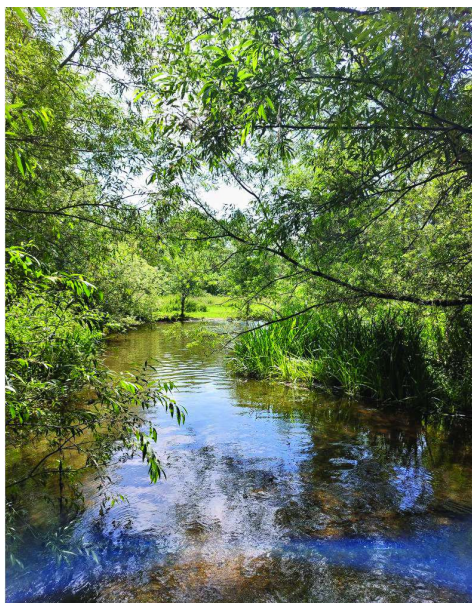
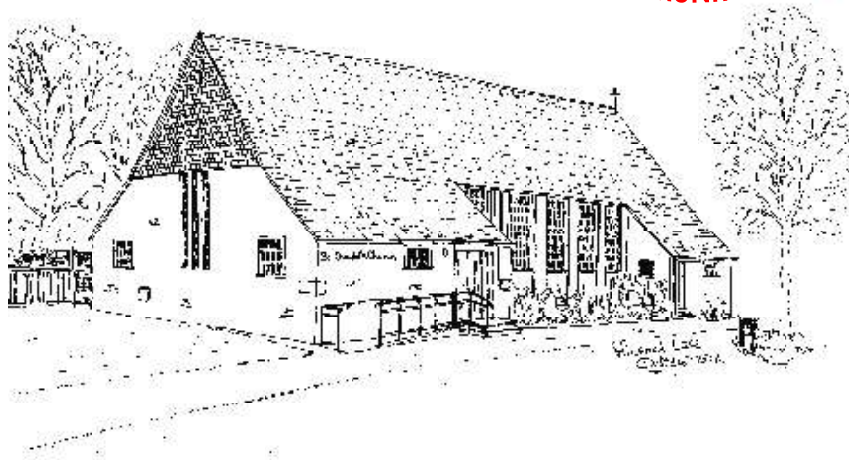


# PARISH MAGAZINE OF ST. OSWALD'S CROXLEY GREEN



*AUGUST  
and  
SEPTEMBER  
2025*

The Chess at Chorleywood House

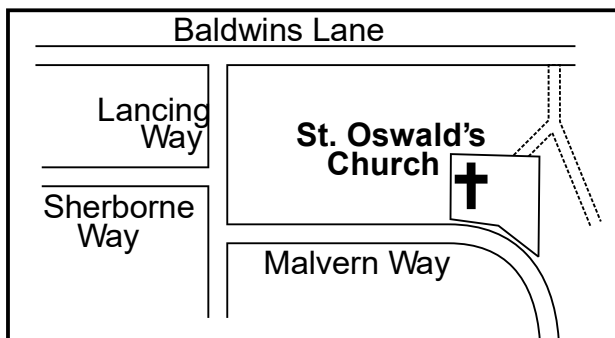
## **St. Oswald's Church - About us**

We are part of the  
Church of England in the St. Alban's Diocese.

Our website is [www.stoswaldschurch.org.uk](http://www.stoswaldschurch.org.uk)

And on Facebook : StOswaldsCG

You will find us at 17 Malvern Way, 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.



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## **REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES**

### **SUNDAYS**

**8.00am Communion (said) every week**

**10.00am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month: Family Service**

**10.00am Other Sundays: Sung Communion**

**10.00am Sunday school in the hall**

**4.00pm First Sunday of the month - Evening Prayer**

**NOTE - starts 6.00pm from April**

### **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

**9.00am Morning Prayer**

### **WEDNESDAYS**

**11.00am Communion**



The 2025 Holiday Club will still be happening when this magazine goes to publication, so there are no write ups of the event. Suffice to say that as usual, there will have been hours of preparation by leaders and helpers before the first session on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Last year, the focus was on stories from the Old Testament, titled

### **“The Ancient Times News”,**

The stories were about Noah, Moses (as a baby), Jonah, David & Goliath and the Tower of Babel.

This year, with the title of **“The Good News”**, the stories were some of the Parables that Jesus told in the New Testament -

The Parable of the Lost Sheep, The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders and The Parable of The Sower.

There are many and varied activities for all the children to participate in - games, craft, singing, listening to the stories and worship time. Other activities due to be included were a beetle drive, a treasure hunt, shelter building and some circus skills! A huge thank you to

everyone involved in any way and

**DON'T SNOOZE - READ THE GOOD NEWS!**

## FROM RAINBOW TO HOLIDAY CLUB



Holiday Club, for many, many years called Rainbow Club, began back in the early to mid 1980's, and was held every Friday morning in the school holidays.

Over time, this evolved to the more familiar 5 mornings in one week, and recently changed again to 2 whole days and a half day. Throughout, the club has provided the children with games, crafts, stories worship time and singing, although the way these are presented has also evolved. The average number of children each year is 60 - sometimes a few more, sometimes less, divided into age groups. Admin work has greatly increased in more recent times due to health & safety, and risk assessment aspects.

Themes for the week have been many and varied -

THE SEASONS 2002

HELPING HANDS 2003 (Nurses, teachers, police, families etc)

SEASIDE ROCK 2004

THE J QUEST 2007

BODYWORKS 2008

MEGA MAKERS 2014

ON YOUR MARKS (The Olympics) 2016

JOSEPH 2017

GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD 2023

THE ANCIENT TIMES 2024



**THE GOOD NEWS IS .....  
HOLIDAY CLUB FLOURISHES  
YEAR ON YEAR!**



## MOTHERS' UNION JUNE



We had an enjoyable afternoon with Michael Hart talking about some of our favourite hymns for Christmas, Easter, Advent and Pentecost. Accompanied by Michael on the keyboard we sang some of the verses of each. Michael also gave us interesting facts and figures relating to the hymns.

The words of "The Twelve of Christmas" were first written down in a British Children's Book called "Mirth Without Mischief" in 1870. The carol's origins are likely connected to memory games for children, with the songs repetitive structure making it a challenge to memorise. Someone decided to add up the total number of gifts in the carol and came up with the mathematical formula of  $N(N+1)(N+2)/6$  where  $N = 12$ . The result is 364 which is ironically one gift for every day of the year excluding Christmas Day! Then in 2023 Michael said someone decided to work out the value of all the gifts and it came to \$201,972!

There is a Green Hill Far Away was another hymn we had picked – originally written as a children's hymn and is now usually sung at Easter. The words were written by Cecil Frances Alexander. It was first published in Hymns for Little Children in 1848 and became popular in 1868 when it was published in the first edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern. It was noted that the writer 'had surpassed all other writers of sacred song in meeting a growing demand for children's hymns'.

It was a fascinating afternoon with all the little facts Michael had and everyone enjoyed the singing. Thank you, Michael. Janet

## MOTHERS' UNION JULY

For this meeting we had to change our original plan, and were invited by Alison and Richard to have an afternoon with them. We had a scorching hot day but it was very pleasant in their garden sitting round a table in the shade of their apple tree.

Conversation was varied and interesting, we are never short of topics to discuss!

We had a great feast before us of a variety of savoury foods and the Waitrose sausage rolls were a firm favourite, a wide selection of cakes





and biscuits,  
and  
strawberries  
and cream.  
Thank you to  
everyone who  
contributed.

Thank you to  
Alison and  
Richard for a  
lovely time  
sitting in their

garden so relaxing and peaceful that no one wanted to go home! An  
afternoon enjoyed by all. Janet

*Next Meeting August 14th in the Church for our usual Afternoon Tea  
and Chat*

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## PASTORAL CONTACT GROUP



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vicar; this group aims to ensure contact is  
maintained with anyone who finds it difficult  
to get to church, for whatever reason. Where  
appropriate, arrangements can be made for a  
lift to church, or for a home visit with the  
possibility of Communion at home. If you  
become aware of anyone who you think the  
group could make contact with, then please  
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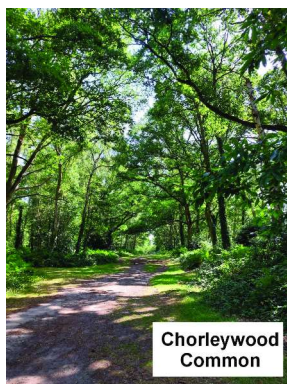
Pat Phillips or Sue Barton.

## A CROXLEY RAMBLER'S DIARY: 18 JULY

The seasons seem to move on apace. The wheat field at the road end is ready for harvest and I think the swifts have left for Africa already. The exceptionally dry weather means that Barton Way park is dried to a bright yellow. As I crossed it, four crows were prospecting for something to eat but with little hope of finding anything. Croxley's roads were quiet after children had been delivered to school but the Crazy Goat in New Road was doing good business. I walked along Harvey Road reflecting on the big changes ahead for their year 6 children on this the last day of term.

I turned off Lavrock Lane into the woods. Magpies chattered loudly overhead but there was little sound from smaller birds. We used to bring our small grandson here to give his parents a little respite during covid. He loved climbing up one of the wood banks using tree roots to give some purchase. But his favourite place was the bridge over the underground where he could watch the trains and perfect his imitation of the sounds they make, much to his parents' annoyance.

A group of underground workers, clad in orange hi-vis chatted beside the cutting. It wasn't obvious what they were there to do. Across the bridge and back in the woods a chiff-chaff was calling. The trees provided ample shade which was very welcome as the day warmed up. I crossed the main line towards Croxley Hall farm and then took the footpath beside the railway. The combination of thick hedges and a new fence around Joan of Arc playing fields meant that, unfortunately, there was no prospect of viewing the Great Barn from that side. I paused at the footbridge over the Chess and was pleased to see the water looked clear. Today's news included a report from the Environment Agency which found that last year's sewage discharges were the worst ever and Thames Water, which manages the Chesham works, was one of the worst offenders.



Chorleywood  
Common

After a brief stop in Rickmansworth I let the 'train take the strain' to get me to Chorleywood. It is a steep climb through Betjeman Gardens up to the common where a sign amongst the dry grass proudly proclaims this is the oldest first golf tee in Hertfordshire. The golf course was opened in 1890. My path took me beside one of the ponds which still held water, the colour of green pea soup, overlooked by a small carved frog. Over the last century the common has changed from rough grazing to its



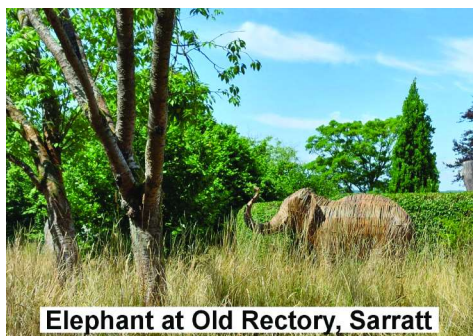
present use for recreation. Trees have grown instead of pasture making it a cool place to be on a hot day - a haven for dog walkers. I passed the church where a group of ladies was exercising enthusiastically.

The outside wall bears a plaque with an appropriate motto - 'I will bless the Lord at all times' Psalm 34.1 "God's will is goodness and loving-kindness, and good are the paths He leads us on."



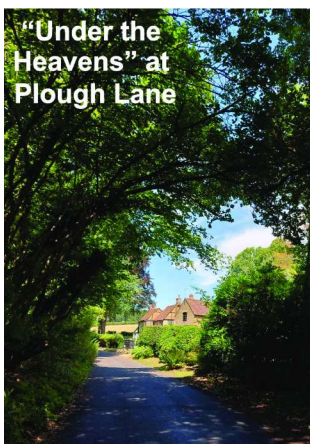
A groundsman was preparing the cricket pitch for a match tomorrow. I marvelled at the precise mowing of the wicket and the extremely short grass. He patiently marked out the crease in white paint but remarked that all his work could be undone by thunderstorms promised for tomorrow. I took advantage of the Café on the Common in the new cricket pavilion. The Café is run by Mission EmployAble, a local charity whose aim is to train people with a learning disability so that they can find work.

Refreshed, I crossed into the grounds of Chorleywood House and walked across the lawns into the fields beyond. Here the vegetation has been allowed to grow and the path was edged with a stand of tall hemlock. Amongst the grasses, flowers of purple knapweed, white yarrow and yellow ragwort attracted the insects. Beyond the belt of trees at Wood Walk there is a gentle Chiltern view over the fields and woods of the Chess valley towards Flaunden. Descending towards the river I joined the path beside the Chess and enjoyed watching the water flow peacefully past.



At Sarratt mill I debated whether to climb the hill to Church End or continue beside the stream. But time was moving on so I chose the shorter route which meant a hard and hot climb up the slope towards Goldingtons. I pressed on past the church into the fields beyond and was glad to reach the trees by the drive to the Old Rectory. The occupants there have an interesting taste in

garden ornaments. There are standing stones and now a life-sized model elephant!



The path to Dawes Common is in dappled shade which encouraged butterflies - mostly whites and gatekeepers with some speckled woods too. Once or twice I thought I saw something a bit more interesting fluttering in the distance but, of course, it had vanished by the time i got close. I made my way through a paddock of horse jumps to Sarratt Green. The fun fair has arrived in time for the holidays but I turned in the opposite direction towards Chipperfield. After following the Green to its northern end I walked down the slope onto the shade of Plough Lane. The road passes some attractive cottages 'Under the Heavens' and led me for lunch at the Plough in Belsize.

Brian Thomson

**CHRISTIAN AID NEWS .....**

**February 14th 2026**

**18.45 for 19.00**

**"Animal Heroes in War and Peace"**

**at St. Mary's Church,  
Rickmansworth.**

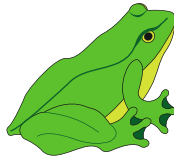
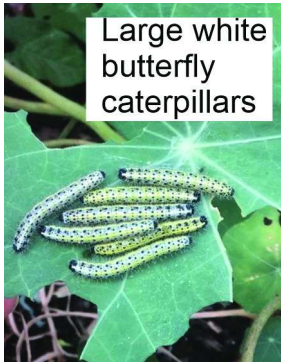
**ARTS CAFÉ from 11.00 am  
Saturday April 18th 2026  
St. Oswald's Church**



# COUNT ON NATURE

St Oswald's held our annual 'count on nature' weekend on 5th and 6th July. On the Saturday morning a stalwart group picked up litter from Croxley's streets and verges. Sadly litter seems a never-ending problem but we managed to clear some six or seven sacks worth.

After the family service on Sunday some of the younger members of the congregation joined some of us older ones in searching the grounds for insects and bugs. Weather conditions have been challenging for wildlife recently with high temperatures and drought. Nonetheless, we found some interesting specimens. These included gatekeeper butterflies, caterpillars of large white butterflies chomping on nasturtiums and a lesser stag beetle. But the stars of the show were hiding behind the church hall. There an old tyre had collected some rainwater and two young frogs were trying to keep damp and cool. We hope that our excitement didn't disturb them too much!



## ORGANIST'S NOTES - AN ENDANGERED SPECIES?

This is the first of what I hope will become a regular feature in our Parish Magazine, where I will shed light on the wonderful world of the Organ, its music, and its use on our worship.

You might be forgiven for thinking that there is a wealth of top quality musicians emerging from our world-renowned choral and organ tradition in our cathedrals and college chapels. To a degree, this is correct. However, there is a perennial shortage of willing musicians at the 'grass roots' of the Church – all those plethora of village and small-town churches such as our own, which lack the resources and prestige to attract top rank musicians, but which still require music to be provided as part of our worship. It falls upon enthusiastic amateurs such as myself to do our best to achieve this. Many of our local churches struggle to find musicians – organists or not – to play their part.

In an attempt to address this, the Royal Collage of Organists is promoting 2025 as "Play The Organ Year". They are encouraging and supporting churches to arrange days where people who have never played an organ before can come along and have a go.

As part of this, we at St Oswald's are hosting a "Come and Play the Organ" afternoon on 20th Sept 2025, where anyone can just pop in and have a play on our organ, or just listen. I will be there to facilitate, encourage, demonstrate etc as required.

Do come along and have a go. Or, if you know of someone who might be interested, do encourage them to come.

Playing a church organ is not really very different from playing a piano, but it does have some distinctive challenges of its own:

- More than one keyboard: often two, sometimes four or more.
- No sustain pedal: a note will sound, at an unchanging volume, for as long you hold a key down. This has significant implications for how one approaches phrasing and articulation.
- Dynamics: pressing a key harder does not make the sound any louder. Any dynamic control is achieved by controlling which pipes ('stops') sound – there is quite an art to this.
- The Pedals. There is a special keyboard played by the organist's feet. Playing with one's feet is not actually that hard – until you start trying to do it at the same time playing something totally different with your hands! The pedals are generally used to play the bass line, freeing up the left hand from this duty.

· No two organs are the same – all are unique, and they have changed a lot across the ages and between regions. A fascinating subject in itself!

However, once one has overcome these challenges, there is a huge wealth of wonderful repertoire to explore, from medieval times to the Avant-garde and everything in between – in addition to playing hymns of course.

So, I would urge anyone with any musical interest to have a go! Don't be shy!

There is no need to wait until Sept 20th – just ask anytime.

Martin



It seems appropriate here to say a huge thank you to Quentin Phillips who has been organist with us at St. Oswald's for many, many years. When he retired from playing for the 10.00 services, a card was given to him from the whole congregation - here are some of the messages of appreciation that were written :-

*Many thanks for keeping  
our church so full of  
lovely music.*

*You've enriched the music  
at St Oswald's for many  
years Quentin. Thank you  
very much.*

*Thank you for all the  
pleasure you have  
given me.*

*Many thanks for all your  
wonderful playing over the  
years, it has greatly  
contributed to making St  
Oswald's so very special.*

*Thank you for so many years of devoted  
service, we've all enjoyed your playing  
and expertise.*

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## FROM ST. OSWALD'S IN CROXLEY .....

### **St. Oswald K&M (king and martyr) FEAST DAY 5TH AUGUST**

A (very) potted History of Oswald :-

Oswald was born in the early 600's AD when England was divided into several Kingdoms - battles were common between the kingdoms!

OSWALD LIVES IN NORTHUMBRIA

*FIGHTING FORCES THE FAMILY TO FLEE TO SCOTLAND*

OSWALD IS CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY

*HE IS BAPTISED ON THE ISLAND OF IONA*

OSWALD'S BROTHER DIES IN BATTLE

*OSWALD RETURNS TO NORTHUMBRIA TO FIGHT  
CADWALLON*

BEFORE THE BATTLE OSWALD KNEELS TO PRAY WITH HIS  
SOLDIERS

*THEY WIN THE BATTLE*

OSWALD WANTS CHRISTIANITY TO SPREAD

*BISHOP AIDAN GIFTS THE ISLAND*

*OF LINDISFARNE TO OSWALD*

OSWALD FOUGHT MANY BATTLES  
IN HIS KINGDOM

*OSWALD DIED ON 5TH AUGUST 642*

*AT THE BATTLE OF MASERFIELD*

*However, despite the fighting and  
battles, Oswald was a very kind man  
and was made a saint for his good  
deeds.*

**SKETCH MAP TO SHOW  
THE KINGDOMS OF  
ENGLAND AT THE TIME OF  
OSWALD**



## .....TO ST. OSWALD'S IN NEW ZEALAND

This past January, I had a life-changing opportunity to travel to Aotearoa (the Maori name for New Zealand ) for a friend's wedding.

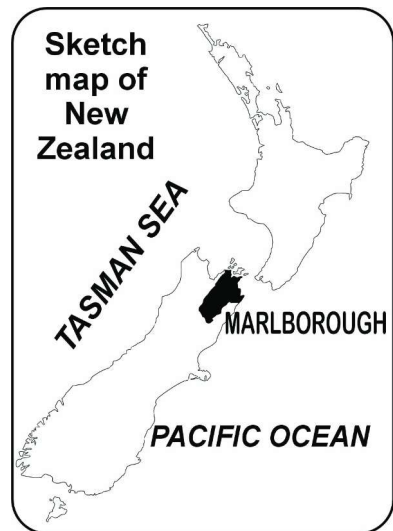
I've recently become interested in visiting various St Oswalds churches as I come across them. While researching where to visit on my trip, I discovered there is a St Oswalds on the south island of New Zealand, nestled on the side of the State 1 Highway in Wharanui, Marlborough.

What struck me particularly is that this is the furthest St Oswalds in the world away from Croxley Green. If you were to strike a pole through the floor from Croxley Green all the way through the entire earth, you'd end up in the ocean next to New Zealand, only 500km away from their church! In 2016, the Kaikōura earthquakes damaged the roof and walls of the church, closing it. The past 10 years it has been slowly restored, with the aim of opening later this year to the public, and to see its first wedding in over a decade.

While visiting on a beautifully sunny day, I was lucky enough to be received by the current stewards of the church, Leicester and Laura Murray. They showed me around the church (which is not yet open to public) and shared the storied history with me. Their son, Wilson, recently passed away during the reconstruction efforts, and a stained glass window was erected at his school to honour his memory.

I shared with them a Croxley Green St Oswalds mug, and up to date parish magazine, that I had brought from England with me. I let them know they are always welcome at our church and look forwards to if they are ever able to visit!  
Topher Winward

*Thanks for this interesting article - from 1927, the above Church offered an unconditional haven for locals and travellers to come together for worship, rest, and reflection. After the 2016 earthquake the Saint Oswald's Memorial Trust worked hard to raise the funds for the restoration, and the exterior is finished. Work continues on the interior, but one highlight has been the return of the bell.*



## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Looking further ahead:

NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> - the ever popular Beetle Drive

December 20<sup>th</sup> Churches Together Procession of Christmas of Witness

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### AUGUST

Sunday 3rd - Not a church service - meet at Mill Lane

Thursday 14th - 2.30 pm Mothers' Union

afternoon tea & chat

Sunday 17th - 10.00 am Spotlight Service

Sunday 24th - 3.00 pm Friends of Common Moor will

be Litter Picking - meet at Mill Lane

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 6th - CROXFEST

Sunday 7th - 10.00 am Family Service

Monday 8th - 9.00 am CAFÉ O REOPENS

Thursday 11th - 2.30 pm Mothers' Union, speaker

Richard Griffiths "My holiday in Kiev"

12th - 14th Companions retreat to Cropthorne

Wednesday 17th - 2.00 pm Churches Together

"Coffee and Cake Afternoon" at the Methodist Church

Friday 19th - 3.30 pm DONUT CLUB starts again

Friday 19th - 5.15 pm HOTDOG CLUB starts again

Saturday 20th - 7.45 am Men's Breakfast, speaker

Phil Brading

Saturday 20th 9.30 am - litter pick around Croxley,

meet at the church

Sunday 21st - 10.00 am Spotlight Service

## OCTOBER

Sunday 5th - 10.00 am Harvest Family Service

Thursday 9th - 2.30 pm Mothers' Union, speaker

Alan Restarick "An introduction to Bee keeping"

Saturday 11th - 2.00 pm Jumble Sale

Saturday 18th - 7.45 am Men's Breakfast, speaker

Guy Parks

Sunday 19th - 10.00 am Spotlight Service



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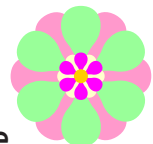
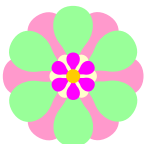
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## IN MEMORY



### AUGUST

*Frederick James GIBBENS ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1895 to 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 1986*

*Arthur William Eugene HITCHCOCK ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1919 to 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 2001*

*Brian ACREMAN ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 1945 to 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016*

*Richard Paul ASHTON - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 1956 to 10 Aug 2016*

*Bernard Roy HARRIS ~ 28<sup>th</sup> October 1923 to 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 2016*

*Phyllis May LEE ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 1911 to 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 1978*

*George Wilfred HAMBLIN ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1911 to 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 1974*

*Sylvia NEWELL ~ 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 1931 to 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014*

*Leonard Sidney DENTON ~ 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 1908 to 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 1986*

*Arthur William SEELEY ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1910 to 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 1990*

*Gerald Mark CHURCHILL ~ 9<sup>th</sup> July 1910 to 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 1998*

*Marjorie JACKSON ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1915 to 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014*

*Diane HUGHES ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1933 to 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 1984*

*Robert VICKERS ~ 27<sup>th</sup> March 1926 to 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2006*



*Daisy Maud WILLIS ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1917 to 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2012*

*Percy SEDDON ~ 20<sup>th</sup> April 1894 to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 1966*

*Kenneth Greenlees WINWARD ~ 10<sup>th</sup> June 1920 to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2012*

*James Edward BANKS ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1933 to 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017*

*Pamela Winifred TYRRELL ~ 10<sup>th</sup> March 1932 to 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2017*





## SEPTEMBER



*Jean HOUGHTON BROWN ~ 14<sup>th</sup> June 1960 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 1985*

*Robert Graham BALDWIN ~ 13<sup>th</sup> December 1926 to*

*5<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

*Kate STRANZ ~ 28<sup>th</sup> June 1889 to 16<sup>th</sup> Sep 1964*

*Alfred George James MUNNS ~ 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 1904 to 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 1992*

*Annie SEDDON ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 1895 to 19<sup>th</sup> Sep 1948*

*Vera Nellie de BRAUX ~ 21<sup>st</sup> Sep 1918 to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2001*

*Cecil Hubert de BRAUX ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1917 to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008*

*William HUGHES ~ 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 1896 to 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 1970*

*Neil Edward WARMAN ~ 12<sup>th</sup> June 1939 to 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 1971*

*Olive (Pearl) CARELSE ~ 9<sup>th</sup> April 1921 to 25<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012*

*Constance Emma HOOK ~ 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1908 to 24<sup>th</sup> Sep 1995*

*Joan Alice HEATH ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1931 to 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014*

*Katherine Tsui Hsien MAN ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1974 to 26<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012*

*K. Joyce WILBY ~ 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 1926 to 28<sup>th</sup> Sep 2006*

*John Arthur Spencer WATSON ~ 31<sup>st</sup> March 1927 to 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009*



*Dorothy Iris STEVENS ~ 19<sup>th</sup> June 1920 to 29<sup>th</sup> Sep 1968*

*Sylvia Kathleen VICKERS ~ 13<sup>th</sup> April 1929 to 29<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012*

*Alan James ROBERTS ~ 19<sup>th</sup> December 1938 to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019*

*Andrew Keith RESTARICK ~ 11<sup>th</sup> December 1956 to*

*13<sup>th</sup> September 2020*





## INTERCESSIONS



*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.*

### **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

### **Sunday 3 to Saturday 9 August**

Safeguarding Team and Pastoral Contact Group

Watford Schools Trust

Dulwich Way, Lincoln Drive, Lincoln Way, Little Green Lane

Our Parish Nurse

### **Sunday 10 to Saturday 16 August**

Uniformed organisations – Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

The Children's Society

Baldwins Lane, Kenilworth Drive, Manor Way, Rochester Way

The King and Royal Family

### **Sunday 17 to Saturday 23 August**

Parish Magazine

USPG

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 24 to Saturday 30 August**

Churchwardens, Treasurer and PCC

Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership

Merchant Taylors Place, Appleby Drive, Gloucester Court,

Hertford Close, Pevensey Way, St Mawes Close,  
Scarborough Drive, Scotney Close  
Parish, District and County Councillors

**Sunday 31 August to Saturday 6 September**

Baptism preparation and follow-up

A Rocha

Dover Way, Ludlow Way, Richmond Way, Warwick Way  
Our Diocesan Bishops, Richard and Jane

**Sunday 7 to Saturday 13 September**

Café O

Alternatives

Canterbury Way, Gade Bank, Links Way, Rousebarn Lane  
Our local shops and businesses

**Sunday 14 to Saturday 20 September**

Prayer Fellowship

Bible Reading Fellowship

Dorrofield Close, Hazelwood Road, Mayfare,  
Sansom Close, Watford Road

Our local schools

**Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 September**

Sunday School

Church Mission Society

Beechcroft Ave, Oakleigh Drive, Sycamore App,  
Sycamore Road, Valley Walk

All Saints' Church

**Sunday 28 September to Saturday 4 October**

Our Mission Action Plan

The Marylebone Project (Church Army Women's Hostel)

Byewaters, Evensyde, Basildon Close, Gill Close,  
Heckford Close, Longmans Cl

Parliament and our MP Gagan Mohindra



**CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER  
REOPENS ON  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8th**

**Cafe O is open in St. Oswald's church  
on Mondays in term time from  
9.00 am - noon, please pop in for tea,  
chat and home made cakes!**

## **WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST**



*Dear St Oswald's Church*

*We would like to say a big thank you to all our supporters.  
We are finally at the end of the school year and are  
looking forward to a rest after a very busy term,  
including  
“ExploRE” at Croxley baptist Church.*

*Thank you also to our volunteers, knitters, generous  
donors and all those who pray for us regularly.*

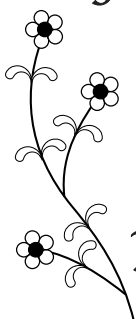
*Please share with others who would like to hear about the  
work we do.*

*Tricia, Johanna and Fiona - Schools Workers*

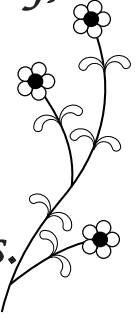
**GIVING EVERY CHILD A CLEAR  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**



AFFIRMATION of FAITH  
from NEW ZEALAND



*You, O God, are supreme and holy,  
You create our world  
and give us life,  
Your purpose overarches  
everything we do.*



*You have always been with us.  
You are God.*

*You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond measure.*

*You came to us  
before we came to You.*

*You have revealed and proved  
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
Who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.*


*You are God.*



*You, O God, are Holy Spirit.*

*You empower us to be  
Your Gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal,  
overcome death.*

*You are our God.  
We worship You.*



*Used at a Spotlight service in 2023*

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## PUZZLE PAGES

### **ODD ONE OUT PUZZLE No 7** - a little mental exercise by Richard Lee

The clues below (A to O) should direct you to two of the words in the column on the right.

Some of the answers suggest two words which can be individually linked to the clue, some may give two separate words which together to give a two word answer and some join two words together to form a new one word answer.

Most are straight forward but a few may be cryptic and there are choices to be made for the correct pairing of words to make your answer - you can't be sure until every clue has been solved.

There is a space at the end of each clue to write in the numbers of the words you have used. When all clues have been solved one word will be left over and this is the ODD ONE OUT. Good luck!!

#### **THE CLUES**

- A - Two associated with down \_\_\_\_\_
- B - Two Birds \_\_\_\_\_
- C - Two anagrams \_\_\_\_\_
- D - Two to stay afloat \_\_\_\_\_
- E - Two fabrics \_\_\_\_\_
- F - Two opposites \_\_\_\_\_
- G - Two sounding the same \_\_\_\_\_
- H - Two with edible berries \_\_\_\_\_
- I - Two Asian Countries \_\_\_\_\_
- J - Two final measures \_\_\_\_\_
- K - Two taking time \_\_\_\_\_
- L - Two make a car \_\_\_\_\_
- M - Two show a problem \_\_\_\_\_
- N - Two board games \_\_\_\_\_
- O - Two English cities \_\_\_\_\_
- The Odd One Out Is ..... \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 - ALARMING
- 2 - ALTIMETER
- 3 - ASTON
- 4 - AWFUL
- 5 - BACK
- 6 - BAREFOOT
- 7 - BRISTOL
- 8 - CABIN
- 9 - CHESS
- 10- CORDUROY
- 11- CRANE
- 12- CRUISER
- 13- DRAW
- 14- GOOSE
- 15- INDIA
- 16- LANYARD
- 17- LOGAN
- 18- LUDO
- 19- MAGNIFICENT
- 20- MARGINAL
- 21- MARTIN
- 22- MULTIMEDIA
- 23- NECTARINE
- 24- ONE
- 25- PAYMENT
- 26- RIPON
- 27- SERGE
- 28- SETTLE
- 29- THAILAND
- 30- WAGTAIL
- 31- WON

## WORDSEARCH

There are 30 words in the grid which relate to the parables used at holiday club: The Lost Sheep, The Wise and Foolish Builders, The Sower. The 20 left unused letters can be rearranged to give the title of 2 other parables.

P	E	E	H	S	W	I	S	E	F	I	R	M
C	A	F	I	D	D	O	O	G	L	W	T	H
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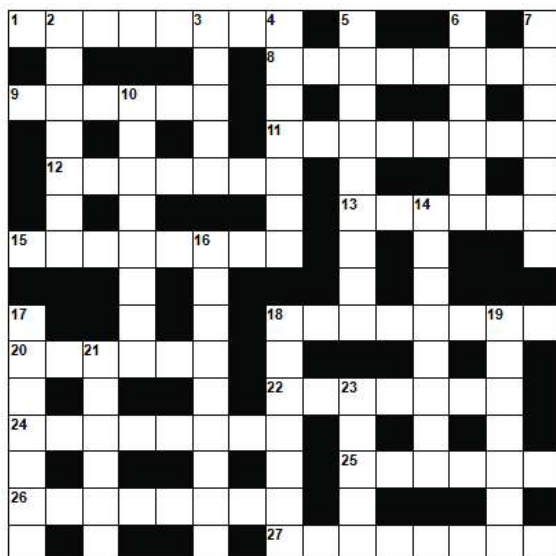
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BLEATING  
BUILD  
COLLAPSE  
COUNTED  
DRIED  
FIRM  
FLOOD  
FOOLISH  
GOOD

GROUND  
GROWING  
HAPPY  
LOST  
PARABLE  
PECKING  
RAIN  
ROCKY  
SAFE  
SANDY

SEARCH  
SECURE  
SEEDS  
SHEEP  
SHEPHERD  
TEND  
THORNS  
WHEAT  
WISE  
WORRIED

1 - - - - -

2 - - - - -



## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD BY RICHARD LEE

24 Surround in French ring (8)

25 Erratic grudge can become very uneven (6)

26 Happiest sort of memorial inscriptions (8)

27 Military training manoeuvre causing physical activity (8)

## DOWN

2 Tug hard to create an air current (7)

## ACROSS

1 Move inside to show some of a series of publications (8)

8 Long narrow strips of material attempt to display a rich woven cloth (8)

9 United States follows a group of temporary shelters in college grounds (6)

11 Inability to sleep is no main upset (8)

12 Sparkle that is good to pay attention (7)

13 Fortune teller - a display of mind reading or a clever trick? (6)

15 Alarmed to begin having guided from the front (8)

18 Depend confidently holding an American coin not long ago (8)

20 Remained in steady muddled way (6)

22 Trefoil movement shows greater elevation (7)

3 Strange tones in the beginning (5)

4 A dent is repaired but tarnished (7)

5 Compass I'd repaired was intermittent (9)

6 Belonging to cultural traditions shown by teeth nicely looked after (6)

7 Spins round rapidly displayed in energy rate slowdown (7)

10 A precedence when it is in a religious building (8)

14 Vegan gin cocktail is taking retribution (8)

16 Comes down to earth with a cloak showing natural scenery (9)

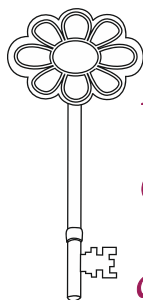
17 A note rushed around and escorted to a suitable place (7)

18 See real change and set free (7)

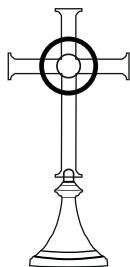
19 Magnanimity using less rag (7)

21 Curve with involuntary facial movement in a cold area (6)

23 Gorse pelts by ear (5)



## 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.*

*Amen*

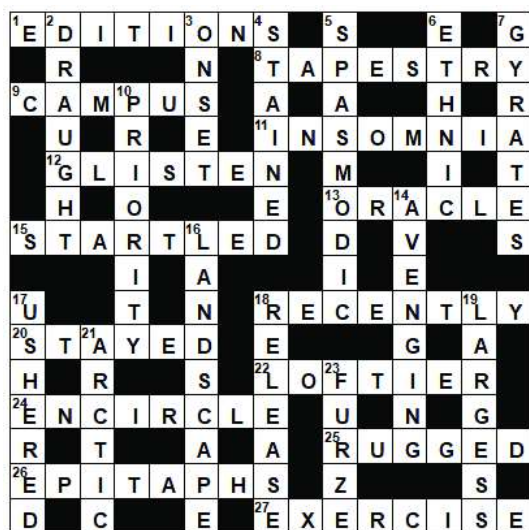
*Timothy Dudley-Smith (adapted)*

**Please remember our 10%  
giving recipients in your prayers:-  
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ASCEND,  
Church Army Marylebone Project,  
Alternatives Newham,  
Watford Schools Trust  
and A Rocha.**

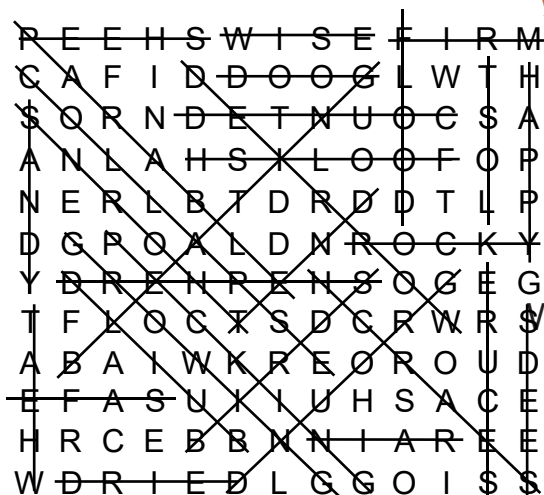
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By 14<sup>th</sup> September Thank you**

# ANSWERS

# CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



## WORDSEARCH



The unused letters when rearranged spell out  
WEDDING FEAST  
RICH FOOL

### Solution to ODD ONE OUT PUZZLE No 7

A = 25, 28; B = 11, 30; C = 1, 20; D = 8, 12; E = 10, 27;  
F = 4, 19; G = 24, 31; H = 14, 17; I = 15, 29; J = 6, 16;  
K = 2, 22; L = 3, 21; M = 13, 5; N = 9, 18; O = 7, 26;  
ODD ONE OUT = 23 - NECTARINE