



LOCKDOWN LIFE

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FOR REFLECTION...

A garden we might plant

First, plant four rows of peas:

- Presence
- Promptness
- Preparation
- Perseverance

Next plant three rows of squash:

- Squash gossip
- Squash indifference
- Squash criticism



Then, plant five rows of lettuce:

- Let us obey rules and regulations.
- Let us be true to our obligations.
- Let us be faithful to duty.
- Let us be loyal and unselfish.
- Let us love one another.

No garden is complete without turnips:

- Turn up at meetings.
- Turn up with a smile.
- Turn up with new ideas.
- Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.

Submitted by Barbara Dale



The word 'comfort' is derived from the words 'con' and 'fort', meaning 'with strength'. Jesus said that if we mourn, we shall be comforted. Behind the promise of his word lies the resurrection of Jesus Christ, where total defeat was turned into glorious victory.

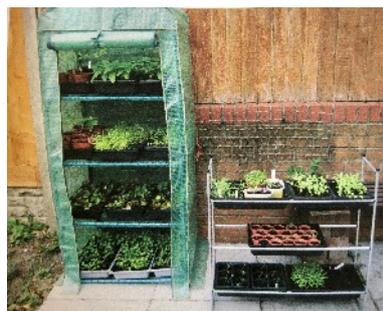
Sherwood Wirt

Two poems for Eastertide

- Exaltation!
- Adoration! For
- Salvation –
- Thank our God. With
- Easter joy hail
- Resurrection!



Easter bells aren't ringing to welcome us to pray.
 Absent choir's not singing, pews deserted, all away.
 Solitude and silence fill my garden of retreat.
 These are never negative; contentment is complete.
 Early in the morning I greet the day with praise;
 Recall the many blessings of my solitary days.



Thank you to **June Roberts** for rising to the challenge in Issue 1 of 'Lockdown Life' and submitting these two wonderful Easter acrostic poems and photographs for us to enjoy.

Trees

I think that I shall never see
 A poem lovely as a tree
 A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
 Against the earth's sweet flowing breast,
 A tree that looks at God each day,
 And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
 A tree that may in Summer wear
 A nest of robins in her hair;
 Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
 Who intimately lives with rain.
 Poems are made by fools like me,
 But only God can make a tree.



(Alfred) Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918)

Submitted by Wendy Syer

High Days and Holy Days

Ascension Day: 40 Days with the Risen Christ

- 1 May Day
- 1 Philip the Apostle/James the Less
- 2 Athanasius
- 3 Good Shepherd Sunday
- 8 Julian of Norwich
- 14 Matthias the Apostle
- 16 Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer
- 17 Rogation Sunday
- 19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury
- 21 The Ascension of the Lord
- 26 Augustine of Canterbury
- 30 Joan of Arc, Visionary
- 30 Josephine Butler, Social Reformer
- 31 Pentecost

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. **(Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.)**

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: 'When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands - and blessed them.'

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: 'While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.' **(Luke 24:50-1)** He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: 'I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...' **(John 20:17)**

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: 'they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.' **(Luke 24:52,53)**

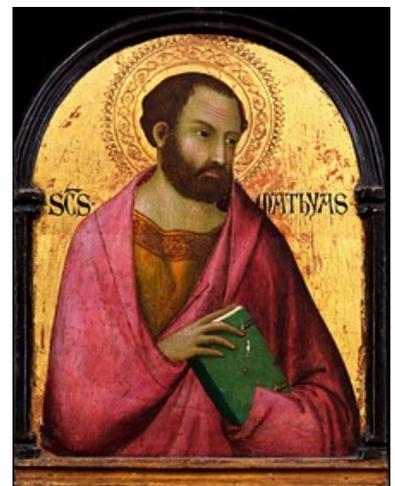
No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! 'I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.' **(John 14:2,3)** In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

(Source : Parish Pump)

St Matthias, the replacement apostle

If you're saying to yourself, 'Who?' you'll be in good company. May 15th is the feast day of St Matthias the Apostle, and in describing him thus we have said just about all there is to know about him. He gets just one mention in the Bible, in the first chapter of Acts, immediately prior to the day of Pentecost, where it tells us that he was elected to take the place in the ranks of the twelve apostles recently vacated by the betrayer Judas Iscariot.

Eusebius, in the fourth century, says in his history of the apostolic era that Matthias was one of the 70 disciples sent out by Jesus **(Luke 10:1)**, and that seems reasonable. When it was necessary to fill the vacancy among the apostles it would be natural to turn to someone who had followed Jesus from earlier years, as well as being a witness of the resurrection. Two names were suggested and prayed over. Then the apostles cast lots, following the Old Testament practice of the high priest's Urim and Thummim, one assumes. When they did, 'the lot fell on Matthias'.



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Casting lots to fill vacancies on committees or councils, or even to appoint bishops, might seem to us to be rather risky. The Victorian preacher Campbell Morgan even suggested that the 11 acted in haste and pre-empted God's choice of Saul (later known as Paul), who at that time was busy persecuting the Church, arresting Christians and having them thrown into prison. He hadn't yet travelled the Damascus Road.

Be that as it may, Matthias was elected, and for us he can stand for all those excellent, consistent, reliable and faithful servants of Christ who never make a headline, not even in the parish magazine. Yet still he was chosen because he could be a 'witness', and so are we.

Doubtless he fulfilled that responsibility admirably, without, as we say, 'setting the Thames on fire'. Let's salute him on his day - the 'Unknown Apostle'.

(Source : Parish Pump)

Day of Pentecost - Whit Sunday

Pentecost took place on the well-established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was seven weeks after Easter, or 50 days including Easter.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told His disciples that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for His disciples, but He knew they could not do the work themselves. They would need His help.

And so, they waited in Jerusalem, praying together with His other followers, for many days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues, to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (**Genesis 11: 1- 9**) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the disciples and followers of Jesus. The Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian Church that morning, proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course, Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, He could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit.

Christ's ascension into heaven was the real commencement of His reign.

John Calvin

Astronauts sink into insignificance beside this ascension!

Vance Havner



He who has the Holy Spirit in his heart and the Scriptures in his hands has all he needs.

A MacLaren

We could not pray at all were it not for the Holy Spirit.

D Martyn Lloyd-Jones

'He gave us eyes to see them': early Persian painting of Jonah and whale

The prophet Jonah is mentioned three times in the Gospels when Jesus refers to 'the sign of Jonah.' In the Old Testament he was swallowed by a large fish, traditionally a whale, and in its belly for three days and three nights. It is easy to see in that sign a reference to the death and resurrection of Jesus, but the book is also a powerful allegory of life. The prophet runs away from God, only to encounter a storm and possible shipwreck. He is thrown overboard and swallowed by the whale.



We are living through difficult and anxious days with the coronavirus: we seem to be surrounded by fear and danger, like Jonah. Where, we ask, is our hope and safety amid the storm and threat of breakdown? In his distress Jonah prays to the Lord and places his trust in God. The psalm he utters ends with the words, 'Deliverance belongs to the Lord.' As he speaks, the whale spews him on to the safety of dry land. The story of Jonah is depicted here in this beautiful painting from a 14th century manuscript from Persia. The whale is friendly and smiling, basking in the expanse of blue sea. Jonah is safe: his hope has triumphed, and God has delivered him from danger and possible death.

In 1988 Heathcote Williams wrote a long poem called 'Whale Nation' in praise of these mysterious, gifted and intelligent creatures. We hunt them, we plunder the seas for them. But they are also our friends and guides, and it is easy to neglect those truths. The book ends with examples of whales and dolphins guiding ships and saving human lives. So, we, in the midst of all that worries and perplexes us, can give thanks to God our guide and Saviour, and pray that He will bring us safely through life.

(Source : Parish Pump)

A thank you to our key workers.....



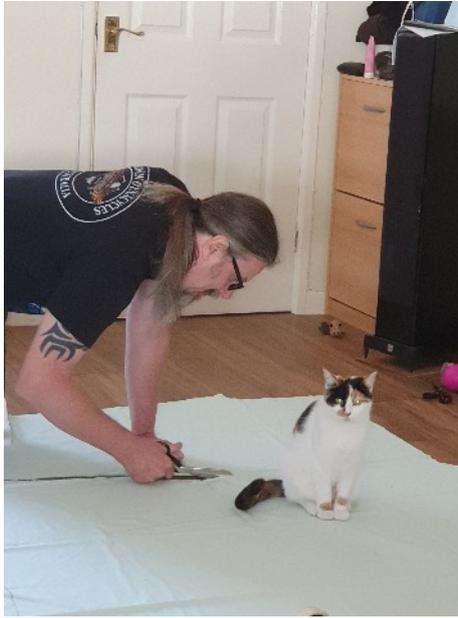
Submitted by Sue Higton and drawn by her daughter-in-law Kirsty

Proud to be a scrubber!

Yes! You read that right! I'm a Scrubber. A 'Taunton Scrubber' to be exact. Now you're probably thinking the isolation has finally got to me but let me tell you all about it.

So, firstly a little back story. As some of you may know, I've been very poorly since the end of October last year. I'm on immune suppressants and soon to be on chemotherapy. So when this Coronavirus business all started and the NHS was looking for volunteers, I was very frustrated. I was a nurse years ago but couldn't return to nursing or volunteer. I looked at working as a telephone operator for the Coronavirus Support Group but that meant someone coming into the house to train me. And of course, I'm on the "stay in your house for at least 12 weeks, no one in or out" list! So that was out too.

But then I saw a plea on Facebook. A lady in Taunton had heard that the NHS were in need of "scrubs". They had a lot of staff returning and volunteers but nothing for them to wear. They were also opening old care homes to use as overflow wards and the staff needed PPE. She does sew as a hobby but upholstery! So her first couple of garments were a little "unsatisfactory" as she herself put it.



Well, I can sew. I don't advertise the fact because it leads to requests for "alterations" which generally means "can you take this thing that is too small and make it for me". I also don't really enjoy sewing. I much prefer knitting! But I digress! I contacted the lady and offered my services and she gratefully accepted.

I also, by default, volunteered poor Dave to be my pattern cutter. He wants me to tell you he is very poorly treated. Made to crawl around the floor for hours on end harassed by "vermin". I have attached a photograph. Should anyone want to rescue him from this purgatory, you have our address!

That was two and a half weeks ago at the time of writing.

We began to source fabric, initially asking everyone we knew to donate their unwanted duvet covers. A huge amount of fabric has been donated that way and also by Refugee Aid from Taunton, who practically emptied their warehouse of fabrics for us. We also have been buying fabric from our own pockets. Finally, there have been donations of fabric from local haberdasheries and individuals who sell online.

In the first week, there were about 70 of us and I made 3 sets of scrubs. By the end of the second week, there were 600 of us and I made another 9 sets of scrubs!

We aren't all sewing the scrub sets though. The less experienced sewers are making laundry bags for the scrubs to be washed in so that they can be washed by the nurses at work and they can be sure of getting their own "kit" back. We are also making scrub hats (like they wear in operating theatres) and headbands, with buttons on. These are to relieve the pressure on ears from mask elastic.



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Sam Wiggins

We have
560 bags
190 hats
165 head bands
29 mask extenders
2x XS scrubs
17x S scrubs
29x M scrubs
81x L scrubs
24x XL scrubs
4x XXL scrubs
5x XXXL scrubs
All boxed ready for Musgrove

It very quickly outgrew the original lady's front room and we were very lucky to have the Co-op in Cheddon Road, Taunton lend us their meeting room as a warehouse. The enterprise has grown to phenomenal proportions so quickly. By the end of the second week, we were working with Somerset NHS Trust. They are distributing our work to around 9500 members working in hospital, surgeries, care homes and the community. Attached is an example of what has gone to Musgrove Park Hospital today alone.

People keep telling me what a wonderful thing I'm doing. Which is very nice of them! But if I'm honest, it's exciting to be taking part in history. This is my "war work" if you like. And I have to admit, that after being unable to work for so long, I'm enjoying having a job to do. But no alterations! I'm not joking!!

By Mandy Davies (written on 22 April)



Florence Nightingale – the founder of modern nursing



Florence Nightingale was born 200 years ago, on 12th May 1820. Best known as the Lady with the Lamp who saved many lives in the hospitals of the Crimean War, she was also a social reformer, a statistician and the founder of modern nursing.

She was named after the Italian city of her birth, but the family moved back to England the following year, and she was brought up in Derbyshire. Here – and elsewhere – she had several experiences that she believed were calls from God to devote her life to the service of others.

She never married, but among her several close friends was Sidney Herbert, who became Secretary of War and helped to make her work in the Crimea possible. Some claim that she reduced the death rate in hospitals there from 42% to 2%. She introduced hand-washing (Editor : very topical!) and other hygiene improvements, but she never claimed personal credit for reducing the death rate.

Her work inspired nurses in the American Civil War, and in 1883 she became the first recipient of the Royal Red Cross. In 1907, she was the first woman to be awarded the Order of Merit. She died in 1910. Her image appeared on the reverse of £10 banknotes issued by the Bank of England from 1975 until 1994.

It is a fitting tribute to her that the emergency hospital just opened at the ExCel Centre in London is called the NHS Nightingale Hospital.

(Source : Parish Pump)

A new initiative from The Church of England...

(Particularly intended for those who are unable to join online services)



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Are you in need of some daily
hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone
line for you to ring to hear
comforting hymns, daily prayers
and reflections.

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TO KEEP YOU SMILING...

Time for us girls

I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no flaming flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.



All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It
pays no attention to criticism.

At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this awful virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!

By Pam Ayres

(Submitted by Bridget Carter)

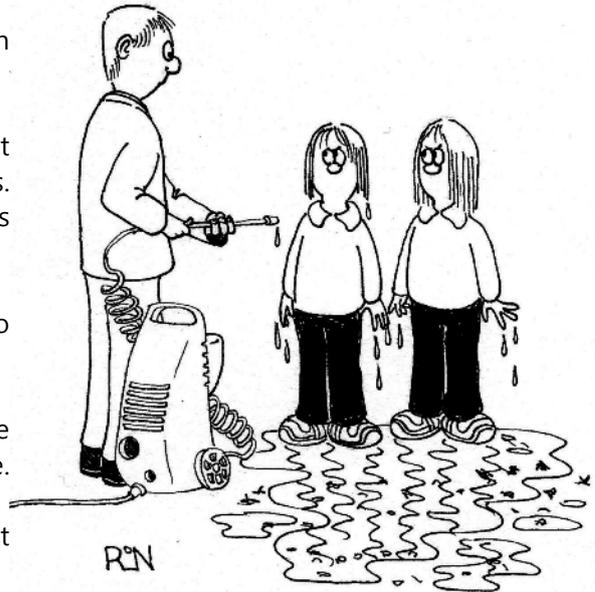


Babysitting

We encouraged our 18-year-old daughter to find a job to help pay for her college education. One day she came home with five applications, and later that evening we read them. Under 'Previous Employment', she listed 'Babysitting'. And under 'Reason for Leaving' she wrote, 'They came home'.

Parish magazine bloopers

- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- 22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.
- The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.



The twins had been doing Messy Church at home.

Submitted by John Dale



"It's a devil to start on these damp November Sunday mornings – luckily we have a sidesman who works for the AA"

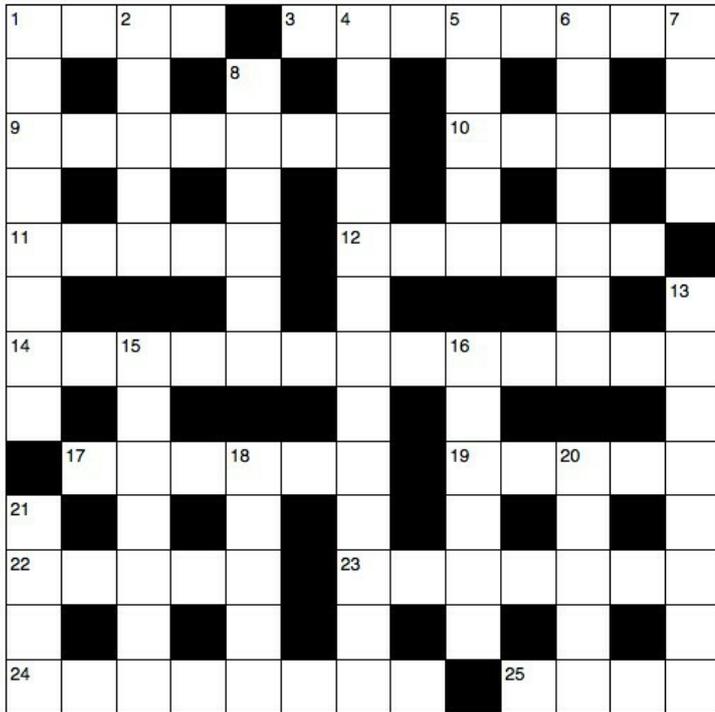
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Parental excuses

These are actual 'excuse notes' from parents excusing their children from missing school (includes original spelling):

- My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.
- Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.
- Dear School: Please ekscuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.
- Please excuse Roland from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.
- Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.
- Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.
- Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.





Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

Quick Ginger and Orange Gâteau

Ingredients

- 1 ginger cake, 6" x 3"
- 300ml (10fl oz) whipping cream
- 300g can mandarin oranges
- 1 serving dish

Method

- 1. Cut cake into thick slices, cutting almost through to base.
- 2. Place cake on serving dish.
- 3. Whip cream until thick.
- 4. Drain oranges. Reserve half for decoration. Chop rest into half of whipped cream.
- 5. Fill between slices of cake with fruit and cream mixture,
- 6. Decorate top and side of cake with cream and garnish with oranges.



Serves 6. Freezes well.

Submitted by Eileen Bethell

Ten More English Towns

- 1 Do black, bad deeds appal the knight? (7).....
- 2 With swirling sword in hand he'll fight (7).....
- 3 The Regent's domes are all my pride (8).....
- 4 Is that a pool on the Eastern side? (5).....
- 5 An oval ball at Tom's old school (5).....
- 6 It's bed for dunces who break the rule (7).....
- 7 Loose bolt, sir, made the first one sink (7).....
- 8 So Noah built again, I think (6).....
- 9 "Oy! Live wriggling snakes", I squealed (6).....
- 10 To the man who seemed to own the field (9).....

Answers on page 14!

Submitted by Stella Lowe

All in the month of MAY

It was:

- 200 years ago, on 11th May 1820, that the British Royal Navy sloop HMS Beagle was launched. This was the ship that took the naturalist Charles Darwin on his scientific voyage around the world (1831-36).
- 175 years ago, on 12th May 1845, that Gabriel Faure, the French composer was born.
- 90 years ago, on 24th May 1930, that British aviator Amy Johnson became the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia.
- 80 years ago, 1940: WORLD WAR II

10th May: Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned after losing the support of many Conservatives in the House of Commons. Succeeded by Winston Churchill.

10th May: Germany dropped its first bombs on England, at Chilham and Petham in Kent.

13th May: Winston Churchill gave his first speech in the House of Commons, saying: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

14th May: The Home Guard was established, nicknamed Dad's Army as it was comprised of volunteers who were ineligible for military service, usually because of their age.

- 75 years ago, 1945: WORLD WAR II

2nd May: The Battle of Berlin ended. Allied victory which led to the surrender of all German forces by 8th/9th May, and the end of the war in Europe.

8th May: VE Day (Victory in Europe) – celebrated as a public holiday.

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Date: _____

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Solution on page 15!

Submitted by David Davies

It is necessary to draw near to God, but it is not required of you to prolong your speech till everyone is longing to hear the word 'Amen'.

C H Spurgeon

Sit down with a cup of tea.....

I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not too sure.

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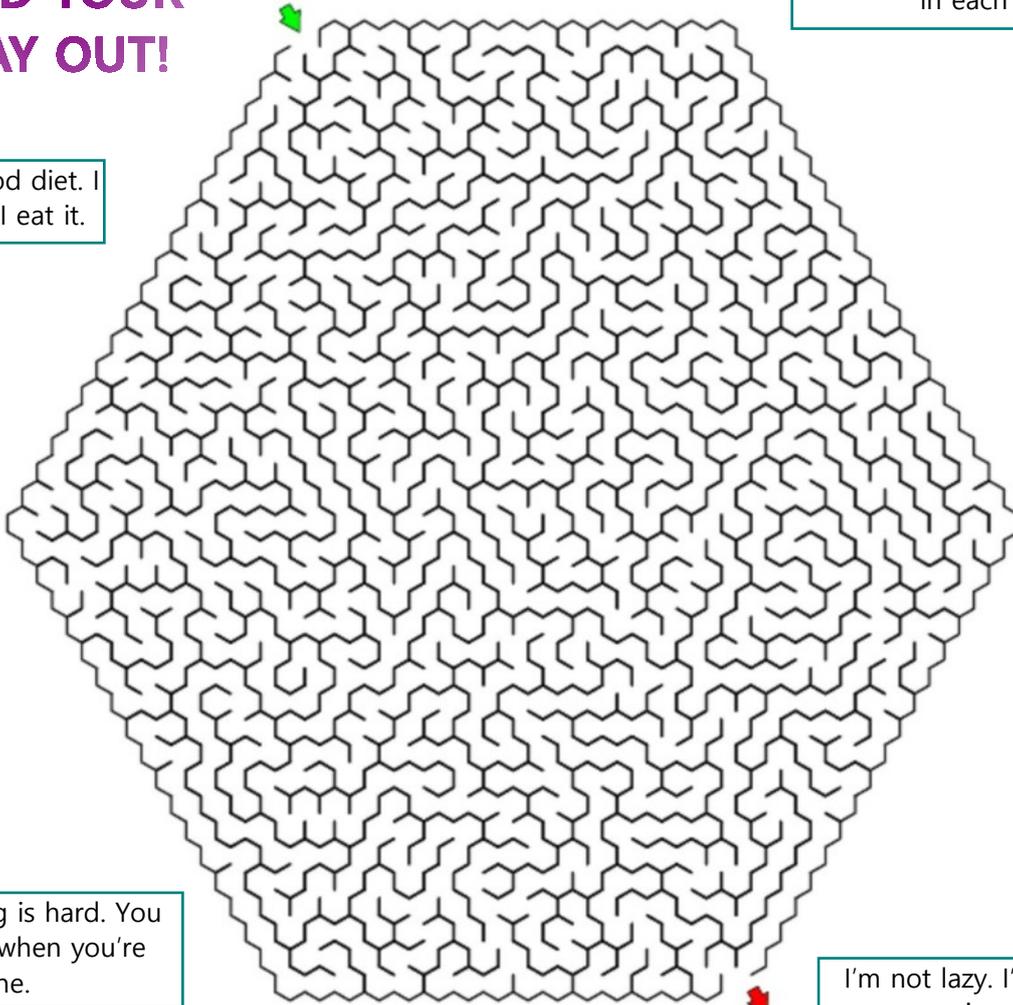
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FIND YOUR WAY OUT!

A balanced diet means a cupcake in each hand.

I'm on a seafood diet. I see food and I eat it.



Doing nothing is hard. You never know when you're done.

I'm not lazy. I'm on energy saving mode!

All in the month of MAY (continued)

It was:

- 70 years ago, on 13th May 1950, that the first Formula One World Championship race was held, at Silverstone in England. (This race is also known as the 1950 British Grand Prix.)
- 60 years ago, on 23rd May 1960, that Israel announced that Nazi Adolf Eichmann had been captured in Argentina. He was responsible for organising the mass extermination of Jews in WWII. He was tried, sentenced to death and executed in June 1962.
- 50 years ago, on 8th May 1970, that the Beatles released their final album, *Let it Be*.
- Also 50 years ago, on 22nd May 1970, that the song 'In the Summertime' by Mungo Jerry was released. By June it had reached Number One on dozens of record charts around the world.
- 40 years ago, on 5th May 1980, that Operation Nimrod took place, when the British SAS stormed the Iranian Embassy in London after a six-day siege.
- 30 years ago, on 22nd May 1990, that Max Wall, British music hall, stage, film and TV comedian, and actor died. Acclaimed for his serious roles as well as his comic talents.
- 20 years ago, on 3rd May 2000, that Ken Livingstone was elected as the first Mayor of London.
- Also 20 years ago, on 12th May 2000, that the Tate Modern art gallery was opened in London.

(Source : Parish Pump)

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS!

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

Crossword

Across: 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.

Down: 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.

Ten English Towns

1. Baldock
2. Windsor
3. Brighton
4. Poole
5. Rugby
6. Bedford
7. Bristol
8. Newark
9. Yeovil
10. Mansfield

