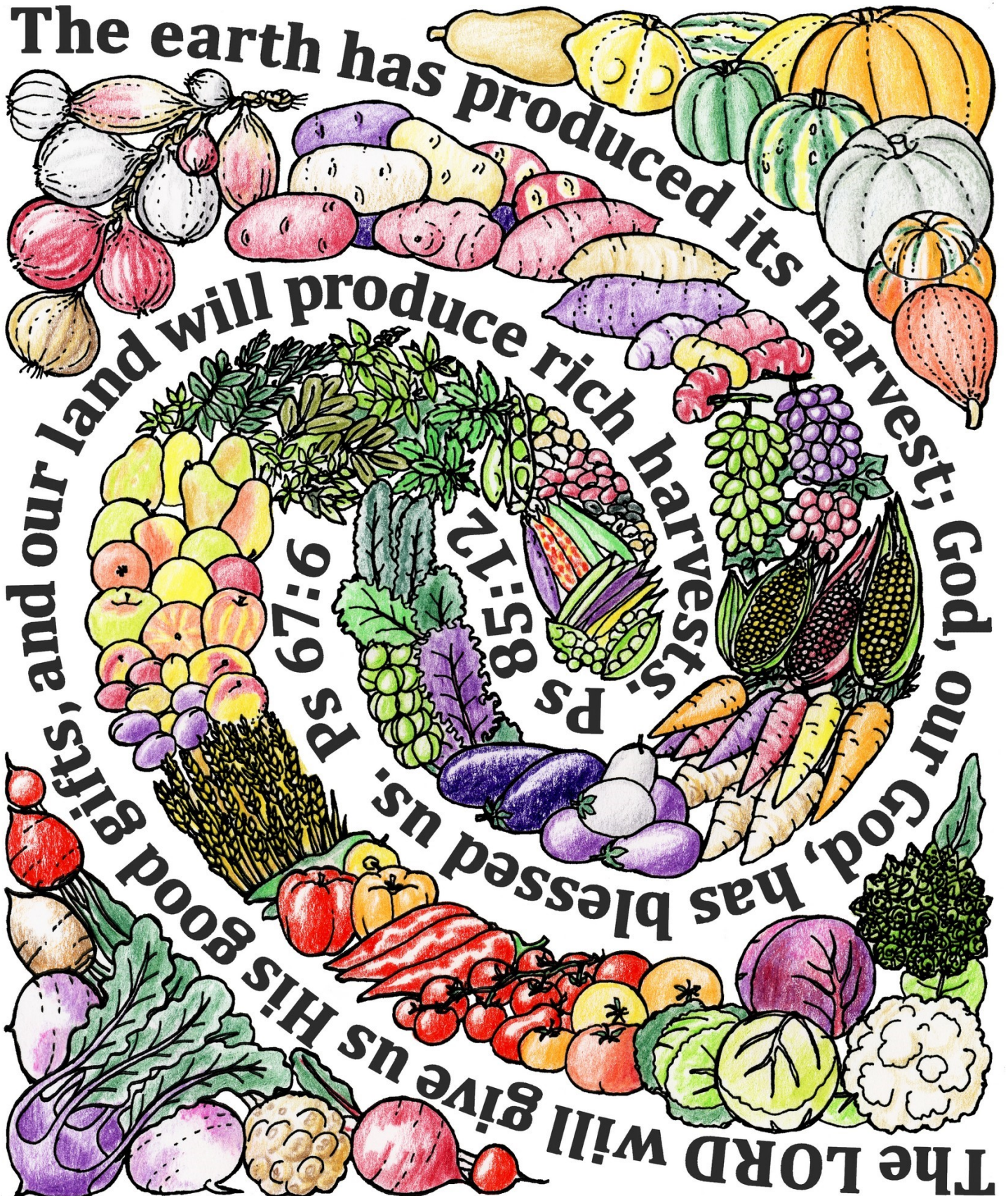




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The LORD will give us His good gifts, and our land will produce rich harvests.
Ps 67:6
Ps 85:12:13:14:15:16:17:18
Ps 127:1
The LORD will give us His good gifts, and our land will produce rich harvests; God, our God, has blessed us.

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Thoughts from the vicarage - October 2022

We all have significant events in our lives that stay with us forever, the day we got married, the birth of a child, milestone birthdays, then there's events that happen outside of our families and friends that are on a national or even global scale. Some of you may remember the assassination of Kennedy, or man's first step on the moon, more recently there's the death of Princess Diana and the 9/11 bombing of the twin towers, all moments in our history that we know are significant and bring about change. I wonder if future generations will have similar memories in years to come, because there is no doubt that the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday September 8th 2022 was one such history changing moment. Most people today have never known another Monarch in their lifetimes and it is only a few months ago that we all joined in with the Jubilee celebrations for the longest ever reigning Monarch.



As a Christian and a Priest, one of the things that stand out for me about Queen Elizabeth II's reign has been her willingness to publicly voice her faith in Christ and how that has driven her to serve her country in the way that she has. She has lived out the life that she believed God had called her to and has done so to the best of her ability. In her Christmas addresses to the nation our Queen spoke of her faith being the anchor in her life and her source of strength. The words taken from her 2002 address sum this up beautifully

‘I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through
the good times and the bad.

Each day is a new beginning,
I know that the only way to live my life is
to try to do what is right,
to take the long view,
to give of my best in all that the day brings,
and to put my trust in God.

Like others of you who draw inspiration from your own faith,
I draw strength from the message of hope in Christian gospel.’

All of us by the time of reading this article will have had the opportunity to pay our respects to Her Majesty, sign condolence books and to give thanks to God for her life.

Even as we look back, so we must also look forward and give thanks to God for King Charles III. On Sunday 11th September, I along with thousands of other people sang the words of the National Anthem, and although it did seem odd singing God save the King, I personally found it very moving and felt as if the baton had been passed from one Monarch to the other.

So let us give thanks to God for the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II, for her faith and dedication to duty, and let us pray for King Charles III as he takes on his new role and leads us as a nation into a new era.

With my love and prayers

Elveen



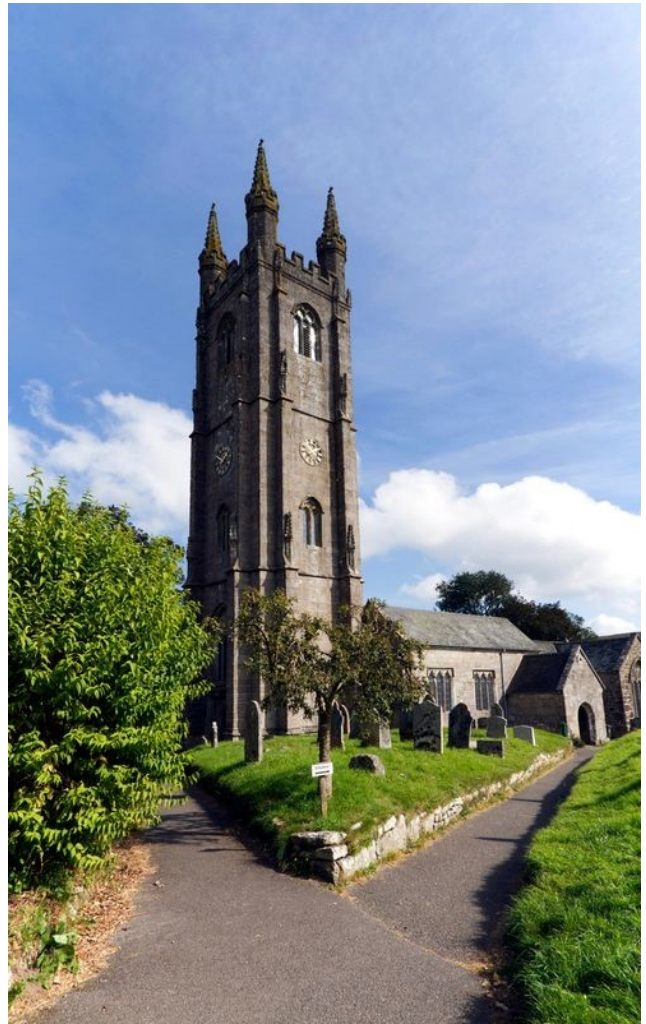
Down country lanes and tracks.

During September 3 dedicated walkers had a trip to Dartmoor 2 years in the planning due to Covid.

We spent 3 days around the area of Widecombe / Lustleigh staying at the Kestor Inn at Manaton.

Our first walk took us to Widecombe - in - the-Moor and the Café on the Green opposite the St Pancras Church called The Cathedral of the moor with a 135 foot Tower which can be seen for miles around. The Church is 14th Century and is said to be the most visited parish church in England. The Parishioners would often walk 6 miles to church on a Sunday from their homes.

The church was built on the money from Tin Mining which flourished in the area and was built in local granite stone and was extended many times. The Tinnars rabbit roof boss can be seen in the roof in the chancel. There are also some late medieval wood painted screen to be seen of Saints and biblical figures.



In the great storm of 1638 a lightning thunder bolt struck the church and killed 4 people and injured 60 who were sheltering from the storm.

Near the west door is a plough a reminder of the importance of agriculture in the area and a plough service is held in which young farmers carry a plough down the nave of the church and the congregation ask for God's blessing on their crops for the coming year.

In the chapel of St Catherine at the east end of the south aisle is an altar made from a medieval altar stone which was found buried in the floor of the south transept to prevent it being destroyed during the English Reformation.

The song Widdecombe Fair was first published in Sabine Baring-Gould's book in 1890 and the words 'Old Uncle Tom Cobley and all' are still use widely to mean everybody. The story recounts Tom Pearce grey mare which he lent to a group travelling to Widdecombe fair and the horse dies, the verses are hard to remember but the catchy chorus can be sung loudly over and over.

We left Widecombe to walk to Grimpond medieval village returning by the hills.

On the last day we walked through Lustleigh Cleave which is a wooded cliff with a bolder strewn stream running through it and called in to The Cleave Inn for a well earned Sunday Lunch and then returned down the country lanes to the Kestor Inn.

Richard Pfleger



Memories

On September 4th we said goodbye to one of our faithful church friends, Joan Howell. Her funeral took place on Wednesday September 28th and Colin and his family felt very blessed to see so many of Joan's friends and members from St. Margaret's congregation in the church.

The service was led by Rev. Elveen Mead and was a beautiful, uplifting tribute to thank God for Joan's life.

For those who were unable to attend the service, Colin has given me permission to put his and their grandchildren's tributes into our magazine. A real privilege to read such moving words.

RIP Joan - June Lewis



MEMORIES OF JOAN

This is an appreciation of the life of a wonderful woman. In giving me Joan as my wife God gave me the greatest gift of my life!

Joan was a wonderful wife and mother who shunned the limelight. We met in October 1953 at **'The Majestic'** and I used to remind her that I chose her!
Take your partners and out of several hundred young ladies I chose her, my best decision ever!

No-one is perfect and Joan's only drawback we used to tell her, was her inability to be decisive, stemming from her wish to consider everyone else!

Seemingly, to any question or suggestion she would be indecisive or offer an alternative.

Joan's mother was a strong Anglican and her father was a Salvation Army bandsman and the family went to the local Methodist Church.

Our married life has centred around St. Margaret's Church which Joan loved. Chances to be confirmed came and went, for Joan worried, despite my rejecting the idea she might be asked questions she could not answer and would look silly, "but they might!" was her answer.

Then one night me trying to read, a little voice said "I'm getting confirmed" as a service was planned here. It both surprised me and pleased me and so in Victor Howlett's time, Joan was confirmed and was thrilled.

The need for a hip replacement grew but with Polycystic kidneys her Renal Consultant's opinion was the risk was too great and so for six years Joan has struggled with ever increasing pain, rarely if ever complaining, until to walk from the car park into church was impossible. When she became increasingly housebound, often on a Sunday about 6pm she would say "we would now be at Evensong!"

Joan loved her family, one night, me no doubt still trying to read she said "you know we have two lovely children, Neil and Jacqueline! I love them so much". I said "tell them then" and Joan answered "oh no, I don't need to, they know I love them!".
Again an example of not fussing!

After my father got to know Joan he said "Kid, you've got a good one there!". How right he was! Joan cleaned their house on her Wednesday day off, playing tricks on him such as putting a hair brush in his bed where his feet went!

When the St. Margaret's Coffee Morning began in the old hall on a Thursday, to help fund the new hall, Joan and Joan Hatch took a turn and Joan did so continuously for 21 years making the cakes on a Wednesday, with me washing up. Sometimes a sponge would not rise and so another one would be made, despite my protestations that no-one would notice!

Joan liked to be in the background but on one occasion she did get caught out somewhat! The Royal Marines band came to the Wyvern Theatre periodically and a friend got our tickets, in the front row unfortunately. It was a time when skirts were a little shorter and as Joan said "I won't dress up as we need to be home for the baby sitter".

Well, after the Overture a couple of Marines gave odds and ends, i.e. a whistle, a drum, a triangle etc, to half a dozen ladies, including Joan and in her case two blocks of wood. In a few minutes they were on stage and Joan (we shan't see anyone we know!) beating time and looking embarrassed by her shorter skirt!

I have never heard anyone say anything bad about Joan, who was a beacon to us all, especially me. I only wish I could match her example!
To be loved by us as much as she was, shows what a lovely lady she was.
I hope that I am loved nearly as much for, she was and still is the object of my dreams!

When my Mum came to live with us for her last 5 years, Joan was wonderful to her even at the end, taking on all manner of tasks!

Latterly the loss of our Son-in-Law Paul hit Joan very hard.

In the recent spell of 8 long weeks in hospital Neil, Jacqueline, Carol, David, Natalie and Nicholas spent, with me long periods at Joan's bedside which she appreciated!

Joan was a perfect wife, a very caring mother and as the last verse of Proverbs says, when talking about the virtues of a good wife - "give her credit for all she does. She deserves the respect of everyone!"

Surely a worthy reflection of Joan! She deserves the respect of everyone!

I truly believe we will meet again! I and our family have been privileged to have her as a wife, mum and nan.

Never complaining and always content, a truly wonderful lady!

A pen picture of a perfect wife, mum, nan and greatnan - Joan!



MEMORIES OF GRAN

My memories of Gran are all happy ones and especially calling in for one of her dinners after college.

There was no fuss but always a warm welcome and to see her visibly fading over her last 8 weeks in hospital was painful to us all.

She enjoyed a laugh with us and also going to football with me, Dad and Grandad.

She loved us all with a heart of gold and is sorely missed by us all.

Nicholas

To my dear Nan

Thank you for your selflessness, your care and for everything you did for me.

You taught me so much and I will cherish those lessons forever.

You taught me to bake, to be kind and see the good in every situation. To name a few.

You were loved by everyone and did so much good for society including copious amounts of charity work.

I will be forever thankful for you Nan.

Thank you for the teas, all the trips to the shops for a Curley Wurley, our many conversations and for really taking care of me.

All my love

Natalie



A Tribute to Jeffery Dyer by Tracy

I was quite young when I realised that my Dad wasn't quite like my friends' dads.

For a start off-

My Dad had muscles and wasn't afraid to show 'em.

Years of sports - record breaking rower, shot-putter and being part of the world famous Fleet Air Arm gun crew left him with an athletic physique and a job that took him all over the Middle East and Africa added a perma tan.

As soon as temperatures hit above 14 degrees Dad would throw off the shackles of clothes and move into his summer collection - namely a pair of short shorts and not much else - and that's how he'd stay until November.... attracting admiring glances from some but striking fear into the hearts of any of my friends that dared to visit.

Another thing was that other dads weren't heroes like mine - When I was four and Greg was a baby- we had a head-on car crash, when a lorry carrying steel girders hit us at the 5 lanes crossroads in Crudwell. These were the days before seat belts and Dad was thrown through the car windscreen via the mirror. Dad suffered terrible, life changing, facial injuries but he rescued us from the wreckage. His recovery was long and painful and he bore those scars through his life with formidable heroic courage.

So, while friends dads were great for testing you on your 7 times tables or knowing the capital city of Finland - my Dad was handy if you needed a tank moving out of the way, or a boulder crushed to sand in a 'vice like" grip.

I remember that Dad had hobbies that weren't things like doing the crossword or playing skittles. His hobbies included:

Getting people's coats - Dad was never one to outstay his welcome- he always wanted to go home after about 10 minutes anywhere, and he applied these strict rules to any visitor to our house too. As I'm sure many of you will have found out, when he'd had enough of you, he'd simply get your coat and then hand it over and pace about like a caged polar bear at the door until you left. whether you wanted to or not.

Another of Dad's impressive hobbies was committing to memory the entire road map of the UK. Dad would be able to tell you how to get from Chepstow to Barnard Castle using only B roads. When you talked about journeys Dad would demand to know which roads you had travelled on "the A46 or the A48 Trace?" and then proceed to tell you the exact location of a sausage van you had missed en route.

His attention to detail also meant he always read all instruction booklets from cover to cover and, consequently, could make anything and fix anything.

He had every type of screwdriver, wrench and spanner known to man....and his nuts and bolts collection dated back to the Iron Age. Nothing mechanical, or electrical, phased him, and he'd spend many happy hours, caked in oil, taking things apart and putting them back together again, so that they now worked perfectly.



One of dad's other hobbies that he was really good at - was hurting himself - he was always falling off stuff, running into stuff, stepping into holes and strategically putting his hands, or other body parts, in the way of - heavy metal items - like sledgehammers.

On more than one occasion Dad would appear at the kitchen door asking us to sort out whatever lump he'd sliced off himself. We'd poke bits of flesh back into place, administer some Germolene, stick on a couple of plasters and off he'd go to finish the job. Our lives were punctuated by Dad's accidents, but man he was tough. He would be able to walk out of operating theatres having opted to have surgical procedures done without an anesthetic, unlike any normal human.

Finally, on the subject of hobbies-while Mum and Dad didn't have a dog to lavish attention on - Dad did treat the gas boiler like a pet. He'd be out there in the garage every day (sometimes during the night) talking to it, checking the water pressure and lovingly attending to its every need. Mum was given rigorous directives on the operation of the thermostat and 'god help her' if the smart meter turned red. Dad really loved that boiler!

Dad's willpower was legendary. He was rock solid in his determination and tenacity and when I say tenacity, I mean stubbornness. You could never, ever, win an argument with Dad and god knows I tried. However, this stubbornness meant he never gave up on anything - including people. He was a fiercely loyal friend and acquired new pals throughout his life, to join those he made as a boy in Tetbury, who remained part of his life until the end.

I felt Dad changed when the children arrived. Emma smoothed away some of those edges and then Freya unlocked something in Dad - she chipped away a chunk of that steel and then Brody and Aaron and Ross tore down the battlements and that armour. He opened his heart and he adored them. Oh how he loved those kids - and they knew it, and they sought him out, and they revelled in his humour and his grumpy old ways. My outstanding memory of Dad with his grandchildren is the gales of laughter coming from the conservatory as they all crammed in, just enjoying each others company and competing with each other with their wit and comic turns.

We were just so lucky to have had him in our lives for all these years. My heart is breaking for my dear Mum who will miss Dad so much, but I hope that she gets some comfort at the qualities that Dad passed on, and live in me and Greg and his grandchildren. From Dad's courage and bravery that lives on in Greg, in the cracking wit that lives on in his grandchildren - also in their hard work, their resilience and their loyalty - their incandescence. And as for me well I've inherited his bone headedness and ...his feet - thanks for the toes Dad!

So, there we have it - Jeff Dyer - 40% hero; 30% comedian; 20% grump; 10% steel; 10% cake. I forgot to mention that he did love a cake and guarded them with a quite unhinged ferocity.

You may have noticed that this adds up to more than 100% - because that's what he was - a 110% kind of bloke.

Love you and see you later Dad...

PS Mum promises she'll turn off the outside tap and Greg says he'll keep an eye on your boiler....

Thank you for reading.

October Oddments.

An absent minded college professor called on a pharmacist. "Give me some prepared tablets of acetylsalicylic acid." "Did you mean aspirin?" asked the pharmacist. "That's it, I can never remember that name".

Some product slogans which did not Translate well:

- ✍️ Clairol introduced the 'Mist Stick', a curling iron into Germany, only to discover that 'Mist' is German slang for manure.
- ✍️ General Motors Chevrolet Nova folded in Spain because 'Nova' means Won't go.
- ✍️ When translated into Arabic Jolly Green Giant comes out as intimidating green ogre.



A traffic policeman pulled over an elderly lady for driving her little old car too slow on the highway. This is a 60 m.ph. highway madam he said. How come you were doing less than 25? you are a danger to other vehicles. "I'm sorry officer", she replied, "but I saw a lot of signs which said 22 not 60. "That's not the speed limit" said the policeman, That's the number of the highway." Just then he noticed in the back of the car two more elderly ladies trembling with fear. "What's The matter with them?" he asked the lady driver replied "We have just come off Highway 120."

When they brought their first baby home from hospital, the wife suggested to her husband that he should have a go at changing the baby's nappy. "I'm busy", he said "I'll change the next one." So three hours later she tried again, "Darling will you change baby's nappy?" "no", he said "I mean the next baby."





A man went into a bank and said to the cashier "Will you check my balance?" So she pushed him.

I was visiting my grandson the other night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "Grandpa," he said, "I don't waste my monies on newspapers. But if you like you can borrow my iPad". I can tell you this, that fly never knew what hit him.

The laziest guy in America was sitting with his friend in a bar one day. Both were too idle too find a job. Suddenly the friend turned to him and said, "I'm thinking of going to Australia. On the news it says that someone has discovered a diamond mine in the outback where the precious stones sit all over the ground. All you have to do is bend down and pick them up. "The other guy looked at him and said "Bend down?"

A few definitions from a Comic Dictionary:

☺ Appellate	Hamster food
☺ Budget	A family's attempt to live below its yearnings.
☺ Court of Law	A place where a suit is pressed and a man may be taken to the cleaners.
☺ Dilate	To live long.
☺ Gossip	Letting the chat out of the bag
And lastly	
☺ Weed	A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered

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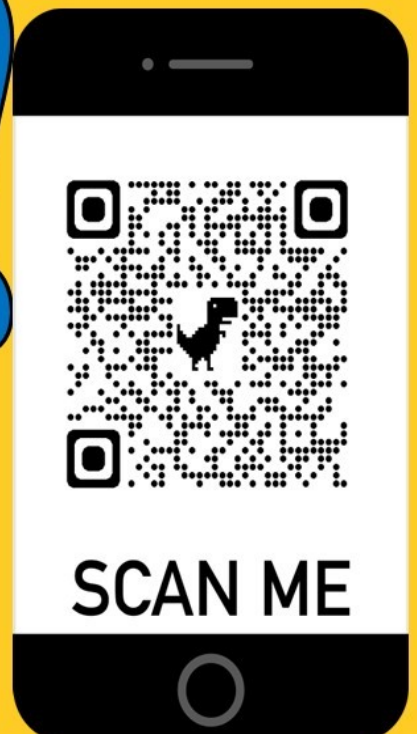
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Register for your place now via the link or complete a form on arrival – we look forward to welcoming you!

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Bumps and Babes St Margaret's Swindon

THANK YOU

To all those who have knitted squares for 'Brighter Futures'. They have asked if we would now do Twiddle Muffs. Please see pattern below.



Twiddle Muff Pattern

A Twiddle muff is a double thickness hand muff with ribbons, buttons and knitted features attached to the inside and out. It is designed for patients suffering from dementia as it provides stimulation activity.

What you need:

- Wool – approx. one 150 gram ball will probably be enough – it varies a great deal depending on the individual wool.
- 1 Pair of needles (size depends on the type of wool you want to use).
- A tapestry needle for sewing up.
- Oddments of yarn, ribbon, trimmings, buttons, beads etc. for embellishment.

Getting started:

This pattern can be knitted in any wool but you will need to adjust the number of stitches you cast on depending on the size of the needle and the type of wool used. Look on the ball band, if there is one, of the wool for information about needle size and tension. Because of the simple nature of the pattern the measurements do not have to be exact and you can easily test them out on your own hands!

Double knit wool on size 5-7 needles comes out at about 5 to 5.5 stiches per inch.
Chunky wool on size 7-9 needles comes out at about 4 to 5 stiches per inch.

The width of the Twiddle Muff needs to be about 12 to 13 inches wide (this is the length of the muff – so you can check against your own hands to see if you have made this the right size).

The length of your knitting needs to be twice the width (60 cm)24 inches long(30 cm)12 inches wide

To begin:

In a lighter wool cast on 60 stitches, or the number of stitches to give you about 30cm width. In chunky wool cast on 48 stitches.

Keep knitting until you reach about 24 inches / 60 cm or double the width the cast off. Or try stocking stitch – one row knit, the next row purl for a smooth finish.

Step 1

Decorate the Twiddle Muff on the right side of the knitting. Leave a small area halfway down (in the middle) that is free of decoration.

Step 2

Fold along the middle, with the decoration showing on both sides and then sew up the three open edges. Now you have double thickness.

Step 3

Now sew the cast on / cast off edge to the middle fold edge together to make a tube that has double thickness and is decorated inside and out.

Step 4

Now wash the Twiddle Muff at 30 degrees in the washing machine and let dry (do not use a tumble dryer). Once dry bag up and send them in to:

Brighter Futures
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
The Great Western Hospital
Marlborough Road
Swindon, SN3 6BB





It's shoebox time!

This year our goal is to send two-thirds of the shoeboxes from UK to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries like Moldova and Romania that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families.

Thank you everyone for packing shoebox gifts with love and fueled by prayer that mean so much to the children receiving them.

Please put name at bottom of entry (if there's space)!!

As in the past if you do not have an empty shoebox or cannot quite fill one then please pass on whatever gifts you can manage and we will ensure they all go to the children.

The leaflets are available in the back of the Churches.

National Collection Week is 14-21 November 2022.



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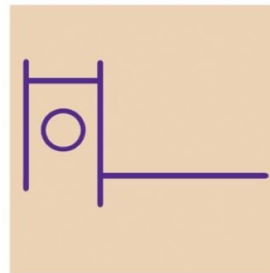
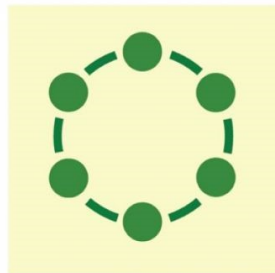
You may be aware that many charities and organisations are struggling at this time, this includes churches.

Great News! You can now sign up to join the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) online. There is a link for this on the Giving page of our website:

<https://www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/giving/>

If you haven't considered the PGS before, we would ask you to prayerfully consider doing so. It's very easy to sign up and it works in a similar way to a Direct Debit (that it is intended to replace), in that a regular payment authorised by you goes out either weekly, monthly or yearly straight to the church. It is perfectly safe and can be stopped or changed at any time.

PGS is a great way to give to the work and mission of St Margaret's Church. Donations given through PGS come straight to the Church, there are no admin fees or bank charges for us to pay. 41 people have now signed up to do this - Thank you



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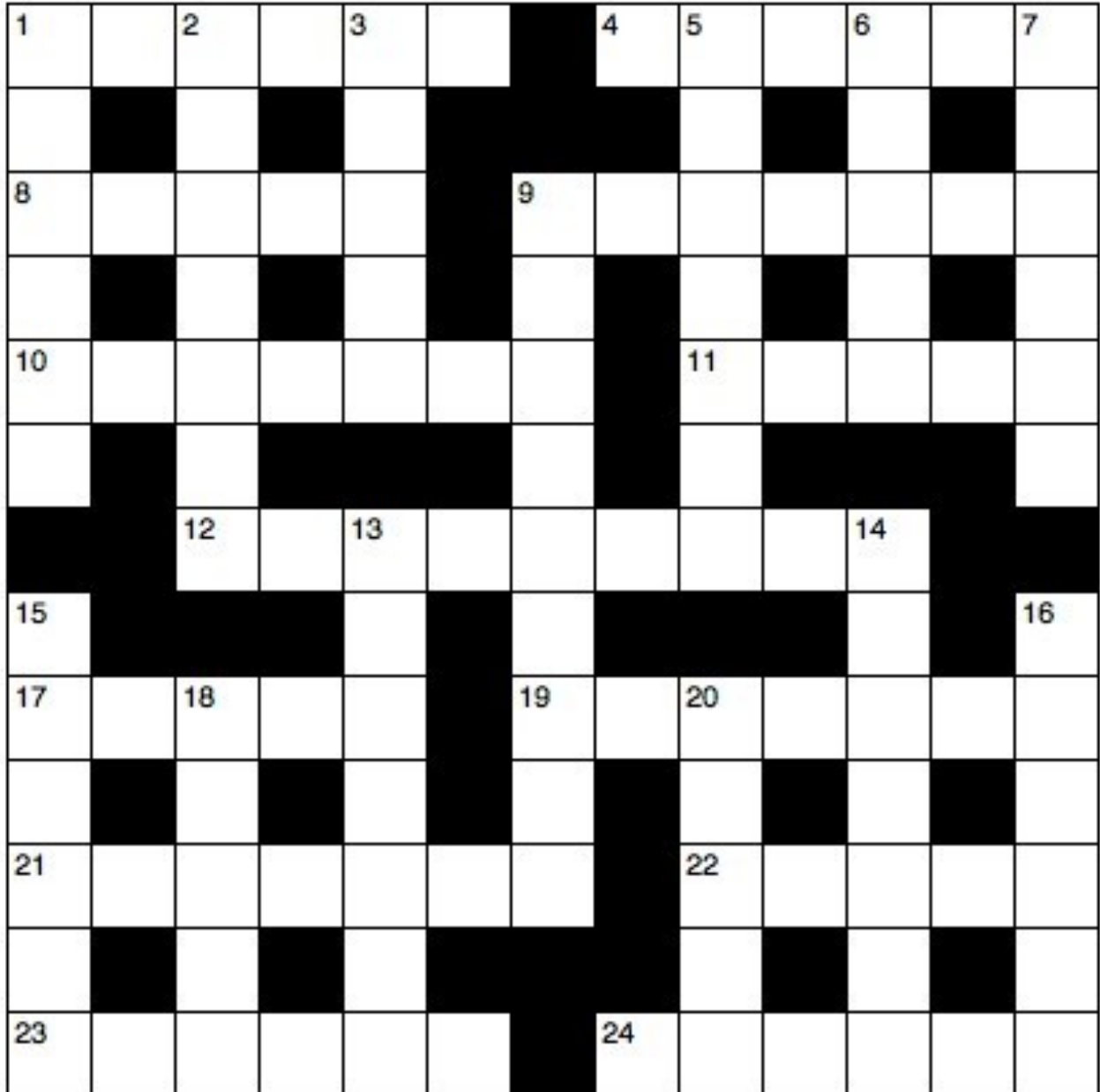
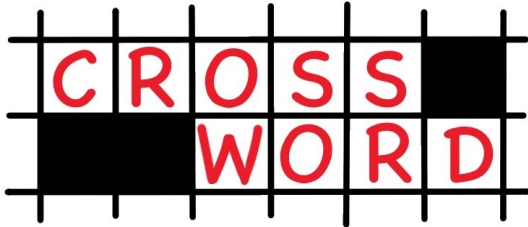
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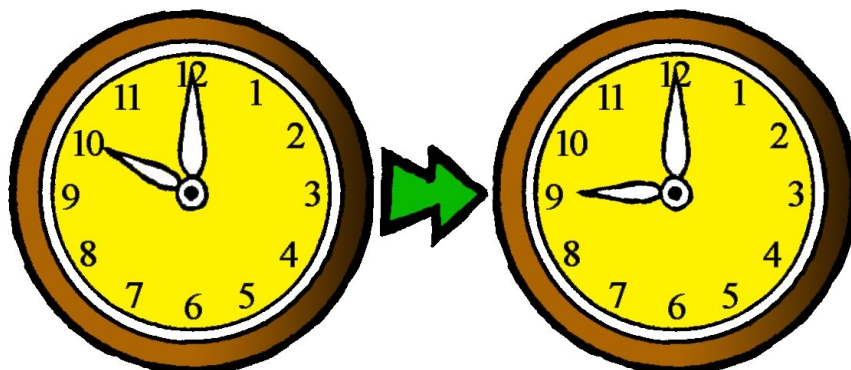
- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)

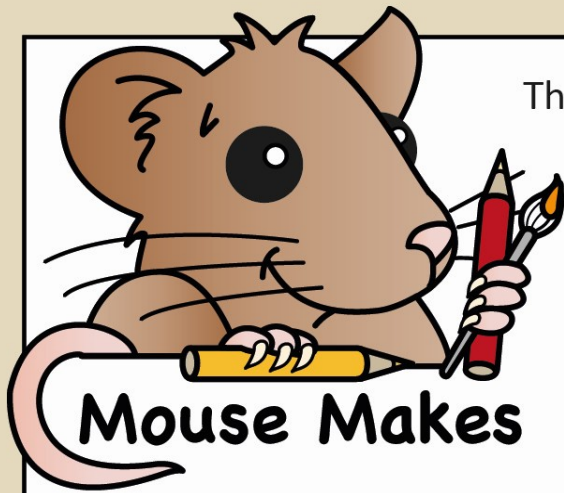
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- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
11 Banishment(Jeremiah29:1)(5)
12 'And now I will show you the most — way'(1Corinthians12:31) (9)
17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
19 Mice den(anag.)(7)
21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
24 Paul's birthplace(Acts22:3)(6)

Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
15 'If your hand — you to sin,cut it off'(Mark9:43)(6)
16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
18 Track(Job41:30)(5)
20 Religious doctrine(5)





Mouse Makes

The New Testament has **four gospels, twenty one epistles** and the book of *Revelation*.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the *epistles*...



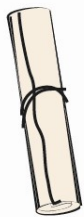
Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?
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The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter* or *message*

Which are the longest epistles?
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How many chapters do they have?
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Which is the shortest epistle?
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How many chapters does it have?
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DID YOU KNOW...?
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