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# REGULAR SERVICES

## SUNDAY

- 8.00 am**      **Holy Communion**  
*1st Sunday varies - See calendar for details*  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at St Mary's Church, The Avenue  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at St Francis' Church
- 10.00 am**      **First Sunday – Joint Family Communion**  
with St Mary's, held alternately at each church  
*See calendar for details*
- 10.45 am**      **Parish Communion**  
Activities for younger children (aged 3+) and crèche  
facilities in church
- 10.45 am**      **2nd Sunday – Morning Worship**  
(non–Eucharistic)

## WEDNESDAY

- 9.30 am**                      **Morning Prayer**  
**10.30 – 11.30am**      **Church open for quiet and prayer**

# Letter from Matt

*‘Sumer is icumen in’*. So sang our medieval forbears in the Summer Canon, also known as the Cuckoo Song, and famously sung at the end of one of my favourite films *‘The Wicker Man’*.

June traditionally marks the beginning of the three months of summer, bringing with it sustained warmer weather, longer days, and the promise of a summer break. Yet we live in an age where enjoyment can quickly turn to anxiety as we notice the ever-warmer summer days, insufficient rainfall and parched ground. More and more record-breaking temperatures become not exceptions but the norm, as we live with our Climate Emergency and this can justly lead to concern or even existential dread.

Humans have, however, always lived with ‘existential dread’, be it the nuclear threat of the Cold War, the rise of political extremes (1918-45), or the long build up to conflict in Europe (the Edwardian period). This dread is there in the Gospels and in the Book of Revelation, where Jesus urges us to trust in God even as we walk through the dark shadow of anxiety. (We should remember that these texts were written following the fall and destruction of Jerusalem in the AD60s, and so the threat of destruction and exile were lived realities for the early Church and Judeans of the time). Indeed, the Book of Revelation’s message is not one primarily about the form and nature of the End Times, but of the victory of God over this world’s difficulties: ‘keep faith and trust in God!’ is the underlying message of that book.

That is not to say that we should not be concerned about the state of the world in general or for our environment in particular – indeed it has been entrusted to our care via our ancestor Adam, whom God placed in the Garden of Eden to tend and care for it. Rather we are called to trust in God, and to hold onto him when our anxieties become too heavy for us to bear. We should also remember that humans have always been fearful about the

future, and when one threat has dissipated, we have replaced with another. Rather we should trust in God as Jesus calls us to do, and to use that trust as a springboard into caring more deeply for our environment and nature, finding ways in which we can better care for our shared creation. This might mean making sacrifices: watering our garden less, putting water out for birds and foxes during extended dry periods, making a space for nature in our gardens.

But we should also take time to enjoy God's gift of the summer months, spending time outdoors and spend time with nature, as this helps to lift our spirits as the sun warms our faces. If we can, we should take some time to enjoy the countryside which abuts out community, taking time to walk in the woods or enjoy the ancient trees which line the St Mary's end of The Avenue.

'*Sumer is*' indeed '*icumen in*', and it offers us the chance to enjoy its warm embrace: the sun which reminds us of Heaven's own bright sun, Jesus; the time we spend together on long summer afternoons, which speaks to us of the fellowship of God and his saints; the beauty of nature which tells us of the promise of the new creation, where God will dwell in the midst of his people for all eternity, and where we will be eternally free from the existential fear that clouds our own lives.



# Calendar for June

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

## TRINITY 1

Holy Communion at St. Francis

Joint Service at St. Mary's with livestream

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

3.45 p.m.

Messy Church

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

8.00 a.m.

9.15 a.m.

10.45 a.m.

## TRINITY 2

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Morning Praise at St. Mary's

Morning Worship at St. Francis

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

8.00 a.m.

9.15 a.m.

10.45 a.m.

## TRINITY 3

Holy Communion at St. Francis

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Holy Communion at St. Francis

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

8.00 a.m.

9.15 a.m.

10.45 a.m.

## ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Holy Communion at St. Francis

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# Calendar for July

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

## TRINITY 5

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Joint Service at St. Francis

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

3.45 p.m.

Messy Church at St. Mary's

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 a.m.

**TRINITY 6**

Holy Communion at St. Francis

9.15 a.m.

Morning Praise at St. Mary's with livestream

10.45 a.m.

Morning Worship at St. Francis

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 a.m.

**TRINITY 7**

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 a.m.

**TRINITY 8**

Holy Communion at St. Francis

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis



# Bible Readings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Reader</b>
<b>June</b>		
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Hosea 5: 15-6.6 Romans 4: 13-25 Matthew 9: 9-13	Joint at St Mary's
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Exodus 19: 2-8a Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9: 35 – 10:23	Gill Kehoe
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	Jeremiah 20: 7-13 Romans 6: 1b-11 Matthew 10: 24-39	Valerie Hamilton
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Zechariah 4: 1-6a, 10b-14 Acts 12:1-11 Mathew 16: 13-19	Joan Burford
<b>July</b>		
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Zechariah 9: 9-12 Romans 7: 15-25a Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30	Lesley East
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Isaiah 55: 10 -13 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	David Wada
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 (or Isaiah 44: 6-8) Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	James Pitt-Payne
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	1 Kings 3: 5-12 Romans 8: 26-39 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52	Sam Hand

# Dates for your Diary

## June

### Community Lunch

The Community Lunch is on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** at 1.00 p.m. in the hall. Please contact Beryl Bolton if you are unable to attend on 0208 289 8097 or [berylbolton@hotmail.com](mailto:berylbolton@hotmail.com). Thank you.

### Garden Party/BBQ

The annual garden party/BBQ is on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June** from 11.00am to 3.00pm. It will be held in the church gardens but will be moved to the hall if wet. There will be a Bouncy Castle, Games, Homemade Cakes, Plants, a Pimms tent and various other stalls. The BBQ will be available from 12 noon. Please leave any bedding plants for the stall at the church the day before, All profits for church funds.

### Jamie – Live at St Mary's

For one night only, join us on **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm**, for a special live performance by Jamie at St Mary's. Enjoy an evening of well-known favourites and great live music! Tickets are £10 and includes a complimentary drink (soft drink or beer). There will also be a paid bar. All proceeds raised will support the church lighting project. For tickets, email [office@stmarywestwickham.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarywestwickham.co.uk). Thanks

## July

### Community Lunch

The Community Lunch is on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** at 1.00 p.m. in the hall. Please contact Beryl Bolton if you are unable to attend on 0208 289 8097 or [berylbolton@hotmail.com](mailto:berylbolton@hotmail.com). Thank you.

### Community Lunch at St Francis

The next Sunday Community Lunch at St Francis will be on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July** at 12.30pm in the Church Hall, Ravenswood Avenue. Tickets are available in advance from Barbara Goodchild: email [goodchild854@gmail.com](mailto:goodchild854@gmail.com) or telephone 0208 777 8782.

### Summer Concert

This year's Summer Concert by West Wickham Choir will be on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July** 3.30pm at St Mary's. The programme will include the Saints Alive musical and other music items by groups and individuals from choir members. Full details will follow over the next few weeks on the pew sheets.



# Parish Matters

## St George's Supper – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April we were treated to a super St. Georges Supper prepared, cooked and served by Paul, Michelle and Rebecca Graydon. We had a choice for starter of melon or prawn cocktail followed by roast beef, Yorkshire pudding with all the trimmings. The dessert was a delicious trifle.

It was a good social evening ending with a sing-a-long. Thanks go to Geoff for organising the song sheet. Great fun! We look forward to attending next year.

The evening made a profit of £403.50 for Church funds with £75 allocated to the Lighting Project Fund. Thanks to all concerned for a great evening.

## Lunchtime Concerts

Our season of Thursday Lunchtime Concerts at St. Francis continues on 25<sup>th</sup> June with our friend Theo Bently-Curtin and Myunghan Kim playing a varied programme of duets and solos for cello and piano. Please note that this is a date change from previous leaflets.

Then on July 16<sup>th</sup>, we have the Ammari Trio, who have played for us before, with their popular programming of mixed delights for flute, cello and piano. Both concerts commence at 12.45pm for 45 minutes, with tea and coffee available beforehand. Do come and support these summer events and bring a friend!

*Jean*



*Father to Son, as they stand at a Cash Dispenser:*

*“Look, I told you it did not grow on trees”*

*Husband to wife, as she prepares to go to Church:*

*“I can't come to Church. The communion wine will  
push me over my weekly limit”*

## **Matt's Book Review**

**Tim Wyatt (et al): ‘Archbishop Sarah Mullally: And ten urgent challenges for the Church of England’ (Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd)**

**Andrew Atherstone: ‘Archbishop Sarah Mullally: A Biography’ (Hodder & Stoughton)**

‘Uneasy the head that wears the mitre’ to misquote Shakespeare (Henry IV Part II). I therefore cannot envy Archbishop Sarah as she spends the first few months in post, though this is not the first time she will have had to run an organisation and budget as large as the one she now does. According to Andrew Atherstone in his biography, when she was asked this very question at her interview to become Archbishop, she reminded the panel that she had already been in a similar position as Chief Nursing Officer (CNO)!

But unlike her post as CNO, she is having to take on not one but a multiplicity of roles: Diocesan Bishop; Spiritual head of the Church of England; Pastor to the nation, and to the Royal Family; and Head of the Anglican Communion. Each of these is a full-time role in its own right. Can and should one person be expected to take on all these roles concurrently? It is no wonder that most Archbishops have failed, following paths of least resistance that have left the Church enamoured and encumbered with outdated and outmoded models of

leadership based in management theory rather than in pastorship. Thus, one might think that a more sensible role would be to break these roles up into two separate entities: Chief Executive of the Anglican Communion drawn from the wider Communion, and a Presiding Bishop of the Church of England and Diocesan Bishop of Canterbury.

The reasons for a future splitting the role are multiple, and not limited to capacity, as they require two separate ways of thinking. That the Archbishop as the Diocesan Bishop of Canterbury has to delegate most of their Diocesan leadership work to the Bishop of Dover means that they are Bishop only in name: Bishops are directly related to the See they serve, and this both supports the work of the Diocese, but also their spiritual lives as people centred and based in community. Then there is the question of whether a white British person can reasonably be expected to lead a community the majority of whom come from outside the Northwestern hemisphere. The problems posed by GAFCON are not just theological, they are also historical and centred in colonialism.

As recent history has demonstrated there is the dangers faced by putting too much onto one person: Carey, Williams and latterly Welby all failed as Archbishops because too much was expected of them, and they ended up promoting managerialism rather than spiritual growth. Dioceses are still spending money on consultants trying to halt decline, rather than investing in parishes where the decline is taking place. This was clear in my previous post where decline was being mismanaged by the Diocese through taking from poor parishes who couldn't afford their clergy, forgetting that a Church without Vicar is not going to thrive – clergy and growth in churches go hand in hand. (Sometimes you have to speculate to accumulate.) My fear is that like her predecessor Justin Welby, that Archbishop's Sarah's background is too much in management, and that despite being an excellent pastor to the Diocese of London, she will perpetuate the culture of managerialism that has infested our church.

Then there is her age: Archbishop Sarah is 64, and the legal retirement age for clergy is 70. Now she could be another Pope John XXIII who though very old when he came to the Petrine throne, was able to renew the life of the Catholic Church through the Vatican II ecumenical Council. (He was expected to be no more than a seat warmer for his successor!) She may well be able to lead the Church and change her culture, but time is against her, and the pressures of her multiple posts will seek to squash her capacity for reform and change. ‘Uneasy [indeed] the head that wears the mitre’.

Of the two books I have read about Archbishop Sarah, the book by Andrew Atherstone is by far the best, though he does show his colours as a Conservative Evangelical from time to time. The other offers only a brief introduction to the Archbishop before offering some essays about the issues she faces - some like those offered by our Dean are excellent, others not so much. Both however are too brief, and don't really offer any analysis, just description and so not worth the cover price being charged for them. The proof of Archbishop Sarah's pudding them will be in its consumption.

## **St Francis & St Mary's Joint, All-Age, Other Special Services & Events Calendar for 2026**

### **June**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Joint service at St Mary's – 10am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Messy Church – 3.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Lunch Time Concert at St Francis – 12:45pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> St Mary's Summer BBQ
- 27<sup>th</sup> Jamie Bull Piano concert at St Mary's – 7.30pm

### **July**

- 1<sup>st</sup> St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Allegri Singers – St Francis Church – 7.30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Joint service at St Francis' - 10am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Healing service at St Francis' – 3pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Joint PCC meeting at St Mary's – time tbc
- 10<sup>th</sup> Messy Church – 3.45pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Lunch Time Concert at St Francis – 12.45pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Community Sunday Lunch St Francis' – 12.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> West Wickham Choir Concert at St Mary's – 3.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Women's Event at St Francis' – 8pm

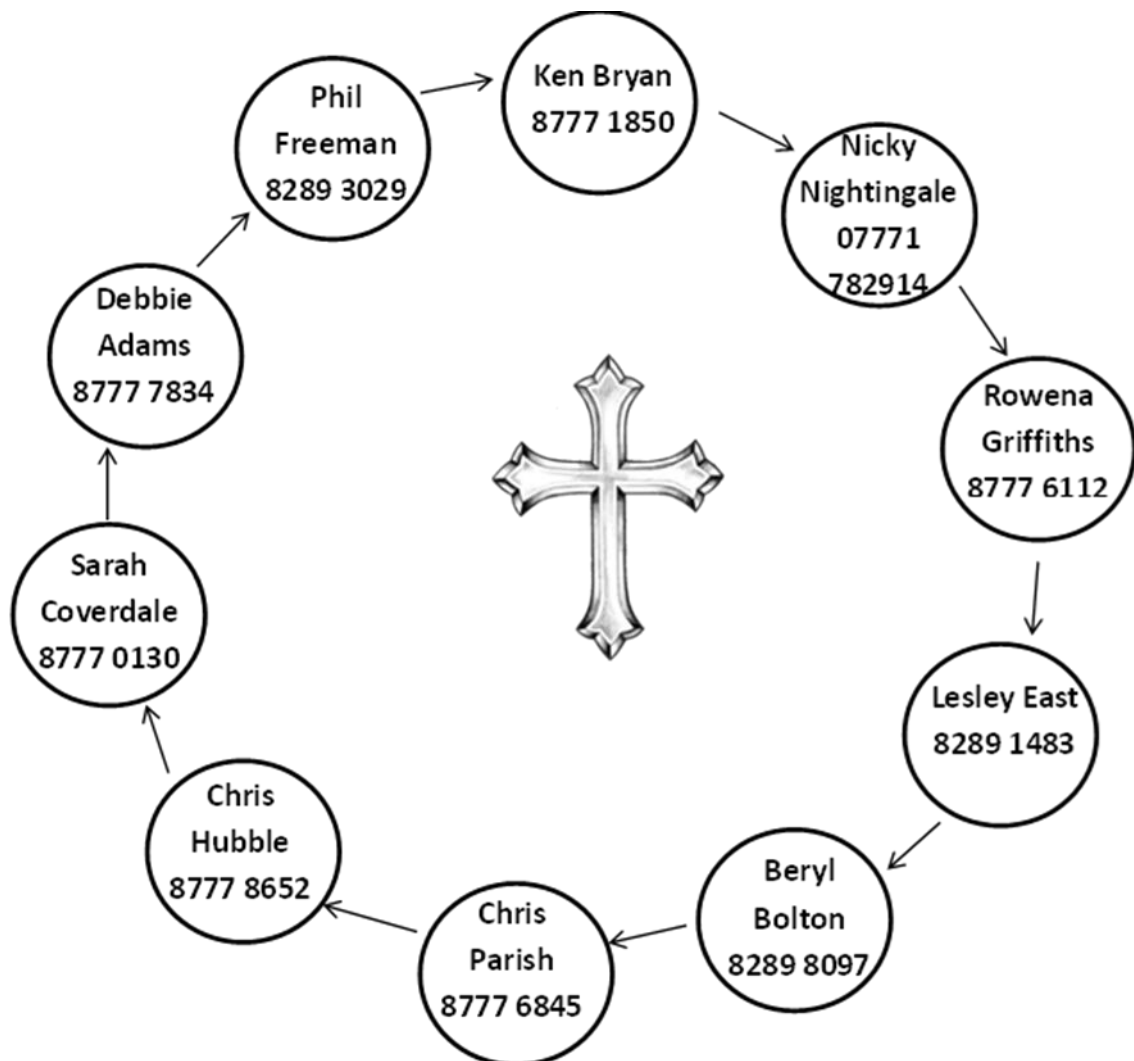
### **August**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thank you to Volunteers Coffee Morning at St Francis' – 10:30am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint service at St Mary's – 10am
- 5<sup>th</sup> St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Lunch Time Concert at St Francis – 12:45pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Messy Church – 3pm

# St Francis and St Mary's Prayer Chain

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

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



# Prayer Focus

The beginning of June (or 31 May to be precise) coincides with the beginning of Ordinary Time, that is time that is not being spent celebrating a particular season, be one of preparation (Advent or Lent), or of celebration (Christmas and Easter and Pentecost). But there is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time, it is a time for the Church to grow and deepen: if our times of celebration are like mountaintops, and those of preparation like the ascent that takes us there, then Ordinary Time is like a verdant valley where crops grow, and ordinary life takes place.

At the beginning of Ordinary Time some churches celebrate the Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion, better known as Corpus Christi. This celebration does not recapitulate Maundy Thursday which focuses on the servanthood of Christ but, is a celebration of the gift of Holy Communion, and a reminder of its transformative and participative nature.

When writing Lord of the Rings Tolkien introduced the reader to Lembas, a form of sacred Elven bread that can sustain a person through a long and busy day. Tolkien was an old school Roman Catholic, and Lembas is an image of the bread at Holy Communion, bread that feeds and sustains us spiritually. Indeed, throughout Tolkien's life he attended Mass on a daily basis, understanding the sustaining nature of the Eucharist in his life. That 'mortals eat the bread of angels' (Ps. 78.25) is a reminder that each of the Sacraments (Baptism-Confirmation, Holy Communion, Marriage, Ordination etc.) are invitations to participate in the life of the divine.

A week later on 11 June we remember St Barnabas, a friend and sometime companion of St Paul – they did fall out at one stage over the place of John Mark, another member of the early Church. Barnabas means 'Son of Encouragement', and he is a reminder of our call to encourage one another in our faith journey, and not to be like the companions of Job who spent most of their time trying to find fault with Job's life rather than supporting him through his trauma.

At the end of June comes the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, a time set aside for Ordinations in the Church. Peter and Paul are the odd couple when it comes to the Apostles: they both had a love of God, and served the Church to the point of martyrdom, yet they being two strong and distinct personalities seem to have clashed on at least one occasion. The first is recorded in St Paul's letter to the Galatians where we read that St Peter had been too willing to accommodate those who wanted to return the nascent Christian faith back to its Jewish roots. The second time they clashed tradition tells us was at the death bed of the mother of Jesus there, there was a disagreement over who should lead the prayers, each deferring to the other as to who was the leader of the Apostles. As we celebrate Petertide, we are asked to remember those being Ordained, those training them, and those seeking Ordination, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In July, we remember the Apostle 'Questioning' St Thomas – as I have said previously, I refuse to call him 'Doubting' because the questions he asks are the ones we would want to put ourselves, and his role is to break down the Fourth Wall and include us in the story, as his questions are also ours. He is a reminder that questioning and sometimes doubt lie at the heart of faith, and that both help strengthen and not weaken our spiritual lives.

Finally, towards the end of July we remember St Mary Magdalene, the Apostle to the Apostles and first witness to the resurrection. She is called 'Apostle to the Apostles' because to her is entrusted the message of Christ's resurrection, and she is called to tell them the good news of Easter Day so that they might in turn tell the world. It is worth noting that hers is a limited role: 'go and tell my brothers' Jesus tells her, as the message of taking the message to the world is entrusted to them, not to her.

Each of these celebrations and saints remind us that Ordinary Time is a time for the extraordinary. Of people whose lives have been transformed by God, and our own call to be people of transformation. This we will see more fully in the Transfiguration, which is celebrated in early August, when we see Christ as he is, and we, as we are becoming in and through him.



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## **Crossword Answers**

**ACROSS:** 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

**DOWN:** 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

*A father of five young children won a toy at a raffle. Back home, he called his children together to let them determine which one should have the present. "Who is the most obedient?" he asked. "Who never talks back to Mother? Who does everything she says?"*

*Five small voices answered in unison: "You, Daddy!"*

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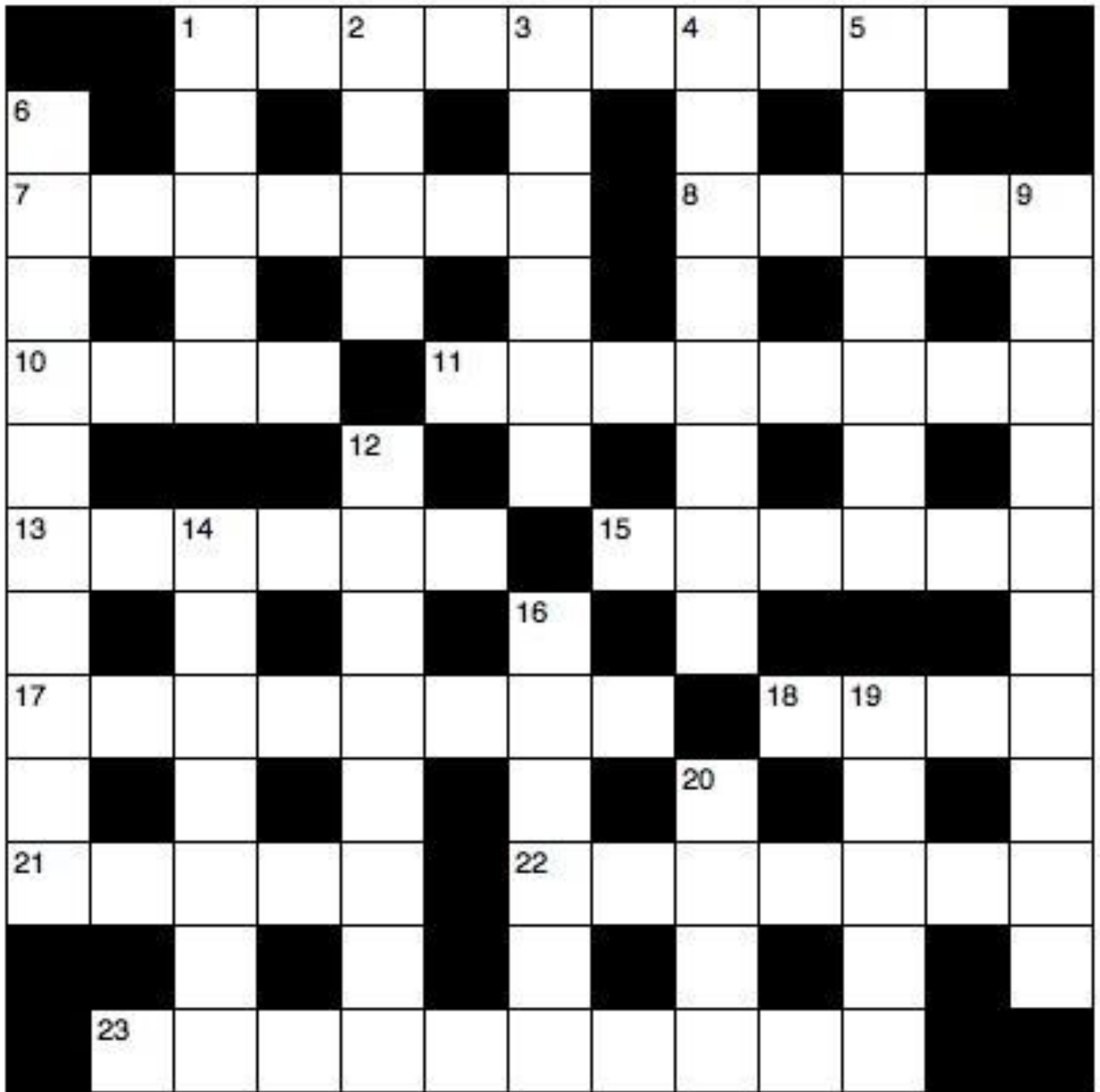
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# Crossword Puzzle



## Crosswords Clues

### Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)

- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—'(2 Corinthians 4:8) (4)
- 11 Fraud (2 Corinthians 6:8) (8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis26:25) (4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans13:4) (10)

### **Down**

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail (Acts22:19) (8)
- 14 Aceturn (anag.) (7)
- 16 Discharge (Acts21:3) (6)
- 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!'(Revelation19:7) (4)

*Answers on previous pages*

## **WE ARE ALL GUILTY**

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

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

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

If you do have a genuine concern about such a matter, then you may wish to speak to Charlotte Wilson or Kim Teare, our Safeguarding Officers or to one of the churchwardens.

## **Magazine Articles**

The Parish Magazine welcomes articles from its readers. Please send to Beryl at [berylbolton@hotmail.com](mailto:berylbolton@hotmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication.

## **GROUPS & ACTIVITIES AT ST FRANCIS' CHURCH**

**On the first Saturday of every month** the church is open from 10.30 am to 11.30 am when refreshments are served, and this raises money for Action Aid.

*Contact Barbara Goodchild      8777 8782*

**The Church Halls.** Our main large hall is available for hire. There is also a small hall which can be used in conjunction with the main hall at weekends and during school holidays.

*Bookings Secretary: Liz Raper 8777 2745*

**Men's Group.** This meets on the second Monday evening of the month, alternately at St Francis' and St Mary's.

*Contact: Stephen Howe      8249 0315*

**Reading Group.** This meets on the second Thursday morning of the month.

*Contact Barbara Goodchild      8777 8782*

