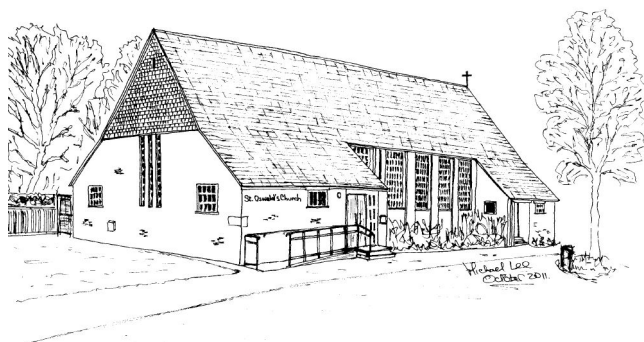


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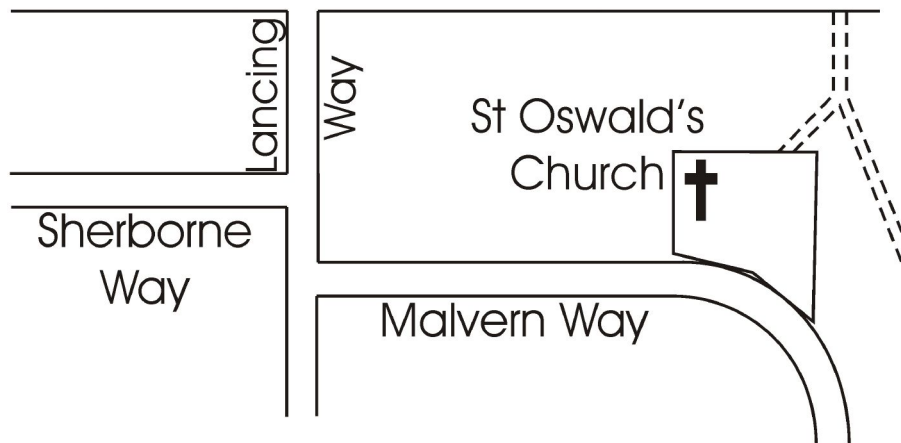
St Oswald's Church – who are we?

*We are part of the Church of
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Baldwins Lane



You will find us at Malvern Way, Croxley Green, WD3 3QL,
just off Baldwins Lane.

There is a direct footpath link from Baldwins Lane into the
rear of the church grounds, and car park access from
Malvern Way.

The office entrance is at the back of the church hall.



Letter from Tony

Dear Friends,

It hardly seems possible that it is already a month since we said farewell to Robert, as he celebrated Easter with us at his final service on Easter Day. Though tinged with some sadness, it was a day of real celebration as we joined together in celebrating our risen Lord and Robert's 17 years of ministry with us.

I am writing this the day after attending Robert's licensing as Associate Minister at Great St Mary's, Sawbridgeworth, where it was my pleasure to have a role in the service, commending Robert to the people of that parish. We wish Robert every blessing in this next stage in his ministry.

The Archdeacon of Hertford, the Venerable Janet Mackenzie opened the service of licensing with a prayer celebrating the ministry of the whole people



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Churchwardens Helen McAlpine and Anne-Georgina Barnes

of God. This resonated particularly with me as a fitting reminder to us at St. Oswald's of our responsibility to fulfil our calling as the people of God in in our parish as we move into a period of vacancy.

While the primary responsibility may rest with Helen and Anne-Georgina, as the Officers of the Bishop, in the absence of a Vicar, we are all called to be witnesses and ministers for Christ. Each of us will have a role to play in supporting our churchwardens and others who take on additional responsibilities over the coming months.

While the term vacancy implies an absence of something, I believe our experience of past periods of vacancy does show that this can be a positive time for the parish. Robert may have been with us for 17 years but prior to that, we experienced two periods of vacancy within 5 years. Those times showed that it can be a time of spiritual growth as people take on roles that enable them to exercise greater personal ministry. During a vacancy we also benefit from welcoming a variety of different priests from diverse backgrounds.

One of the aims of our parish over recent years, encouraged and supported by Robert, has been to develop more diverse forms of worship, with a view to reaching out and connecting with different people. This has been particularly evident in the introduction of our

Spotlight Services on the third Sunday of the month, focusing on topics of wider interest from a Christian perspective. There has also been a change of emphasis in our Family Services, seeking to engage families with young children.

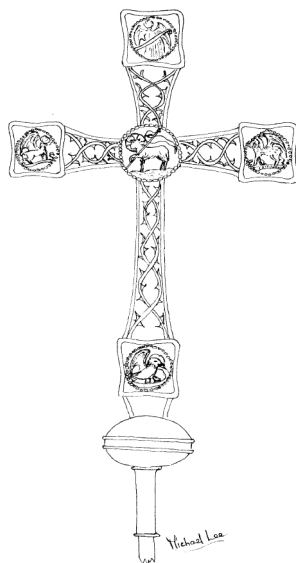
There is also much activity, that takes place outside formal worship. Café O on Mondays each week and the Trinity Project Donut and Hot Dog Clubs for Year 7 and 8 children on Fridays each month are examples of our wider outreach into the community.

Many readers may be wondering how long the period of vacancy will last. In the past, I can recall that at one time a minimum period was imposed by the diocese for financial reasons. I am pleased to note however that the diocese is already taking steps to look to the future. A Parish Vacancy Meeting has been arranged for Thursday 5 June at 7.30 pm in Church with Bishop Jane and Archdeacon Charles. This is an opportunity for us to indicate our priorities going forward and what qualities we may be looking for in our new Vicar. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the discussion and express their own opinion about the future of St. Oswald's.

If you have any particular wishes you would like see realised but are unable to come along please do make your views and wishes known to one of the churchwardens, or feel free to speak to me personally. It is likely that the process of recruiting and appointing a new Vicar will take place in the autumn, although it will, almost certainly, be some time after that before they are able to take up duty.

Wishing you every blessing,

Tony Barton (Lay Reader)



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

10th April 2025

Our own Brian Thomson spoke to us about 'God moves in a Mysterious Way, William Cowper, John Newton and 250 Years of Amazing Grace.' A similar talk was given to Men's Breakfast so I will not repeat it all. He spoke of the Christian hymn Amazing Grace written by John Newton. The most popular version typically uses the four verses that John Newton wrote in 1772 with it first being published in 1779. The lyrics are often sung to a simple melody, and they express gratitude for God's Grace and Forgiveness. The first verse is:

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now can see.

How well it has stood the test of time.

Thank you, Brian for a fascinating talk that everyone found so informative and interesting.

Janet



8th May 2025

For this meeting we were very pleased to welcome Stephen Martin and his wife Jennie. He had his first guitar at 18 that Jennie had bought him and is self taught. Stephen had brought along four different guitars, Washburn Orleans J10 Jazz Guitar, Martin America Semi Acoustic Modern guitar,

Electric Gibson Les Paul Guitar and a Classic Spanish Guitar a Martin Notley Number three of 10 made and this one was made to fit the size of Stephens hand. Each guitar plays differently to any other and Stephen illustrated this with his playing. His expertise and knowledge is second to none.



He played several Beatles' songs and a Monkeys' song that we could sing-a-long to, and songs that he had written. We had the opportunity to ask many, many questions and we learnt a lot about playing guitars and the different sounds that can be produced.

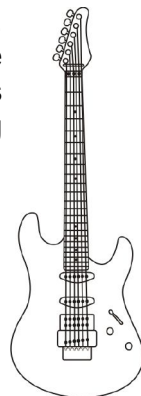
Stephen had many stories to tell about guitars, who played them and some of the tricks that were used. He explained that Jimi Hendrix played a right-handed guitar upside down to produce tunes.

At the end we had a Fiona Bruce (Antiques Road Show style) guessing game for the most expensive guitar, least expensive guitar and the guitar in the middle. Well we were absolute rubbish at guessing!

It was a fascinating afternoon and very entertaining. We will all look at guitars in a different light now and notice the different ways they can be played to produce the variety of tunes. You can find out more about Stephen at www.steviezip.co.uk and hear samples of his work. Thank you Stephen for your time it was a brilliant afternoon. We all thoroughly enjoyed it. Even Jennie said she had learnt things that she had not heard before. Thank you Jennie for the song sheets. We look forward to next year's session !!!!!

Janet

Next month's meeting: Michael will be joining us to look at Christmas Carols, Easter Hymns and Advent, Lent and Pentecost Hymns.



STOP THE PRESS!!!

**SAINT OSWALD'S
HOLIDAY CLUB 2025**

**23rd & 24th July :
9.30am - 3.00pm
25th July :
9.30am - 1.00pm**

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A CROXLEY RAMBLER'S DIARY

Brian Thomson enjoys a spring walk - 15th April
2025

The air was moist as I approached the station. Overnight rain had scattered pink petals on the pavement from the ornamental cherries. I got off the train at Chalfont and Latimer and found my way along Chenies Avenue amongst large Metroland villas and their modern counterparts into the green haze of new leaves in West Wood. I paused to listen to the birdsong - a blackbird, robin, wren, great tit, wood pigeon. The air was still and humid as I followed the path down into the valley. At the foot of the slope there are several horse chestnuts. One in particular must be very old judging by its girth. Their leaves were well advanced and their candle flowers were starting to show. That seems early in the season to me.

Across the road I joined a couple of fishermen on their way to the Chess. The water seemed to be flowing clear and they told me that water quality is good at the moment. That is pleasing to hear after all the news about pollution in the river. (According to sewagemap.co.uk the previous discharge at Chesham ended on the 26th February and lasted for just 30 minutes. There was a more serious discharge in January.) I spent a few minutes on the bridge watching the cascade from the artificial lake known as Great Water and admiring some kingcups by the stream. A small herd of black cattle lay quietly in the field nearby. I made my way uphill onto the footpath in front of Latimer House where there is a



pleasant view of the lake, albeit today somewhat curtailed in the misty air.

The first swallow I have seen this year flew down towards the lake where a patient fisherman watched his line from a boat. I was surprised to find cow parsley in flower and hawthorn buds about to open - again signs that spring is moving faster than in previous years. The path edges had plenty of other flowers including white dead nettles, ground ivy and cowslips. I retraced my steps and walked to Latimer village where the green surrounded by old cottages is a picture whatever the weather. The Chess valley path towards Chenies crosses a meadow which is usually wet. I had expected a dry passage after about a month of blue skies and drought but not a bit of it. There must be a spring at the top of the field.



Alkanet

After squelching through I crossed to the edge of the river where old Flaunden village used to be. There are a few lumps and bumps marking the remains and a blackcap sang from the scrub now covering much of the site. I must have read the interpretation board before but noticed for the first time that it contains a poem by Barbara Sedassy, an artist who now lives in Chorleywood. She wrote: -

‘Dogwood by the River Chess

We went to the copse more than once,
My dad and I
Sometimes we had to climb over a locked gate.
It was a secret place - forbidden perhaps.
We were looking for something there,
part of a ruined church - St Magdalene ...
We moved leaves, found a corner of something,
traced the cross shaped building.

We disturbed a frog.
Enclosed within the copse, we became part of it -
the other side of the red dogwood.
Whatever it was we were looking for there,
my dad and I,
whatever it was we were looking for
I believe we found it.'

Towards Chenies Mill there is a patch of land, covered in reeds and tall grass, between the mill stream and the other branch of the Chess. A noisy black machine was trundling across it, unlike anything I had seen before. The operator looked in my direction so I shouted across the water to ask what he was about. He explained that he was erecting a fence around the field so that they could graze cattle there.

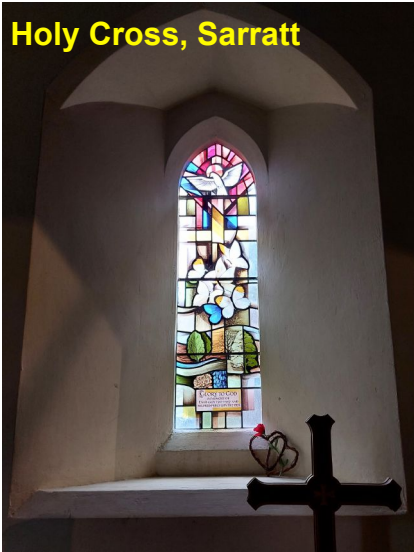
After watching the stream for a while from the bridge I followed the path into Frogmore Meadow Nature Reserve. The thick blackthorn scrub here is an ideal place to listen to blackcaps and chiffchaffs not long returned from Africa. And there was a nuthatch calling in a small bluebell wood. Skittish horses cantered round one of the paddocks at Valley Farm as I approached the ford beside the old watercress farm. The fast-flowing stream was not far below the small footbridge. From here I followed the road along Sarratt Bottom and then slowly up across the fields to Church End.

Holy Cross church is always worth a visit. I noticed in particular the Jacobean pulpit and the eagle lectern which someone had burnished brightly. Two attractive modern windows provide a nice contrast.



After a filling lunch at the Cock I set off again across the fields to Mickelfield Green and the motorway bridge on Sarratt Road. Unfortunately this route involves about half a mile of

Holy Cross, Sarratt



walking next to the thundering M25. In spite of the noise it was here that a muntjak deer broke cover and stared at me from about 50 yards before showing me its white tail and disappearing. They really have a knack of just vanishing. I walked on amongst wild cherry blossom until the path diverged from the traffic and brought me to the Lodge at Chandlers Cross, where the wisteria was coming into flower.

I made my way into Harrocks wood and enjoyed the fresh bluebells there. Somehow my attempts at photography can never do justice to the spectacle.

From there via Merlins wood I took the shortest route home across the field of oilseed rape, whose smell reminds me of rotting cabbage, and into Long Newlands Spring.



NEWS FROM OUR 10% CHARITIES

**CSW everyone
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Christian Solidarity Worldwide

We were privileged to have a speaker from CSW on 18th May. CSW is a human rights organisation which aims to

promote a world free from religious persecution, where everyone can practise a religion or belief of their choice.

Our speaker has responsibility for CSW's work in the Middle East and North Africa where Christians in particular face much hostility. Consequently, many have left the region and some have experienced traumatic events. Even in a country with a relatively liberal background such as Turkey there is a strong current of opinion to suppress Christian strands of the region's history.

Our speaker is particularly engaged in Syria and in Egypt, where there is a large Christian minority. He reported an improvement in the situation in Egypt under the current regime. Nonetheless there are many who have suffered from past attacks. As a result CSW has started a programme of mental health support.

Alternatives Trust East London



Thank you to all those who contributed baby products to our Lenten collection for Alternatives. The staff gave Gill and Brian Thomson a warm welcome when they delivered a car boot full of the baby products recently. Alternatives works in one of

the poorest and diverse parts of London and provides intensive long-term support to over 100 women and their children every year. Alternatives runs a Family Hub for women and children to enjoy

activities together. There is a 'Baby Bank' to help with essential supplies, and parenting support groups. The staff provide training, counselling and advice with issues such as immigration. Alternatives shares premises with St Edmund's church in the parish of East Ham. The building is an old Vicarage that has been attractively converted to include a small chapel and a variety of spaces for community use.

Watford Schools Trust



The Trust's schools workers will be running ExploRE activities for Little Green Junior School classes at Croxley Green Baptist Church in the week of June 30th.



ExploRE is an event that enables children, of all faiths and none, to explore life's deeper questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way. Taking a broadly Christian perspective as a starting point, it gives children an opportunity to develop skills of personal reflection and to explore prayer in an open, inclusive and safe environment.

Over the course of a week the Trust's workers take over a room and fill it with up to thirty different interactive activities. During the week they invite the whole school to try out the activities, each one designed to help the students explore their own thoughts about God, themselves and their wonderful world and community. The activities pupils can engage with encourage personal reflection on issues such as forgiveness, injustice, thankfulness, big questions, identity and stillness.



CHRISTIAN AID ARTS CAFE 2025

More than £1,300 was raised at the community arts event for charity.

The third Croxley Green Arts Café was held at St Oswald's Church, in Malvern Way, in support of international development agency Christian Aid.



It featured all kinds of art and craft work by young people from Little Green and Croxley Danes, as well as amateur and professional artists.

Organiser Chris Gregory, from the Croxley and Rickmansworth Christian Aid committee, said the aim is to give local artists and craftspeople a chance to display their talents while also raising money for Christian Aid, which this year is marking its 80th anniversary.

He added: “People of all ages and skills can exhibit in a relaxed setting where the atmosphere is fun and friendly – and this year, we raised more than £1,300.”

Money raised around the annual Christian Aid Week appeal will help the organisation’s partners empower vulnerable communities to find practical and sustainable ways out of poverty.



Next year’s date for the arts café is Saturday, April 18.



Music for a Summer Evening

from Croxley Green Community Choir
directed by Gerry O'Beirne

7.30pm, Thursday 3rd July, St Oswald's Church
songs from the musical 'Guys and Dolls', Gospel hits,
music by Gershwin and Rutter

Free entry, collection for the Stroke Association
and renovation of St Oswald's hall



CROXLEY GREEN REPAIR CAFE

The Parish Council launches a new venture on 1st June,
continuing on the first Sunday of each month at the Community
Club, Community Way WD3 3SU (Barton Way Car Park)

10am to 1pm

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- ☐ **Toy repairs** (broken parts, loose seams, minor electronic fixes)

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St Oswald's Parochial Church Council update January 2025

St Oswald's Parochial Church Council update May 2025

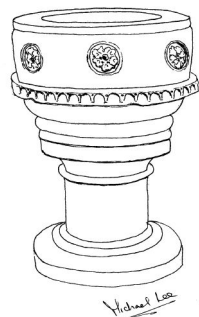
At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 27th April Helen McAlpine and Anne-Georgina Barnes were re-elected churchwardens and Clare Hook was elected to the PCC.

The PCC met on 27th May. Val Edwards reported steady progress in achieving improved safeguarding procedures and Karen Pryse expressed relief at the successful resolution of a long-running dispute with our previous gas supplier, SSE. The PCC thanked Val and Catherine Farman for their work on safeguarding and Karen for her continuing hard work as Treasurer.

Amongst other issues, the PCC discussed the position in church of the organ console. Clare Hook presented an update on the project to record our collection of kneelers and find new homes for those we no longer need. Clare has made contact with a number of those who donated and worked the kneelers and 30 have been distributed to them. Consideration is being given to creating a display of the kneelers in church and providing a record that people can consult.

Brian Thomson

Copies of PCC minutes are available on request to those on the Electoral Roll from the secretary,
Brian Thomson,
secretary@stoswaldschurch.org.uk



ST OSWALD'S PASTORAL CONTACT GROUP

During the vacancy Tony Barton has taken over the role of convener of the group and first point of contact. The group's role is to ensure that St Oswald's congregation is well cared for. The other members are Sue Barton, Pat Phillips and Gill Thomson. Please contact them if you have concerns about the welfare of any congregation members. Tony's contact

details are email
tony.barton@stoswaldschurch.org.uk,
phone ??



St Oswald's Men's Breakfast

WATFORD FC COMMUNITY SPORTS AND EDUCATION TRUST

Paul Palmer, Associate Priest at All Saints', came to talk to the men's breakfast on 17th May about his job as Business Support Officer at Watford FC's Sports and Education Trust.

He emphasised that the Trust is a charity, independent of the football club, which has to raise its own funding. The Trust is a sizeable operation with a £4 million turnover, over 60 full-time and part-time staff, 80 sessional staff and over 50 active volunteers. As you would expect they run a range of football and sports development activities including in local schools. Little Green School won their Primary Stars Tournament last year.

Some activities are based in community centres on the Meriden estate and in Harrow. Way beyond football, the trust has a number of health and wellbeing programmes including for weight management and mental health. They reckon that the trust engages with over 15,000 people each year.

Quite how Paul manages to combine this busy job with being an active priest in Croxley remains a bit of a mystery!

WHAT'S ON?



Services

Holy Communion on Sundays 8 am and 10 am, except first Sunday in the month when there is a Family Service at 10 am.

Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 11 am.

(During the current vacancy, as advertised in the fortnightly newsletter, some services may be Services of the Word

rather than Holy Communion.)

Evening Prayer on the first Sunday at 4 pm

Sunday School meets each Sunday, except first Sunday in the month, at 10 am

Café O

Monday mornings (except Bank Holidays) in the church from 9.00 am to 12 noon



Mothers' UNION



meets on the second Thursday of each month at 2.30 pm in the church.
Christian care for families

12th June 'Our Favourite Hymns' Michael Hart

10th July Visit to Squires garden centre

11th September 'My holiday in Kyiv' Richard Griffiths

9th October 'Introduction to Bee-Keeping' Alan Restarick

Men's Breakfast meets in the hall monthly on Saturdays at 7.45 am.

14th June 'Time Flies' Alan Restarick

19th July Andy Bird

20th Sept 'The Land of the Maple Leaf - Part 3' Phil Brading

18th Oct 'The Emerald Isle' Guy Parks

Donut Club for Year 7s

3.30 to 5pm first Friday each month in term time

Hot Dog Club for Year 8s

5.15 to 6.30pm first Friday each month in term time



CALENDAR FOR JUNE AND JULY

June

Sunday 1st	10.00am Family Service
Thursday 5th	7.30 pm - Informal Vacancy meeting with Bishop Jane and Archdeacon Charles
Thursday 12th	2.30pm Mothers' Union
Saturday 14th	7.45am Men's Breakfast
Sunday 15th	10.00am Spotlight Service
Saturday 21st	Alban Pilgrimage in St Albans. Starts with the Procession at 11.00am.
Wednesday 25th	12.15pm TOTO lunch for those on their own at The Fox and Hounds.
Saturday 28th	Cafe O at Croxley Revels.

July

Thursday 3rd	7.30pm 'Music for a Summer Evening' Croxley Green Community Choir in the church
Saturday 5th	9.30am Litter Pick around Croxley, meet at the church
Sunday 6th	10.00am Family Service followed by 'Count on Nature' and picnic in the church grounds
Sunday 20th	10.00am Spotlight Service 'Parables'
Weds 23rd to Fri 25th	'Stop the Press' Holiday Club for children in school years Reception to Year 6.

DATES FOR DIARIES

September

Saturday 20th	9.30am Litter Pick around Croxley, meet at the church
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October

Saturday 11th	Jumble Sale
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November

Saturday 15th	Beetle Drive
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Richard Doughty writes from St Oswald's Eco Group

Free herbs top the menu at St Oswald's

Want to pep up your cooking with fresh, home-grown herbs? The church eco group has replanted the open herb garden in the grounds that can be picked for free by any Croxley resident when the herbs are ready for the pot from June onwards.

"Herbs are so easy and quick to grow - all you need is top soil mixed with peat-free compost," says eco group member Magdalena Pletsch as she adds lemon balm (also known as verbenas - which makes lemon-flavoured tea) and mint to a range of popular herbs including rosemary, thyme, oregano, sage and wild strawberries.

"The garden works really well with children, who love to regularly visit with their parents and watch the herbs grow and then play around the raised bed. It's a free resource for the community and we'll be signposting it more when the herbs are really established.

"Maybe try it at home in the garden or on a window sill and get children involved," says Magdalena. "The main advantage is the herbs are fresh and available whenever you want them!"

Creating and nurturing the herb garden is just one of a series of eco activities that the group plans this year. They include installing a water butt, creating a children's nature trail and taking part in the nationwide



Big Butterfly count (July 17 till August 10).

The eco group is also organising litter picks for July 5 and September 20 around Croxley, and inviting children and their families to take part in the national Churches' Count on Nature (July 6) with a picnic when we will discover the variety of flora and fauna species found living across St Oswald's grounds. For more information, contact Jonathan Cox or Brian Thomson



LITTER-PICKING ON COMMON MOOR

The Friends of Common Moor will be clearing litter on Sundays 22 June, 27 July and 24 Aug at 3pm. Support from St Oswald's is always welcome. Meet at the Mill Lane entrance to the Moor. Brian Thomson



Our happy flower arrangers after decorating the church for Easter

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Janet Tublin shares her love of gardening

Who Does Your Garden Grow?

Miss Ellen Wilmott 1858-1934

Many gardeners know the tale of Ellen Wilmott who threw seeds into people's gardens to add plants she felt were missing - the most popular of these being *Eryngium Giganteum* which became known as Miss Wilmott's Ghost. Apart from that I knew little about her.



Eryngium (sea holly) but not very giganteum

Her father was a well to do London Solicitor who moved to Warley Gardens in Essex to a fabulous house with an amazing garden which included a stream and several natural ponds.

The whole family was interested in gardening but his elder daughter Ellen was the most interested. She was said to be a strong character and not particularly liked. She became an expert on roses and produced a book detailing each rose's source and history.

She supported financially many plant expeditions and in return fifty plants were named after her, including a scabious, veronica and campanula. Unusual seedlings in her garden were also developed and received her name. Many are still available today.

Nurserymen loved her as she spent vast sums of money at their nurseries of at least £1,500 each year.



Ellen Wilmott sat on several RHS Committees sometimes being the only woman. She would wear a buttonhole of an unusual flower and would delight in seeing how many of the men members could identify it.

Her garden in spring had over 600 species of narcissus alone. Her wealth started to disappear and part of the land had to be sold off. The house was eventually demolished and from 1977 it became a nature reserve. It is now known as Warley Place and run by the Essex Wildlife Trust.



Come and join in our
Eco Activities at St Oswald's

Litter-picking around Croxley on Saturdays 5 July and 20th September: meet at 9.30 am at the church - equipment provided, bring gloves

'Churches Count on Nature' activities for all ages and picnic in the church grounds following the 10.00am family service on 6 July

Creation Praise and Thanksgiving Sunday 21st September 10.00 am

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Intercessions for each week

The following suggestions for prayer week by week are by no means exhaustive. They are intended as prompts to encourage our prayers for: the life of our church; the charities with which we are connected; the roads of our parish; the village and the wider community. Other suggestions for prayer may be found on the fortnightly pew sheet.



Sunday 1 to Saturday 7 June

Baptism preparation and follow-up

Alternatives

Durrants Drive, Hastings Way, Lewes Way, Norwich Way

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, those involved in choosing a new Archbishop of Canterbury, the Church of England and the Anglican Communion

Sunday 8 to Saturday 14 June

Café O

Bible Reading Fellowship

Merchant Taylors Place, Appleby Drive, Gloucester Court, Hertford Close, Pevensey Way, St Mawes Close, Scarborough Drive, Scotney Close

Parish, District and County Councillors

Sunday 15 to Saturday 21 June

Prayer Fellowship

Church Mission Society

Canterbury Way, Gade Bank, Links Way, Rousebarn Lane
Our Diocesan Bishops, Alan, Richard and Jane

Sunday 22 to Saturday 28 June

Sunday School

The Marylebone Project (Church Army Women's Hostel)

Dover Way, Ludlow Way, Richmond Way, Warwick Way

Our local shops and businesses

Sunday 29 June to Saturday 5 July

Our Mission Action Plan
Christian Solidarity Worldwide
Beechcroft Ave, Oakleigh Drive, Sycamore App, Sycamore
Road, Valley Walk
Our local schools

Sunday 6 to Saturday 12 July

Choir and church musicians
New Hope Trust
Dorrofield Close, Hazelwood Road, Mayfare, Sansom Close,
Watford Road
All Saints' Church

Sunday 13 to Saturday 19 July

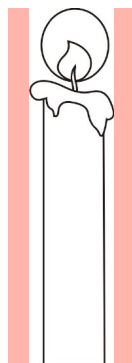
Readers and Churchwardens
Trinity Project
Byewaters, Evensyde, Basildon Close, Gill Close, Heckford Close,
Longmans Cl
Parliament and our MP Gagan Mohindra

Sunday 20 to Saturday 26 July

Safeguarding Team and Pastoral Contact Group
Croxley Parish Nurse
Girton Way, Malvern Way, Sherborne Way, Winchester Way
Shaftesbury Court

Sunday 27 July to Saturday 2 August

Mothers' Union and Men's Breakfast
Christian Aid
Claremont Crescent, Lancing Way, Winton Crescent, Winton Drive
Churches Together in Croxley Green



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ST OSWALD'S REMEMBRANCE BOOK

JUNE

Eric Clement CORDERY - 20th April 1928 to 1st June 2000

John Thomas MANNING ~ 27th Jan 1904 to 1st June 1988

Florence Annie BATES ~ 8th Oct 1908 to 2nd June 2007

Eva Cecilia DAY ~ 6th Aug 1901 to 4th June 1991

Doris Evelyn THOMSON ~ 10th Dec 1914 to 6th June 2004

Eileen Mary WOODHOUSE - 24th October 1923 to 2nd June 2019

Sylvia Alice DENTON ~ 7th Feb 1915 to 10th June 2008

Pearl Lilian SEALEY ~ 22nd Jan 1922 to 12th June 2009

Maureen Ena HERRING ~ 17th Jan 1935 to 27th June 2017

James Humphrey BROOM ~ 19th Jan 1916 to 18th June 2015

Reginald James STEVENS ~ 12th Oct 1915 to 20th June 1989

Alfred Charles WAKEMAN ~ 1st June 1917 to 20th June 1995

Ida Louisa DRACUP ~ 22nd March 1908 to 20th June 1997

James WILSON ~ 3rd Jan 1930 to 23rd June 2006

Raymond GRAY ~ 30th June 1926 to 23rd June 2014

Andrew Nicholas DENTON ~ 22nd Jan 1950 to 24th June 1975

Sylvia Josephine KEARNEY ~ 10th Nov 1940 to 24th June 2012

Florence May WALTON ~ 18th Aug 1906 to 26th June 1977

Muriel BROWN ~ 21st May 1921 to 28th June 2012

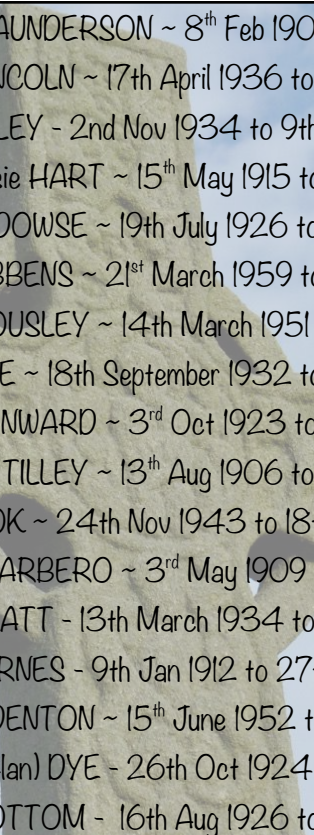
Margery Gladys HARDY ~ 18th March 1906 to 28th June 1993

Gordon Creighton WALFORD ~ 17th July 1916 to 29th June 2011

JULY

Ellen Hannah STANTON ~ 28th Sep 1916 to 4th July 1997

Edwin Whitridge STANTON ~ 20th April 1912 to 20th March 2006



Louise Elizabeth SAUNDERSON ~ 8th Feb 1902 to 7th July 1964
Eileen Joan LINCOLN ~ 17th April 1936 to 9th July 2015
Malcolm TILLEY - 2nd Nov 1934 to 9th July 2024
Catherine Bessie HART ~ 15th May 1915 to 10th July 1979
Jean Barbara DOWSE ~ 19th July 1926 to 11th July 2016
David John GIBBENS ~ 21st March 1959 to 12th July 1969
Susan Virginia MOUSLEY ~ 14th March 1951 to 12th July 2013
Peter Roy POPE ~ 18th September 1932 to 15th July 2015
Evelyn Alice WINWARD ~ 3rd Oct 1923 to 15th July 2010
Margery Irene TILLEY ~ 13th Aug 1906 to 18th July 1985
Martin HOOK ~ 24th Nov 1943 to 18th July 2015
Horace Peter BARBERO ~ 3rd May 1909 to 19th July 1989
Peter Ernest PRATT - 13th March 1934 to 24th July 2016
Charles BARNES - 9th Jan 1912 to 27th July 1999
Leonard Stuart DENTON ~ 15th June 1952 to 28th July 1952
Albert Edward (Alan) DYE - 26th Oct 1924 to 7th July 2017
Audrey Grace BOTTOM - 16th Aug 1926 to 24th July 2017

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH:

Lord, call to this your church and ours a true shepherd, a man or woman of God, a minister of Christ; and make us, together, a church joyful in worship and united in witness, working, caring, praising, loving to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (adapted)

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5th June, 3rd July, 7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December

Where to find the group

All Saints Church Hall, the Green, Croxley Green, WD3 3HJ

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CROXLEY PARISH NURSE

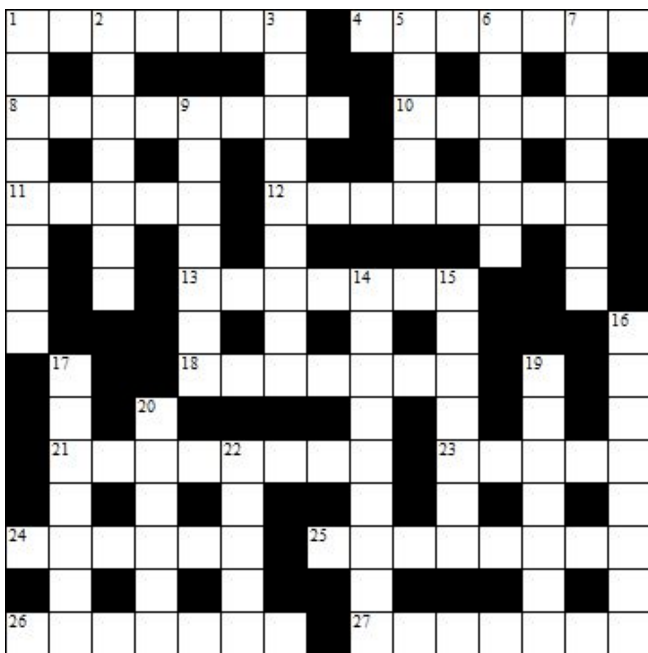


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Cryptic Crossword by Richard Lee

display partly (8)
26 Presenting a play for an animal with a broken spirit (7)
27 A sudden push forward atop an operator (7)

Down

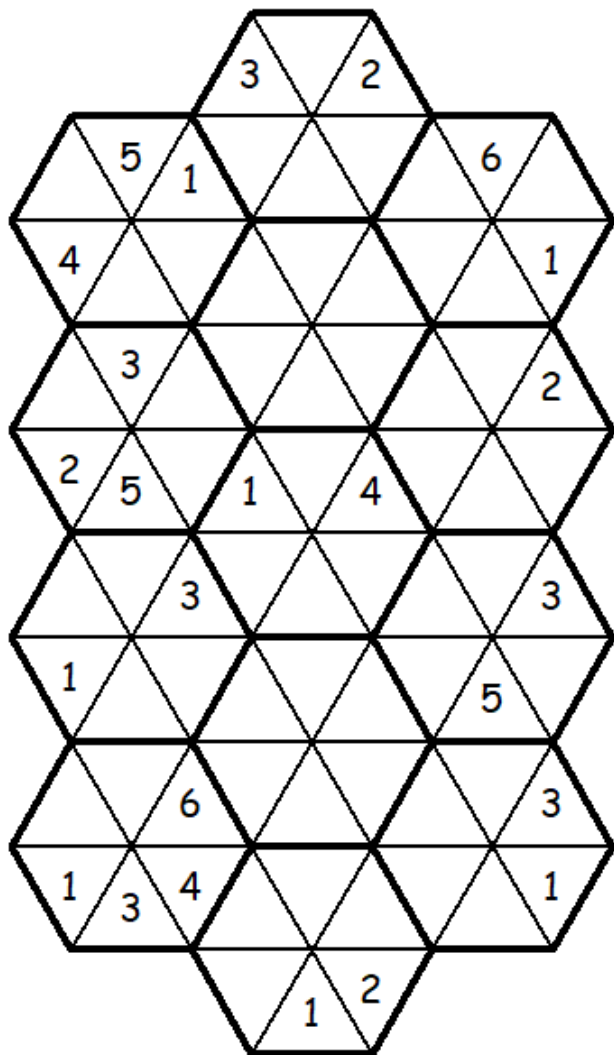
1 A dish one creates for sticky bonding (8)
2 Hum-drum unnamed change (7)
3 Schedule? Bet I'm

Across

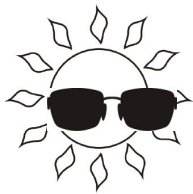
1 Smarter to create a padded support (7)
4 Deliberately spoil a note during evening meal (7)
8 Pass a little, looking good. (8)
10 Entreaties to be heard to give satisfaction (6)
11 Latest airship providing a way up (5)
12 A gaunt ruler considering (8)
13 Discussed opposing points showing a flying mammal indeed (7)
18 Reeling uncontrollably giving a malicious look (7)
21 Hold back the remainder with falling drops (8)
23 Very keen to be seen in the same age range (5)
24 Critical report about the vista (6)
25 Benediction enables singing

late coming round! (9)
5 Looks like wearing headgear for a chicken (5)
6 Different prices for a short summary (6)
7 Flags after sensing trouble (7)
9 Austrian pastry from a most rude lady. (7)
14 Alter sign to produce geometric shapes (9)
15 Academic titles showing measures of heat (7)
16 Arrogant chopped up herb (8)
17 Intensely passionate display of safer ventilation (7)
19 A scrap of cloth to send out around jazzy music (7)
20 Enquiring like a monarch perhaps (6)
22 A narrow ancient hedge contains a tree (5)

Number Hexagon Puzzle by Richard Lee



Each hexagon has the numbers 1 to 6 randomly inside it. Where two hexagons touch the touching segments must have the same number. The puzzle is to fill all of the segments with the correct number!

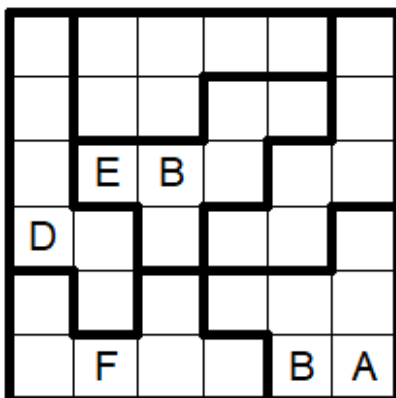


Summertime Quiz

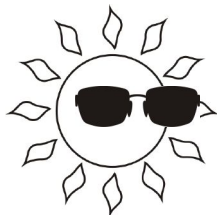
- 1 Who had a hit with Summer of '69 back in 1985?
- 2 What was the first name of Clegg in the sitcom Last of the Summer Wine?
- 3 At 1.34 miles, where is the longest pleasure pier in the UK?
- 4 Which feast day falls on July 15 every year?
- 5 Castel Gandolfo is famous for being whose summer residence?
- 6 What is used as the filling of a summer pudding?
- 7 In 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland', what was done all on a summer's day?
- 8 Who had a hit record in 1961 with Summertime Blues?
- 9 How is the singer La Donna Gaynes better known?
- 10 When is the festival of Midsummer Day and the feast of St John the Baptist?
- 11 What is the birthstone for July?
- 12 What is the most commonly purchased BBQ meat in the US?
- 13 What country has the most coastline in the world?
- 14 The first ever what was called a rebound tumbler?
- 15 Which city will host the summer Olympics for the third time in 2028?

Hexomino Sudoku Puzzle

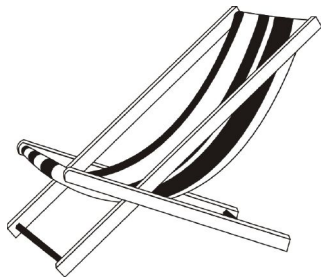
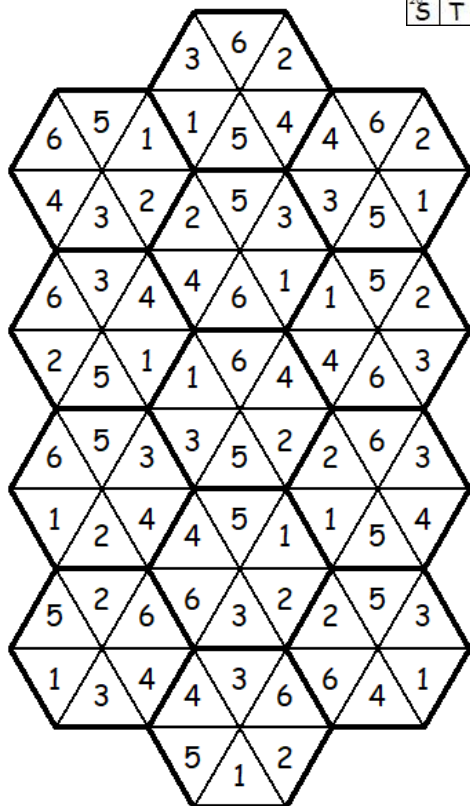
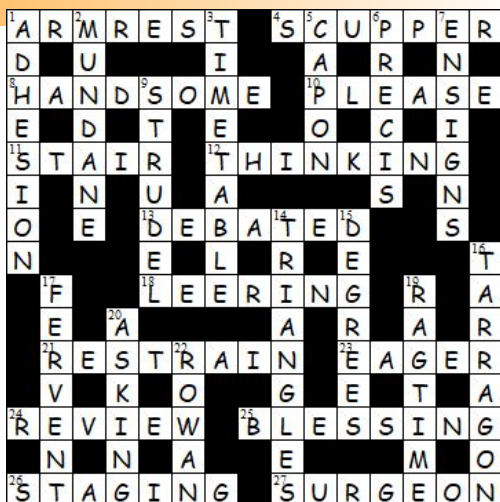
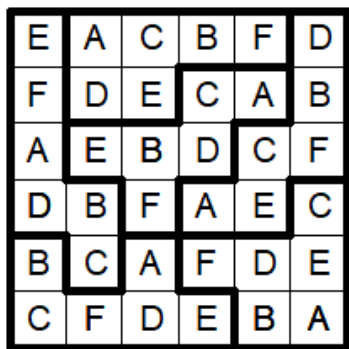
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There is one each of the letters A to F in every row, column and in each six-block Hexomino shape. Your task is to fit all the letters into the grid.



PUZZLE ANSWERS



QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Bryan Adams. 2 Norman.
3 Southend. 4 Saint Swithins.
5 The Pope. 6 Fruit (berries)
7 Queen of Hearts made some
tarts. 8 Eddie Cochran.
9 Donna Summer. 10 June 24
11 Ruby. 12 Hot dog.
13 Canada. 14 Trampoline.
15 Los Angeles.

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