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## LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

The church calendar for June is full of all kinds of witnesses/martyrs, from many centuries and all over the world. The word "martyr" is actually derived from a Greek word meaning "witness". When Jesus says "you are my witnesses", he's also saying "you are my martyrs". So the martyrs of the church are respected primarily for their witness to Christ and witnessing even when it led them to die. As we reflect on our witness here in June now, their lives can be examples to inspire us. Here are a few:



**June 1st: Justin Martyr** witnessed to Christ both in his life and writing, and in his death. Born into a pagan family in Palestine, after his conversion he taught Christianity as a philosophy. He is remembered as the first Christian thinker to enter into dialogue with other faiths and philosophies, and for seeking to reconcile faith and reason. His witness in dialogue is an example in our diverse world now. Beheaded in Rome in 165.

**June 9th: Columba, Abbot of Iona.** Born in Ireland about 521, he became a monk founding several monasteries. He was called to Scotland, a pagan country, and founded a monastery on Iona. He wanted his monks to be missionaries, and Iona became the starting point for the expansion of Christianity throughout Scotland. The Celtic church's love and respect for the natural world has been rediscovered by the church today.

**June 22nd: Alban, the first British martyr.** Alban takes us back to the earliest days of the church in this country. Although a pagan, he sheltered a Christian priest from persecution and was converted by the priest's devotion to prayer. He was arrested in the priest's place and tortured, but refused to renounce his faith and was executed in about 250. The annual Alban Pilgrimage celebrates him today.

**June 29th: Peter and Paul,** the greatest of the Apostles and witnesses for Christ. They were very different men – a fisherman and a scholar – who shaped the early church. They have been remembered together from very early days as it was believed they were both martyred on this day in 64AD.

And there are many more! John the Baptist, Barnabas the Apostle, Irenaeus of Lyons, Ephrem of Syria, Richard of Chichester, Samuel and Henrietta Barnett. So as we travel through the month of June, give thanks for all those witnesses to Christ who brought the Good News, the Gospel, to all lands and give thanks that their witness meant that we also heard the Good News.

Every blessing,



## CHURCH NEWS

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS 2025

At the Vestry meeting which took place on 11 May, Louise Wallis and Benjamin Read, having served continuously for six years had to stand down under the current Church Representation Rules. Sadly, there were no nominations to replace them, and the vacancy will be reported to the Archdeacon. In the meanwhile the PCC as a body will assume these responsibilities. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Jane Artis, Robert Crilley and Timothy Warren were re-elected as Deputy Wardens. The one-year vacancy on the Deanery Synod is still un-filled. Vacancies on the Parochial Church Council were filled by Patricia Bird, Adam Baldry and Obehiaghe King.

**Terrence F Hancock**  
**PCC Secretary**

### SMART

Didn't we have a lovely time ....?!

Recently a SMART group of about twenty people were entertained to tea (with the best China!) with the Deputy Mayor and a tour of our most interesting town hall.

When the 'new' town hall was completed in 1901 it replaced the 1798 building still gracing the High Street today. To improve efficiency, not only did the new building house the Councillors, it was also home to the police station and magistrates court as well as the then horse drawn fire engines. The tower was built so that the fire hoses could be hung up to dry.



Because of the rising population and areas of responsibility, the status quo only lasted until the early 1970s when the Council acquired the use of the whole of the building.

Once the current discussions about boundary changes are concluded, we should know if the Council is able to remain in its current format and home. This is the year, therefore, to take advantage of the Heritage Open Days (12-21 September 2025) when the building is generally open to tour on one or more of these days. On view will be wonderful wall tiles, stained glass, a gracious staircase and delightful plaster ceiling in the Council Chamber itself. It might be too late next year ....

**Tina Read**



## Rogation Sunday

Rogation Sunday is a traditional Christian observance that falls on the Sunday before Ascension Day (which is celebrated 40 days after Easter). It serves as a prelude to a season of prayerful reflection on human dependence on the natural world and God's providence.



It is also traditionally the time when we walk the bounds of the parish.

Here are some photos of parishioners on Rogation Sunday, including two of our newly elected PCC members Adam Baldry and Obehiaghe King.



**Pictured:** *Obehiaghe King, Mel Crighton, Nigel Perkins, Adma Baldry, Reverend Martin Colton and Dorothy Piejus.*





## Annual Giving at St Mark's 11 May 2025 to 15 June 2025

On Sunday 11 May at our APCM we launched our period of Annual giving with donations being welcomed until Sunday 15 June. This is an opportunity for our church community to make a one-off donation to the ongoing work of St Mark's and to the running costs of the church buildings. This year we are aiming to raise £20,000 in total including Gift Aid claimed.

Our budgeted total income for 2025 is £223,000 (including Annual Giving of £20,000) with budgeted total expenditure of £251,000. After taking account of the church lighting expenditure, where income was raised in 2024, we are forecasting a deficit of around £8,000. Planned giving, collections and other donations represent 42% of total budgeted income, with rental income 20%, hall lettings 17%, bank interest and other activities 12%. Annual Giving donations make up the final 9%.

In 2025 we have held our contribution to the Parish Support Fund at the same level as 2024 but church energy costs have risen as have the cost of church and hall supplies. Two doors in the hall have been replaced and the hall floor needs to be revarnished every few years. We are also looking into improving the sound system in the church which is likely to cost around £3,800.

Looking further ahead we will at some stage need to replace both the church and hall boilers as both are over 30 years old and the hall ceiling is also on our list. It would be great to be able to break even this year so that we can carry forward over reserves for these large projects.

Please consider making a one-off donation if you feel you are able. If you would prefer to make a regular donation please sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme, details of which can also be found by following our website link below.

If you would like any more information please just ask.

Thank you, Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer [treasurer@stmarksreigate.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@stmarksreigate.co.uk)

### Donations can be made in a number of ways

At services on the card machines at the back of church.  
From 11 May we will have some machines dedicated to Annual Giving

By **bank transfer** to the following HSBC account  
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Sort Code 40 18 22 Account Number 72393263 (With 'Annual Giving' as the reference)

Via our **website** <https://www.stmarksreigate.co.uk/donate/> Using 'Give A Little'

By **cheque** made payable to 'Saint Mark Reigate' in an envelope addressed to the treasurer and either brought to a Sunday service, handed in to the church office or posted to  
*Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer, St Mark's Church, 8 Alma Road, Reigate, RH2 0DA*

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation the church will receive an additional 25%.  
If we do not already have a gift aid declaration from you [please complete this form](#).



## **News from the Church of England**

House of Bishops meeting May 2025

The House of Bishops met in person from 20 to 22 May in York.

The House spent time considering what would help the flourishing of women, both lay and ordained, in the Church of England.

First, the House considered provision for ordained women in the context of the settlement on the ordination of women to all three orders. A proposal for each diocese to have at least one diocesan advisor on women's ministry was approved, with further work to be undertaken on the associated guidelines to ensure consistency of approach in each diocese.

Secondly, the House discussed commissioning a significant piece of work to assess ongoing disparities and discrimination based on gender in the Church of England, to identify how women and men may work better together at local and national levels and offer a vision for a diverse church that works together for the flourishing of all. The overall aim of the work is to enable the inclusion and positive treatment of women in the Church, rather than mirroring negative elements of wider culture, to offer Gospel hope and transformation. Importantly, it was noted that the work does not in any way aim to undermine the current settlement on the ordination of women to all three orders, but rather to reflect on its implementation and impact.

The House was briefed on the ongoing work of the Triennium Funding Working Group, including the proposals from Archbishops' Council on significant changes to pensions which are part of a wider range of measures on clergy wellbeing currently under development.

The House discussed the current situation in Gaza, with a number of Bishops relating their personal experience of visits to the region. The House agreed a joint statement in which they condemned the Government of Israel's use of starvation as a weapon of war in Gaza, calling it "an atrocity that defies our common humanity".

The House received an update from Living in Love and Faith Programme Board and the Faith and Order Commission Episcopal Reference Group. The Bishops then spent time in groups discussing different areas of the current LLF proposals (as outlined in a recent LLF update to provide feedback to the LLF Programme Board. A further iteration of these proposals will be brought before the House in the autumn. This will also take into account the wider feedback gained from an informal consultation of diocesan synod members that is currently underway.

The House heard insights from research aligned to the Vision and Strategy, celebrating experiences and discussing evidence of growth and revitalisation, and what can be learnt. Topics included the recent findings regarding the openness of Gen Z to faith, along with other local case studies and examples.

## **Father's Day – what we most value in our fathers**

Father's Day is 15 June – a day to honour and appreciate our fathers and father figures, such as grandfathers and fathers-in-law. Many of us will make a special effort to see them on the day.

No two fathers are alike, of course, but various polls across the internet reveal some interesting similarities of what people have most valued in their dad.

These traits include: being dependable, approachable, protective, patient, affectionate, honest, willing to listen, compassionate, and having spent time with them when they were young.

That's quite a list! People whose fathers had even some of those strengths have a lot to be thankful for.

Thankfully, our Father in Heaven certainly has all those traits. Jesus said the Father is totally dependable and protective of us, longs for us to turn to Him, and is full of compassion and love. And we are to call Him 'Abba' – Daddy!

**Parish Pump**



## **Community**

I am rereading "How Green Was My Valley" a classic by Richard Llewellyn which no doubt you read many years ago. Nevertheless, it still brings new issues to mind. It describes life in a Welsh mining village at the end of the nineteenth century. It is a story of the clash between Business and Christian ethics told against the backdrop of falling coal prices and wages and the close community strongly influenced by the non-conformist teaching of the local chapel.

So, in those days' villagers knew each other well and visited without knocking (shock horror). Families were large and houses small but when prices were high they had a good living standard. Better off families looked out for the suffering ones, which was the only form of welfare.

Similar conditions existed in the cotton and woollen towns and even the streets of suburban but today this deep sense of community has, I think, gone.

There are several causes of social decay other than the market operations. House prices have often caused moves to find cheaper or, more often, better accommodation. Work locations draw labour from a wide catchment area where most used to work locally and after work, socialise with fellow workers. The ease for travel and even international travel often determines where family roots will finally be put down whereas once horizons were far more limited. Immigration has often caused new social areas to arise as immigrants cluster together, but at the same time this can give rise to "white drift" as it is called in the North. The explosion of university education has often led to new permanent locations maybe with a local partner. All these changes are far from bad influences, and it is futile to stand in the way of change, but it has all lowered the capability for people to make social contacts and build meaningful communities.

Today social contact is often through golf or other sporting locations. The churches still sometimes offer social facilities, but I believe youth clubs, and such are more rare today, and often do not provide the support in troubled times which were once found in village life. Villages themselves have shrunk often without a post office or shop, maybe dominated by second house owners or lettings.

In the Blitz and Covid the same willingness to help others emerged though apparently mostly suspended when things improved. Through the demands of a self-interest economy seems to dominate and people are consumed by their own interests and have little spare time for others.

Today the need for sociability by the elderly living longer and often alone has been widely acknowledged. Now ever so slowly the effect of modern living is also recognised in children. The response in the first case is a pill and in the second maybe the delay of the effects of the use of mobile phones. But of course, the latter will be resisted by those making profits from the use of such phones. Interference with the market seems to be treated like sacrilege. AI threatens human contact and even more isolation as a further layer of distance between human contact control is added.

I learned a bit about the Welsh from my assistant manager. Mike used to say Anglo Saxons thought in straight lines whereas the Welsh thought with their hearts and like grasshoppers. He had the capacity to look beyond the problems of the office to see the nature of the person concerned and that often gave him the answer so that even the more truculent respected him because he understood them and responded with understanding. It's the way to make problems disappear.

For children modern living causes difficulties with personal relationships as well as in growing up. It's described as mental illness but really it is a cultural deficit. Modern society makes personal development difficult. Maybe that's true of the not so young also. So, we seek medical solutions and limited prohibitions when what is required, as so often is the case, is more mutual concern and local contacts to ban feelings of isolation.

By and large such issues are too much for governments who are too preoccupied with inflation, the exercise of national power and other immediate issues. It is much easier, as with Climate Change and nuclear weapons, to leave fundamental issues for the next party in power. A good excuse is that our basic structure is natural and that we should beware of interfering with personal liberty (currently often meaning do whatever we like).

Perhaps what is required is a rewiring of our values and priorities with far more attention to serving our neighbour than indulging ourselves and becoming part of a community. Then we need to try on their shoes.

**Harry Ingram**

## **Turning the Clock Back**

When things go wrong, we can all want to "Turn the Clock Back", especially if it is because of a faulty decision we have made. But we all may have to turn the clocks back in the Autumn or when travelling to the West. Some of us have watches that will automatically give us the times in different parts of the world.

With time being different, whichever way we go makes the reason for celebrations on New Year's Day rather ridiculous as it is different for so many of our friends. However, it is good to have an excuse for a party, anyway.

Some of us older people might think times in the past were better than we are now experiencing but, being more aged, we can forget the many improvements of our age. Indeed, many of us would not have lived so long had our life been at an earlier time. What is strange is that some things that we saw as great advances forward, no longer exist. For instance, my sister was an air hostess in Concord but now an airliner flying beyond the speed of sound no longer seems so important. Even some humble motor mowers used to be designed so that the grass cuttings could be tipped out when they were full, instead of lifted out. It is no longer possible for us weaker brethren who might find it more difficult to lift the weight of so much grass instead of just tipping it.

Some of us say we would like to be young once again, but every age has its disadvantages, and yet also its benefits.

If, as I am, at my age, still able to enjoy my retirement, I might be troubled by various aches and pains but I no longer have to work, day by day, to make ends meet. I sadly have to lose friends and loved ones who die, but I have less chance to find new ones than those who are younger with more mobility. Also, by being of a different generation than those we find ourselves with we cannot be quite on the same wavelength.

Taking it all in all, I think it better that we can't "Turn the Clocks Back" whenever we wish.

**Ian Archer**

## CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2025

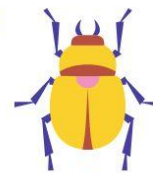
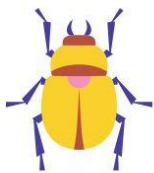
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Sunday after Ascension</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Family Service – in Church
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church 2.00pm SMART
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Day of Pentecost</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 1.00pm Community Lunch
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>St Barnabas</b> 9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Messy Church
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b> <b>12.00pm</b> Holy Communion (Iona) in Church 1.30pm Funeral Service for Michael Biggs 8.00pm Social Dance in the Hall
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 6.00pm Taizé Prayer
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Birth of St John the Baptist</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>St Peter and St Paul, Apostles</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online

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## CALENDAR FOR JULY 2025

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>St Thomas, Apostle</b> 12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Family Service – in Church
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am Prayer Meeting 3.25pm T-Time Tales
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 1.00pm Community Lunch
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am Prayer Meeting
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00pm Social Ballroom and Latin Dance
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 4.00pm Messy Church
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.00am Prayer Meeting
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>St James the Great</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – in Church 10.00am Sung Eucharist – in Church and Online 6.00pm Taizé Prayer
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am Prayer Meeting
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	12.45pm Holy Communion (Iona) in Church

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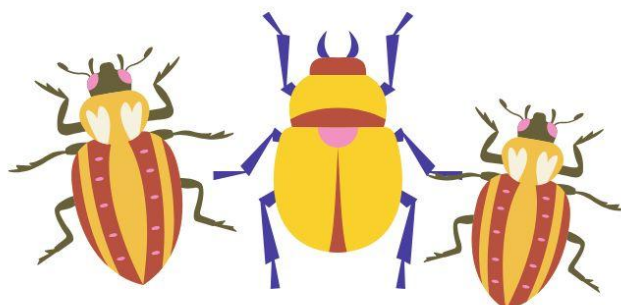
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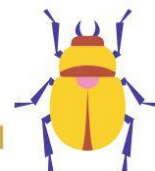
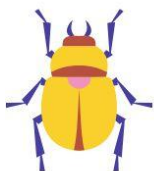
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## Memory

The ability to remember items from the past is different for each of us. Also, it depends on the nature of that information as to whether it is a blessing or a disadvantage to bring those things to mind. Happier memories we can treasure, but sad ones we can want to forget. Often, we can just wish we could turn the clock back but of course, we can't do so.

Sometimes others can remember things better than us, which then can put us to shame.

This was brought to me by one of my granddaughters who rang me on 8 May and asked what I was doing on VE Day. I had to say I had no memory of it. I was not even sure at first as to whether I was in New Zealand or home in England.

I was only 12 years old then but having reached that age I thought I had to be in the UK by then. However, I now think I was wrong and was still in New Zealand at that time. At that age this great event had not stuck in my memory.

Memories if recorded can be useful to inspire us to do better in the future and even be a contribution to future history. Each one of us has a story to tell if only we will tell it. It can be too soon as much of one's life might follow or it may be too late if by then we have forgotten so much.

By now not many people can remember the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and if they do, they may not want to share the sad memories of that time. So often we only hear about events of that time when hearing obituaries at funerals and even then, our hearing may not be good enough to hear it all.

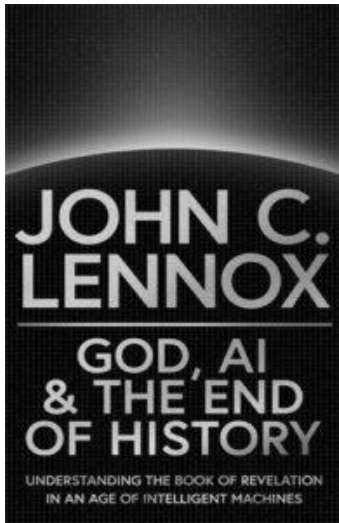
Jesus said at the Last Supper that, as we take Communion, we should carry out the ceremony in Remembrance of Him.

As I travel by mobility scooter round the parish, I bring to mind others I have known and loved, as I pass the places in which they have lived, or still live, and to light a candle in memory of those who have died helps me to remember them through that action.

**Ian Archer**



## Book Reviews



### **God, AI and the End of History – Understanding the Book of Revelation in an Age of Intelligent Machines**

**By John C Lennox**

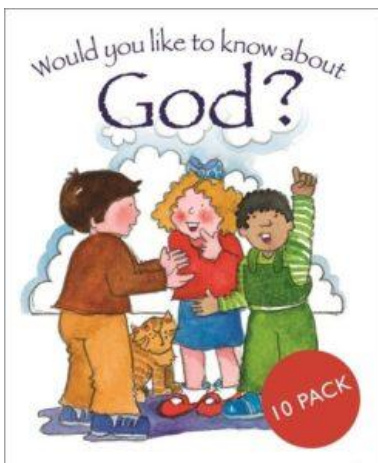
A fresh interpretation of Revelation for the 21st century, exploring the connections between St John's visions and the terrifying prospect of an Artificial Super Intelligence that emerges to deceive the world and oppose the rule of Christ. As Lennox says: "Revelation promises to do two things: fill our hearts with praise to God, and also simultaneously prepare for God's inevitable cataclysmic intervention in this world to judge evil righteously at the return of Christ."

Countless books have been written on the meaning of Revelation.

This one draws on the work of great interpreters of the past, but also advances reasons as to why we need to take very seriously the possibility that a supernatural power opposed to God is using technology – and in particular advanced AI – to drive a transhumanist vision of upgraded humans.

Already some scientists are envisioning the development of superintelligences that may become the gods of the future and rule over humans. Others raise the even more disturbing prospect that ASI (Artificial Super Intelligence) could eventually achieve world domination. These developments, argues Lennox, are likely to involve the deception of billions of people, inspired and engineered by the one whom the New Testament calls 'the Antichrist'.

To find out how John Lennox reaches that conclusion read this fresh, wide-ranging and amazingly thought-provoking commentary on Jesus' last message to His followers.



### **Would you like to know about God By Tim Dowley**

How do you explain the importance of God to a child? This early learning book may be helpful to you. It helps children explore their spiritual understanding of who God is, in a relatable and accessible way.

It covers questions such as Who is God? What does God Look Like? What does God do? and ends with a reminder that 'We can be safe in His love forever. God is for always.'

It comes in packs of 10 copies, which can serve as a gift-giving book for a group of children to take home, or shared in a discussion time with young children.

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## **A Lasting Gift for St Mark's Church**

### **Leaving a legacy**

Legacy gifts can make a huge difference to churches. Each year, gifts in wills, ranging from £100s to £100,000s are received. Faithful witnesses leaving generous legacies have enabled churches to invest in their buildings, pioneer new ministries, and sustain a welcoming presence in their communities.

### **Why should you write a will?**

Writing a will means you choose:

- How you would like to share your property and possessions;
- Who you would like to look after any children under the age of 18;
- How to support any charities or churches that are important to you.

Without a will, these decisions will be made according to pre-ordained rules, and by the courts, which may be different from your wishes. Leaving a will gives you peace of mind and lifts a burden from loved ones after you are gone.

To make it easier the Church of England has partnered with Farewill, the UK's favourite will-writer, so anyone can write a simple will online for free, in as little as 30 minutes. You can find out more by visiting <https://farewill.com/southwarkdiocese> .

We strongly advise seeing a solicitor for more complicated wills, or for people wishing to review their existing will or add a codicil.

### **A gift for future generations**

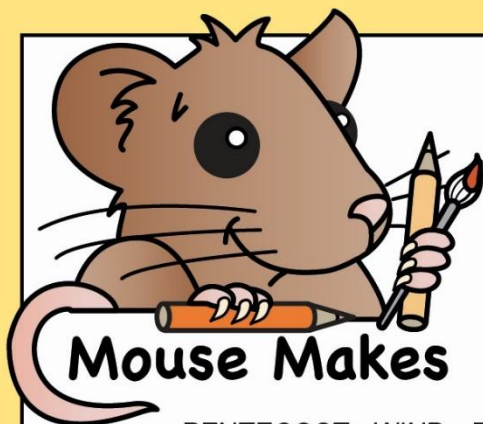
After you have made provision for your family and friends, we hope you'll also consider leaving a gift in your will to St Mark's. A legacy is a valuable expression of how meaningful a church has been during your time there. It's a way to give thanks - a lasting testimony to the faithfulness, goodness and generosity of God.

The policy of the PCC is to use legacies to help fund additional mission or development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Circumstances change over the years, so church members are encouraged to leave legacies for the general purposes of the parish. The PCC will discuss the most appropriate use of the legacy in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (for example, children and youth, music, buildings).

You may also receive tax benefits for including a gift to St Mark's in your will. A gift in your will to a charity is free of inheritance tax and may also reduce the amount of tax payable on the rest of your will. <https://www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/leaving-gifts-to-charity-in-your-will>

Please consider leaving a legacy to St Mark's.

**Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer**



## Mouse Makes

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It was fifty days since **Passover**, and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate Passover. As the **Apostles** were gathered together the **Holy Spirit** came upon them and they began to speak in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

The crowd that were listening were amazed as they heard about God in their own language.

*How many people heard, believed and were baptised that day?*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

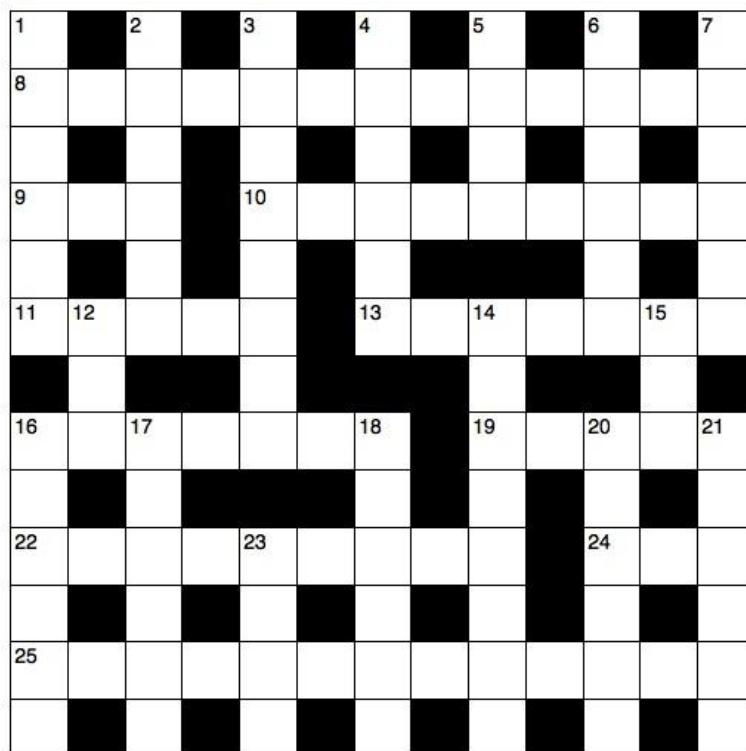
The Bible or parts of the Bible have now been translated into over 3,000 different languages since it was first written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.

# June Crossword

Biblical references are from the New International Version

## Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)  
 9 In favour of (3)  
 10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)  
 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)  
 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)  
 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)  
 19 Preach address an audience speak in public(5)  
 22 Holy Communion (9)  
 24 'On their way to — out the land Joshua instructed them "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua18:8) (3)  
 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan(Genesis 41:34) (13)



## Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)  
 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)  
 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)  
 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)  
 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)  
 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)  
 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set — — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2 4)  
 12 Ate (anag.) (3)  
 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)  
 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)  
 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)  
 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)  
 18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4 2)  
 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)  
 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)  
 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

## May answers

**ACROSS:** 1 Baby 3 Stimulus 8 Liar 9 Forsaken 11 Episcopacy 14 Eagles 15 Clergy  
 17 Strengthen 20 Holiness 21 Obed 22 Bethesda 23 Stay

**DOWN:** 1 Believer 2 Beatings 4 Troops 5 Musicology 6 Like 7 Sent 10 Acceptance  
 12 Prohibit 13 Dying day 16 Sensed 18 Ahab 19 Blot

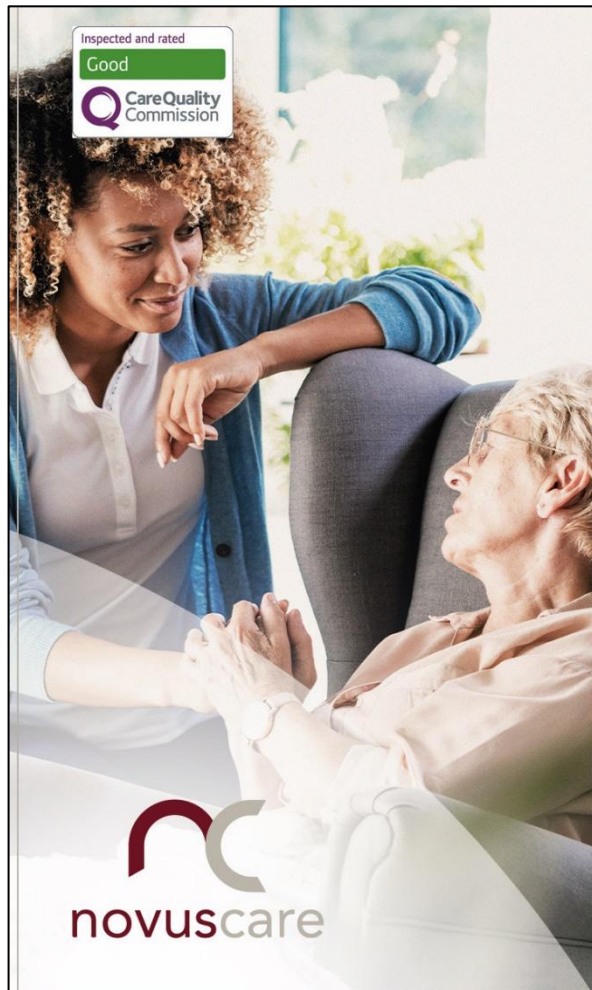
## Puzzles

### June Sudoku

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### May Solution

5	4	2	3	7	6	1	8	9
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6	7	8	4	9	1	3	5	2
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