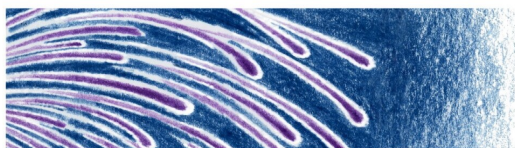


St George and All Saints, Douglas

Parish Magazine



June
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The Parish of St George and All Saints, Douglas
Part of the Douglas Group Ministry

St George & All Saints Parish Directory

St George's Church is open daily between 9am and 5pm
for private prayer and reflection.



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Thought for the Month

Rogation

At this time of year our church calendars are speckled with 'Rogation'. What does this mean and why now? The origin of the word is in the Latin 'to ask'. What are we asking God for? The fifth Sunday after Easter is 'Rogation Sunday' and the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Ascension Week are 'Rogation Days'.

It is a time to ask God for His protection. We are in Spring and early crops are showing whilst other foods may be being



planted. Fasting and abstinence leading to Ascension were coupled with asking God's blessing on the planting. Some of us may remember 'beating the bounds', parishioners led by the priest, churchwardens and choirboys would walk the boundaries of the parish and pray for God's protection for the coming year.

Rogation ceremonies arrived in Britain in the C7. Banners and torches would be carried around the parish. As various Kings and rulers came and went so patterns changed as to the ceremonies and banners carried. By the time of Henry VIII the focus was upon the blessing of crops to increase yield. One of the major thoughts came to be the protection of agricultural boundaries and to ensure that rights of way across land were marked. An Elizabethan publication made clear that boundaries and their stability were the primary purpose of marking the parish lands. The drunken revelries into which the tradition had fallen was explicitly banned. Psalms 103 and 104 were to be sung.

Collect for Rogation Days

Almighty God Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our us the harvests of the land and seas and may prosper all who labour to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

At Rogation we are encouraged to dig in the dirt and plant our seeds for the coming harvest. So, pray for our seeds. Deepen our parish roots. Prepare for Ascension for one day Christ will return and what we do now will be continued and ended in Him.

Charles Wilson

St George & All Saints PCC

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) took place on Friday 20th May. At these meetings 3 Churchwardens and 3 Lay PCC Members were elected in addition to receiving Annual Reports as set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020.

Elected Churchwardens (hold office until APCM 2023):

Mr Ernie de Legh-Runciman
Mr Ian Quayle
Mrs Ros Wilson

Elected Lay PCC Members (hold office for 3 years until APCM 2025):

Mr Andrew Baxendale
Mr Alan Cooper
Mr Carlos Phillips

The Parish of St George and All Saints has a Parochial Church Council (PCC) which consists of our Vicar (from 20th June 2022), Churchwardens, Diocesan Synod Representatives and 9 lay members. Additionally, Mr Andrew Willoughby is a co-opted ex officio lay member who has acted as Lay Chair of the PCC during our period of Interregnum and will continue as a co-opted ex officio member to ensure the smooth transfer of the Chair to Revd. Irene Cowell in the coming months.

The PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church, and the care and maintenance of the church fabric and its contents. It also helps steer the life of our church in its mission, witness and service in the parish.

The PCC meets regularly throughout the year, the notices for these meetings are displayed at the back of church 14 days prior to the meeting taking place. A number of 'teams' and individuals have responsibility for various aspects dealt with at the meeting and report to the PCC on such things. Who heads up these areas will be decided at the first meeting of the new PCC on 14th June 2022 and details will be posted on the noticeboard at the back of church.

I would like to thank the churchwardens and PCC members for their hard work and support over the past year. It has not been easy at times; however, the parish has continued to offer a wide range of services (with the assistance of visiting clergy, to whom we will be forever grateful) and has ensured the church building is open for daily use, both privately and for third parties, as the PCC has resolved.

For any queries relating to the PCC please contact the PCC Secretary, Mrs Sam Derbyshire at sgaspcc@gmail.com

Sam Derbyshire

Dates at a Glance – June

Thu 2nd	1.00pm	Business Group Bible Study
Fri 3rd	6.00pm	Compline - Live stream
Sun 5th	10.30am	Holy Communion for Pentecost
Tue 7th	10.15am 11.00am 7.30pm	Prayer Group - Memorial Chapel Mothers' Union Meeting Bell Ringing practice
Wed 8th	10.00am	Churchwardens' meeting
Thu 9th	1.00pm	Business Group Bible Study

Dates at a Glance Cont'd - June

Fri 10th	6.00pm	Compline - Live stream
Sun 12th	10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion for Trinity Sunday Evening Prayer
Mon 13th	2.00pm 7.30pm	Tea & Chat at All Saints Hall Snooker Club
Tue 14th	10.15am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Prayer Group - Memorial Chapel PCC Meeting at All Saints Hall Bell Ringing practice
Wed 15th	10.00am	Churchwardens' meeting
Thu 16th	1.00pm	Business Group Bible Study
Fri 17th	6.00pm	Compline - Livestream
Sat 18th	10.00am	Installation rehearsal
Sun 19th	10.30am 3.00pm	All Age Holy Communion Rev Irene Cowell's Collation
Mon 20th	2.00pm	Tea & Chat at All Saints Hall
	7.30pm	Rev Irene Cowell - Licensing and Installation
Tue 21st	10.15am 7.30pm	Prayer Group - Memorial Chapel Bell Ringing practice
Wed 22nd	10.00am	Churchwardens' meeting
Thu 23rd	1.00pm	Business Group Bible Study
Fri 24th	6.00pm	Compline - Live stream
Sun 26th	10.30am 6.00pm	All Age Praise Evening Prayer
Mon 27th	12 noon 7.30pm	Tea & Chat at All Saints Hall Snooker Club
Tue 28th	10.15am 7.30pm	Prayer Group - Memorial Chapel Bell Ringing practice

Dates at a Glance Cont'd - June

Wed 29th	10.00am	Churchwardens' meeting
Thu 30th	1.00pm	Business Group Bible Study

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to **Martin Blackburn**, who has been awarded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal for his years of front-line public service.

A letter from the Isle of Man Ambulance Service, informing him of the award stated, ***"Your service and commitment in caring for patients in their time of most need and the lifesaving work you undertake as a frontline emergency service worker is what makes us proud to work alongside you"***.

Martin's dedication to serving the people of the Isle of Man makes this award very well deserved and we are delighted that he has been recognised with this honour.

ISLE OF MAN ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION RECITAL

Though it might now seem like a bit of 'old news', having occurred on the 9th April, 2022, just before Holy Week, it is entirely appropriate to recall that St George's Church played host to the most recent organ recital staged by the Isle of Man Organists' Association ('the Association'). The Association is a Manx registered charity, an association of friends, players and non-players (professionals and amateurs), who love the wonderful sound of organ music. Well, who doesn't? The

Association is open to everyone, players and non-players, and organises free concerts with a variety of local and visiting players at different venues throughout the Isle of Man every year.

Since 1951, the Association has also been arranging, promoting and training new organists. This is particularly vital work when there are somewhere in the region of 50 pipe organs on the island but a dearth of trained organists.

Introducing the recital, John Riley, Organist at St Matthew's Church in Douglas, described Matthew Atherton B. Mus (Hons), Grad Dip Ed in Music, as an accomplished organist and composer who, until very recently, had been teaching at Pembroke School. Gareth Moore, himself an exceptionally talented musician and organist, had been 'instrumental' in extending the invitation to Matthew Atherton to pay his first visit to the Isle of Man.

Matthew had chosen to perform a delightful mix of light and shade for the enjoyment of all those present, some well-known compositions, and other pieces perhaps less so. He announced that he had designed his programme so that it contained "something to please everyone".

On leaving university, Matthew received organ tuition from Christa Rumsey and Dr David Swale, and in composition and arranging music from Tristram Cary. In 1988, he was the first Organ Scholar at St Peters Cathedral, Adelaide, Australia and he was organist at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in the centre of Adelaide from 1989 to 2010. During this period, Matthew had been a participant in workshops at the Calgary International Organ Festival in Canada with the acclaimed Dr Marie-Claire

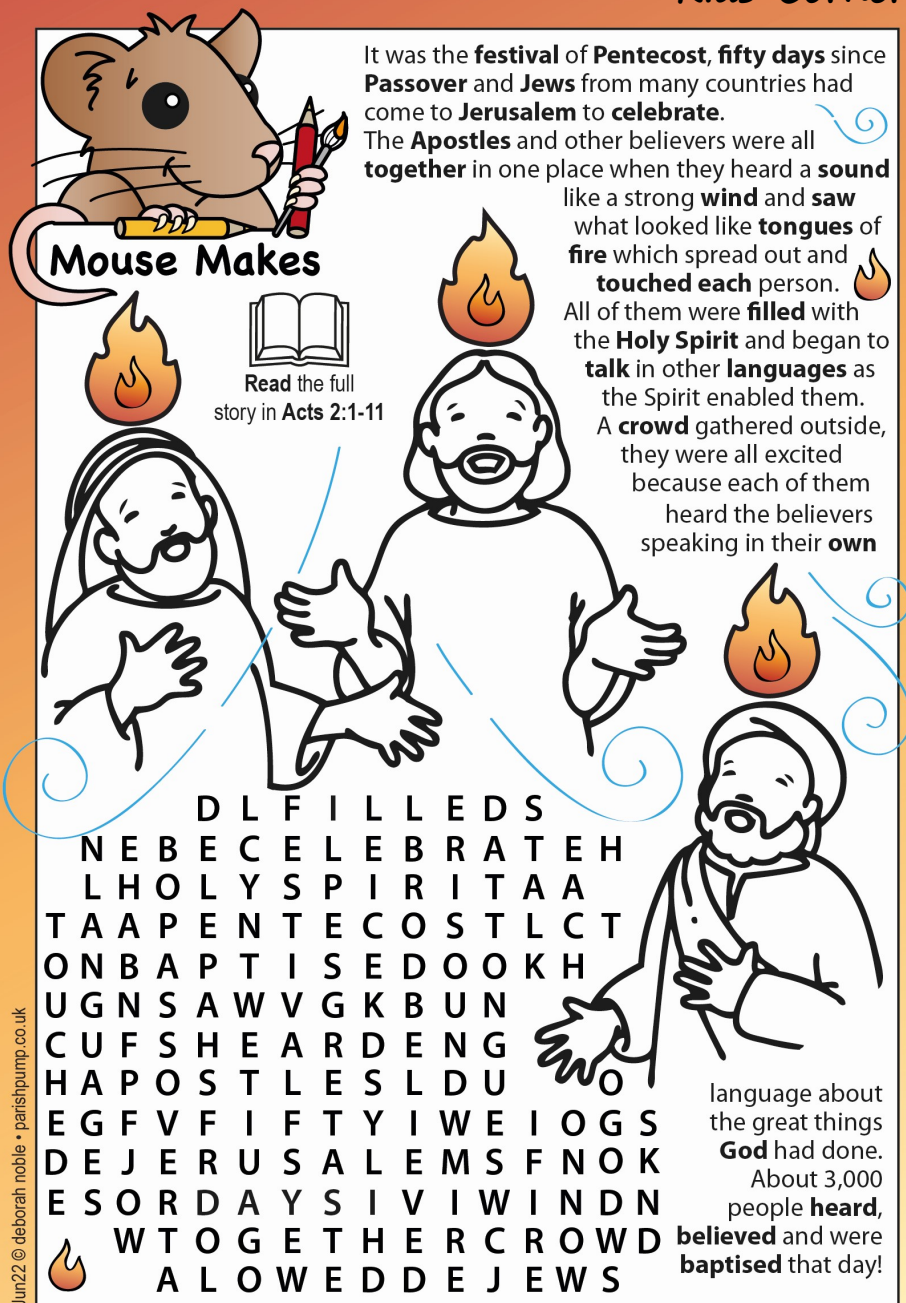
Alain.

Matthew has also participated in masterclasses and similar events internationally with distinguished organists including Dame Gillian Weir, Daniel Roth, and Thomas Trotter. In 2011, he was a guest of the Jehan Alain Association in Romainmôtier, Switzerland, performing on the restored Albert Alain organ. He was then appointed Assistant Director of Music and Organist at Barnard Castle School in County Durham and, in 2013, he took up the post of Director of Music at Aysgarth School in North Yorkshire. John praised Matthew as a frequent and well-known organ recitalist, the latter having given concerts at many churches and cathedrals, both great and small, in the United Kingdom and farther afield. These included Paris and the Cathedral at Uppsala, Sweden. He had also fulfilled engagements with the Adelaide Symphony and Chamber Orchestras, with most of Adelaide's major choirs, along with many performances for the Adelaide Town Hall's annual organ recital series. So, the Association had been extremely fortunate to be able to secure Matthew's services.

As a composer, Matthew Atherton has written in numerous genres for video documentaries, solo organ works, electronic works, vocal, choral works (including the substantial "Requiem To The Unknown", "In Riddles Disappearing", "Around Us" and "Crossing Parallels"), theatre works, orchestral works, and small ensemble pieces.

His recital at St George's was superb and greatly enjoyed by the highly appreciative audience.

Antony Hamilton



Mouse Makes

It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**. The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound** like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and **touched each** person. All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them. A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**

Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11

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language about the great things God had done. About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

All the words in bold type in the story are in the word search, can you find them?



Our theme for May was 'The Road to Emmaus' and, as always, we had a variety of crafts for everyone to have fun creating. Rev Alex organised a particularly messy craft, which involved painting our feet in order to create footprints along a road. Well we are called **Messy church**!

During celebration time we imagined that we were walking alongside Jesus and what questions we might ask him. There were some very interesting and thoughtful ideas from the children, which you can see in the photograph on the back page of the magazine.

Lunch was an extremely delicious corned beef hash - the first time our catering time have attempted it. It went down a storm and is bound to be on the menu again.

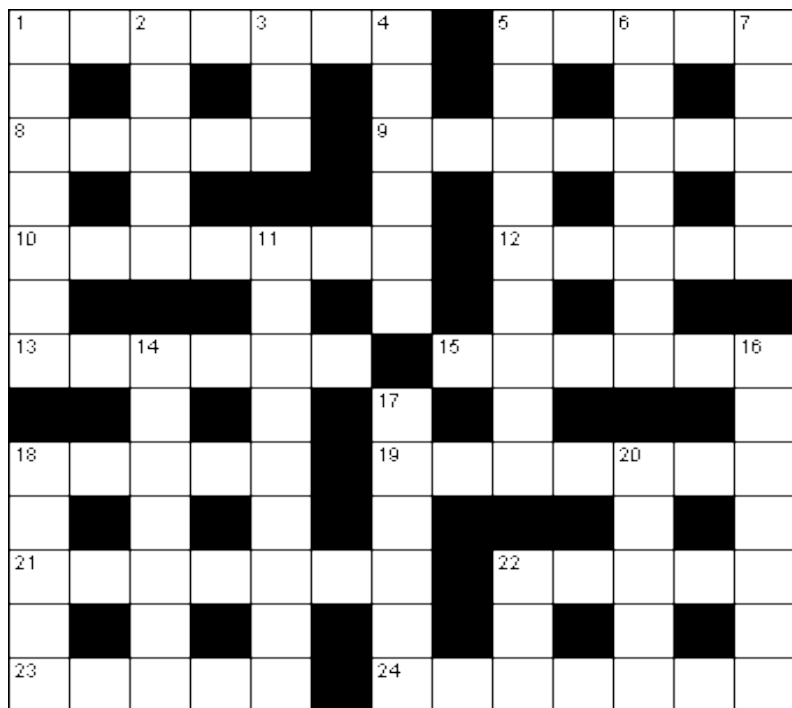
There won't be a meeting in June, as it's Mad Sunday, so our next one will be on **3rd July**. This will be our last meeting before the summer break and we've got something a bit different planned, so we do hope everyone will make a special effort to come along.

Cath Cringle

July Magazine

Please forward items for the July magazine to cath.neil31@gmail.com by Sunday, 19th June, 2022.

Thank you.



Parish Puzzle

(14)

Across

1. Entrust (7)
5. Small thin biscuit (5)
8. Dissonance (5)
9. Projecting upper floor (7)
10. The sheltered side (7)
12. Unvarnished (5)
13. Scheme (6)
15. Become visible (6)
18. Flowed back (5)
19. Athlete (7)
21. Hinged window blind (7)
22. Slight push (5)
23. Two or more contesting groups (5)
24. Striking (7)

Down

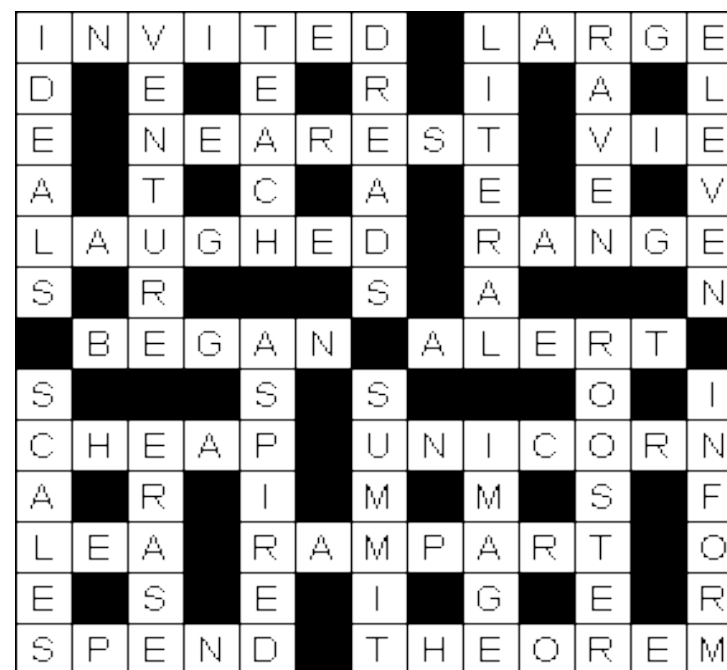
1. Tapers (7)
2. Inexperienced (5)
3. Frozen water (3)
4. Personify (6)
5. Decorative covering (9)
6. Photographic film (7)
7. Synthetic silklike fabric (5)
11. Short accounts of incidents (9)
14. Quashed (7)
16. Private place with peace and quiet (7)
17. Marine mammal (6)
18. Alleviates (5)
20. Emblem (5)
22. Nothing (3)

Our Community

- ⇒ Are you a member of an organisation that could do with some publicity?
- ⇒ Do you have an interesting hobby or pastime to share?
- ⇒ Are you needing sponsorship for a charity event?

Then we want to hear from you!

We would like to include a community page in the Parish Magazine and will include items about community events and groups. Please forward details or articles to cath.neil31@gmail.com



Parish Puzzle Solution for April edition



Weekly E-Notice Sheet

If you would like us to forward Weekly Notice Sheets electronically, please send your e-mail address to the Parish Office: **sgasparishoffice@gmail.com**. We will protect the confidentiality of your e-mail address so that you will only receive communications from us.

All Saints Parish Hall

For bookings/enquiries please contact Neil Cringle on **626097, 450151** or **sgasHallManager@gmail.com**

Usual Sunday Services

1st Sunday	10.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Messy Church at All Saints Hall Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday	10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion or Baptism Taizé
3rd Sunday	9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion All Age Praise Evening Prayer
4th Sunday	10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion or Baptism Celtic Communion
5th Sunday	10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer or Other Services

