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News from the Parish of Kingsley, Northampton

**JUNE 2022**



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# Services at the Parish Church of St Matthew

## Sundays

10.15am	The Parish Mass (sung)
5.30pm	Evensong — according to The Book of Common Prayer

## First Sunday in the month

10.15am	All Age Mass for the Parish Family
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

*When the choir is on holiday (coinciding with school holidays and half terms)  
Choral Evensong is replaced with Congregational Evensong*

## Second Sunday in the month

10.15am	Laying on of hands and Sacrament of Anointing is offered in the Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Congregational Evensong

## Third Sunday in the month

5.30pm	Choral Evensong and Benediction
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## Fourth and Fifth Sundays in the month

5.30pm	Congregational Evensong
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## Weekdays *(During the winter months of November to March, held in the Parish Centre)*

Morning and Evening Prayer are said publicly at 9.00am and 5.30pm daily

**Monday** 7.00pm Mass (on Bank Holidays at 9.30am)  
(Healing Mass and Devotions on the first Monday in the month)

**Tuesday** Currently suspended

**Wednesday** 9.30am Mass

**Thursday** 9.30am Mass

**Friday** 12 noon Mass

**Saturday** 9.30am Mass

(Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham followed by a Cell Meeting on the second Saturday of the month)

## Major Feast-Days Procession and Sung Mass at 7.30pm

*(Always held in church. The morning Mass may be cancelled — refer to literature in church and on website)*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**, commonly known as Confession, is celebrated in the Lady Chapel by appointment with the clergy. They are also available for advice and guidance on any matter of concern.

All aspects of the sacrament are in confidence.

# Worship Calendar for June

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Observance</i>	<i>Intention</i>
1	<b>S Justin, M</b>	
2	Feria	
3	<b>The Martyrs of Uganda</b>	
4	Feria	
<i>Mass is celebrated each day, except on Tuesday</i>		
5	PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)	The Parish
6	Feria – Ordinary Time begins	
7	Feria	
8	Feria	
9	S Columba, Abbot of Iona	
10	Feria	
11	S Barnabas, Apostle	The Shrine and Society of OLW
12	TRINITY SUNDAY	The Parish
13	Feria	The ministry of healing
14	Feria	
15	Feria	
16	Feria	
17	Feria	
18	Of the BVM	
19	CORPUS CHRISTI	The Parish
20	Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
21	Feria	
22	S Alban, First Martyr of Britain	
23	S Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely	
24	The Birth of S John the Baptist	
25	Of the BVM	
26	THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 8)	The Parish
27	S Cyril of Alexandria, B	
28	S Irenaeus, B and Dr	
29	SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	
30	Feria	
31	Feria	

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*The Church prays for the community daily.  
Please include these topics in your daily prayers.*

# June's Pastoral Letter from the Vicar

## Not Just for Whitsun

Very occasionally, you may still hear people talking about the Spring Bank Holiday as the 'Whitsun' break. Until 1965, this national holiday took place on the Monday after Pentecost; but the inconvenience of its date, always 50 days after the moveable feast of Easter, finally argued for its replacement with a fixed 'day off'. Our inherited cultural calendar understood the intimate connection between these two great feasts, which share an almost equal weight in the cycle of the Christian year.

Easter proclaims the resurrection of Christ from the grave, the transformation of humanity into something glorious after its passage through pain and death. It celebrates something fundamentally mysterious, defying explanation. The disciples are confounded by the risen Christ when they encounter him: as the gardener, the companion on the journey to Emmaus, or the stranger on the shoreline, Jesus is almost unrecognisable – until their eyes are opened, and they begin, fragmentarily, to understand. The risen Lord is no revived corpse. He is the flickering image of the human future, cast into the shadowy present of his friends for them to behold.

Fifty days after the resurrection, the disciples wait in the Upper Room. In the calendar of the Old Covenant it is the Feast of Weeks, Shavuot, commemorating the gift of the Law on Sinai. The disciples hear the wind and behold the flames, and then find they are able to speak and be understood by many as they are filled by the Holy Spirit. They receive something far greater than the Law this Pentecost, because God himself comes to inhabit them. He comes as the advocate, source of consolation and giver of gifts, who will speak the truth through them to all who will hear. He comes as love to dwell in their hearts, making sense of the mystery of the Christ they have encountered, and enabling them to share that mystery with others. Pentecost gives the disciples all they need to pass on what they have received from the Lord, so that others too may believe, and be transformed.

The gift of Pentecost is not just for Whitsun. It flickers in every natural gift and skill we possess. It rises to a flame in Baptism, in the sharing of the Eucharist and the life of Christian discipleship. To us it gives the ability, and the boldness, to pass on what we have received, and to live faithfully and lovingly in hope of the glory which is to come.

Your sincere friend and parish priest.

*Fr. Nicholas*



*In Thanksgiving for  
the 70-year reign of  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II*



## A month of celebration

Seventy years on the throne: our Queen is an amazing woman, totally committed to duty, honour, country and commonwealth, and to her Christian faith. Although her accession to the throne was in February, this is the month of celebration, and the time for us to honour our Queen and to thank God for her.

Some people find public celebrations very easy, and love big events, street parties, mega concerts, and so on. Others prefer a quieter life. However, this is a unique national occasion, and we ought all to find ways to honour such a remarkable person and all that she has brought to our national life.



From the first weekend of the month to the last, and June is also the month when we ordain new deacons and priests in the Cathedral. Not every parish is directly involved, but it should be a great cause of rejoicing for all of us that men and women, younger and older, are continuing to offer themselves for ordination in healthy numbers.

Our selection process is quite rigorous, training takes several years, plus at least three years of on-the-job training as curates. It usually takes around eight years from someone first offering until they can be in charge of a parish or in an unsupervised chaplaincy role. Even through lockdown, we have had a steady stream of good candidates, and the future looks promising in terms of the availability of future clergy.

In the middle of June, among other things, I will be presiding at confirmations, instituting a new vicar in a parish, dedicating major refurbishments in another church, spending a day in a rural multi-parish benefice including a school visit, spending a morning with the group of people training to be licensed as Lay Ministers and Readers later in the year.

In one way, these are just standard, “bread and butter” activities in my diary: but they are also signs of a church that is truly alive. That is something more to celebrate. Praise God!

+ Donald

With best wishes  
+Donald

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**The Parish Church of St Matthew**

**Sunday 5 June**

**PENTECOST  
(Whit Sunday)**

**with a Celebration of Her Majesty  
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

**10.15am  
Procession and  
Parish Mass**

**5.30pm  
Solemn Choral  
Evensong**



## The June Drop

Something alarming happens to apple trees just as the little green apple clusters are beginning to swell. Thoughts of bumper crops and apple pies to come swell fatly in my mind – only to be dashed when half the little green apples suddenly fall to the ground.

It's called 'the June drop'. It happens every year, and I always forget. But this is the way that the tree ensures that its apples will have enough light and water to grow to maturity. Without that, the seeds within each fruit will not grow, and the precious virtue of the tree's life will be lost in a bumper crop of very small, useless apples.



In 1653, Ralph Austen published *The Spiritual Use of an Orchard*. I can't remember if this was one of the spiritual lessons he drew from his own orchards, but it's one that anxious people and terminal hoarders can draw from the experience of having to choose between one good thing and another. Window-box gardeners face the same thing: you have to plant more seeds than you have space to grow, to ensure that you have plenty of them, and that inevitably means that some will have to be sacrificed.

'Having it all' is a Western aspiration which subtly devalues every thing in that 'all' – even as it refuses to make hard choices. There are so many good things in life, and we can't bear to recognise that making any sort of choice immediately closes off other things. Women reading this might immediately

think of the hard choice between trying to be a good mother and pursue a career simultaneously. But the regret is more universal than that. Nowadays, to study arts will make it almost impossible to study science in sufficient depth to understand it; to choose a simple lifestyle will make it difficult to create and pass on wealth; to travel widely may mean playing less of a role within the local community.

But if I don't choose a few things wholeheartedly – or perhaps just one, like the merchant who sells all he has to buy the one field in which he knows a treasure is buried – there is the risk that every-thing I have aspired to have will turn out to be a waste of dissipated effort. There must be one thing that I really long for, for which all other good things are best left for others who desire them most.

'Our one choice,' writes Ignatius of Loyola, 'should be for that which makes us what we were created to be'. Making that choice is not simply a question of choosing between this course or that. It is about a deeper awareness of our innate value. Until I realise my eternal value, and the purpose Christ has for me, I will always be anxious about what I should be doing to justify my existence.

Once I have realised that, what I am doing and whether I think it's truly the right goal for me at this time, will probably fall into place, and other choices will drop away quite naturally and with as little regret as an apple tree sheds half of its baby apples in June.

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*Jonathan Starmer*

# Wednesday Brownies Posy Making Day

*Elizabeth March, Brown Owl*

On the Saturday before Mothering Sunday, nine girls from the Wednesday Brownie Pack and their leaders, with help from Alan and Violet's Auntie Sara, got together for a few hours in the Parish Centre. This is something we haven't been able to do since Covid struck in 2020. Although we did some special events virtually, there is nothing quite like getting together away from the usual Wednesday Brownie meeting, and having fun with the children.

To begin with, when everyone had arrived we had elevenses and we all had a chat about what the day was all about. It's surprising what they say away from formal meetings and this was no exception. We had two things to do before lunch and both were very important.

The first was to make the flower posies for the next day. Some girls got the hang of it straight away and produced great posies. Some found it a little more difficult and needed help with most of their posies. But it was their offering and if they were a bit shaggy, and in certain cases unkempt, they did their best. They all looked absolutely fabulous in the baskets ready for Church the next day. It was fun although a little wet and messy but we soon cleared that up.

The second activity was making lunch, very important. The girls were called away from posy making one at a time and made pizzas. The pizzas were covered in a herby sauce and then covered with ham, cheese, mushroom, pepper and tomato – the choice was theirs. Some had everything and their pizzas were huge, others just cheese and tomato.

When we were waiting for the pizzas to cook, the girls made designs on a plastic base covered with tiny pegs and they then put coloured beads on the pegs. When these were finished they were ironed to bond the beads together. The design comes away and the finished article can be used as a mat or a hanging decoration. They are really very pretty and easy to do.

Lunch time arrived and, as it was a lovely day, we took tables and chairs outside onto the lawn and had lunch. Our pizzas were wonderful, and we also had crisps, fruit, chocolate brownies (very appropriate!) and cornflake crunches. It was good to be able to sit out. The girls then wanted to play and while we sorted out the next activities they did as they pleased, with supervision at all times of course.

The next activities were craft based, making a lolly stick rabbit with lots of glue and felt. They were really very sweet. We also did a present for Mum, Grannie or Auntie. This was another rabbit made from a towelling face cloth with big ears and googly eyes and a pink pom-pom nose. Also tucked inside was a chocolate just for the lucky recipient. We finished everything just in time. Mums and Dads came to collect the girls and I think they had all had a lovely few hours. The leaders and helpers certainly did.

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## Baptisms and Weddings

**Initial Enquiries Evenings** for Baptisms and Weddings take place at the Parish Centre on the first Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

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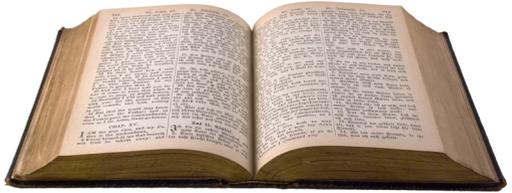
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# Weekday Scripture Readings for June

Our weekday scripture readings, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, taken from the 'Additional Lectionary' which was constructed by the Church of England principally for use in Cathedrals at weekday Evensong.



Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 Kings 19.1-18	Matthew 3.13-end
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ezekiel 11.14-20	Matthew 9.35 – 10.20
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ezekiel 36.22-28	Matthew 12.22-32
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Deuteronomy 16.9-15	John 7.37-39
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 12.1-9	Romans 4.13-end
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 13.1-12	Romans 12.9-end
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 15	Romans 4.1-8
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 22.1-18	Hebrews 11.8-19
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 51.1-8	John 8.48-end
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 40.12-end	Mark 1.1-13
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 2.1-10	Hebrews 11.23-31
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 2.11-end	Acts 7.17-29
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 3.1-12	Acts 7.30-38
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 9.1-5	Luke 9.11-17
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 34.1-10	Mark 7.1-13
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 34.27-end	2 Corinthians 3.7-end
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 37.1-11	Romans 12.9-21
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Genesis 41.15-40	Mark 13.1-13
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Genesis 42.17-end	Matthew 18.1-14
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Genesis 45.1-15	Acts 7.9-16
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Malachi 4	Matthew 11.2-19
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 50.4-21	Luke 15.11-end
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 32	James 3.13-end
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 3.1-18	Matthew 5.1-12
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Ezekiel 34.11-16	John 21.15-22
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 6.9-15	1 Timothy 2.1-6

**The Parish Church of St Matthew**

**Sunday 12 June**

**TRINITY  
SUNDAY**

**10.15am**

**Procession and  
Parish Mass**

**5.30pm**

**Solemn Evensong**



## A prayer for wisdom in understanding the Trinity

O Lord, who can have knowledge of thy understanding and meaning, except thou give wisdom, and send thy Holy Ghost from above, to reform and redress the ways of them which are upon earth, that men may learn the things that are pleasant unto thee, and to live lovingly with one another, every man being content with his own vocation, and follow[ing] the same, be preserved through wisdom.

Grant this, God, for thy Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our spokesman and advocate; to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all praise, dominion, honour, rule and thanksgiving, now in our days and ever. Amen.

*Thomas Hutchinson*

*from The Image of God, or Lay Man's Book (1550)*

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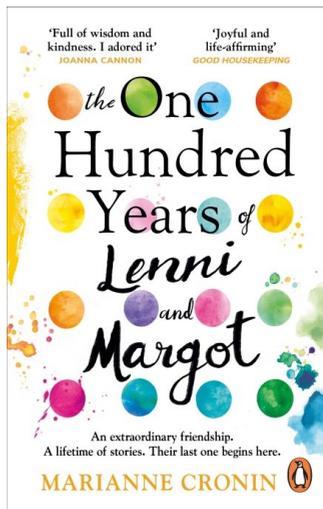
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<b>Friday:</b>	<b>4.00pm - 12.00am</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>3.00pm - 12.00am</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>3.00pm - 11.00pm</b>

## On the Bookshelf

Dorrie Parker

Through most of the pandemic I've been reading books that were passed on to me by friends, so it was a bit of a novelty, and a joy, to spend time browsing in an actual bookshop and see what would leap out and say: "Buy me!"

As you know from previous articles, I tend to go for quirky novels, a category which this book falls into, and it is the most enjoyable book I've read in ages – one that I couldn't stop reading, but that I didn't want to get to the end of either...



***The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot*** is the debut novel of Marianne Cronin, and tells the story of two women, both in a Glasgow hospital with a terminal condition. It's told in the person of Lenni who is 17. One day she spots Margot in a corridor doing something really furtive and peculiar, and is delighted to see her again in a newly set up hospital art group, and they become instant friends. Margot is 83, and Lenni realises that between them they have lived for 100 years, and together they embark on a project to put the personal life-changing events of those 100 years on paper as art. But also they tell just each other the story behind the painting, and as the two women become closer they are able to reveal the secrets about themselves that have been kept hidden for years.

Bearing in mind that we know their condition is grave, the project has an urgency, and some of the secrets they tell are heart-breaking. But as much as I cried through this book, I also laughed, as it is delightfully told and really funny and witty. Lenni's day-to-day life in hospital and conversations with the nurses and porter draw you right into her life, and I looked forward to each of her exchanges with the hospital chaplain as he learnt to cope with her sense of humour... It's a book that makes you feel that you are intimately and directly involved with their story.

A heart-warming, uplifting book about friendship and the gift of life.



**The Parish Church of St Matthew**

**Sunday 19 June**

# **CORPUS CHRISTI**

*Thanksgiving for Holy Communion*

**10.15am  
Procession and  
Parish Mass**

**5.30pm  
Choral Evensong  
and Benediction**



# St Matthew's Wine Appreciation Group

*Adrian Burch (Wine Educator)*

The world has been growing grapes, and making wine, many years before the miracle at the Wedding at Cana in John's gospel. There is strong evidence of wine making in Georgia in 6000 BC. By 3000 BC wine making was well established in Turkey, Israel /Palestine, Lebanon and Egypt. Probably not the first countries that come to mind when considering wine!

The Phoenicians and the Greeks initiated wine making in Spain in 1100 BC, before the Romans cultivated grapes in Italy in 800 BC and then moving on to France in 600 BC. We must thank the Romans for starting the English wine trade in 100 AD. With global warming estimating that in 50 years the geographic zone favourable for wine growing will move 100 miles towards the poles. Will we see Rosé made in Iceland? Will Burgundy have to give up Pinot noir, and grow Shiraz? Watch this space...

How about the really new kids on the block? Production is small, but is taking place in Sweden, Paraguay, Zimbabwe, Thailand, Tahiti, Kazakhstan and South Korea. Really big new players must include China, since it is now the world's sixth largest wine producer!

Enough history, let's move on to the here and now. The Wine Appreciation Group meets monthly, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. We meet in the Garden Room of the Parish Centre at 7.30pm for two hours of education, wine tasting (around a chosen theme) and a lively debate and discussion about the relative pros and cons of the eight wines. Since each of us is an expert on our own palate, disagreement is not surprising and is welcomed. We only pay lip service to what the 'wine experts' tell us about a particular wine, since we prefer our own opinions.

Wines we have assessed over the last twelve months include:

Red wines from Italy, Guess the country where it's made, Six clarets from the same Chateau over six different years, The Best of Morrisons, Cheese and Wine pairing, Wines from Argentina, The Best of Tesco, Red wines from Lebanon and recently The Best of Aldi.

Topics coming up in the near future include:

An Adventurer's Tasting, The Best of Sainsbury's and Wines from Georgia.

My aim is to provide a mixture of commonly obtainable wines with an evening of the unusual. I think the balance works OK, but please ask the participants for an honest answer. There is a charge of £10 to cover the cost of the wines and the room hire, and we do have a few vacancies if anyone is interested. Please contact me for further details.



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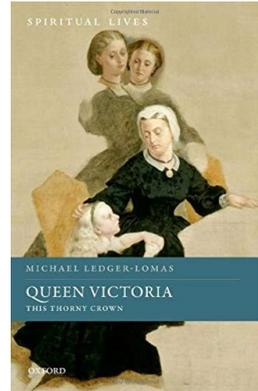
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## Queen Victoria

### This thorny crown

Michael Ledger-Lomas  
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As a bishop, I perhaps ought to confess that Queen Victoria had a prejudice against the episcopal order. When members of Convocation came to wish her well on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, she described them as a “very ugly party” and frankly avowed “I do not like bishops!”



Victoria was, however, alive to the connection between her authority and the vitality of the established faith.

Reading her journal, however, it becomes evident that, while Victoria was frequently expansive about Highland scenery, foreign travel, and the theatre, her interest in texts and religious ideas was limited. Under 8 August 1852, she wrote: “Albert told me much about an interesting book he is reading, the Life of Jesus by Strauss – Dinner as yesterday.” She was nevertheless a convinced liberal Protestant, committed to a lay style of piety.

Her marriage to a German Lutheran of radical theological views and her widowhood deeply marked her faith. Archibald Campbell Tait, born in Edinburgh, was her ideal churchman. She deeply sympathised with the loss of his five daughters to scarlet fever while he was Dean of Carlisle. Her journal became a mausoleum book in which she recorded the loss of relatives, friends, and servants, and lamented over newspaper reports of accidents and disasters.

At the beginning of the reign, England was a byword for ceremonial shambles. Lord Robert Cecil, who many years later became Victoria’s Prime Minister (as Lord Salisbury), having witnessed the Queen opening one of her earliest Parliaments, remarked that “we can afford to be more splendid than most nations but some malignant spirit broods over all our most solemn ceremonials and inserts into them some feature which makes them all ridiculous – something always breaks down.” No one was saying that at the end of the reign.

*The Rt Revd Lord Chartres is a former Bishop of London. This is an edited version of a review that appeared in the Church Times. By permission.*

## 32<sup>nd</sup> St Matthew's Multi-Aged Unit

*Mandy Ludlow*

Because of how Easter and the early May Bank Holiday fell we have, in fact only met on three Mondays since Easter; nonetheless we have been busy, not only the girls but leaders too.

On Sunday 25 April, four of the leaders attended the County Training Day, two renewing their First Response Certificates, the other two looking at fundraising ideas, new craft activities and ways to bring the meaning and learning of our Promise to the girls. It was interesting as part of the latter session to see how many times the Promise has changed since 1910.

### **Original Promise**

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best:

To do my duty to God and the King (or God and my country);

To help other people at all times;

To obey the Guide Law.

### **Original Law**

A Guide's honour is to be trusted.

A Guide is loyal.

A Guide's duty is to be useful and to help others.

A Guide is a friend to all and a sister to every other Guide.

A Guide is courteous.

A Guide is a friend to animals.

A Guide obeys orders.

A Guide smiles and sings under all difficulties.

A Guide is thrifty.

A Guide is pure in thought, in word and in deed.

Lord Robert Baden-Powell encouraged the development of the whole person, including spiritual, moral, physical, mental, social, intellectual and emotional aspects. All of these aspects all were instrumental in the creation of the Fundamental Principles of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting, outlined in the Original Promise and Law. Although the Promise and Laws are different, the principles remain the same.

Our Promise today:

All Girlguiding members are invited to make the same Promise.

"I promise that I will do my best, to be true to myself and develop my beliefs, to serve the Queen and my community, to help other people and to keep the (Brownie) Guide Law."

From the original 10 laws, although we now have just six, they are not dissimilar:

A Guide is honest, reliable and can be trusted.

A Guide is helpful and uses her time and abilities wisely.

A Guide faces challenge and learns from her experiences.

A Guide is a good friend and a sister to all Guides.

A Guide is polite and considerate.

A Guide respects all living things and takes care of the world around her.

Our Promise links us to other Girlguiding members and the ten million people involved in guiding across the world. Although we may have different languages, cultures and beliefs, each member makes a commitment to do their best:

To be an active citizen of the community and the wider world.

To help others – from a kind word to a neighbour to huge international campaigns.

To develop her spiritual side – whatever she believes or cares about and to respect the beliefs of others.

These themes run through everything, and shape the lives we go on to lead.

Our inclusive Promise for all is a shared commitment for every member – from all faiths or none. This unity is what makes Guiding so special.

Over the couple of weeks we have met, the younger girls have made and decorated cookies, kept a be kindness calendar for a week, played games. At home, girls have had to create a den and get ready for bed by torchlight. Some have made edible campfires. We have had Rainbows complete their nature and family tree interest badges.

Guides have worked hard too on their Skills Builders, Rangers have cooked and were going to learn to knit – unfortunately, this had to be postponed because of COVID, but has been rearranged. They have however, been to Starbucks for a programme planning evening. As you know we collect at Harvest, Christmas and Easter for the Hope Centre Food Bank; during the next few weeks and as part of our Jubilee activities for the Community, we want to see if we can collect 70 bottles of shower gel/shampoo/liquid soap – if you are able to help with this and donate a bottle, please leave it at the Parish Centre for us.

Café Guides is slowly getting back to a more normal service. For June we will be in the Parish Centre for a Jubilee-themed Café Guides; we will however, continue with pre-packaged cake for the time being. We hope to see you there.

## Café Guides Recipe for June

Celebrate royal celebrations with this Union Jack cake. Topped with fresh fruit, it's the perfect treat for summer parties and get-togethers.

### Union Jack Jubilee Cake

*Preparation time: 25 minutes | Cooking time: 40-45 minutes | To decorate: 40 minutes*  
*Serves 18*

#### *Ingredients:*

- 350gms soft margarine
- 350gms caster sugar
- 450gms self-raising flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- 6 medium eggs, beaten
- Grated rind of 2 lemons
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Red and blue paste food colouring, optional

#### *To decorate:*

- 350gms butter, at room temperature
- 675g icing sugar, plus a little extra, no need to sift
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 200g white ready-to-roll icing
- 250g blueberries
- 150g raspberries
- 225g, baby/small strawberries, with green hulls still on

#### *Method:*

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/Fan 160°C/Gas Mark 4. Line the base and sides of a 12x8x2 rectangular cake tin with a sheet of non-stick baking parchment, snip it diagonally into the corners then press the paper into the tin so that the sides and base are lined and the paper stands a little above the top and sides of the tin.
2. Cream the soft margarine and sugar together in a bowl or food processor until light and fluffy. Mix the flour and baking powder together, then gradually mix in alternate spoonfuls of egg and flour until both have all been added and the mixture is smooth.
3. Stir in the lemon rind and lemon juice until the mixture is a soft dropping consistency. Spoon the cake mixture into the lined tin, or for a patriotic red, white and blue marbled cake, spoon half into the lined tin. Divide the remaining mixture into two bowls and colour one half red, and the rest blue. Add spoonfuls of the coloured mixtures to the lined tin, then swirl together.



4. Bake for 40-45 minutes until the cake is well risen, golden brown and a skewer comes out cleanly when inserted into the centre. Leave to cool for a few minutes then invert the cake onto a wire rack, remove the tin and leave to cool. To make the buttercream, beat the butter and one third of the icing sugar together in a bowl or food processor until smooth. Gradually beat in the remaining icing sugar and lemon juice until light and fluffy. Cover and keep at room temperature until ready to use.
5. Peel the paper off the cake, turn over and trim the top level if needed. Cut in half, then sandwich back together with a thin layer of buttercream. Place top down on a large plate, tray or cake board. Spread a very thin layer of buttercream over the outside of the cake to stick the crumbs in place, then spread a thicker layer all over and smooth with a palette knife, reserving a couple of tablespoons for piping later.
6. Knead the ready-to-roll icing to soften, then roll out half into a long strip on a work surface dusted with sifted icing sugar. Trim to make two 4cm wide strips, long enough to make a cross across the centre of the cake. Mix the trimmings with the remaining icing, then roll out and cut two long strips, 2.5cm wide and long enough to go diagonally from corner to corner, trimming the strips to sit flush with the wider white cross.
7. Arrange the blueberries between the strips of white ready-to-roll icing. Spoon the remaining buttercream into a paper or plastic piping bag, snip off the tip, then pipe dots on the diagonal white strips and arrange the raspberries in lines on top. Add dots of icing over the central cross and stick the whole strawberries in place. Chill in the fridge until ready to serve.

*Tip: To help you get ahead, the undecorated cake can be frozen wrapped in foil. Take out the morning of the party and allow to defrost at room temperature for 3-4 hours.*

## Caption Competition Winner

Thanks to those who entered the competition this time and raised £16 for church funds.

The entries were judged by Fr Nicholas who said:

I enjoyed all the submissions, though I think my favourite is Jonathan's topical attempt:

'Working lunch? during Covid lockdown'



# Learning to Pray

## A guide for everyone

James Martin

Harper Collins £16.99 (£15.29)

*Learning to Pray* offers a basic guide to what prayer is, how to set about it, and what it feels like. “I’ll assume that you know next to nothing about prayer. That way I’ll be able to include everyone, beginners through those with years of experience. But I will also assume that you can come up to speed quickly.”

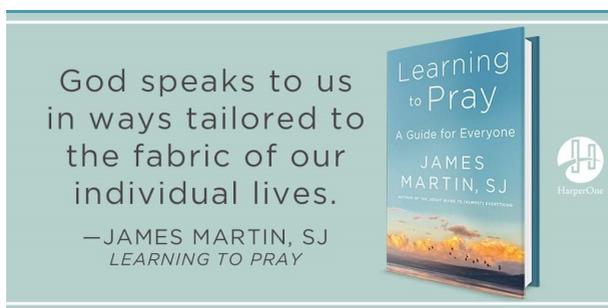
Martin starts by affirming how much implicit prayer we may have already experienced without realising, and commends as his dominant model for praying “conversation with God” as with a friend.

He is clear that prayer is about God – this is not a book on mindfulness – though it is some time before his generalised talk of God acquires some edges by reference to Christ or to the Bible.

As he reviews various methods of praying, it is clear that Martin addresses a general audience, but does so firmly as a Jesuit. He describes the common currency of conversational prayer, written prayers, lectio divina, and petitionary prayer, but reserves extended consideration for the daily Examen – the structured review of the day as taught by Ignatius – and for the practice of Ignatian contemplation.

*Learning to Pray* is full of good sense and helpful realism, not least about spiritual dryness – “Here is what sometimes happens in the morning – nothing.” Beneath its savvy, unpius presentation, it offers broadly conventional teaching that is not particularly theological, original, or deep, but provides for a general readership an easily digested introduction to personal prayer and showcases the Jesuit tradition.

*The Revd Philip Welsh is a retired priest in the diocese of London.*



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## Next month's magazine

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Please leave paper contributions in the 'P' (for 'Parker') pigeon hole in church or email files to: [magazine@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk](mailto:magazine@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk)

**When attaching photographs to the email address please send no more than 7mb -worth per email, otherwise it jams the system! Thank you.**

**Deadline for the JULY magazine is SUNDAY 12 JUNE**

*Editor:* Dorrie Parker

*Layout and production:* Gary Drinkwater

# June Wordsearch

Can you find the words listed in the grid? They may be written in any direction.

Answers next month!



**The Scrabble Group** are a little band, meeting in the Parish Centre Garden Room on the **first Monday of the month**, playing for fun! We meet at **1.45pm** for refreshments with a prompt start at **2.00pm**, finishing the afternoon at **4.00pm**.

It only costs £4 including refreshments, and there's always room for more members – why not you?

*Mary Wallis*



St Matthew's Church

# SUMMER FETE



## Saturday 2 July

### 1.00pm till 4.00pm

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- ⊗ Raffle (£100 cash first prize) ⊗
  - ⊗ Wet-sponge stocks ⊗ NSB band ⊗
  - ⊗ Bouncy castles ⊗ Face painting ⊗
  - ⊗ Vintage tea room for refreshments ⊗
  - ⊗ Model railway display ⊗ Candy floss ⊗
  - ⊗ Gallones ice cream van ⊗ Classic cars ⊗
  - ⊗ Marked police car and motorbike ⊗
  - ⊗ Noah's Trail in the church ⊗
  - ⊗ Kingsley's Fallen Heroes display ⊗
  - ⊗ Choir performance ⊗ Various stalls & games ⊗
- and much more...*

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# SUMMER FETE



**Saturday 2 July 2022 1.00pm-4.00pm**

## **ROLL UP, ROLL UP, ROLL UP!**

Thank you for your generous donations for the fete thus far – please keep on sorting through your drawers, cupboards and garages for all those unwanted gifts and items.

We still need donations for the bottle tombola stall, good quality bric-a-brac, children's toys, games and outfits, general items for the tombola stall, sweets and chocolate tombola stall, books for the books stall, and plants. **Unfortunately we are unable to accept electrical items unless they are new and in their original packaging.**

Items can be left in the box at the back of church or brought to the parish office during office hours. Please telephone first to check someone is there to take them in.

Thank you for your support.

*Denise*

[summerfete@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk](mailto:summerfete@stmatthews-northampton.org.uk)

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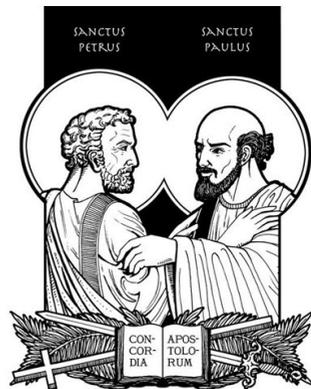
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**The Parish Church of St Matthew**

**Wednesday 29 June**

**Ss PETER  
and PAUL,  
Apostles**

**7.30pm  
Procession  
and  
Parish Mass**





# The Diocese of Peterborough

## Prisons Awareness Day

**Date:** 2nd July 2022

**Time:** 10:00 - 12:30

Everything you wanted to know about prisons but were afraid to ask. Have you ever wondered what it is like to live or work in prison?

If the answer is Yes then this session, which is open to anyone and everyone, is for you!

The event will be hosted and led by **the Revd Helen Dearnley**, an experienced prison chaplain, who is Anglican Adviser in the Prison Service, responsible for overseeing Anglican prison chaplains round the country, and also Bishop Donald's Adviser in Chaplaincy.

The morning will include reflections from a prison governor, a former prisoner and a prison chaplain. Together they will give insight into prison life, answer all of the questions you have and hopefully both challenge and inspire your thinking and your prayers!

Refreshments of tea, coffee and donuts will be provided, and we promise that there won't be porridge!

**Venue:** Bouverie Court, Northampton NN4 7YD

**Tickets:** Free, but must be **[booked in advance](#)**. Bookings close on 30th June 2022.

For more information contact [joanne.gibson@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto:joanne.gibson@peterborough-diocese.org.uk)

## St Matthew's Ladies Group

Meetings are on Monday afternoons from 2.00pm till 4.00pm in the Parish Centre, on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

### Meetings in June

13 June                      Speaker: Jan Henson  
                                       – *Flower Arranging Demonstration*

27 June                      Lunch at Ye Olde Cobbler

The full Spring/Summer programme is on our website: Click on 'Community & Events', then 'St Matthew's Ladies Group' in the right-hand column.

### SOLUTION TO SUDOKO (page 9)

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### May's Wordsearch Answers

Did you find the words listed in the grid? They were all birds:

CHAFFINCH  
 DOVE  
 COOT  
 CORMORANT  
 GOSHAWK  
 GUILLEMOT  
 PLOVER  
 SWAN  
 WAXWING

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Spaces are available – please contact

Anita, Parish Administrator, at the Parish Office

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Your redundant **spectacles** (not the cases though)  
*There are receptacles in the bookstall area in  
which to put them*

**Thank you!**



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If you would like to celebrate an anniversary or remember a loved one, St Matthew's can offer you the option of having the church floodlit at night.

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# Parish Giving Scheme

The Parish Giving Scheme exists to allow members of the St Matthew's community to support the life and work of the Parish, and the upkeep of our church, through regular giving. It provides our principal source of income and helps us meet our main financial commitments, including our contribution towards the Diocesan Common Fund (the 'Parish Share') and the costs of our employees.



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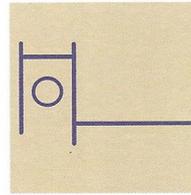
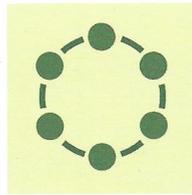
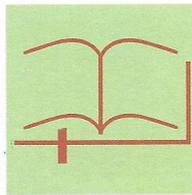
There are two methods of payment available: by a banker's direct debit or by weekly-numbered envelopes via the collection plate. The amount that you give is entirely confidential and is known only to the lay people who administer the Scheme.

If you are interested in learning more or in joining the Scheme, please speak to our Stewardship Recorder Polly Matthews. She can be contacted via the Parish Office or as below.

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