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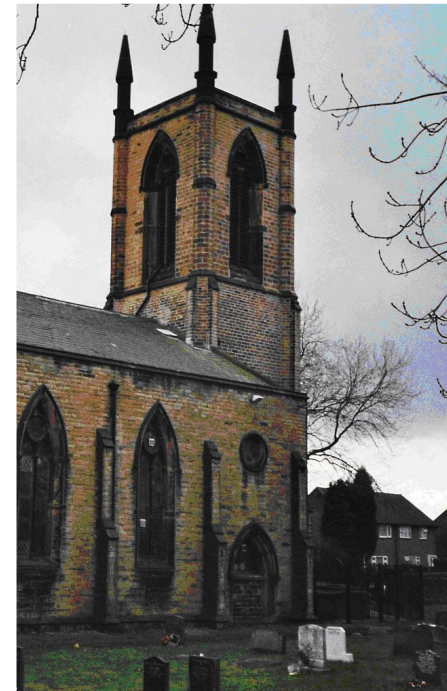
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**July 2011**

## St George's Church Stalybridge

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### Worship

#### Sunday

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 8.30 a.m.  | Holy Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)                    |
| 10.45 a.m. | Sung Communion and Sunday School<br>(4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday – Family Service) |
| 18.00 p.m. | Occasional Special Services as<br>announced                                   |

#### Tuesday

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion |
|------------|----------------|

To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact one of the clergy or Wardens.

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*Before you leave on your summer holiday consider this and take care!*

### What **NOT** to do before you go on holiday

Criminals just love Twitter and Facebook. Now they can locate unattended homes so much more easily - often within seconds of people posting comments about being on holiday on these social networking websites.

Thieves once had it hard – having to wander about neighbourhoods, peering over hedges, bribing milkmen, looking for empty houses. Now it is so much simpler: they stay at home and surf the internet - and can track down your address from a one-line posting within 60 seconds, according to researchers. Thieves look for messages such as ‘packing my cases’ and ‘just landed’ with a smiley face, only hours after the sender’s location was given as an airport.

How do they do it? A check on the family name and, for instance, the name of their child’s school, cross referenced with an online address database, shows the location of the home. The study, by Co-operative Travel, goes on to warn people that their children are the worst offenders, as 51 per cent of young people tell their all their friends about the forthcoming holiday....

### Social networking at the wheel

Be careful on the roads this summer: increasing numbers of motorists are actually accessing Facebook and Twitters while driving – with potentially ‘catastrophic’ consequences; the police warn. With the new mobile phones giving us access to social media, people are using their phones at the wheel even more, not less, despite the change in the law. Sometime the temptation to update our details on Facebook is just too strong, and we attempt it while driving

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### June Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Ambush. 4, School. 8, Tired. 9, Famines. 10, Citadel. 11, Endor. 12, Atonement. 17, Avert. 19, Oracles. 21, Married. 22, Lance. 23, Rhythm. 24, Hyssop. DOWN: 1, Attach. 2, Biretta. 3, Sided. 5, Compete. 6, Owned. 7, Lustre. 9, Falsehood. 13, Ostrich. 14, Talents. 15, Farmer. 16, Asleep. 18, Early. 20, Alley.

## Readings and Psalms for July 2011

|                       |               |  |
|-----------------------|---------------|--|
| Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 10.45         | <b>2nd Sunday after Trinity</b><br><b>Habakkuk 2.1-4; Psalm 31.1-6; Ephesians 2.19-end; John 20 24-29</b>  |
| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30         | Genesis 32.22-end; Psalm 17.1-8; Matthew 9.32-end  |
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.30<br>10.45 | <b>3rd Sunday after Trinity</b><br>Isaiah 55.10-13; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23<br><b>Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65.8-13; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23</b> |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30         | Exodus 2.1-15; Psalm 69.1-2,31-end; Matthew 11.20-24   |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.45         | <b>4th Sunday after Trinity</b><br><b>Wisdom of Solomon 12.13,16-19; Psalm 86.11-17; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24 - 30,36-43</b>                      |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30         | Exodus 14.21-15.1; Psalm 105.37-44; Matthew 12.46-end  |
| Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.30<br>10.45 | <b>5th Sunday after Trinity</b><br>Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52<br><b>Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52</b><br><b>Worship For All</b>   |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30         | Exodus 33.7-11,34.5-9,28; Psalm 103.8-12; Matthew 13.36-43   |
| Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>  | 10.45         | <b>6th Sunday after Trinity</b><br><b>Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.15-22; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21</b>   |

### 8.30a.m. Holy Communion Service from February 2011

During the time that we are without a Vicar - the 8.30a.m. service of Holy Communion will be celebrated only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

## From the Registers

At the time of going to print there were no 'From the Registers' entries. Any outstanding entries from June will be included in the August magazine.

## Baptisms



## Funerals



## From Our Book of Remembrance

|        |                       |      |        |                       |      |
|--------|-----------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| Jul 1  | Kenneth Gee           | 2008 | Jul 19 | Hilda Saville         | 1986 |
| Jul 4  | Norman Carter         | 1966 |        | James Arthur Wright   | 2009 |
|        | Leonard Haigh         | 1976 | Jul 25 | Joseph Jones Davies   | 1949 |
| Jul 5  | Jason James Brander   | 2007 |        | Constance Marshall    | 2002 |
| Jul 6  | Derek Arthur Castle   | 2003 | Jul 26 | Joseph Sidney Holt    | 1954 |
|        | Kathleen Hague        | 2007 |        | Dorothy Thomson       | 2003 |
| Jul 7  | Denis Ireson          | 1980 |        | Arlene Lesley Lancake | 2006 |
| Jul 11 | Florence Reynolds     | 1997 | Jul 27 | John Whalley          | 1970 |
|        | Lily Margaret Stanley | 2004 |        | Beatrice Buckley      | 1992 |
| Jul 12 | Robert Smyth          | 2004 | Jul 28 | Robert Docherty       | 2008 |
| Jul 13 | Andrew Liepins        | 1981 | Jul 29 | Matthew Gordon Wood   | 1981 |
| Jul 15 | Fred Holt             | 1951 | Jul 30 | Alan Jackson          | 1988 |
|        | Mary Emma Grimshaw    | 1975 |        | Minnie Millin         | 1994 |
|        | David Fred Harding    | 2006 |        | Alice Connor          | 2007 |
| Jul 16 | Margaret Mary Noonan  | 1997 | Jul 31 | Clara Cope            | 1961 |
| Jul 17 | Lorraine Whalley      | 2008 |        | Marjorie Tetlow       | 2000 |
|        |                       |      |        | Florence Cooper       | 2002 |

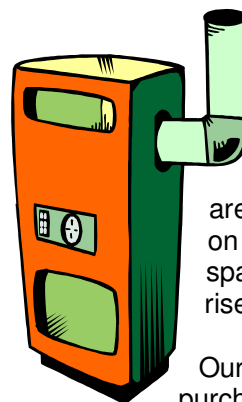
In our June magazine a new entry in the Book of Remembrance was shown incorrectly, the entry should have read:

Jun 25 Louise Pulm 2010

We apologise for any distress this may have caused.

*This month's lead article is by our Treasurer, Julianna Stewart, who writes about the problems involved in heating our Church.*

## BOILER FUND



As I write this article we are at the beginning of June I am expecting some warm summer days to come. Thinking of another cold winter is far from my mind but as church treasurer I still have to find £822.00 each month for our gas direct debit. This is a very large sum and we are told that prices are about to increase. Looking on the bright side we managed to insulate the roof space, which will, hopefully, offset some of the price rise.

Our fundraising this year has concentrated on purchasing a new boiler to replace our very inefficient antique. This will cost between £8,000 and £9,000, an enormous amount of money to raise but we already have about £1,500 and at last month's PCC it was agreed to borrow the remainder of the money from our Restoration Fund and start the work in August. This will mean we can reap the benefit from having a new boiler this coming winter.

There are lots of people doing bits behind the scenes to support our "Boiler Fund". For example the sale of donated handmade cards are a great success and there are several people who give extra on a regular basis but the growth of red spots on our chart has slowed down. I know we are all feeling "the pinch" but if you could find a way to donate a little extra or attend our "Free Trade Afternoon Teas" at church or perhaps have a coffee morning yourself it would help us reach our target sooner.

St. George's is always in need of extra money and last year it cost over £51,000 just to keep running. If you could manage to find that bit extra either for general funds or the boiler fund we will all be able to share in the benefits.

Juliana

## 15th July St Swithun (or Swithin) - Saint for a rainy day!



St Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for our rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15 July, it will then rain for forty days after that.

It all began when he was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.

If he has been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun.

Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester Cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the middle ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation, and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.

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I recently heard this on Radio 4 (where else).

How do you define wisdom and knowledge?

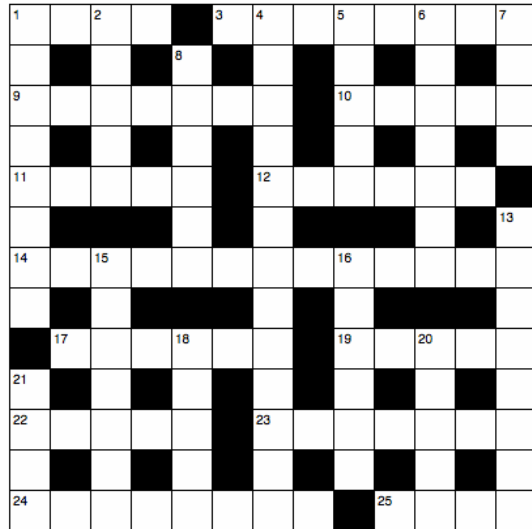
Wisdom is knowing a tomato is a fruit  
Knowledge is knowing not to use it in a fruit salad.

## Some dates for your diary July 2011

|               |             |   |
|---------------|-------------|---|
| Friday        | 1st         | 3.00pm to 4.00pm Cllr C. Patrick - Surgery            |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>3rd</b>  | <b>2nd Sunday after Trinity - Proper 9</b>            |
|               |             | <b>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist</b>                     |
|               |             | <b>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2</b>                     |
| Tuesday       | 5th         | 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist                              |
| Wednesday     | 6th         | 7.30p.m. Deanery Synod                                |
| Saturday      | 9th         | 12.30p.m. Wedding                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>10th</b> | <b>3rd Sunday after Trinity - Proper 10</b>           |
|               |             | <b>8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>                        |
|               |             | <b>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest</b>          |
|               |             | <b>12.30p.m. Revd David Frost</b>                     |
|               |             | <b>Holy Baptism x 2</b>                               |
| Tuesday       | 12th        | 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist                              |
| Thursday      | 14th        | 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs                          |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>17th</b> | <b>4th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 11</b>           |
|               |             | <b>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest</b>          |
|               |             | <b>Rev Canon Dr Chris Bracegirdle</b>                 |
|               |             | <b>&amp; Junior Church</b>                            |
|               |             | <b>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 1</b>                     |
| Tuesday       | 19th        | 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist                              |
| Thursday      | 21st        | 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs                          |
| Saturday      | 23rd        | 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade After Noon Coffee/Tea |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>24th</b> | <b>5th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 12</b>           |
|               |             | <b>8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>                        |
|               |             | <b>Worship For All with Guest</b>                     |
|               |             | <b>10.45a.m. Revd Avis Gordon</b>                     |
| Tuesday       | 26th        | 10.45a.m. Holy Eucharist                              |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>31st</b> | <b>6th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 13</b>           |
|               |             | <b>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist</b>                     |
|               |             | <b>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2</b>                     |



## July Crossword



### CLUES

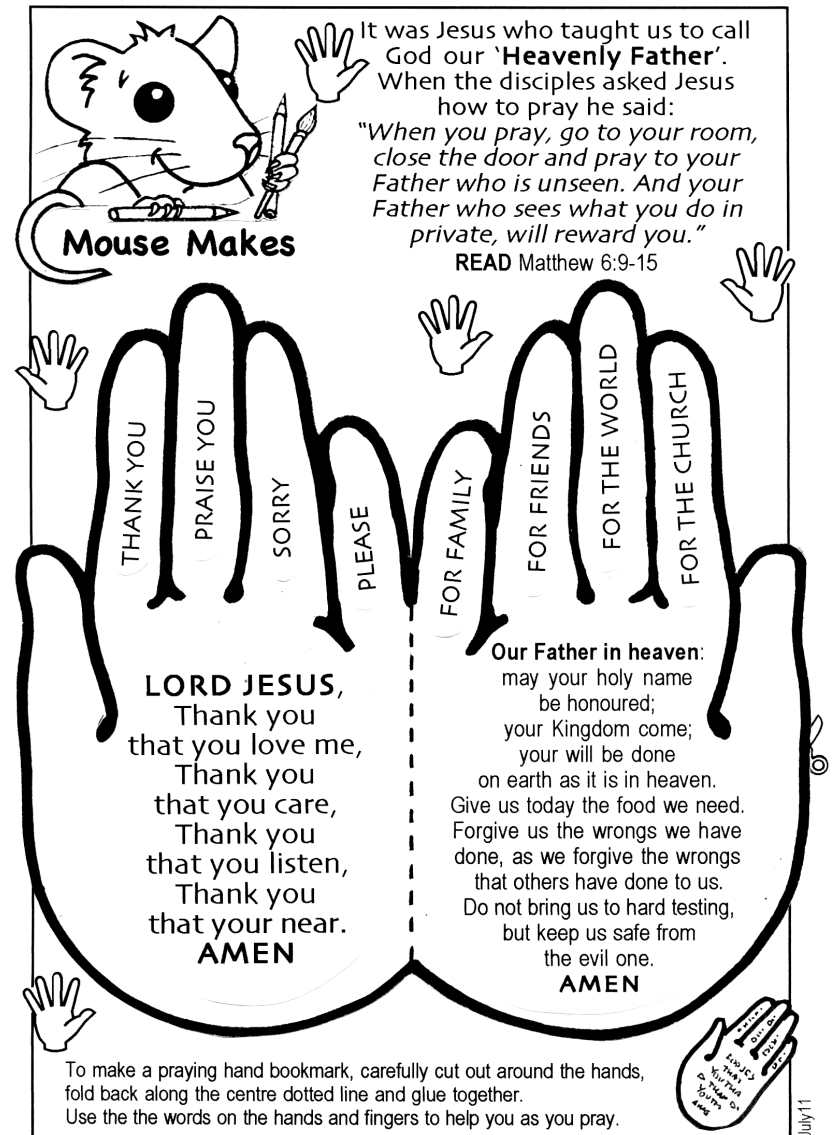
#### Across

1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8–12) (4), 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8), 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7), 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5), 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5), 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6), 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13), 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6), 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5), 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5), 23 I gain me (anag.) (7), 24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8), 25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

#### Down

1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8), 2 Church of England incumbent (5), 4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7), 5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5), 6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in —' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7), 7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4), 8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3), 13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8), 15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7), 16 Real do (anag.) (6), 18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5), 20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day —' (Romans 14:5) (5), 21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)

## Children's Page



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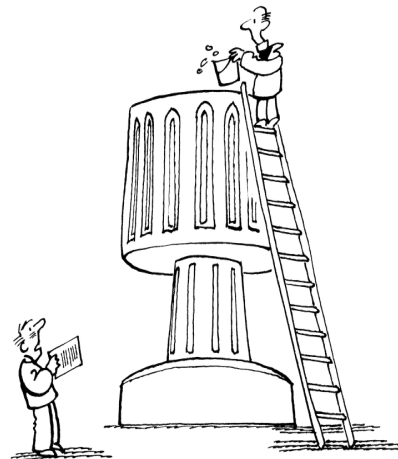
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...er, Vicar, when I said 'It would help in our church  
publicity if we used a larger font...'...



Dear Friends,

I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you why I  
am requesting old, broken or unwanted jewellery.

A few weeks ago I started as a volunteer at Willow Wood  
Hospice working every other Wednesday. I was originally interviewed  
to be a receptionist, but they asked me if I would like to do arts and  
crafts with the patients instead, as I love working with arts and crafts  
this was ideal for me.

My first thought though was, what could I do that would be interesting,  
not too complicated and would look good as well? So, I emptied out  
all my craft boxes. I still had left over from my daughter's weddings,  
card to make up wedding favour boxes and small flowers, leaves  
beads, ribbon and crystal. I obtained some dried lavender and we  
made lavender boxes with flowers etc. and ribbon on the side. I made  
a poem up to tie on i.e. *this little box of lavender calls, to be put in a  
drawer next to your smalls*. I have to say they went down very well.

I also had some blank cards so these could be made up with the  
flowers as birthday cards, thank you cards etc.

The problem is of course that patients come in every week on the  
same day over an eight week period so really I need craft ideas that I  
can rotate. My next session will be looking at jewellery, mending it,  
breaking it up making new pieces etc. I can sometime reuse the  
chains or fastenings of broken jewellery or use parts of old drop  
earrings to remake into necklaces.

We will break up some beads and remake with new colours and  
restring.

Everything we make the patients take home (usually as a present for  
a member of their family) with no cost to them, this is why we try to  
make things that have little or no initial cost to Willow Wood.

If anyone has any good craft ideas they would like to share with me,  
or have any craft books they could lend me I would be very grateful.  
Unfortunately I cannot knit so any knitting patterns are out I'm afraid.

I have to say I was a bit nervous initially working with the patients, some of whom are terminally ill. But I need not have worried, the staff and patients are fantastic, most of the time they are very upbeat and enjoy teasing one another. Some have had very interesting lives and it is a joy to listen to their stories. Some are an inspiration with their good spirits and sense of humour. Also the staff are always happy and bubbly, making it very difficult to feel low. For some patients with little or no family close by it is a social occasion and highlight of their week.

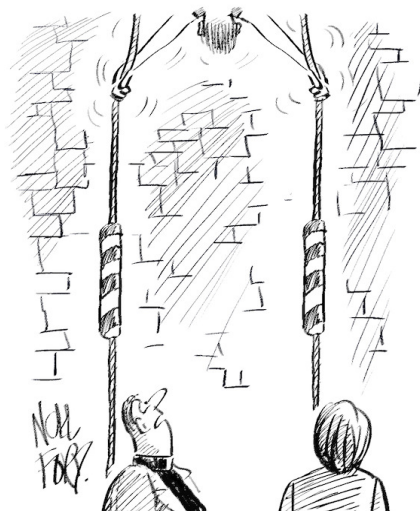
It has also made me think how grateful I am for my own family and our current good health.

Thanks to those who have already given me jewellery.

Janice Roberts



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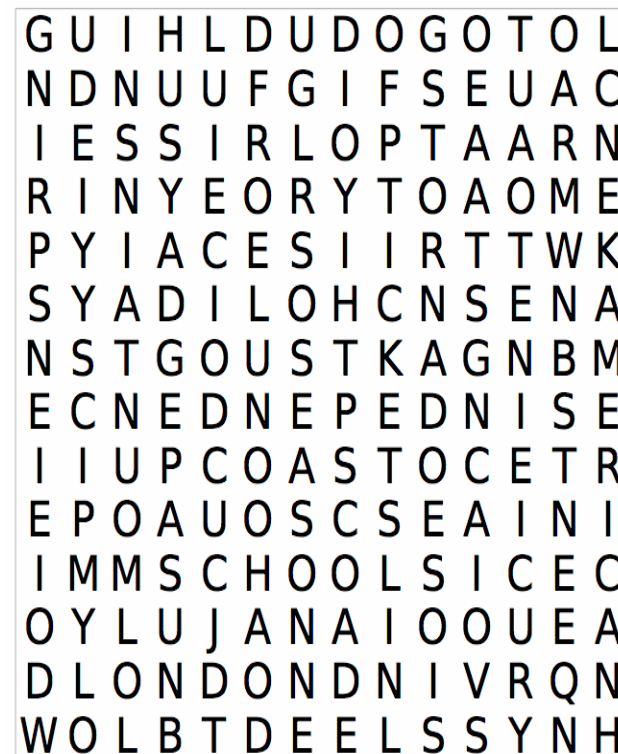


"He was very disappointed not to be selected for our Olympics gymnastics squad."

## Word search for July

July – and summer is here! Schools close, and holidays begin. Where are you going this year? Mountains? Seaside? Some foreign city? Will you be flying? If so, hopefully no more volcanoes in Iceland will blow their top this month! There is now a year to go to the London Olympics. Did you bid for tickets? Did you get any? July in America brings Independence Day. It is also hurricane season.... after the tornadoes of this Spring, let's hope for a quiet Summer on American's East Coast.

July  
Schools  
Holidays  
Mountains  
Seaside  
Foreign  
Flying  
Volcano  
Iceland  
Blow  
London  
Olympics  
Tickets  
America  
Independence  
Day  
Hurricane  
Season  
Tornadoes  
Spring  
Quiet  
East  
coast





## Adopt A Squaddie

After our son retired from the army after 22 years, and knowing how difficult it was for him in theatres of war, David and I wanted to carry on supporting our troops in some small way.

By chance I read about an organisation called *adoptasquaddie* and contacted them. I logged onto the website, followed the links to the joining page and after leaving my details I got an email back the next day saying thanks, welcoming me to the family and sending us the details of our soldier.

The website gives all kinds of help including a list of permitted items, marking up those which are in greater need. You can send up to ten boxes per soldier's tour of duty. There is a draft letter to include in case people are unsure of what to write, and how to wrap and post your box. There are also pictures of the soldiers and a poignant Memoriam section. It is run by ex forces personnel, their details are also available to read.

Once we got "our boy" David and I went shopping for goodies and to collect a shoebox from the always helpful "Shubar" in Ashton. Knowing that we could send 2Kgm free of postage we chose items which were especially needed such as shower gel, cotton socks and products for face and feet making sure that we had no aerosols in our basket. Then we chose tiny items to fill up the corners such as dental floss and chewing gum. Also useful are travel sizes of shampoo and conditioner and I put in a comb. Lastly I went a puzzle book and pen, some Haribo sweets, air mail "blueys" available free from post offices, and finally a note with our details and a bit about us. The whole thing was weighed on my kitchen scales and once I had realised that 2Kgm is not the same as 2lbs we wrapped the box in brown paper, addressed it as per the form, added my address and a customs form (the BFPO won't accept it without these important details) and took it off to the Post Office.

A month later a letter arrived from "our lad" thanking us for our box and telling us a bit about himself. He said it was 45.5 degrees when he was writing and said he had shared out the box with the lads. I had said if he had a little list, we would get things he really needed rather than things that he didn't. I also said, within reason, as the pension wouldn't have stretched to a season ticket at United or City! The things he asked for

were diverse. Could we send foot care products as they all have bad feet from wearing their boots all day? Also a pair of flip-flops, his had fallen to pieces. Lastly, if at all possible a Bible and diary as he had lost his when a rocket propelled grenade had hit his vehicle and all his kit was destroyed. Seemingly he does long range patrols and they carry all their kit with them hence why his Bible was in the vehicle when it was hit. However he did say right at the end of the letter that if we could only manage some things that the foot care products would be the most needed. I found the whole letter very moving. We got together a quick package of the diary and sundry items including the flip-flops, foot cream and some more sweets and sent that off. The sweets are vital as they help clear the sand from their throats as well as being a comfort.

Knowing that Bishop Mark was coming to take the Pentecost Service, I asked if he would bless the Bible and sign it but he went much further, leaving the Bible on the Altar throughout the Service and after blessing the Bible he prayed rousingly for the work of all the armed forces and mentioned those from our church who are presently out in Afghanistan. He also wrote a short note to our soldier and the Bible has gone on its way to join its new owner.

If you want to help contact: [www.adoptasquaddie.co.uk](http://www.adoptasquaddie.co.uk) or put Adopt A Squaddie into your search engine and sign up. Get together with family and friends to make up some boxes, the troops will really appreciate the support. To us it is a tiny thing for all they are doing for us to keep us safe.

Ann Winstanley and family.

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### Confidence in God

Alone with none but Thee, my God,

I journey on my way.

What need I fear, when Thou art near

O King of night and day?

More safe I am within Thy hand

Than if a host did round me stand.

*A prayer of St Columba*

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