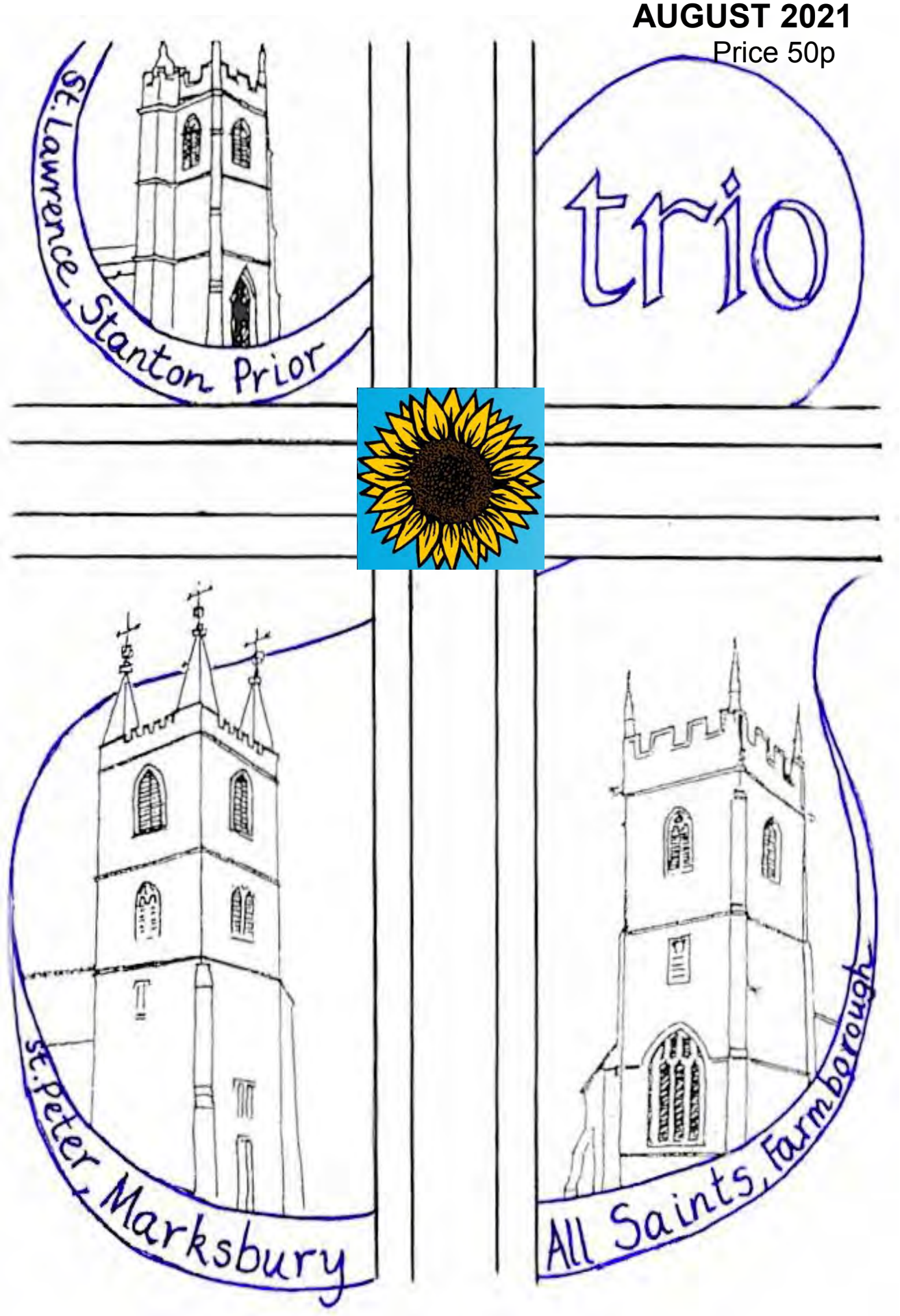
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Services for AUGUST 2021.

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CHECK CHURCH NOTICEBOARDS
or CONTACT A CHURCH WARDEN [see page 3]

	01/08/21	08/08/21	15/08/21	22/08/21	29/08/21
Farmborough 11am	Holy Communion tbc	Benefice service Holy Communion at Stanton Prior	Holy Communion Revd. Anne-Marie Bird	Morning Prayer	Benefice Holy Communion tbc
Intercessor Farmborough	Lisa Hegan		Liz Ladd	Jan Jones	Ann Swabey
Reader Farmborough	Exodus 16 2-4,9-15/ Ephesians 4 1-16; *Chris Lovell* John 6 24-35; *Liz Ladd*		Isaiah 6 1.10-end/ Galatians 4 4-7; *Tom Cook* Luke 1 46-55; *Barbara Chard*	Joshua 24 1-2a, 14-18; *Jeannette Jones* John 6 56-69; *Charlotte Strange*	Deuteronomy 4 1-2.6-9/ James 2 1-17; *Liz Ladd* Mark 7 1-8,14-15,21-23; *David Willis*
Flower rota Farmborough	Pat Beaumont				
Marksbury 11.00am	No service	Benefice service Holy Communion at Stanton Prior	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion tbc	Benefice service at Farmborough
Flower rota Marksbury	Teresa Cunningham				
Stanton Prior 1st 9.30am 8th 11.00am	Family & Friends	Holy Communion tbc	No service	No service	Benefice service at Farmborough

Church opening times for Private Prayer.

Farmborough, Marksbury & Stanton Prior are open for prayer, each day from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

A **weekly sheet with prayers and Bible readings continues to be available by e-mail** and could be used as a basis for worship, if you would like to be included on the distribution list for the virtual service contact your PCC Secretary [details page 3]
If you do not have internet access one can be printed off for you.

The Diocese of Bath & Wells also has links to prayers & services which you may wish to access using the following link….

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FLAG DAYS FOR AUGUST 2021

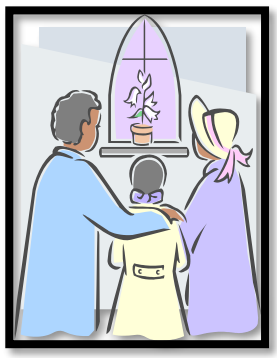
6th	The Transfiguration
9th	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union
15th	The Blessed Virgin Mary Princess Royal born 1950 VJ Day 1945
24th	Bartholomew - Apostle

CHURCH NEWS.

During the interregnum

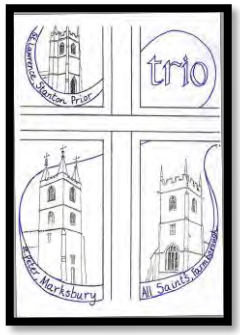


ENQUIRIES about baptism, confirmation and weddings should be made by contacting one of the Churchwardens in the relevant Parish.



AND SAY HELLO

If you have new neighbours, please let a Churchwarden know so they can receive a copy of Trio & a 'hello' from the Church family.



Welcome to the August edition of Trio.



Once upon a time, there was a rich and powerful king, who owned a very expensive ring with a huge ruby. His fame spread far and wide because of this jewel. One day, to his horror, he noticed that there was a big scratch on the ruby.
He summoned all the palace jewellers, who inspected the ring with their magnifying glasses, tut-tutted and shook their heads solemnly. It would be impossible to get rid of the scratch. Devastated, he offered a large reward to anyone who could repair the damage; many hopeful jewellers came to inspect the ring, but to no avail. Sadly, for it was his favourite ring, the king took it off his finger and put it away in a drawer.

A little while later, one of the king's servants reported that he had heard of a retired jeweller, living in a remote part of the country, who was experienced in working with damaged precious stones. The king sent for him and a bent, shabbily dressed old man presented himself at court. Although his courtiers scoffed, the king showed the old man the damaged stone. After a long pause, the jeweller said "I can't get rid of the scratch, but I believe I can make the ruby more beautiful". The king had some doubts but, after some thought, agreed to have the work done.

For several days the old jeweller carefully polished and cut the stone. Eventually, the king was delighted to receive back the ring. On the ruby the jeweller had carved a delicate rose, its stem being formed by the scratch.

We all acquire scars as we journey through life, perhaps physical or mental illness or disability, perhaps the loss of a loved one, the end of a relationship or betrayal by someone we trusted. At these times we can become more aware of God walking alongside us. Each of us is precious to God and, like the old jeweller, he can take our scars and scratches and make something beautiful from them.

Chris



Peter Brightman – our Rector from 1985-1990

Peter's family have written to let us know of his death on Thursday 24th June after a short illness. The funeral was held for close family only, but they hope to have a memorial service at some time in the future.

Although Peter was with us for a relatively short time, he was the first Rector of our present benefice; it was in 1985 that Farmborough, Marksbury and Stanton Prior joined forces. Formerly a naval man, Peter, first a reader, was then ordained and served in a variety of parishes, notably in Bolton and at St Saviour's, Bath. When George Carey became Bishop of Bath and Wells, he met Peter, and remembered their first encounter as ordinands. They had been asked to write answers to questions about the Bible, and Peter wrote across the page, 'This is what I came here to learn'. A memorable statement! He once told us that, when preaching, one should think of drilling for oil –'after ten minutes, you're just boring'.

After a few years with our benefice, Peter and his wife Hazel left for a project at Abbeydale in Gloucester, where an ecumenical church had been purpose-built on a new estate. This was dear to Peter's heart, as he was, despite being an Anglican clergyman, convinced of a wider approach to faith. He made friends for life in many of the places where he worked. One lasting legacy is the TRIO magazine itself; as the benefice of three churches came together, he designed a magazine to link them, drawing the cover design which remains today – it has only been slightly simplified to save ink, and he continued to receive a copy each month until his death. We send our sympathy, love and prayers to his family.

May he rest in peace.

STOP PRESS…. **MONICA HORSEMAN**



July 23rd
All Saints'

It's with sadness I have been asked to share with our church family that Monica passed away peacefully on July 23rd with family present.



The bell was tolled & the flag flew at half-mast in recognition of her dedicated support to so many aspects of All Saints' activities.

Further details to follow.

Please note, as usual there will be no bishop's letter for August 2021 and no Manna mailing so from the Parish Pump resource some.....

Miscellaneous observations on life as a Christian....

- One day we stand to lose everything - except those qualities that have eternal value. - *David Watson*
- The weaker we feel, the harder we lean on God. And the harder we lean, the stronger we grow. - *Joni Eareckson Tada*
- Never make the blunder of trying to forecast the way God is going to answer your prayer. - *Oswald Chambers*
- In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him. - *C S Lewis*
- We may pray most when we say least, and we may pray least when we say most. - *Augustine*
- God has nothing to say to the self-righteous. - *D L Moody*
- For every act of kindness and compassion done by any man for his fellow Christian is done by Christ working in him. - *Julian of Norwich*
- It used to irritate a friend of mine that when he went to confession, he never got the chance to tell the priest the good things he had done. - *Monica Furlong*
- The cross is the ladder to heaven. - *Thomas Draxe*
- Death is but a path that would be trod, if man would ever pass to God. - *Thomas Parnell*
- A rumour is about as hard to unspread as butter. - *Anon*

This month more bloopers, announcements and some 'smile lines!'

MAD.

You can't please everyone.

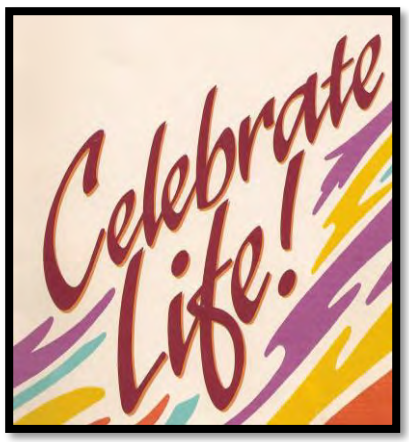
But it is possible to make 'em all mad at the same time.

Canon Stephen Purvis

One of the visiting clergy whose services have been much appreciated during the interregnum, Stephen was booked to take the service for St Peter, Marksbury's Patronal Festival on 27th June. Petertide is the time for ordinations, and Stephen was pleased to take a service 50 years after taking Holy Orders himself.
The benefice showed its appreciation by giving him a book token to mark the occasion, and Mrs Purvis was given a posy of Farmborough garden flowers. We were able to celebrate both the festival and the anniversary with drinks in the churchyard afterwards.

Thank you for your services and your friendship, Stephen!

JEFF SLUGGETT – A CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE



Sunday 29th August, 3pm to 6pm

at the Conygre Hall

Jeff's family and friends invite everyone to join them in remembering the life of a remarkable person who touched many lives with his good humour and generosity.

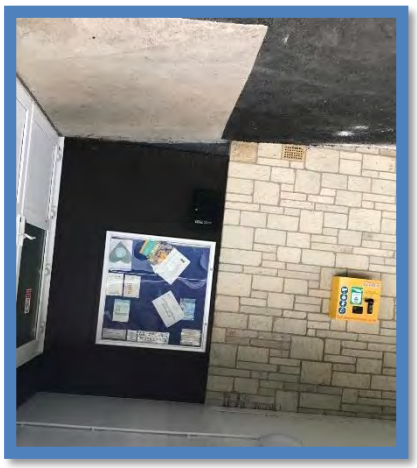
All are welcome to drop in to the Hall, have some refreshments and a chat, and look at displays of memorabilia and photographs relating to Jeff's life.

If anyone reading this has anecdotes or other memorabilia they would like to share, please get in touch with Lydia Brimble on 01761 472570 or email brimble.121@btinternet.com

We look forward to seeing you on the 29th!

MARKSBURY PARISH COUNCIL EQUIP THE PARISH WITH DEFIBRILLATORS

Marksbury Parish Council have recently added to the defibrillator outside the school by supplying the villages in its area with 3 more defibrillators.



These are located at Marksbury and Stanton Prior village halls, on the outside wall adjacent to the entrance door,



and in the



telephone box at Hunstrete.

The project, led by Councillor Sandra Harding, was funded by Community infrastructure Levy money and by grants from B&NES Councillors, McCabe, and Butters' Community fund.

Whilst it is hoped that they will never need to be used, the provision of defibrillators, especially in more rural areas, really can save lives.

The Parish Council are now looking into the possibility of providing training in their use.

Exciting News!

Stanton Prior Cream Teas!

at the Village Hall and Village Field

All Five Sundays in August

PLUS

August Bank Holiday Monday

2:30 - 5:30 pm



FRIENDS of FARMBOROUGH CHURCHYARD

Thank you to all concerned...

I had reason to visit Farmborough churchyard fairly recently and must say how nice it looked.
The grass had been cut all around and strimmed.
It was a lovely sunny day and it was so pleasant to see the lavender out in full bloom in the memorial garden and a beautiful purple colour in the sunshine.

A very pleasant and restful place.

Diane Bullock

LAUGH

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat and you could tell she thought the cat understood every word.
I came back home and told my dog.
We got a big laugh out of that.

Remembered by the church this month:

7th John Mason Neale (1818-1866)



Who? Whenever you sing a hymn in church, you may notice the name of its writer, placed discreetly in the hymn book, either at the beginning or the end of the words. J.M. Neale was the son of a clergy family, and, through his mother, was descended from the Puritan cleric and hymn writer, John Mason. He was much affected by the Oxford Movement when at Cambridge and helped found the Cambridge Camden Society, advocating more ritual and religious decoration in churches and being closely associated with the Gothic Revival. Neale was ordained in 1842, but due to ill health, moved to Madeira, then became warden of almshouses at East Grinstead. Neale was physically attacked for his support for the restoration of Anglican religious orders, received no honour or preferment in England, and his doctorate was bestowed by an American university. He was strongly high church, with sympathies for the Eastern Orthodox Church, editing *Hymns of the Eastern Church* in 1865. He is best known as a hymn writer and, especially, translator. He translated many ancient and mediaeval hymns from Latin and Greek, and the 1875 edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* contains 58 of his translations. *The English Hymnal* has 63 of his translations and 6 of his original hymns. Well known translations are All Glory, Laud and Honour, O come, O come Emmanuel, and Of the Father's Heart Begotten, but his most enduring legacy is his contribution to the Christmas repertoire, notably Good King Wenceslas and Good Christian Men , Rejoice. His life's work was devoted to a wide range of Christian texts, especially the hymns of the Western and Eastern churches. So, next time you read his name, that's who he was…

13th Octavia Hill (1838-1912)



We may just think of Octavia Hill as the founder of the National Trust, but in her lifetime, she was known as a prominent social reformer, whose main concern was the welfare of the inhabitants of cities, especially London. She was born in Wisbech , the tenth child of Robert Owen, who had been widowed twice, and was then married to Caroline, the daughter of Dr Thomas Southwood Smith, a pioneer of sanitary reform and his influence inspired Octavia's concern for the poorest in early Victorian London. She had no formal schooling, her mother, formerly the family governess, educated her at home. At the age of 13, Octavia trained in glass painting at a co-operative guild, and at 14, was in charge of the workroom, aware of the dreadful living conditions of

the children in her care. She encouraged self-reliance, which influenced her attitude to social housing when, later, she became a landlord herself. Having encountered John Ruskin at the craft guild, she worked with him as manager of properties which were renovated and let to tenants on low or infrequent earnings. Octavia's strict management worked well, and by 1874, she had 15 housing schemes with around 3000 tenants. Rent collection was at the heart of her success. Her collectors were women, who combined the collection with personal care of the tenants – early social work. After-work and after-school clubs and societies grew out of these beginnings, and Octavia set up the Army Cadet Force, to give young men a purpose in life through army-style training. She worked tirelessly, and at the same time, recognised the importance of fresh air and open spaces for all urban workers. She saved Hampstead Heath and Parliament Hill Fields from development, and was the first to use the term 'Green Belt'. With Canon Rawnsley, Ruskin and others, she launched what would become the National Trust. Octavia Hill was hugely influential, and opened the eyes of other prominent people to social reform. This brief paragraph merely scratches the surface!

Portrait of Octavia Hill by John Singer Sargent

In the Marksbury Prayer Diary for August: As well as prayers for the whole village, we focus this month on West Tyning and Priston Lane.



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Farmborough & Marksbury Schools



Take a look at their websites to find out more about life at our schools.
https://www.farmboroughchurchprimary.org.uk/
https://www.marksburyschool.org.uk/

This term's Christian value is **SERVICE**.

End of term celebrations

The good weather at the end of term allowed both schools to share their goodbyes outside in a more spacious area!

At Farmborough Liz Ladd joined the school community to present the bibles to Year 6 while at Marksbury on July 14th Year 6 & their parents, head teacher Julie Player and members of staff were welcomed by the Pig Hotel at Hunstrete.
It was a beautiful day so all were able to enjoy the gardens, Tony Caisley and Judith Haywood joined them to present Year 6 with their bibles & commemorative candles.
Tony and Judith said 'It was good to be able to share in the day with everyone, we enjoyed hearing from Year 6 their memories of school.'

Schools start again on **September 6th** for pupils following Inset days on the 2nd & 3rd, we wish all staff and pupils an enjoyable break after such a busy & challenging year & praying 2021/22 is less stressful!

God of all, we pray for young people here and around the world.
We pray especially for those in our communities as they move on to the next stage in their life.
For those receiving GCSE, A Level and BTEC results this month.
Lord, guide our young people as they look to the future.

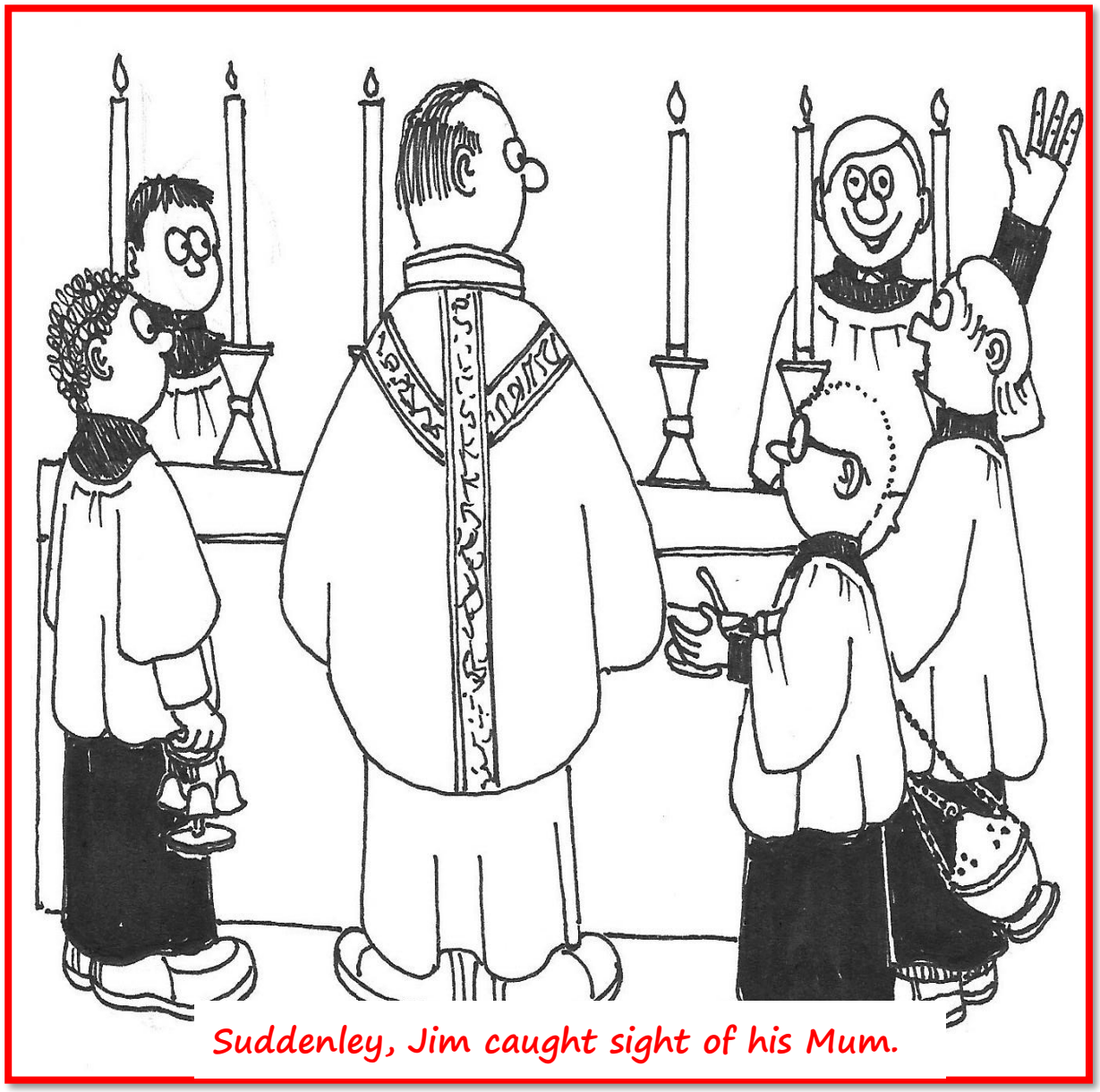


AND FOR THOSE FOLLOWING THE TRAVEL TO TOKYO CHALLENGE…

DID FARMBOROUGH SCHOOL MAKE IT?

YES & THEY MIGHT EVEN MAKE IT TWICE!! *Well done* *Ed.*





Suddenley, Jim caught sight of his Mum.

FLIES.

A woman went into the kitchen to find her husband swatting flies.
"I killed three female and two male ones," he said triumphantly.
She asked him how on earth he knew that.
"Easy. Two were on my beer can, and three were on the phone."

PUZZLE SECTION!

Have a go!!

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Easy Suduko

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Medium Suduko

THE PURPOSE OF THE FONT.

That Sunday our Family Service included two baptisms and many young children were there.
In his talk, the Vicar asked the children if any of them knew what the font was for – and the answer came back:
"For washing babies' hair"!

QUIET

Sad teenager: "Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was 'shut up'."

HARD

One of the hardest decisions in life is when to start middle age.

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Easy Suduko

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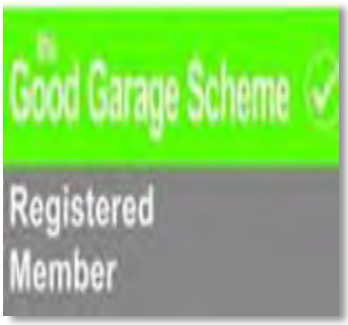
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