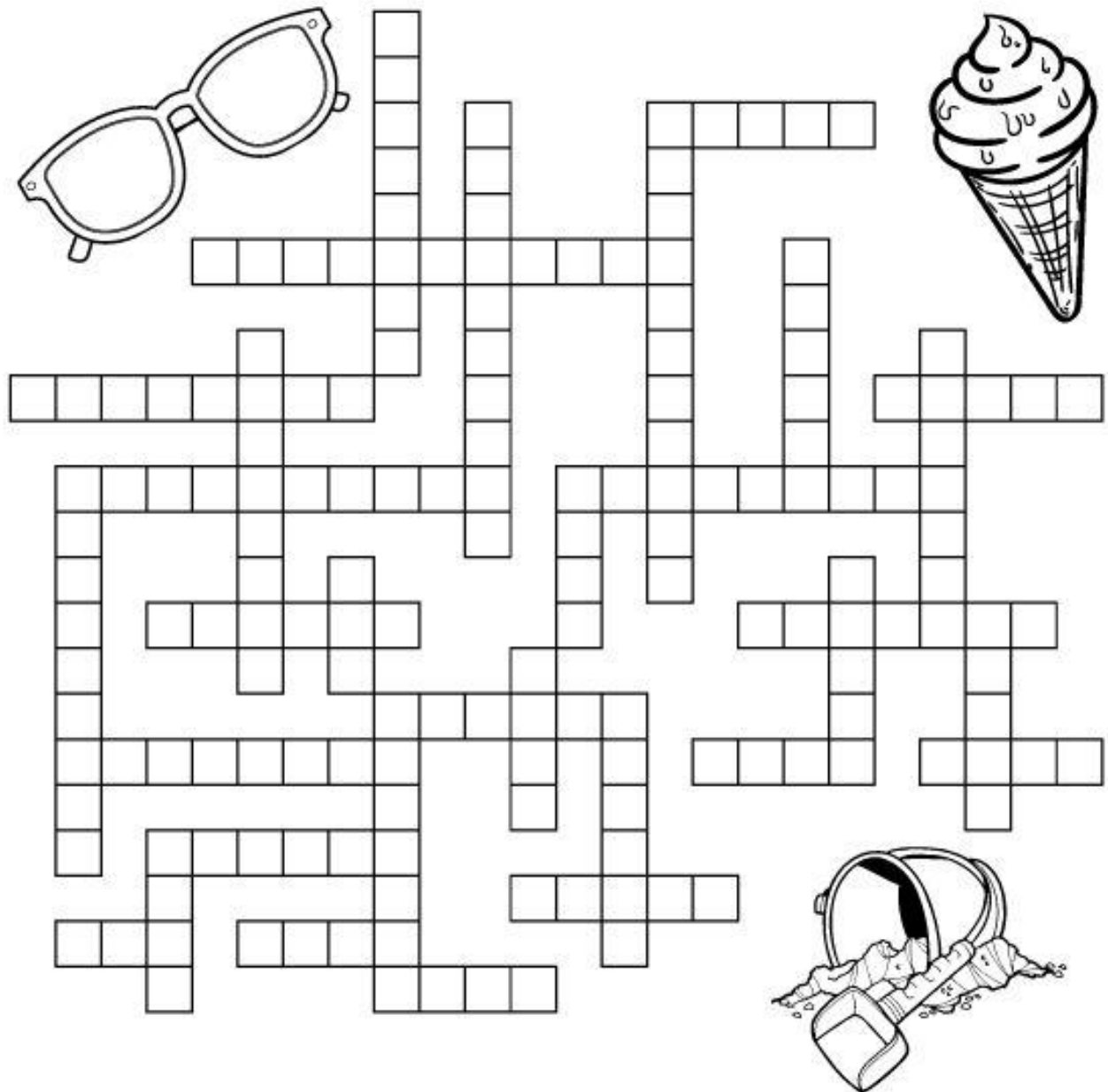
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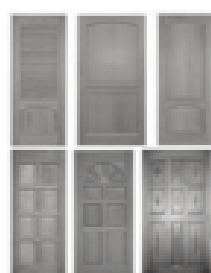
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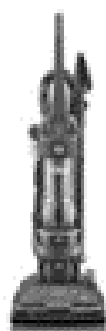
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