

# ST MARK'S PARISH MAGAZINE



**JUNE 2018**

## **THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARK, REIGATE**

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## LETTER FROM THE CURATE

Dear Friends

Time is flying by, as I now settle down to write for the June edition of our parish magazine. Liturgically we enter into the long season of 'ordinary' time, where the vestments and altar frontals change to green, which not only represents growth, it can also be associated to new life. Throughout the numerous weeks of Trinity, I think it is important that we cherish this time and note its significance within the Christian calendar. It is a time where we can catch our breath after the whirlwind of seasons from Advent to Christmas, into Epiphany closely followed by Lent, then into Easter, through to Ascension and Pentecost.... Phew!!!.

What can seem a rather bland time in comparison, ordinary time provides opportunity to settle and reflect on all that was experienced through this busy period. This model should also be applied to our personal lives. Very often we can feel like we are on a treadmill with numerous demands that take up our time and energy, it is no wonder that occasionally we feel overwhelmed. There are simply not enough hours in the day to complete all the small jobs that need doing! Alternatively, it could seem as though there is too much time, especially to those who are feeling lonely or have lost their sense of purpose.

Trinity lasts for 21 weeks, it is a perfect time where we too can settle and reflect on our lives; in what we do, what we want and where we would like to be and most importantly, how to achieve it. Jesus knew what was required of him, but despite the demands put on him to perform miracles, heal and teach, it did not prevent him from retreating and spending time alone with God, praying and reflecting on the now and what was to come. He found time with God which centred him and directed him to God's will. In the hustle and bustle of life, God can often get pushed to one side. Trinity is a time for us to re-centre and re-focus on what God wants for us by meditating on what has been and what is to come, and where God is in all of this.

As a person who likes to plan ahead and have all my ducks lined up, more often than not I am always looking ahead to the next task, the next deadline, the next important date in the diary, but in doing this I often miss out on the beauty of living in the present and cherishing God's blessings. For me there are never enough hours in the day and if I dare to take time for myself I often feel guilty as though I should be doing something more productive. There is a wonderful line in Alice through the Looking Glass, where Alice is talking to 'time' after her adventures;

"I used to think time was a thief. But I see now you give before you take. And every day is a gift. Every minute. Every second."

Time is not a thief, it just seems that way when the demands on our time become so much that we are driven by the clock. Over this period of Trinity, I would like to encourage all of us to use this 'ordinary' time as a gift, to ask ourselves where we would like our lives to be, what we would like to change, what would we like to do more of, or less of. By allowing this time with God, we are able to open ourselves to new opportunities, and a deeper understanding of ourselves and where God is directing us. This can nurture and transform us in ways that are far from ordinary, but rather extraordinary!

God Bless.

*Anna.*

Reverend Anna

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The annual fund-raising and box-opening event will be held on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June** in the church hall from 2-4pm.

Stalls: Cakes, Plants, Books/DVD's, Stationery, Bric-a-Brac, Flamingo cards and a Raffle. Entrance will cost £1, to include a drink.

Contributions will be greatly appreciated and there is a list at the back of the church for you to sign up if you can help in any way.

We look forward to seeing you.

Tony & Patricia Bird

## A WARM ST MARK'S WELCOME TO OUR VISITING CLERGY IN JUNE

### **Sunday 3 June – Reverend Canon Andrew Cunnington**

We are delighted to welcome Fr. Andrew, our Area Dean, to St Mark's for the 8am and 10am services, where he will preside and preach. It has been some time since we have had the pleasure of hearing Fr. Andrew's sermon, so we are in for a treat.

### **Sunday 24 June – Birth of John the Baptist**

A very warm St Mark's welcome to Fr. John Ackland, who will be presiding at our 8am and 10am Services on 24 June. A close friend of Reverend Anna we are very fortunate to have able to Fr. John join us again.

## The Confirmation of Benjamin Read and Alexander Parish

On the eve of Pentecost the 19<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm, I was extremely proud to stand at the lectern in Southwark Cathedral and present "Benjamin Read and Alexander Parish of St Mark's Church Reigate to be confirmed" to The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark.



At 2pm we had our rehearsal, what to say where to stand, in only the way one would expect in a cathedral. Suffice to say when the cathedral hosts an important service, they go all out to make it special not only for the candidates but for those who come to support them, and they did not fail on this occasion.

It was an exhausting yet exhilarating day as candidates throughout the diocese came together with supporting clergy and members from the various congregations. There was a real sense of celebration as Bishop Christopher addressed Alexander and Benjamin and anointed them with the Oil of Chrism saying '*God has called you by name and made you his own*'. He then laid his hand on their head saying, '*Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.*'

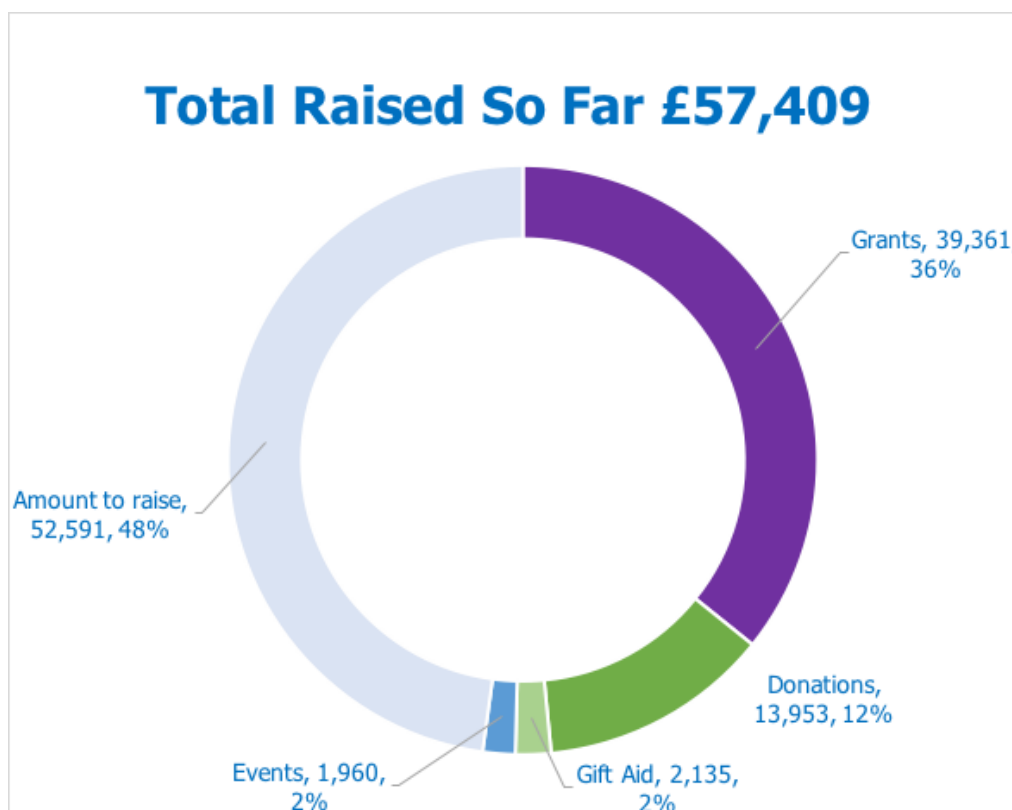
A Fantastic day! Congratulations Ben & Alex on this important step in your faith journey, it was an honour and a privilege to walk beside you.

God Bless .....Reverend Anna



# New Kitchen Project

We are delighted to report that the amount raised so far for the new kitchen project is £57,409. This is over half way to our target of £110,000 to transform our church kitchen so we can continue and expand our community activities.



The project costs include building and electrical work, kitchen equipment and installation resulting in a bigger kitchen which will comply with all the required food safety and hygiene regulations. We are not able to start the work until we reach the target but are hopeful this will be later this year. We are grateful for all donations and every pound counts towards our target.

## *Grants*

The way in which the hall and its kitchen are used to serve the community have been recognised by the many bodies that have already given a substantial amount in grants. We are very grateful to: The Peter Harrison Foundation - £25,000; Reigate & Banstead Borough Council - £10,000, Surrey County Council through the Member Allocation - £2,500; the Raven Housing Trust Brighter Community Fund - £3,113; the Gatwick Airport Community Trust - £3,000; Waitrose Community Matters - £448 and the Aviva Community Fund - £300.

We are regularly reviewing the numerous grants available to see if our project will qualify and are currently awaiting a decision on a significant application to BIFFA. Unfortunately, we were not successful with our application to the National Lottery Awards for All Scheme. There is a lot of competition for grant monies and many require a substantial amount to be raised before they are able to award monies so we are hoping that with the amount raised to date we have more chance of being successful with other applications.

### *Donations*

Individual donations have also been substantial, totally £16,088 including gift aid, and we are extremely grateful to all those individuals for supporting the project. If you would like to make a donation, of any amount, this can be made by cheque payable to St Mark's PCC or online by using the following link:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/newkitchenstmarks>

and simply press the 'Donate Now' button. Please Gift Aid donations if you can as the project benefits by an additional £25 per £100 donated.

### *Purchases so far*

The lockable freezer purchased with grant monies from Surrey County Council is already in use and the electricity supply to the hall has been upgraded ready to be connected when the kitchen is installed. We are also looking to buy a lockable fridge in the near future.

We are determined to do everything we can to have this kitchen in place this year and as always are grateful for your support.

The Kitchen Project team

Mel Crighton, Nicci Lloyd & Barbara Perkins

#### **NO SOCIAL DANCE IN JUNE**

Many, if not most of the Social Dance group will be away this month, so sadly there will be no dance on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The next dance in the Hall will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

#### **ROOTS YOUTH GROUP**

Roots will be moving to Lower Kingswood from September, so our last meeting before the Summer break, will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 5-7pm. Good Luck to everyone sitting exams!



#### **GDPR – Genera Data Protection Regulations We will miss you.....**

New data protection legislation requires us to have your consent to hold your contact details and say how we can communicate with you. Please complete the gold consent form and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible, so we can continue to keep you informed of news and events.....A copy of our Privacy Notice can be found on our website [www.stmarksreigate.co.uk](http://www.stmarksreigate.co.uk) or a copy can be requested from the Parish Office. Thank you.

## SMART

This month on the June 7<sup>th</sup> will find us putting on our dancing shoes!  
Join us to dance, chat, relax & enjoy the music...

We can be contacted via Sarah Cousins (01737 789943)  
or Louise Wallis (01737 242129).



### St Mark's Parent & Toddler Group Seeking Deputy Leader



Parent and Toddler group is looking for a deputy leader to help Louise Wallis run the group. This would suit a mother with a toddler or older children who can be available on Mondays from 8.30-11.30am to set up, oversee and manage the running of the group during term times. We regularly have 40 children and their mums or dads and carers. It is voluntary position, fun and rewarding!

Please contact Louise Wallis if you are interested.



### Time for Some St Mark's TLC 29<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July



We need your help to lavish a little time and love on St Mark's; there is a list of jobs that we need to tackle both inside and outside to keep our beautiful church looking her best. Just an hour or 2 of your time, talents and goodwill would be appreciated. To enable as many to help as possible, this year we are going to divide up the tasks and fit them in between Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Please look out for the job list and see what takes your fancy! You can sign up for as many as you wish and each group can decide when to do the job! Thank you

### Next Issue – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018

Contributions are welcome, along with your suggestions for content and items you would like included. All items should be emailed to the Parish Office by **10am on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### Editing & Collation Team

We are seeking keen and IT friendly help to collate the magazine. Please speak to Reverend Anna if you would like to help shape our communications for the future!



## St Mark's Pull-Out Guide

### REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS AT ST MARK'S

#### SUNDAYS

8.00am	Each Sunday	Holy Communion (said) Book of Common Prayer
10.00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Parish Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Story Telling)
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Sung Eucharist (with Junior Church)
4.00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Messy Church
6.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Healing and Wholeness
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Taizé Prayer
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Evening Prayer (said)

#### MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9.15am	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
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#### MONDAY (during school term-time)

9.30am	St Mark's Toddler Group in the hall
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#### WEDNESDAY

10.00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	Vintage Tea – in the Church
	3.25pm	'T' Time Tales (during school term-time)

#### THURSDAY

	12.45pm	Holy Communion (Iona) followed by tea or coffee
2.00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	SMART

#### SATURDAY

8pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	St Mark's Social Dance (Not in June)
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## A Handy Pull-Out Guide to 'What's On' at St Mark's

### CALENDAR FOR JUNE

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity 1</b> – With Cannon Andrew Cunnington 6.00pm Healing & Wholeness Service
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am -12noon Vintage Tea in the Church 3.25pm T Time Tales (first after half term)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) 2.00pm SMART – 'Shall We Dance?' 5.00pm Choral Evensong sung by the Godfrey Searle Choir
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm Wedding
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity 2</b> 1.00pm Community Lunch 6.00pm Taizé Prayer
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	2-4pm The Children's Society Box-Opening Refreshments & Stalls
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity 3</b> 4.00pm Messy Church
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Please note - No St Mark's Social Dance
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b> – with Fr. John 5.00pm ROOTS Youth Group Last meeting of the term
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00pm PCC Meeting
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) 7.30pm Dunottar Concert
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Show St Mark's some TLC – projects to lavish some care and attention on St Mark's

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### CALENDAR FOR JULY

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

#### **Trinity 5**

12.30pm Baptism

6.00pm Healing & Wholeness Service

To Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Show St Mark's some TLC – projects to lavish some care and attention on St Mark's

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

10.00am -12noon Vintage Tea in the Church

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

2.00pm SMART

#### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **Trinity 6 - Bishop Jonathan - Baptism**

1.00pm Community Lunch

6.00pm Taizé Prayer

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

3.25pm T Time Tales (Last of term)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

#### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **Trinity 7**

4.00pm Messy Church

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

9.30am Toddler Group – last meeting for Summer

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July

8.00pm St Mark's Social Dance

#### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

#### **Trinity 8 Archdeacon Moira to Preside**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

8.00pm PCC Meeting

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June

12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona)

#### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **Trinity 9**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August

Fr. Martin returns from sabbatical

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*Each Thursday in Church - all parts at 7.00pm - other practices as notified*

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## **IONA COMMUNION – LUNCHTIME SERVICE**

*Every Thursday 12.45-1.15pm followed by Coffee/Tea*

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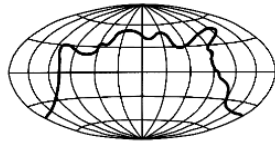
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ST MARK'S OVERSEAS AID TRUST



## ATTENTION!

### **BE ON PARADE FOR THE SMOAT BBQ BRUNCH SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – 10AM TO 12 NOON**

Come along and join us at the BBQ brunch.

Have a full English, catch up with friends, and help us celebrate Her Majesty's official birthday, and even better, help us to raise money.

This event is raising money for SAFAD (Silsoe Aid for Appropriate Development), a British charity run by students at Cranfield University. SAFAD has sent over 340 Cranfield graduates to almost 40 different countries in the developing world since 1969. Each year, student volunteers work with local organisations to help provide training and expertise in areas such as water, soil and environmental sciences, engineering, management and health.

SAFAD aims to help relieve poverty by promoting appropriate development, community participation and capacity building to create sustainable livelihoods. In order to do this, SAFAD funds volunteers to work with local NGOs and communities, using the technical knowledge acquired during their post-graduate work at Cranfield. The volunteers, in turn, gain experience through their work.

The Brunch is supporting a graduate student going over to Honduras to work with Pure Water for the World, an organisation that works in remote and underserved regions of developing countries that lack sustainable, safe drinking water. Their projects provide safe water, hygiene education and sanitation to children, families and communities. They work with local governments and community partners to select and analyse the appropriate technology for the community and to implement cost effective projects.

The placement will be for a period of between six months and a year and PWW will pay for the student's living expenses. The money raised at the brunch will be going towards air travel, visa fees and vaccination costs.

Tickets for the brunch are £10 for adults and £5 for children and are available after church from me at [barbara@barbaraperkins.co.uk](mailto:barbara@barbaraperkins.co.uk) or from Claire Bowers at [clairesbowers@aol.com](mailto:clairesbowers@aol.com).

We'd love to see you there.

Barbara Perkins

## So.... what do clergy do all day?

When asked "what do you do for a living?" and I give my reply, the response is pretty predictable... "Oh you only work one day a week then!" So I thought I would record some of the events that I have been involved with recently to give people insight into what goes on in the remaining 6 days.....

**Home Communion** – I was recently able to use my beautiful communion set during a home visit that the congregation of St Mark's generously gave me after my ordination....



**Assembly in Holmesdale school** – We looked at the story of the mouse and the Lion; How caring and kindness can be shown to each other regardless of status/size

**Christian Aid** – An early start to the day, in church by 8am to ensure that I have enough time to prepare for the day ahead, e.g registers, robes, plants, posters etc.



Our Christian Aid event went really well, with the St Mark's Singers and Dr John Shaw's beautiful playing really adding to the sense of occasion. We raised a staggering **'£482.01' + Gift Aid**



**Confirmation** - After several weeks of preparation, Ben, Alex, Marion, Jane-Anne and I made our way to Southwark Cathedral for the confirmation service straight after the Christian Aid event. After having a bite to eat in the refectory before the rehearsal at 2pm, the main service began at 4pm. The service was very moving, especially as members of St Mark's church had also come to support Ben and Alex in this important step in their faith journey.



**Archdeacon Moira** – It was a privilege to be joined by our Archdeacon at Pentecost for both Sunday services and to hear her preach. Archdeacon Moira was very impressed with St Mark's Singers who outdid themselves once again with 'this little light of mine' which had her dancing in the aisle - literally!!!

**Gardens** – The eagle eyed among you would have noticed the addition of a bench in our beautiful garden. This was donated by Anne Cramp in memory of her parents. I will have the honour of dedicating & blessing this in the near future.





We have such wonderful memorial areas which provide a place of tranquillity and peace, something we seldom find in our busy lives. May I take this opportunity to say “thank you” to Phil and Liz Davies for the maintenance work they do. The grounds and war memorial, which are such a public

feature of St Mark’s Church, look absolutely stunning.

**Brooklands School** – I was delighted to be invited to the Brooklands School - Royal Wedding Celebration. The pupils and staff are amazing and I am always very excited when we are able to join them. Our Easter tree which was hand made by the pupils, has sadly just been taken down, but we look forward to harvest when the pupils and staff will join us again at St Mark’s.



**How can I tell – Part 2** - Following the success of Part 1 held earlier in April, part 2 was led by Reverend Sarah Alexander about how we proclaim our faith and have the confidence to tell others about what we believe and why! It was an enlightening evening which was enjoyed by everyone there.

**Memorial Service** – We had a memorial service to celebrate the life of Sheila Keen a much-loved member of our community, may she Rest in Peace. †

These are just a few of the main events over the past few weeks, these do not of course, include the administration of emails, intercessions, structuring services for Messy Church, funerals and dedications, the research needed for sermons for weekday services as well as Sunday services. It does not include the pastoral visits, PCC meetings and various sub committees and deanery events, training days in London and essay writing or the ad-hoc tasks which crop up in between.

This is not an attempt to gain sympathy, but to simply highlight some of the work that is seldom seen. It is also why we need your prayers for all clergy and for their parish administrators! May I say a huge ‘**thank you**’ to Shona who regularly stays beyond her contracted hours to complete all the tasks that are thrown her way, including at the moment, the complex work on GDPR. The word ‘thank you’ is not heard often enough for all that people do in and around the church.

So a heartfelt “**THANK YOU**” to each and every one of you for all that you do and are doing for our beautiful church and the church community. May God hold you in his love and fill you with his peace.

God Bless

Reverend Anna x

## Put the 'Tea' in T Time Tales

Have you time on Wednesday afternoon from 3.15-4pm during term-time? Please consider lending a helping hand to serve the drinks at T-Time Tales in the church.

We regularly host up to 30 children and 10-15 adults, so an extra pair of hands would be very welcome. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

The drinks (squash, tea & coffee) are served from the vestry, everything is set up in advance and we only use disposable cups, so there is very little clearing up to do.



**Thank you**

### SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

**ACROSS:** 1, Overwhelmed 9, Valleys 10, Strap 11, Top 13, Reel 16, To do 17, Incite 18, Load 20, West 21, Notice 22, Was. 23, Thin 25, Ash 28, Noah's 29, Ever not 30, Onesiphorus

**DOWN:** 2, Value 3, Ree. 4, Host 5, Lisp 6, Ear lobe 7, Overflowing 8, Opportunit. 12, Obtain 14, Lid 15, A cross 19, Abstain 20, Wet 24, Hindu 25, Asks 26, Help 27, Hero

### THE JUNE SUDOKU CHALLENGE

#### SUDOKU

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#### Solution to May's Sudoku

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5	1	9	2	4	7	6	3	8
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8	9	2	5	1	4	3	7	6
4	7	6	9	3	2	8	5	1
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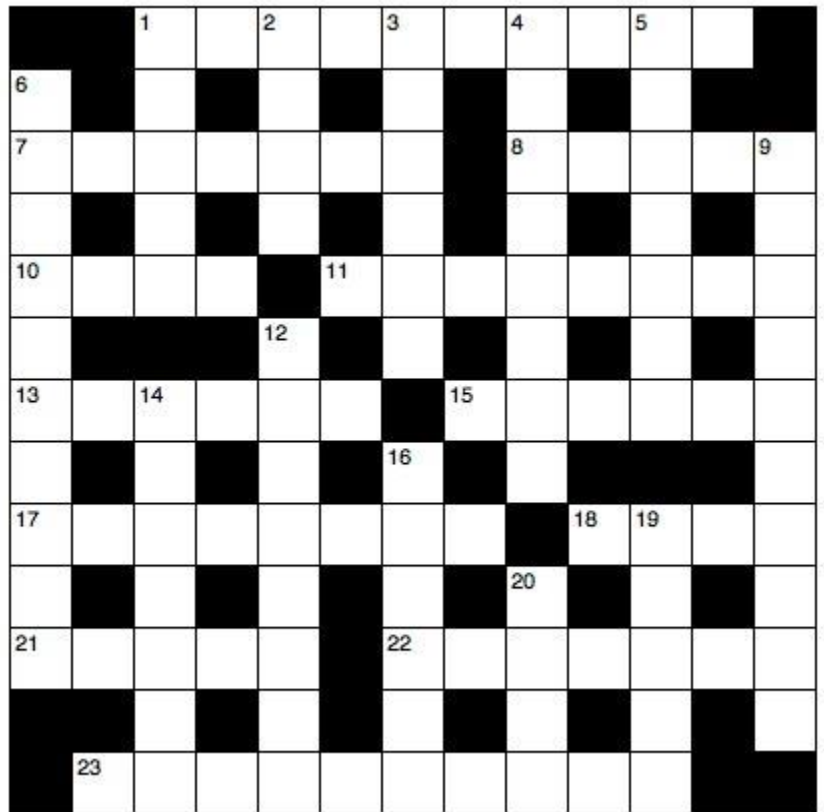
"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible." George Burns



## JUNE CROSSWORD CHALLENGE

### 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—'(2Corinthians4:8)(4)  
 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(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)



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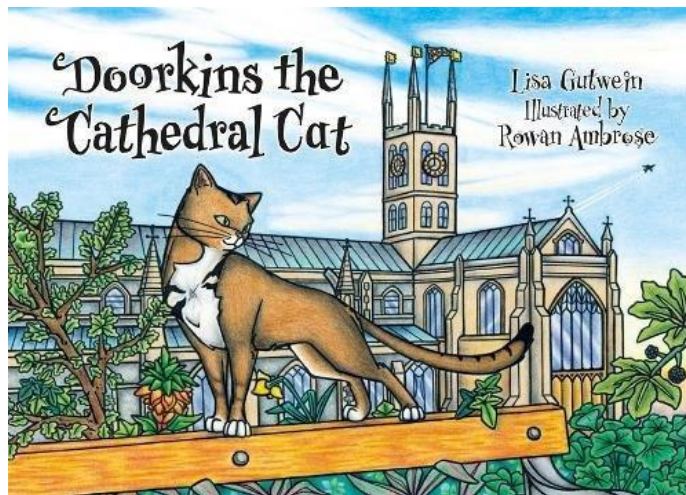
- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)  
 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)  
 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)  
 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)  
 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)  
 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)  
 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jai l(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)

## CHURCH CATS

Meet Marley, St Mark's mischievous, magnificent, mysterious and adventurous magazine cat in our next issue....



Marley is not alone in adopting a church or being captured in print, Southwark Cathedral is graced by Doorkins Magnificat, who is often found asleep on the Bishops' throne. You can also buy a copy of Doorkins very own book. Written and illustrated by congregation members Lisa Gutwein and Rowan Ambrose, this book follows the real life exploits of Doorkins, giving a complete tour of the Cathedral and is sure to delight any cat lover or those interested in Cathedrals.



### Looking for Doorkins

I started with Shakespeare. His alabaster lap  
must, I thought, provide the ideal spot  
for a cat the colour of rain on stone to sleep.  
She wasn't there. Nor could I find her stretched out  
in the chapel or curled among the tombs  
or tucked like a hassock underneath a pew.  
The candle flames I saw were candle flames  
and not the flicker of a feral, feline eye.  
So now, you try. You play this game of hide  
and seek. That squeak in the organ – was it her?  
Is that her in the scratches on the Bishop's Throne?  
Stand by a stained glass window, count to a hundred  
and perhaps you'll see her padding by, her fur  
a flare of green and gold and purple sun.

**Julia Bird, 2017**

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### **Smiling Is Infectious - Author Unknown**

Smiling is infectious,  
you catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner  
and someone saw my grin.  
When he smiled I realized  
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,  
then I realized its worth.

A single smile, just like mine  
could travel round the earth.  
So, if you feel a smile begin,  
don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic quick,  
and get the world infected!



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