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## July EXTRA 2020

*Parish of Stockport and Brinnington*

*St Mary - St Thomas - St Luke*



## July “extra” edition

Welcome to our July “extra” edition.

We may still be under various restrictions but it has been a busy time with the Licensing of Jess as Associate Minister and the Commissioning of Marie, our Curate - now both very much part of the ministry team within the parish. We look forward to welcoming them both in person as soon as we can safely do so. In the meantime both have written a few words of introduction.

We have re-opened St Mary’s for private prayer on a Tuesday and Saturday between 11am – 1pm and stepped our toe in the water to re-open St Mary’s on a Sunday for public worship at 10.00am. **Please note that the café is CLOSED and there will be no drinks available after services until further notice**

At the present time St Luke’s and St Thomas’ will remain closed whilst we make plans and contingencies for re-opening both, hopefully next month.

On-line services will continue on Stockport Parish Pew Tube.

St Andrew’s will re-open for regular uses on a phased-in basis starting with Stockport Evangelical Church (for Sunday worship) and Brighter Futures Education and Training (in support of local schools). Others users will unfortunately have to wait until further restrictions are lifted and there will be no “one-off” hire at this time.

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## Music in our churches and cathedrals

The Church of England, together with the Royal School of Church Music, has encouraged the Government to be proactive in ensuring music-making can resume in church buildings, once it is safe to do so.

Responding to the latest guidance, **the Bishop of London, Sarah Mulally**, said: “We are encouraging the Government to be alert to the consequences of our choirs’ continued silence – and to take a proactive approach to allowing singing to return to our churches and cathedrals as soon as it is possible to do so safely.

“We look forward to a time where worship and music can once again be combined, in all their different expressions, as they have for centuries, turning our hearts to God.”

During the Coronavirus pandemic, the Church of England partnered with the RSCM to provide [free hymns](#) for parishes for use in streamed worship, which have been downloaded more than 45,000 times.

## Introducing Jess



Hello Everyone.

My name is The Revd Jess Piper and I am your new Associate Minister. I am 28 years old, married to Calum, who is Vicar of St Michael and All Angels, Bramhall and we have a 9 month old son called Samuel. I have been ordained since 2017, and before moving to Stockport and Brinnington, I was Curate of Bowdon. Prior to Ordination, I studied Theology at Chester, and spent my childhood years in Leicester, where the majority of my family still live. I am really looking forward to meeting you all, and seeing what God might have us do together in the coming years.

## and introducing Marie to her new role



Marie Flint writes

Having spent the past 6 years as Children's and Families worker at St. Thomas' Church and St. Alban's, Offerton, I am delighted to be able to introduce myself as I now join the whole Parish as your new Curate. I have spent the last 3 years training for ordination part-time at All Saints Centre for Mission and Ministry and have enjoyed the opportunity to spend time in the classroom and on placement in various churches in our

Deanery as well as St. Anne's hospice and in the Isle of Wight. Unfortunately, due to the Covid pandemic my ordination which was due to happen at the beginning of July has been postponed until 25<sup>th</sup> October, so on 2<sup>nd</sup> July I was commissioned to serve as curate by Bishop Keith, from the comfort of my dining room via Zoom. The service was a little unusual, but joyful and spirit filled. Thanks to everyone who joined in with the service and for your words of encouragement and support and prayers so far.

I grew up in Luton, which, coincidentally is also a hatting town (I must have a thing for hats!), and moved to Manchester to study Biochemistry in Manchester, where I met my husband Simon (although I always call him Beardy!) who works with computers. I later qualified as a nurse where I worked in adult surgical nursing and in nurse education at Wythenshawe Hospital. We moved to Stockport in 2012 and have lived in Shaw Heath and Adswold. We currently live in Offerton.

## Reopening of church buildings for public worship

Following the recent Government announcement that church buildings were able to reopen for public worship from 4th July, the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who leads the Church of England's Recovery Group, said that the months since lockdown began "have been an extraordinary time – the first period without public worship and the sacraments in England in more than 800 years." She said also that there will have been "real joy" as people began "to come together again – if even at a physical distance – but I also know that many will be understandably cautious at this news. "We will not be returning to normality overnight – this is the next step on a journey. We've been planning carefully, making detailed advice available for parishes to enable them to prepare to hold services when it is safe and practical to do so. It is important to say that the change in Government guidance is permissive, not prescriptive. "I would particularly like to thank clergy and lay leaders for all they have done during the time our buildings have been closed." Bishop Sarah warned that there will still be restrictions, "and we must all still do everything we can to limit the spread of the virus... The online services and dial-in worship offerings we have become used to will continue. "This has been an incredibly difficult time for the whole country, especially for those who have been ill, who have suffered financial hardship, the loss of livelihoods and indeed, for many, those they love. We know that is not over and the Church has a task ahead to bring consolation and hope.

"Churches and cathedrals have risen to the recent challenges, finding new ways of meeting for worship, of serving our neighbours, and of reaching new people with the love of God. The challenge before us now is to take the next steps carefully and safely, without forgetting all that we've discovered about God and ourselves on the way."

40 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1980 that Swedish tennis player Bjorn Borg won the Wimbledon singles championship for a record fifth consecutive time. **30 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1990 that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein threatened to use force against Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates to stop them driving down oil prices. On 24<sup>th</sup> July Iraq sent tens of thousands of troops and hundreds of tanks to the border with Kuwait, ahead of an invasion on 2<sup>nd</sup> August which led to the Gulf War.** 25 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1995 that the Srebrenica Massacre took place. The Bosnian Serb Army seized control of Srebrenica and massacred 8,000 men and boys. **Also 25 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1995 that Amazon.com opened its website to the public.** 20 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2000 that an Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after taking off for New York. All 109 people on board were killed, as well as four people on the ground. **15 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005 that the London Bombings took place. A coordinated series of four suicide bomb attacks on London's transport systems during the morning rush hour killed 56 people, including the four bombers. More than 700 were injured. It was the worst-ever attack on Britain, and the country's first attack by suicide bombers.** Also 15 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2005 that the IRA ended its 30-year armed campaign in Northern Ireland and ordered all units to dump their weapons. Its leadership stated that they would continue their campaign exclusively through peaceful means.

We have three children, two rabbits and a guinea pig. I enjoy pottering in the garden, camping holidays and being outdoors. I also volunteer for Alopecia UK, where I run a support group for teenagers with alopecia.

I think I first met God at Brownies, where I loved going to Church Parade and always felt the presence of something special and a relationship with God. Not coming from a Christian family, as a teenager, I took myself along to church to find out more and to spend time with like-minded people. After a stint away from church during my University years and when we were blessed with our first child I felt drawn back and was encouraged, at St. George's Church, to explore my calling further. I have really loved working specifically with children and young families. I like the idea of sewing seeds and the relationships I've made with people on the margins and the fringe of church. I have enjoyed promoting faith in the home and being alongside others as they explore their discipleship and we journey together. I am looking forward to doing much of the same with people of all ages in Stockport and Brinnington. Being a 'townie' at heart I feel that God has asked me to minister in the urban and I love the messiness and surprises of discovering God's Kingdom in the streets of our town. I look forward to learning and growing and discovering with you all over the next few years and sharing the Good News of the love of God for all in Stockport.

Many Blessings,

Marie

If you are returning to church for the first time since lockdown - either for private prayer or for public worship it will be a little different, so here is what you can expect it to be like.

You are asked to enter using the West door (unless you need to use the disabled entrance) where you will be met by our duty Stewards. You will be requested to sanitise your hands with the hand sanitiser provided.

Our rows of chairs have been re-spaced to allow 2 meters between rows.



You will be directed/escorted to an appropriate seat (or block of seats) allowing for social distancing between Individuals - household groups - "bubble groups".

You may be asked to give contact details for "Track and Trace" purposes – your information being kept for 21 days in case required (Data Protection rules apply).

Services will be said – no singing is allowed at this time. There will be no printed material or bibles left out. Everything you need to participate in the service will be on screen.

## All in the month of July

It was:

175 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1845 that Thomas Barnardo, Irish humanitarian and philanthropist was born. He founded Barnardo's, a charity which cares for vulnerable children and young people. **Also 175 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1845 that Charles Grey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl Grey, British Prime Minister (1830-34) died. Earl Grey tea was named after him after he was given a gift of tea flavoured with bergamot oil. It was known as the Earl Grey's blend.** 150 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1870 that the Vatican issued the declaration of Papal Infallibility. It preserved the Pope from the possibility of error when he defined a doctrine concerning faith or morals to be held by the whole Catholic Church. **100 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1920 that Kenneth Wolstenholme, British football commentator, was born. Best remembered for his famous commentary at the 1966 World Cup Final: "Some people are on the pitch...they think it's all over.... It is now!" – as the last goal was scored.** 90 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1930 that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, British writer who created the detective Sherlock Holmes, died. **80 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1940 to 75 year ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1945 that WWII leader Winston Churchill lost the British General Election to Clement Attlee's Labour Party. 70 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1950 that Israel's Knesset passed the Law of Return, which granted all Jews the right to immigrate to Israel.** 65 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1955 that the song 'Rock Around the Clock' by Bill Haley and His Comets reached #1 on the Billboard chart in the USA. It remained there for eight weeks. Although not the first rock & roll song, it is considered the song that brought rock & roll into the mainstream. **60 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1960 that Aneurin ('Nye') Bevan, Minister of Health (1945-51) who led the establishment of the National Health Service, died.**



After the service finishes you are asked to leave the building by the south door – our Stewards will ensure that social distancing remains in place. Once again hand sanitiser will be available for you to use.

You are also asked to remain socially distanced whilst on church grounds and to comply with government guidelines.

For your information, there will be no collection taken during the service, however if you have your “planned giving” envelopes with you (or wish to make a donation) then a container will be available to deposit these – items will then be bagged and quarantined. *Transfer to paying directly to the bank is encouraged if at all possible.*

With regard to refreshments: - our kitchen/café area will remain closed at all times until further notice.

It’s all very different from when we walked away in March – we have had to complete detailed “Risk Assessments” and comply with various guidelines issued by the government and the Church of England.

All measures taken will be reviewed regularly and changes made as and when necessary or restrictions are further lifted.

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#### **Car parking:**

**Parking charges are to resume in all Stockport Council car parks and on-street pay-and-display locations from Monday 13 July.**

Motorists are encouraged to make touch free, coin free payments using the RingGo app. on their mobile device - no additional charges, no need to carry coins, free reminders when your parking is running out and the ability to extend your parking without returning to your vehicle. For more information visit [Ringgo](https://www.ringgo.com)

## What's for lunch

**Cucumber Soup**  
**Baked Gamon Joint**  
**Tiramisu**

### Cucumber Soup

1 large cucumber  
1 pint of vegetable stock  
1 tbsp white wine vinegar  
2 tbsp soured cream / 2 tbsp natural yoghurt  
2 tbsp cornflour (mixed with a little water)  
Salt and pepper (to taste)  
Chilli powder(optional)  
Chopped chives or green spring onion tops

### Put aside ¼ of the cucumber to slice for garnishing

Measure approximately 8 fl oz of water in a liquidiser and add the remaining roughly chopped cucumber. Place the stock and pureed cucumber into a saucepan and bring to the boil. Add the white wine vinegar for around a minute. Thicken using cornflour/water mixed together.

Remove from the heat and cool slightly before blending in the liquidiser together with the soured cream and yoghurt. Season to taste with salt/pepper.

Soup may be served hot (in which case return to saucepan) or cold (chilled in the fridge)

Serve garnished with the sliced cucumber and chopped chives/onions with a sprinkle of chilli powder for that extra "kick".

The statistics show the number of stipendiary clergy from black, Asian or minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds stood at 3.8%, while 7.8% of people entering training for ordained ministry last year were from a BAME background.

Out of a total of 550 people beginning training for ordained ministry last year, nearly a quarter, or 24%, were under 32 years old and more than two fifths, 44%, were aged under 40.

The Rt Revd Chris Goldsmith, Director of Ministry for the Church of England, said: "In recent years there has been an increasing diversity among our clergy, but we will not be content until those in public ministry truly reflect the whole church and the communities which they serve."



## Women in majority of deacons ordained last year, report shows

Women made up the majority of deacons ordained in the Church of England last year for the first time, according to the latest statistics.

A total of 570 deacons were ordained in 2019, with women making up just over a half, or 51% of the new intake.

Deacons are the first of three orders of ordained ministry. Whilst all clergy continue as deacons throughout, the majority are also ordained as priests at the end of their first year of ministry.

The statistics show that women made up around 32% of the 20,000 active clergy last year, with a growing proportion of senior posts such as Bishops, Archdeacons and Cathedral Deans, occupied by women, from 25% in 2018 to 27% last year.

Women were in the majority starting training for ordained ministry for the third year running, with equal numbers of men and women sponsored to train for 'incumbent' posts – such as Rector or Vicar – over the last two years. However currently only 25% of incumbent posts are occupied by women.

The number of stipendiary, or paid clergy, remained stable, at 7,700, between 2018 and 2019, following a period of decline. There were 7,830 Readers or licensed lay ministers compared to just under 10,000 in 2010. Readers and licensed lay ministers are not ordained but can lead worship and preach in churches, among other roles.

## Baked Gammon

2 -3lb Gammon joint  
Cloves (if you like them) – approx. 10  
Mustard (which type is up to you)  
Demerara sugar  
1 – 2 tsp cornflour (mix with a little water)  
Desert spoon of Red Currant Jelly  
Tbsp red wine (optional)

They do say that these days it isn't necessary to soak gammon joints prior to cooking, however my preference is to soak a couple of hours if not overnight to remove the salt (changing the water from time to time).

With a sharp knife pare off the rind leaving an even layer of fat.

Cut a diamond pattern in the fat.

Generously coat the fat surface only with the mustard of your choice and then a generous coating of Demerara sugar.

Where the diamonds criss-cross stick in a whole cloves to form a pattern.

Place the joint coated side uppermost in the centre of a large piece of foil, bring up the edges of foil to make a loose parcel.

Place in roasting tin. Cook 200 degrees C for 1 ½ hours. Turn back foil to reveal coated surfaces and cook a further ½ hour to brown. Remove onto carving dish. Liquid remaining in the roasting tin may be used for gravy, add cornflour to thicken, stir in a desert spoon of redcurrant jelly and a little red wine (option).

Braised red cabbage goes well with this dish along with other seasonal vegetables.

## Tiramisu

One of my favourites – this version was given to me by a former colleague – although the ink is fading a little on the hand written note given to me many years ago.

2 eggs yolks  
50g castor sugar  
300g Mascapone [beat together]

2 egg whites  
1 tbsp castor sugar [beaten into peaks]  
with 1 tbsp Cognac (unless you want to put it with the Amaretto)

Sponge fingers

2 cups of strong coffee  
3 tbsp Amaretto [mix together]

Dark chocolate

Soak the sponge fingers (as many as you need) in the coffee/Amaretto /Cognac and place in serving dish.

Fold beaten eggs into the Mascapone mix / Spread on top of sponges and chill. Grate chocolate in the top.

Thank you Cara.

SMH

## Wordsearch

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Do your neighbours borrow things from you? Suppose they started banging on your door at midnight, wanting to borrow bread? The man in the parable in Luke 11 did just that – a friend of his had arrived unexpectedly and needed

to be fed. The neighbour, as you might imagine, was not best pleased! His whole family had been in bed asleep, and now everybody was awake again. Yet some neighbours just won't take 'no' for an answer, and so the man got his bread in the end. Jesus told this parable not to encourage us to wake up our neighbours at midnight, but to encourage us to persist in asking God for things. He promised: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." So – are you in need? Start praying – even at midnight! And leave your neighbours in peace.

Bread	Midnight	Neighbour	Friend
Unexpected	Journey	Family	Asleep
Bed	No	Answer	God
Knock	Promise	Ask	Seek
Find	door	opened	praying
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## **Newly-confirmed Archbishop of York to preach on the power of prayer**

Chaplains from a hospital and a hospice are to join the newly-confirmed Archbishop of York this weekend (11<sup>th</sup> July) as he leads worship from York Minster for the Church of England's weekly online service. The first service to be presided over at York Minster by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell will focus on prayer and the 'startling, beautiful heart' of the message of the Gospel of God's unconditional love for us. In his sermon, he will say "This is my first time presiding here in this magnificent building as Archbishop of York and it is a joy to be in this place where prayers have been said for 1,300 years,". The service will be broadcast from 9am on the Church of England's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. The service will include a reading from the Gospel of St Matthew, in which Jesus relates the Parable of the Sower. Commenting on the Parable, the Archbishop will say in his sermon that the story shows how the Sower received a 'most magnificent Harvest' in spite of his errors. He will say: "Jesus comes to us, not to reward the rewardable, not to love the loveable, He comes to us to bring us into relationship with God, to plant the seed which is His word, His life in our hearts, so that our lives might be fruitful – why? Because He loves us so much, that is the startling, beautiful heart of the Gospel story." He will add: "Prayer is what God does in us through the Holy Spirit, what we call prayer is just our response, however faltering, however uncertain. "Whenever we open our hearts and our minds and our voices to God and tell God our hopes, tell God our fears, express to God our hopes and our love, then not only do we become people of prayer but we enter again into relationship with God." The Revd Rachel Bailes, Lead Chaplain at York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, will say: "Prayer is vital to my daily life as a person and in my work as a hospital chaplain. "Time and time again I've had to learn the lesson that I cannot rely on my own strength alone and that I need God's resourcing each and every day."

## **Church of England awards £24 million in grants to spread the Christian faith in towns and cities**

A funding package worth £24 million has been announced by Church of England to help spread the Christian message in urban and deprived areas. Awards have been made by the Archbishops' Council to fund mission and evangelism in towns and cities alongside social action projects, from support for new parents to community cafes and food banks.

In the North East, £4 million has been awarded for mission and evangelism in South Tyneside, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Easington and Stockton-on-Tees areas with plans to lease empty high street shops in some towns. The shops will host 'Communities of Hope', centres where people can explore the Christian faith. The centres will include social projects from food banks to community cafes, budget cookery classes and help with job hunting including CV writing and literacy and numeracy support. In Manchester and Rochdale £5 million has been awarded for projects to develop new church communities, including a revamp of the Ascension Church in Hulme to include a venue for music and arts activities such as gospel choirs. The Rochdale and Manchester projects are located in some of the most deprived communities in the country and, will provide a range of social action including support for parents and children, and volunteer programmes working in areas such as dependency on drugs and alcohol, and street outreach for homeless people. In Birmingham, a grant is to be shared for mission and evangelism work by St Mary's Church Pype Hayes in the Aston and Sutton Coldfield areas and a planned new church in Shirley. Services such as a food bank and a youth drop-in would be provided at St Mary's and a community café and support for first time parents in Shirley. In Liverpool Diocese, £4.61 million has been awarded to develop mission to 11-29 year olds in Liverpool and Wigan.

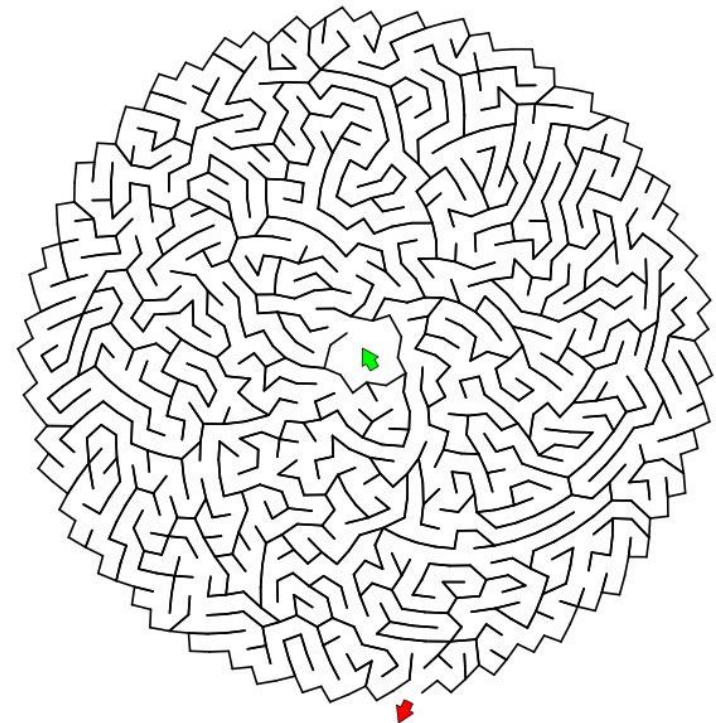
In Newham, east London, £3 million has been awarded to expand mission work in West Ham and other areas of the borough for new congregations and centres of evangelism. The funding would include work on projects to tackle issues such as homelessness, hunger and drug abuse. A £1.37 million grant will be used to help support the development of more than 140 lay people to act as community evangelists in Middlesbrough, Hull, Scarborough, Redcar & Cleveland and Bridlington. There will also be funding to invest in mission and evangelism in Milton Keynes, High Wycombe, Reading, Slough, Southampton and Bournemouth. The Strategic Development Funding (SDF) grants have been awarded as part of the Church of England's programme of Renewal and Reform, aimed at ensuring that the Church of England once more becomes a growing church for all people in all areas of the country.

The awards have been announced as many areas of the country – particularly the most deprived communities – cope with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Debbie Clinton, Director of Renewal and Reform for the Church of England, said: “The range of work outlined in these projects is a measure of the Church of England's commitment to all areas of the country – including some of the most deprived urban communities. Our churches are sharing the love of Jesus Christ and bringing the good news of the gospel through spiritual and pastoral support to people as well as practical action.”

be vulnerable due to their health or their age, and who may be reluctant to return to their place of worship. “Therefore, I'm pleased to continue supporting the free Daily Hope telephone line and delighted that it will remain in place. I hope church leaders, church members, and indeed all who are aware of the phone line, will keep sharing this important initiative with others.” Callers to the line are welcomed with a short new greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19. New material to the service continues to be updated, including mental health reflections voiced by Pam Rhodes which started this week and plans for holiday at home material in August as well as prayers from the Mothers Union.

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### Maze



## Daily Hope phone line clocks up two million minutes

A free phone line offering hymns, prayers, and reflections to tens of thousands of callers after church buildings closed because of the coronavirus is to continue despite moves to ease the lockdown restrictions. Daily Hope, launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, in April, has now received 173,000 calls from over 37,000 people – with calls topping more than two million minutes. The service – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – was set up as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people’s homes, especially older people and anyone unable to join online church services. Stories sent to the Archbishop from across the country share how the service has brought comfort and support during these difficult times. Many who wrote in said they had recommended the line to others. The service, set up by the Church of England nationally, has also been supported by Connections based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity *Faith in Later Life*. Archbishop Justin said: “Daily Hope has been a lifeline for tens of thousands of people in the last few months. “We’ve heard stories of people using it who are regular church attenders and those who aren’t. That’s a testimony to the vital importance of Daily Hope. “I have been praying for those who have used the phone line, and written to us, that God would bring them comfort, not just at this time but in the weeks and months which follow. “The Church will continue to look to serve older people, and those who can’t easily get out to a church building. “I look forward to seeing how Daily Hope can go from strength to strength as lockdown restrictions are eased.” Carl Knightly, chief executive of Faith in Later Life, added: “During the months that lockdown has been in place, I am delighted that the Church has brought words of comfort and hope to tens of thousands of people and I look forward to that continuing. “And while measures begin to ease and church buildings begin to reopen, it’s important that we remember the millions of people who may

## Roggie Dog



### Open wide...

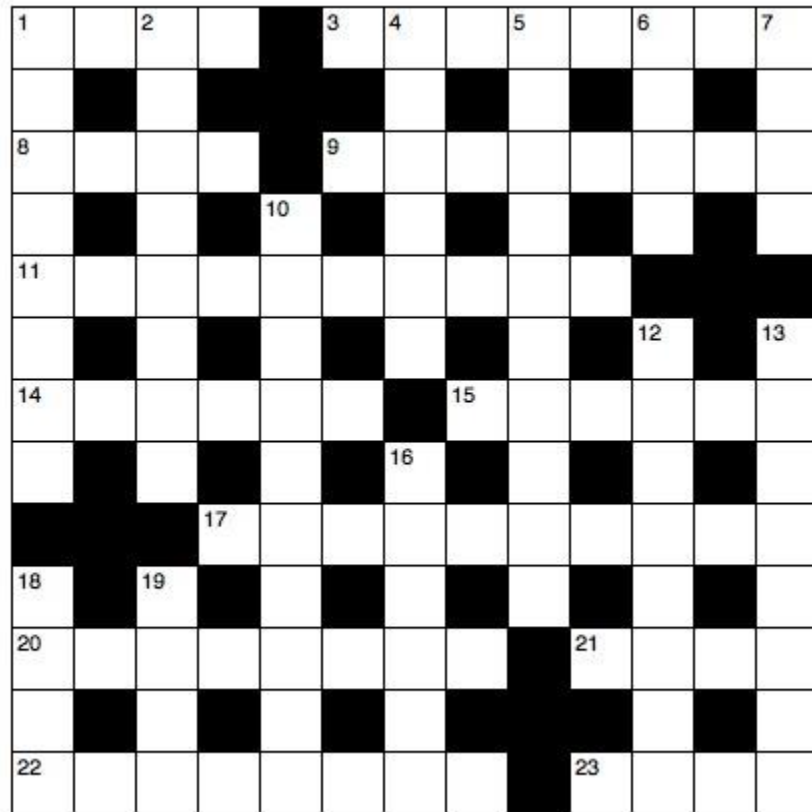
I’m just yawning, normally I keep my teeth to myself especially if my tooth brush is in sight. Mummy only has to say “lets clean peggies” and I run a mile.

But why exactly, do people and animals yawn? No one seems to know for sure even if there are many theories around. One is that it’s when we are bored or tired, we just don’t breathe as deeply as

we usually do. Well I guess that’s what it is then - we’ve all been there. You humans may have been sitting in a boring meeting (I think some of the meetings I have sat through with Mummy were boring especially when I have had no idea what everyone was talking about) or it may be that you were bored when there was nothing to much do - I find that. I get bored sometimes just fed up of waiting for Mummy to play or take me out. Strange isn’t it - we trying desperately to keep alert when our brain just wants sleep. It’s rude to show boredom Mummy tells me, and I try not to yawn, but the urge overtakes me and I just have to show my teeth. I’m not going to bite – honest!

There are times when I am expected to show off my ‘pearly whites’ of course – like when I go to see the vet – no yawning of those days I am far too busy holding my jaws tightly closed. AND when Mum does catch up with me tooth brush in hand I find it best to bite hard in a firm vice-like grip and hold on until she leaves go of her end.

## Crossword



### Across

- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)  
 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)  
 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)

- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)  
 11 Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)  
 14 In Cain(anag.)(6)  
 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)  
 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)  
 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)  
 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom!Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)  
 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)  
 23 'As the — pants for streams of water,so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)
- ### Down
- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studert Kennedy, — Willie (8)  
 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)  
 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)  
 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)  
 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)  
 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)  
 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)  
 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)  
 13 Forebear(James2:21)(8)  
 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)  
 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)  
 19 Rear(anag.)(4)