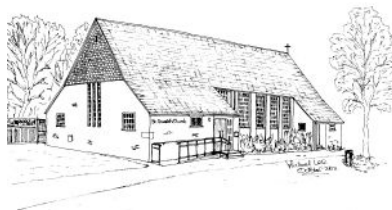


The Parish Magazine of St. Oswald's Church Croxley Green



Archdeacon Charles Hudson, Vicar of St Oswald's, Ritah Namakula and Bishop Jane Mainwaring





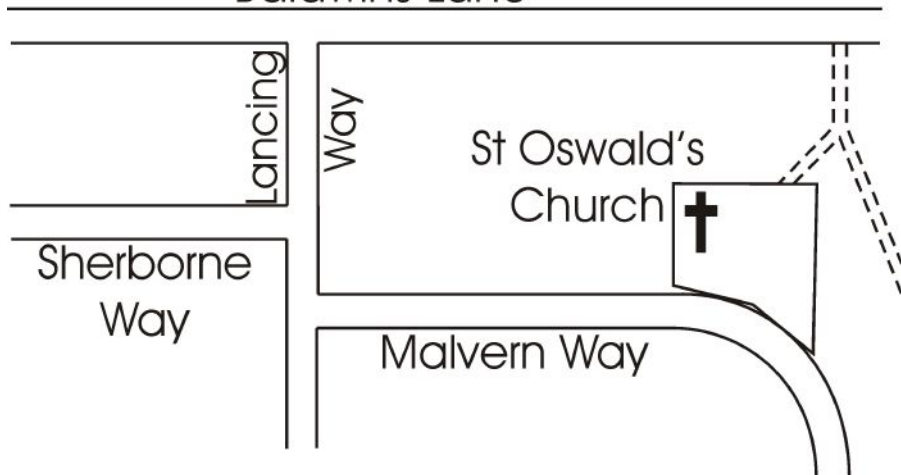
St Oswald's Church – who are we?

*We are part of the Church of
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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.

Welcoming our new Vicar

Reverend Ritah Namakula



We welcomed Ritah to her parish at St Oswald's on Wednesday 20th May. It was a splendid occasion and the church was full. As well as folk from Croxley, there were members of Ritah's family, friends from the parishes where she has served previously and clergy from far and near.

Bishop Jane Mainwaring led the service with Archdeacon Charles Hudson and Rural Dean Charles Burch. It was a formal and ceremonial affair using a good deal of old-fashioned language as traditional on such occasions (see glossary for the puzzled on page 5). The formality was lightened by Bishop Jane's friendly and engaging approach and the message from 1 John 3:11-24 - 'v18 Love must not be a matter of words or talk; it must be

genuine and show itself in action.' v.23 'This is [God's] command: to give our allegiance to his Son Jesus Christ and love one another as he commanded'.

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There was enthusiastic singing of some favourite hymns by congregation and choir, which proved loud enough for the neighbours to enjoy.

In the ceremonial, Ritah was presented to the Bishop and people before making a commitment of faith and allegiance to the Church of England. Bishop Jane then gave her the deed of institution and anointed Ritah's hands with oil before blessing her and the St Oswald's ministry team. Archdeacon Charles then inducted and installed Ritah as incumbent of the church and benefice. Ritah was welcomed by representatives of the Deanery, St Oswald's congregation - old and young - and representatives of local schools and councillors.



The service ended with the act of commitment (reproduced on page 3) by the new Vicar and people using the symbols of water of baptism, the Bible and bread and wine.

A flagon of water is presented to the Vicar by a Lay person saying Ritah, be among us as an evangelist who rejoices to bring new Christians to Baptism and to share with them the Living Water, Jesus Christ himself.

The Vicar says Will you share with me in the ministry of making new disciples to which we are called?

All Together, by God's grace, we will share the Good News of Christ with the world and make new disciples.

A Bible is presented to the Vicar by a Lay person saying Ritah, be among us as a teacher who studies the Scriptures, proclaims the Word and teaches the faith.

the Vicar says Will you share with me in the regular study and proclamation of God's Word, that together we may bring the light of faith to those in darkness, kindle the fire of love upon earth, and open the door of hope to the world?

All Together, by God's grace, we will go deeper into God and share the Good News of Christ with the world.

A lay person presents Bread and Wine saying Ritah, be among us as a President at the Eucharist, presiding among us when we celebrate the Lord's death and resurrection.

the Vicar says Will you share regularly with me in this Sacrament of Holy Communion that we may grow in unity and love, and together proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes?

All Together, by God's grace, we will seek to transform communities and be the living body of Christ.

Vicar I pledge myself to care for the community that gathers here, to share with them the Word of God and the work of ministry, to celebrate with them the sacraments of the new covenant, and to encourage them in their discipleship.

All We pledge ourselves to pray and care for our community, to share with all the Word of God and the work of ministry, to celebrate with all the sacraments of the New Covenant and to encourage all in their discipleship.

Together we pledge to make this a place where Christian people are equipped for their life and witness in God's world. Amen.



The service was followed by a reception in the hall in good St Oswald's tradition. Tables were full with sandwiches and cake and there was plenty of happy conversation.

Thanks are due to the many people who contributed to this outstanding occasion.

More photos are included on the following pages with thanks to Jonathan Cox.

GLOSSARY FOR THE PUZZLED

with thanks to Oxford English Dictionary

Institution - appointing someone to a position

Induction - formally introducing a member of the clergy into possession of a benefice

Installation - placing someone in a new position of authority, especially with ceremony

Benefice - a permanent Church appointment for which property and income are provided in respect of pastoral duties

Cure of souls - a Christian minister's pastoral charge or area of responsibility for spiritual ministry

Canonical - according to or ordered by canon law (i.e. a church decree or law)

The service also included an ancient hymn with archaic language

Veni, Creator Spiritus (9th century, translated 17th century)

Sevenfold gifts of the spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear (reverence) of God (according to Catholic tradition).

Unction - the action of anointing someone with oil or ointment as a religious rite













Thinking ahead

a message from Mim Doughty



This years **St Oswald's Christmas Fair** will be on Saturday 14th November.

We would like to put out an early request for Christmas items for

1) **A CHRISTMAS STALL.**

Anything that is new i.e decorations/craft/ or anything Christmas themed and of good quality that can be sold.

2) **GIFT STALL.**

Have you received a gift that is not quite your style or that's duplicated, and is new, unopened and unused ? Don't let it take up your valuable space, why not donate it to St Oswalds to sell on our **Gift Stall** at this years Christmas fair.

Your donated gift could be someone else's perfect find. So clear out, give back, and spread a little early Christmas cheer!

Happy to collect and store from now up until November. Mim Doughty and the Team.

A CROXLEY RAMBLER'S DIARY



22nd May - Brian Thomson in Cassiobury Park

What a lovely day - sunshine and a light breeze. After a cool month we are promised an early heat wave over the next few days, which will probably mean queues on the motorways as people try to get away for the bank holiday.

I strolled to Two Bridges, pausing to take a look at the canal where a pair of swans swam with eight fluffy grey cygnets beside moored barges. Over the river Gade, on Cassiobridge common, the trees looked splendid with their new leaves, although most of the horse chestnuts have finished flowering. On the other side of Gade Avenue there is a house with wood cladding that reminds me of something from



Cassiobridge Lodge

a Grim's fairy tale. This is Cassiobridge Lodge which marked one of the entrances to the Earl of Essex's estate. When it was built, in the early 19th century, it would have been part of a rural scene but now the old cottage is hemmed in by modern buildings. I followed the river bank under the viaduct to the weir, where I disturbed a heron. The water looked cloudy which made me wonder about pollution.

Yellow flag irises and red campions decorated the vigorous riverside vegetation. I walked beside alder trees and into Cassiobury Park. Alongside the path there used to be another of the estate buildings, the Swiss Cottage, where the Essexes would treat their guests to picnics by the river. There is no sign of it now, except in the name of the nearby road.

Continuing over the bridge I walked into the nature reserve. There was plenty of birdsong along my walk; especially blackcaps in the dense

woodland, as well as robins, pigeons and a cliff chaff or two. A tall ash tree looked to be struggling. Ash die back is a growing problem and I hope I won't be nearby when the tree collapses.



New wildlife ponds in Cassiobury Park

Watford Council has been remodelling the old cress beds so I turned off the main path to take a look. The vegetation was soon three feet tall and encroaching on the path but I persisted to a vantage point overlooking four or five new shallow ponds. The idea is to attract wildlife so it was a bit disappointing that there were

not many birds to see. However, it is bound to take time. A couple of Council workers joined me, clearly proud of what had been done and keen to ensure the area is not spoiled by litter.

There is a network of paths between the canal and the river so I continued exploring and found more ponds amongst the mixture of trees and grassland. A 'beautiful demoiselle' damselfly with dark wings landed on a leaf amongst a field of yellow irises. There were several butterflies that wouldn't stay still long enough for me to identify them; and a couple of mayflies rising from the river. I meandered back to the canal where the 'Silly Goose' was moored on the opposite bank. It was time to try out the Cedar Café. The splash park was open and there were plenty of youngsters having fun in the sunshine. No doubt it will be very busy over the bank holiday, especially when there is a funfair in the park as well.

Back at the rustic bridge, there were groups of excited children in the water, and more on the bridge. They were from Nascot Wood School and competing amongst themselves to make the fastest 'pooh-boat'. However, I was horrified that they hadn't made the connection with Winnie the Pooh. What is the teaching of English literature coming to?

I stopped at the weir for a few moments of calm, noticing that the water was much clearer than downstream. Then, across the canal by Iron Bridge lock, I took the footpath which leads over the golf course. The 16th green is at the bottom of an old marl pit. A golfer commented that you can't see the flag from the tee which makes it tricky. Avoiding golf balls, I made my way onto the lime avenue whose magnificent trees date from the 18th century. Delicate flowers of cow parsley enhanced its margins. Walking back towards the canal the vista is spoiled by one of Watford's new tower blocks in the distance. But if you ignore that you can focus on the evergreen trees in the middle distance which were once in the formal gardens next to Cassiobury great house and imagine that the building is still there.

Near Iron Bridge lock I passed a couple of barges preparing to take part in a floating market on 6th and 7th June. There is an informal path through the woods on the slope above the canal that runs parallel to the towpath. I chose that, partly because of the cool shade, but also because it takes you past some wonderful ancient chestnut trees. Around the same time that the lime avenue was planted the Earl of Essex's gardeners planted a number of Spanish chestnuts here. Today their fat and twisted trunks mark them out as amongst the oldest living inhabitants in these parts.



Lime Avenue

Having made their acquaintance once again I walked on to the canal bridge and Cassiobury Farm. The Farm has recently changed hands so I was interested to know what was in store. I could hear the flamingos cackling so they, at least, were still present. Fortunately I met a young woman worker at the Farm who told me that the new owner was keen to continue the Farm's role as a menagerie. They were busy making essential repairs but hoped to be able to run open-days at the Farm during the summer as in the past.



St Oswald's Parochial Church Council update March and April 2026

The PCC met on 26th March and reviewed recent developments in safeguarding in the wider church, as well as arrangements for welcoming our new Vicar and for the annual meetings.

The PCC took note of progress on various matters reported by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The successful financial outcome for 2025 meant that the Treasurer had been able to make a transfer into reserves for maintaining the buildings for the first time in several years. Guy Parks had arranged for new signage with the name of our new Vicar (which has now been put in place). The guttering to the rear of the hall is to be replaced and the hall floor will be re-polished this summer.

The fee for an entry in the Remembrance Book has increased to £45 in response to higher costs.

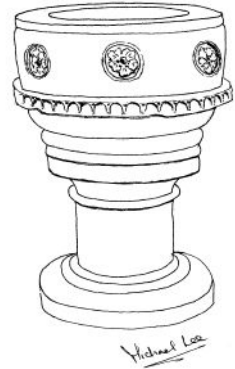
The condition of the pew Bibles has deteriorated because they have been frequently knocked onto the floor. The PCC agreed to remove them from the pews and to place those that were still in good condition at the back of the church.

Jon Cox has joined the Trinity Project team to help register the Project as a charity. Meanwhile, the PCC agreed to continue holding the funds set aside for the Project until it is registered.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM took place on 26th April. Helen McAlpine and Anne-Georgina Barnes were re-elected as church wardens. Tony Barton and Richard Doughty were elected as representatives to the Deanery Synod. Seven people were elected to the PCC. Consequently the new PCC

comprises the Vicar, church wardens, Deanery Synod representatives, Anne Thomas, Karen Pryse, Lynn Williamson, Vanessa Mackay, Clare Hook, Val Edwards, Margaret Cox, Guy Parks, Brian Thomson, Jonathan Cox, Edward Parks and Vicky Swaisland.



Those present at the meeting thanked Helen McAlpine and Anne-Georgina Barnes for their leadership during the vacancy. Helen commented that it had been a team effort. Thanks were also offered to the Readers, Magdalena Pletsch and Tony Barton, and to the Deputy Warden, Margaret Cox.

Copies of PCC minutes are available on request to those on the Electoral Roll from the secretary, Brian Thomson,

Sayings about TREES



- Sometimes thou may'st walk in groves, which being full of majestie will much advance the soul.
Thomas Vaughan.
- A man does not plant a tree for himself, he plants it for posterity. Alexander Smith
- The groves were God's first temples. William Cullen Bryant.
- The chestnut's proud, and the lilac's pretty, the poplar's gentle and tall, but the plane tree's kind to the poor dull city
- I love him best of all. Edith Nesbit
- Because they are primeval, because they outlive us, because they are fixed, trees seem to emanate a sense of permanence. And though rooted in earth, they seem to touch the sky.
Kim Taplin.





Watercolour of Arts Cafe in 2024 by Fran Catlow. The Cafe was even busier this year. Below left - 3D tiger by a Little Green pupil and lace-making by Gill Thomson





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ARTS CAFÉ 2026

CHRISTIAN AID

*A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the **Arts Café**. Whether you baked, served, set up, presented your craft, ran activities, offered first aid cover or simply came to support, you all contributed to a highly enjoyable community event.*

*Together we raised **£1,522.49** for Christian Aid which is significantly higher than last year's £1,344 – well done! Christian Aid fights poverty across the globe helping those of all faiths and none.*

*Please put the provisional date of **Saturday 17th April 2027** in your diary for our 5th Arts Café next year.*

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The New Bishop of St Albans is appointed - Andrew Rumsey



The Right Revd Dr Andrew Paul Rumsey is currently the Suffragan Bishop of Ramsbury in the Diocese of Salisbury and will be well known to many in this region, having been born and raised in the Diocese of St Albans, where his father served as a parish priest. He studied at the University of Reading and King's College London before training for ordination at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Ordained deacon in 1997 and priest in 1998, he has served in a range of parish contexts, including Trinity St Michael, Harrow, and later as Vicar of Christ Church, Gipsy Hill in the Diocese of Southwark. He went on to become Rector of the Oxted Team Ministry in 2011.

Bishop Andrew has served as Bishop of Ramsbury since 2019 and is also the Church of England's national lead bishop for church buildings. Alongside his episcopal ministry, he is known for his writing on place and belonging, including *Parish: An Anglican Theology of Place* (2017) and *English Grounds: A Pastoral Journal* (2022). He is also a singer-songwriter; his latest album, *Evensongs*, was recorded live in the 12th-century church of All Saints, Ham, where he and his collaborators set out to capture the natural sounds and character of a summer's day in the building.

Bishop Andrew will move to the Diocese with his wife, Rebecca, and their family later this year, asking for prayers as they prepare for the transition. "Please know that I will be praying for you," he said, "and I ask you to pray for me and our family as we prepare for all that lies ahead."

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.

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

11th June Celebrating 80 years of MU in Croxley Green

9th July Lin Welch - My Career Part 2.

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

Saturday 20th June Guy Parks - 'The Emerald Isle'

Saturday 18th July Andy Bird

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

- Friday 5th 3.30pm Donut club
5.15pm Hotdog club
- Sunday 7th 10.00am Family service
6.00pm Churches Together Prayers for the World Cup at the Baptist church.
- Thursday 11th 2.30pm Mothers' Union. Celebrating 80 years of MU in Croxley Green
- Sunday 14th 12.30 to 4.00pm Croxley's Big Green Fair at the Parish Council offices
- Saturday 20th 7.45am Men's breakfast. Guy Parks - 'The Emerald Isle'
- Saturday 20th **Cafe O at THE REVELS**
- Sunday 21st 10.00am Spotlight service: spiritual growth

JULY

- Thursday 2nd 7.30pm **Summer concert** by Croxley Green Community Choir and Watford Phil Voices for the Parish Project
- Friday 3rd 3.30pm Donut club
5.15pm Hotdog club
- Saturday 4th 9.30 to 11.30 am **Litter-Pick** organised by St Oswald's
- Sunday 5th 10.00am Family service
11.30am to 1.00pm **St Oswald's Nature Count** in the church grounds
- Thursday 9th 2.30pm Mothers' Union Lin Welch - My Career Part 2.
- Saturday 18th 7.45am Men's Breakfast. Andy Bird
- Sunday 19th 10.00am Spotlight service: miracles
- Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th **Holiday Club**

DIARY DATES

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Saturday 5th September | Churches Together at Croxfest |
| Saturday 19th September | Churches Together Quiz |
| Saturday 10th October | St Oswald's Jumble Sale |
| Sunday 8th November | Remembrance Service at All Saints' |
| Saturday 14th November | St Oswald's Christmas Fair |

ECO CHURCH UPDATE

A Rocha UK is one of the Christian charities supported by St Oswald's. They help equip churches in England and Wales to care for creation and manage conservation projects. In 2024 St Oswald's gained the silver Eco Church award for our efforts to limit the church's carbon footprint, encourage nature and promote care for creation in our locality. Of course, there is much more to do.

The Eco Church board in the church shows some of the activities that we are undertaking:-

Litter-picking: we have organised litter-picks around Croxley on several occasions and we support litter-picks by the Friends of Croxley Common Moor each year. The next litter-pick from St Oswald's will be on Saturday 4th July from 9.30 to 11.30 am.

Recycling items that the Council kerbside collection won't take such as batteries, bras, stamps and printer cartridges. Please take your soft plastics to a supermarket for recycling.

Unfortunately, we have lost the recycling facility for medical blister packs. However, you can take your empty blister packs to the local library in Barton Way or the Superdrug store in Atria Watford. Thank you Magdalena and Mim for organising the recycling.

Encouraging nature. We are fortunate to have a wild space beside the footpath on the edge of the church grounds and we have set aside a small area of grass as a meadow for wildlife. Over the last two years we have participated in the national 'Count on Nature' project which encourages churches to discover and record the wildlife in their grounds. Last year we discovered frogs and the year before it was damsel flies. We will repeat the experience after the family service on Sunday 5th July. What will we find this year?



ST OSWALD'S COUNT ON NATURE WEEKEND 2026

4TH AND 5TH JULY

LITTER-PICK AROUND CROXLEY SATURDAY 4TH JULY 9.30 TO 11.30AM

Collect litter-picking equipment from St Oswald's church from 9.30am. Return by 11.30am.

Refreshments available in the church afterwards.



NATURE COUNT

in St Oswald's Grounds

SUNDAY 5TH JULY FROM 11.00AM AFTER FAMILY SERVICE

How many species can we find in the church grounds?

We will find out how many different insects, birds and plants there are.

Who can take the best nature photo?

There will be other nature-themed activities for people to enjoy.



contact Brian Thomson secretary@stoswaldschurch.org.uk 07740944503

We had a very interesting talk about the Rickmansworth Aquadrome, from Rhona Taylor. She told us that officially the Aquadrome is only the Batchworth and Bury Lakes. The gravel that was dug out to form the lakes was used to build the Wembley stadium in 1923 and the British Empire Exhibition of 1924.

The Aquadrome is located at the northern edge of the Colne Valley Regional Park where there are approximately 70 interconnected lakes. They provide habitats for many different birds and animals including muntjac deer, which, apparently, escaped from Woburn Abbey.

Hilary asked Rhona to talk to the MU about the Aquadrome because Rhona is particularly fond of a hybrid goose which she calls Goosander. He is often seen with his mate, a Canada Goose, (Madame G) on Batchworth lake near the boat house. (He is not a goosander, which are a type of duck). Rhona calls him Goosander because he is a goose-and-ur? Madame G and Goosander had one baby last year and Rhona and many of her friends are hoping that they will have more babies this year.

Rhona brought some lovely pictures that she has drawn with which she makes cards, bookmarks and pictures.

Rhona's Goosander is slightly bigger than a Canada Goose, he has a white face, an orange beak and orange legs.

Hilary Broadbent



May 14th

For our May meeting we welcomed back Stephen Martin and his wife Jennie. This time Stephen brought along four different guitars to showcase what they could do. The first song was an old English folk song with the electric guitar which, unusually, has two sets of controls (normally they only have one set). Another guitar was a bass guitar that apparently is often ignored. The neck of the guitar is two sections longer than normal to produce a deeper sound. It sounds more harmonic and dynamic. It is a guitar that Paul McCartney used a lot and he was a really good bass player.



At the end we played the 'guessing the price' order of the guitars (Antiques Road Show style) and we were not very good! The majority of the songs Stephen had written himself. It was a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon that he finished off with a Beatles medley.

Thank you again Stephen for such an entertaining and enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting is June 11th when we shall be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Mothers' Union at St Oswald's.

Please look at the display in the Church that Alison Lee has compiled to celebrate the 80th Anniversary and the 150th Anniversary of Mothers' Union. Thank you very much Alison for taking the time to put all this together - I am very grateful, thank you. Janet Staerck

READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

**SAINT OSWALD'S
HOLIDAY CLUB 2026**

**27th&28th July :
9.30am - 3.00pm**

29th July :

9.30am - 1.00pm

**AT SAINT
OSWALD'S
CHURCH**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**FROM
RECEPTION
TO YEAR 6**

**APPLICATIONS
OPEN 7th APRIL**

Read all about it!!

Holiday club applications are coming in thick and fast. We have about 10 places left. We've had a tremendous response for leaders and helpers. We are still looking for a few more adults and young people helpers - especially if they can join our security team.

This year's publication is a Sunday Magazine called 'The Weekly Miracle' which will be full of stories, puzzles, jokes and recipes. Along with the printed magazine we will have our live broadcast at the end of each session as part of our final worship.

If you want to be part of this amazing team please fill in the form on the St Oswald's website holiday club page and contact Julie at auntiejulie@auntiejulie.com

CROXLEY PARISH NURSE

The Cancer Friendly Sessions continue at All Saints' Church Hall on 4th June and 2nd July at 2 pm. No meeting 6th August. Open to anyone touched by cancer.

Contact Details
Cathy Scarborough
croxleyparishnursecathy@gmail.com
07562 515791



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 31 May to Sat 6 June

Prayer Fellowship

A Rocha

Girton Way, Malvern Way, Sherborne Way, Winchester Way

Shaftesbury Court

Sunday 7 to Sat 13 June

Sunday School

Alternatives

Claremont Crescent, Lancing Way, Winton Crescent, Winton Drive

Churches Together in Croxley Green

Sunday 14 to Sat 20 June

Our Mission Action Plan

Bible Reading Fellowship

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

Our local doctors' surgery

Sunday 21 to Sat 27 June

Choir and church musicians

Church Mission Society

Baldwins Lane, Kenilworth Drive, Manor Way, Rochester Way

Dame Sarah Mullally, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Church of

England and the Anglican Communion.

Sunday 28 June to Sat 4 July

Mothers' Union and Men's Breakfast

The Marylebone Project (Church Army Women's Hostel)

Durrants Drive, Hastings Way, Lewes Way, Norwich Way
Our local shops and businesses

Sunday 5 to Saturday 11 July

Safeguarding Team and Pastoral Contact Group
Christian Solidarity Worldwide
Merchant Taylors Place, Appleby Drive, Gloucester Court, Hertford
Close, Pevensey Way, St Mawes Close, Scarborough Drive, Scotney
Close
Our local schools

Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 July

Uniformed organisations – Rainbows, Brownies and Guides
New Hope Trust
Dover Way, Ludlow Way, Richmond Way, Warwick Way
All Saints' Church

Sunday 19 to Saturday 25 July

Parish Magazine
Trinity Project
Canterbury Way, Gade Bank, Links Way, Rousebarn Lane
Parliament and our MP Gagan Mohindra

Sunday 26 July to Saturday 1 August

Churchwardens, Treasurer and PCC
Croxley Parish Nurse
Dorrofield Close, Hazelwood Road, Mayfare, Sansom Close,
Watford Road
Shaftesbury Court



Please pray for Sharon Gordon
and the staff, volunteers and clients at
Alternatives Trust, at St Edmund's,
Newham. The charity will close in July for
lack of funds. However, there are still many calls for support
to women and children in the area and there is hope that
counselling for vulnerable women can continue.





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 from the Iona Community



O Christ, the Master Carpenter, who at the last, through wood and nails, purchased our whole salvation, wield well your tools in the workshop of your world so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench may here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand. We ask it for your own name's sake.

Amen.

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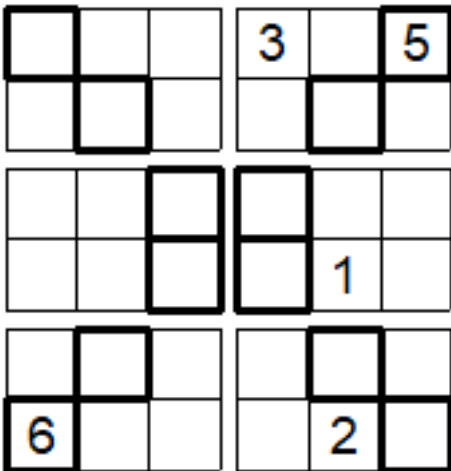
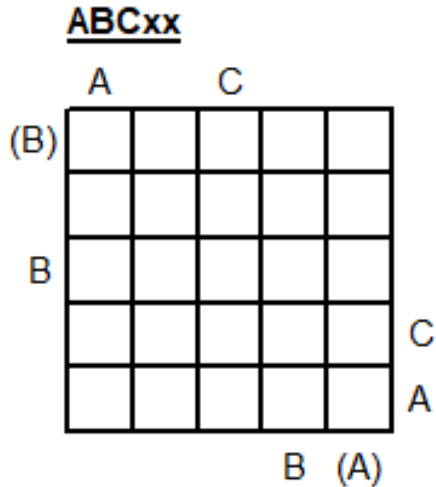
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Puzzles by Richard Lee

ABCxx Puzzle

Each of these puzzles has the letters ABC placed randomly in each row and column with the remaining squares left empty. ('x' represents a space). The clues down each side and across the top or bottom show you the first (or, if in brackets, the second) letter which would be encountered in that particular row or column. All you have to do is to work out where the original letters and spaces were placed.



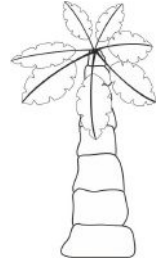
Sudoku X Puzzle

In the Sudoku X square each row, column, individual 3x2 box and the two main diagonals all contain one each of the numbers 1 to 6. The puzzle, just like an ordinary Sudoku, is to work out, using the numbers given, where the rest fit in!



SUMMER CAME EARLY QUIZ

by Bill Frost



- 1 Who won the 2022 World Cup?
- 2 What is the traditional condiment for Belgian fries?
- 3 What spirit is used in a pina colada?
- 4 Who won the men's Wimbledon final last year?
- 5 What dessert is eaten at Wimbledon Tennis Tournament every summer?
- 6 Which band performed the classic summer hit Walking On Sunshine?
- 7 Which city will host the 2028 Summer Olympics?
- 8 What does SPF stand for in sunscreen products?
- 9 In what year did Disneyland open to the public?
- 10 What is the Italian word for Summer?
- 11 "In the Summertime" was a debut single for which British band?
- 12 Where is the longest pleasure pier in the UK?
- 13 Which composer won an Oscar and a Grammy for the score of Jaws?
- 14 What's the top-grossing summer film of all time?
- 15 Which type of cloud creates the most thunderstorms?





PUZZLE ANSWERS



2	4	1	3	6	5
3	5	6	1	4	2
1	6	4	2	5	3
5	2	3	6	1	4
4	1	2	5	3	6
6	3	5	4	2	1



ABCxx

	A		C		
(B)	A	B	C	x	x
	C	x	x	A	B
B	x	x	B	C	A
	x	A	x	B	C
	B	C	A	x	x
					C
					A
				B	(A)

SUMMER CAME EARLY QUIZ

- 1 Argentina. 2. Mayonnaise. 3 Rum. 4 Jannik Sinner.
- 5 Strawberries and cream. 6 Katrina And The Waves.
- 7 Los Angeles. 8 Sun protection factor. 9 1955. 10 Estate.
- 11 Mungo Jerry. 12 Southend On Sea. 13 John Williams.
- 14 Avengers: Endgame. 15 Cumulonimbus clouds.



Stop and Search

"How long have you been driving without a rear light, sir?" demanded the policeman.

The driver jumped out, ran to the rear of his car, and gave a low moan. His distress was so great that the cop was moved to ease up on him a bit.

"Oh, come now," he said, "you don't have to take it so hard. It isn't that serious."

"It isn't?" cried the motorist.

"What happened to my boat and trailer?"

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