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## EDITORIAL

**We are very sad to announce that David Spracklen, our fellow editor, died a few days ago after a short illness. He contributed a great deal to the production of *Pivot*, including this edition, and we will miss his help and contributions to the team a great deal. This was to have been his last edition but sadly he didn't get to see it published. There will be time later for an appropriate reflection on his life.**

The theme for this issue of *Pivot* is New Beginnings and you will find a range of expressions of that in the following pages. The experiences of new beginnings range widely, as you would expect.

Over the years most of us will have lived in several homes and towns, even countries. A quick count of mine produces sixteen houses in five towns (nine houses in one town alone); a lot of moves and new beginnings, but all of them in England. There have occasionally been stories of someone living their entire life in one house but that must be very rare, certainly in this country, and I find it hard to imagine such a thing.

New beginnings will often necessitate the need for changes – new learning, new understandings, new habits – and it can be challenging; especially where the changes can be seen as retrograde steps.

This edition marks the end of my involvement in the production of *Pivot* and I have enjoyed my part over the last ten years or so. Thank you for all the support and contributions from so many. The new team is in place and will, I am sure enjoy that same support as they take *Pivot* forward in this new beginning. I wish them well and look forward to whatever new innovations they introduce.

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# New Beginnings

Rev Karen James



Dear Friends,

Over the last few days I have noticed a patch of miniature daffodils and many purple-headed flowers appear on the lawn. Along with the waves of daffodils on the roadsides and other signs of new growth, we can be assured that spring has arrived despite what the weather thinks!

The arrival of spring always encourages me to breath deep; with buds and blossoms appearing, lighter days and a cacophony of bird song. It is a tangible new beginning, and one filled with hope and possibilities.



And yet new beginnings can also feel quite overwhelming, particularly if they are an outcome of events which have happened to us, rather than through our choice or recognisable rhythms.

Sometimes, we are not the centre or focus of the new beginnings that we encounter, but rather observers. The choice we have to make is, are we going to willingly support others in their new beginning, or block and hinder them because it makes us uncomfortable?

As global conflicts escalate, all nations and peoples and their leaders need to reflect on whether it is 'right' that we force a new beginning on people wherever they may be – which in turn asks the question what kind of new beginning are we all searching for? What would make us content?

Stood at the door into my garden, listening to bird song, brings contentment to me. It is usually a brief moment, a breathing space set amongst the activities and demands of the day. Each moment of contentment a new beginning, miniscule in real time and yet still has the power to reset my perspective.

The book of Psalms reflects the whole of human experience from joy to despair, doubt and hope and everything in between. Within these verses there is a single word, kept in Hebrew, that appears from time to time, "selah".

It does not have a definitive translation, but a common understanding is that it was used to mark a "worshipful pause."

Usually at the point of a profound statement about God, about faith and about deliverance, all points that would likely inspire change or a new beginning.

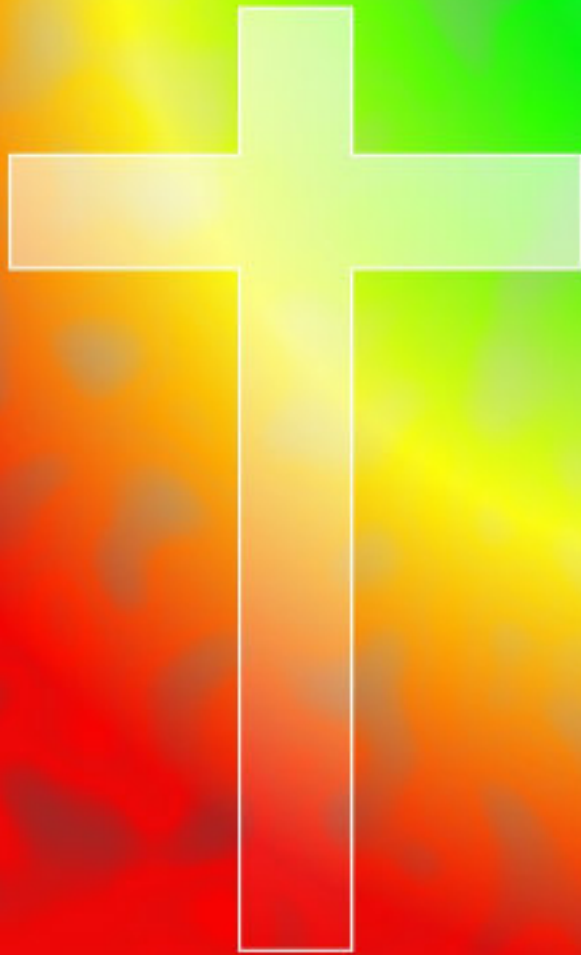
But you, O Lord are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. I cry aloud to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy hill. *Selah.* (Psalm 3:3-4)

We are in the season of Easter, the ultimate new beginning through Jesus' resurrection and subsequent ascension into heaven and whatever new beginnings that are before us, let us take that moment for a worshipful pause,

*Selah!*

Every blessing

*Rev Karen*



## **HOLY WEEK**

**Maundy Thursday 2 April – 6.30pm**

### **Agape Meal**

in the coffee lounge.

**Good Friday 3 April – 10am onwards**

### **Walk of Witness**

with Churches Together in Broadstone.

Meet at St John's Church at 10.00am, to set off at 10.15am, walking via Tudor Road, Kirkway and Broadway, to the Methodist Church for a **short service** outside

## **EASTER**

**Easter Sunday 5 April – 10.30am**

**Easter Celebration** with Holy Communion  
*led by Rev Chris Blake*

**Thursday 9 April – 10am-12.30pm**

### **Easter Messy Church**

for young families (*see page 18*)

# **John Holloway's 90th Birthday Celebration**

Gloria Dennigan

On 31 January John Holloway celebrated his 90th birthday. All those who came to the Coffee Lounge that day discovered that John had arranged for everyone there to have a piece of cake to celebrate this event. A special cake had also been made for John and his family to share later. This cake had been made by Pauline Meakin and iced by Mary Batt. There was great admiration for the cake as it had a picture of a grand piano on the top and the side was decorated with piano keys.



Many of you will know that John comes in most mornings to play the piano in the church. He is grateful to be able to do this as he can no longer accommodate a piano in his home.

John and his family did not eat the cake, but sent it to church the following Sunday morning for the congregation to share after the morning Service.

*What a lovely idea!*

*We were all able to celebrate again!*

# Changes

## Ann and John Beasley

Our move was quite sudden in the end after months of waiting. We put our flat on the market in April last year and accepted an offer in early July. We were expecting to move before Christmas but one legal issue after another to do with those lower down the chain kept cropping up. We eventually exchanged contracts on 4 February and moved out on 5th so that our buyer could move in on 6th! We have moved house many times so are used to delays but this was the worst by far!

One week before we moved we were blessed with the birth of our third great-grandson, born on 29 January. Frederick (Freddie) Earle weighing 7lbs 5oz All is well.

The circuit is the Amersham Circuit. There are four village churches and one each in the market towns of Amersham and Chesham. Our plan is to visit them all and we have been to three of the village churches so far. We have been warmly welcomed everywhere. The superintendent minister and the one presbyter visited us, (the superintendent minister is registered blind and so

has to be accompanied) and I was immediately put on to next quarter's plan for two services! It is quite rural here so we see sheep and lambs in the fields, tractors on the roads and horses being exercised in the lanes. All of these we realised we had been missing.

When the weather improves (as it surely must!) we will be able to get out and about in the Chilterns. We are just half an hour from the Thames at Marlow so there will be some lovely riverside walks. Of course, it is really convenient to be so near to our daughter and to just pop round for a cup of tea.

We miss you, but there is work to be done here. Our experiences of having lived in so many different places have stood us in good stead to offer help where we can, so long as the Lord gives us strength.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to get in touch.

We continue to hold you in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you in all you do.

The River Thames at Marlow



# New Beginnings

Deacon Nick Johnson

We think of new beginnings as a fresh start or perhaps in human life a new birth, at work a new job, and in love, a new relationship. All of these things and more would qualify as a new beginning.

At a micro level, every exchange we have with another can be refreshed by a better and more compassionate approach at the next exchange. At an individual human level and at the end of everyday, we may reflect on how we have done today and whether our presence on the earth has made the world a better or worse place. On some of those nights, it is clear we need a new beginning when we wake because frankly, our day may have been a stinker.

Spiritually, we wake each morning, with thanks in our heart for our safe delivery to the morning through the balm of sleep. I say this but do not imagine for a moment that many people actually wake up and think that – perhaps a holy nun or monk but children, probably hardly ever.

We get used to things and simply take them for granted. Are we conscious of our breathing, for example? Probably not and it is a miracle but I believe God did not make us to be constantly monitoring



our life experience as it happens. That would make life really dull. He came that we should have life – and have it to the full (John 10:10)

So when we make a new beginning, we hope it works, that it is successful and does not need repetition – or even

redemption, in a few hours. However, in my experience, there is in the prelude to most new beginnings, a previous painful or unsatisfactory ending.

It is often this that necessitates a new beginning. The end of a pregnancy which, God willing

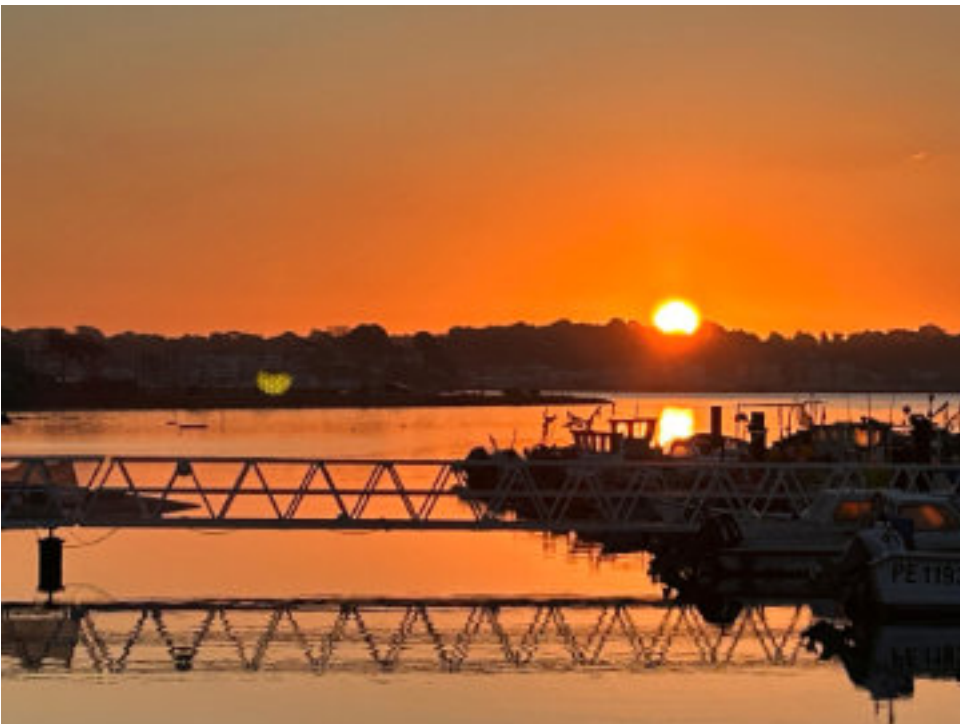


ends in great joy, has in it the process of birth and for the mother, a great deal of pain.

When we have messed up a job, may even have been fired and have to set off again, the knock to our confidence and the need for us to step carefully forward will influence how we begin anew. We may need a friend alongside us to encourage us and spur us on. For me, Jesus Christ is that presence.

In our relationships with others, especially family, these things matter. In Matthew 5:23-24,

we are reminded of the need to put things right with our brothers and sisters before we can move on, before our sacrifice will be acceptable. This is a need for reconciliation with God and our neighbour. To seriously reflect on how we show the face of Christ to the world and where we could do better. Lent is that foundation of a new beginning, when we build up to our remembrance of the death and resurrection of Jesus that proves and validates our faith.



At a global level, as I write, the list of places on this one earth with no 'Planet B' that are in turmoil continues to rise. It is easier to list the places in distress than those who are calm.

At the funeral of Jesse Jackson in early March, Barack Obama said, "Every day you wake... to things you just didn't think were possible. Each day, we're told by those in high office to fear each other and to turn on each other – and that some count more than others, and that some don't even count at all".

We see greed and bigotry being celebrated, and bullying and mockery masquerading as strength; we see science and expertise denigrated while ignorance and dishonesty, and cruelty and corruption, are reaping untold rewards. And it's hard to hope in those moments.

So it may be tempting to get discouraged, to give in to cynicism. It may be tempting for some to compromise with power and grab what you can, or even for good people, to maybe just put their head down and wait for the storm to pass.

But Jesse Jackson inspires us to take the harder path. His voice calls on each of us to be heralds of change, to be messengers of hope; to step forward and say "Send me". Not for fame, not for glory, or because success is guaranteed, but because it gives our life purpose, because it aligns with what our faith tells us God demands, and because if we don't step up, no one else will.

So our new beginning may not be one we sought but yet we must do.

# Embracing Change and Opportunity

Mike Brooke

Is life a continual progression from birth, through maturity, to old age and ultimately death, or is it a series of distinct phases characterised by significant moments that mark the end of one chapter and the beginning of another? Or perhaps it's a combination of the two in which the ageing process is marked by a number of steps or transitions. These can occur in various forms – attending school for the first time, starting a new job, getting married, moving to a different city, starting a family or embarking on a personal journey of self-improvement. Perhaps the hardest to deal with, especially after many years together, is the death of a loved one. It is a time of complex

emotions ranging from deep sadness, emptiness, loneliness and despair to thankfulness for a life well lived, fond memories of happy times and the joy that comes from shared experiences. Of course, life must go on, but it will be very different. The direction it takes will depend upon how we respond to those emotions, the support we get from family and friends and the subsequent choices we make. New beginnings, whether chosen or thrust upon us, offer a unique opportunity to grow, reflect, and re-imagine the future.

Embracing a fresh start often requires courage and a willingness to let go of the past. While change can be daunting, it is also the gateway to new experiences and personal development. Taking that first step, no matter how small, can open doors to friendships, achievements, and perspectives that once seemed out of reach.

It's natural to feel apprehensive when faced with unfamiliar territory. However, approaching new beginnings with a positive mindset and an openness to learning can ease the transition. Setting realistic goals and celebrating milestones along the way helps maintain motivation and builds a sense of accomplishment.

Across the United Kingdom and Ireland, many traditions mark new beginnings—from ringing in the New Year to celebrating personal milestones such as graduations or moving homes. These moments are reminders that change is not only constant, but also a vital part of life's journey. By appreciating the possibilities that come with a fresh start, we allow ourselves to flourish and discover aspects of life that enrich our experiences.

Ultimately, new beginnings represent hope and resilience. They encourage us to envision a future that is shaped by our choices and aspirations. Whether you are starting anew in your career,



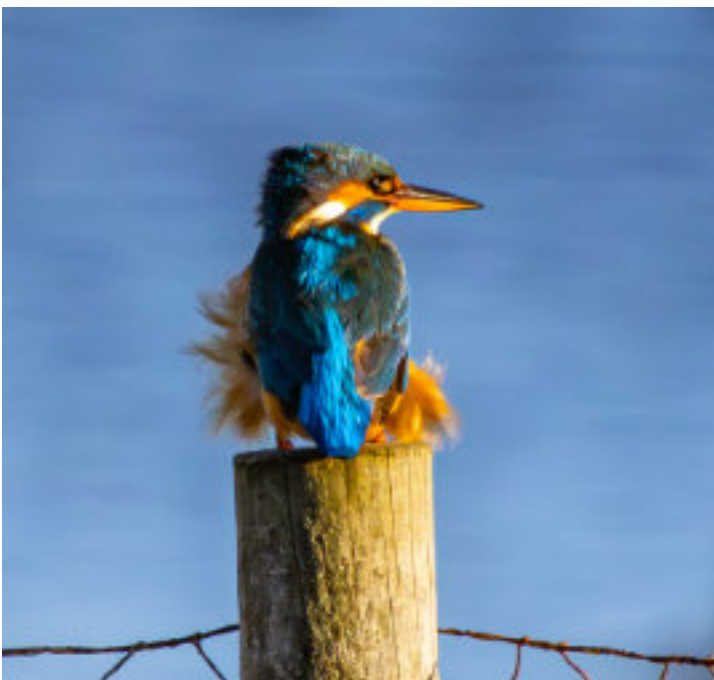


personal relationships, or simply adopting healthier habits, remember that each new beginning is a chance to craft your own story — one step at a time.

In many ways I have been very fortunate in that I have had more than my fair share of “new beginnings” especially in the last thirty years when I have retired three times, first from teaching, then from the small business I ran for over 25 years and finally from my involvement in local politics. My intention was to enjoy my final retirement as a volunteer with the National Trust on Brownsea Island. However, this had to be postponed for a year when my wife was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. That year was extremely difficult for us both as Annette underwent chemotherapy, fought off sepsis, and suffered from infection after infection. Always

putting on a brave face and forever smiling she recognised my need to have some respite and so the decision was made to sign up as a volunteer surveyor in the Brownsea Island ecology team.

To be able to have one day a week on the island with time to think, to relax and to become fully immersed in a wonderful natural environment helped me to come to terms with the inevitable and to cope with those complex emotions referred to earlier. It has also provided new opportunities to study, to learn and to explore afresh some of those strands of the natural world that I had neglected since childhood. Along with my photography and my faith in God I have been able to face the challenges arising from the loss of a loved one and embrace the opportunities of yet another new beginning.



# Equinox

## Marilyn and John Greenaway

What has the board game Scrabble got to do with Easter? Equinox is an excellent word to use on the scrabble board, it uses the letters Q and X, both high value scorers and being a 7 letter word would qualify for the 50 point bonus as well. You may well ask where this is leading.

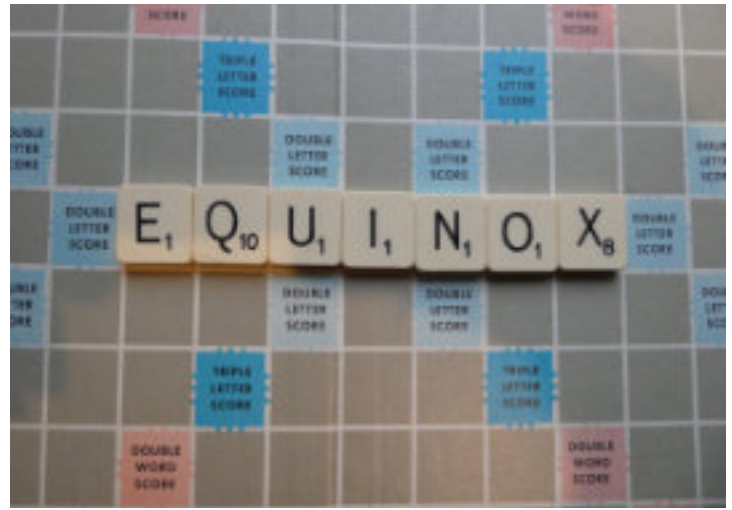
Unlike all of our other bank holidays which occur on fixed dates or on the first and/or last Monday in May and August, the date of Easter is different. It moves around from year to year, it may come in March but more often in April. This means that Ash Wednesday at the start of Lent can be in February or March. This year Ash Wednesday came on 18 February, with Easter Day celebrated on 5 April.

To find the answer to this we have to go back in history over many centuries. In AD325 the first Council of the Christian Church was held in Nicaea, convened by the Roman Emperor Constantine, which agreed the date of Easter to be the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. This Latin word literally means equal length of night and day.

Thus we have the Spring (or Vernal) Equinox round about the 21 March and the Autumnal Equinox on or near the 21 September.

Up to the 6th century Anglo-Saxons worshipped pagan gods along with other northern people such as the Vikings. Christianity came to our shores from two directions. Pope Gregory the Great in Rome sent Augustine on a mission to England, he landed in AD597 where King Aethelberht of Kent was converted. Augustine reached Northumbria many years later and converted King Edwin. Celtic missionaries had come from Ireland firstly to Scotland then southwards into the north of England.

The Celtic tradition was rather isolated and had little contact with Rome and the rivalry between



the two strands of Christianity came to a head at Whitby on the Yorkshire coast. The abbey here was founded after King Oswiu of Northumbria defeated pagan forces from Mercia in the year AD655. St Hild, an abbess who was related to King Edwin founded the new abbey for men and women in AD657.



The Abbey Ruins

Whitby Abbey became well known for the great synod held there in 664. The Celtic and Roman traditions differed in many ways, reflected in their clothing and hairstyles, but the principal difference was when Easter was celebrated. The Roman tradition followed the method agreed at the Nicaea Council of AD325 whereas the Celts used a different lunar cycle. King Oswiu convened the gathering and the 2 sides put forward their case. Bishop Colman of Lindisfarne represented the Celtic viewpoint, citing authority from the Apostle John. Wilfrid spoke for the Roman view claiming authority from Saint Peter who had been given the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Oswiu asked if Wilfrid's statement was

true and both sides agreed that this was so. Thus the method for setting the date of Easter, agreed over 3 centuries earlier at the Council of Nicaea, still stands today in the 21st century.

Whitby is a fascinating town to visit, with the walls of its ancient abbey still standing on the clifftop. Nearby the parish church of St Mary's is almost filled with galleries and box pews. From the church a flight of 199 steps leads down to the town with its busy harbour and distinctive trawlers. Bram Stoker, the author of *Dracula* was inspired by the town.



The Abbey Ruins and St Mary's Church both on the horizon

Whitby Harbour



A bridge over the River Esk around which the harbour clusters leads to the town centre and atop the hill on that side stands a statue of Captain James Cook, born locally, the famous sailor who claimed Australia in 1770.

Our visit to Whitby followed a week in Northumberland, where we were able to visit Lindisfarne (Holy Island) a site also offering much fascinating history of the early church in Britain.



Lindisfarne Priory Ruins

**SUNDAY 5 JULY 26**

# Broadstone & Rock on the Rec

## FUN DAY

From 12noon at Broadstone Recreation Ground, BH18 8NZ

## Anne Le Poidevin

Started in 2012 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, this year's Broadstone Fun Day and Rock on the Rec on Sunday 5 July is the 13th event to take place (there being no event in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID).

Broadstone Methodist Church has been involved in the event since the beginning, not only by having a stall of its own, organised by Joan Jackson, along with the other Churches Together in Broadstone, but many members of the congregation have taken part on the main organising committee and through the various other community organisations they belong to including the Lions, Marie Curie and Guides. With such a strong Christian presence, it was decided to have a service down on the recreation ground before the first event as people couldn't get to church and be involved in the Fun Day.

I first got involved in 2012 as the District Commissioner for Girlguiding and Broadstone Creekmoor District, but have stayed on the organising committee ever since. That year, my main responsibility was organising the toilets as no one else seemed to be looking at that so I took it on. Now I produce the meeting minutes, look after the sponsorship, co-ordinate the volunteers, manage the flyer distribution and still book the toilets! It's been a great experience working with the team and over the years, I've learnt a lot and got to know lots of new people. Planning starts January/February.

After the COVID break, several of the existing team members stopped, including June Webber who had represented Churches Together on the committee since the beginning, and a few new members joined.

At the first event, I very much had 3 hats organising the Guides stall, supporting the church stall and being involved in the main organisation. Unfortunately as the years have progressed, my involvement in both the Guides and church stalls has had to reduce whilst I chase round the field trying to make sure everything is running smoothly – I've not recorded how many steps I do at the Fun Day but it must be a lot!

For those who have never been, the Fun Day is a free community event which includes arena acts, a car show, a dog show plus around 50 stalls from community groups and local businesses and is run entirely by a small team of volunteers (currently there's 9 of us). For several years, there was a donkey derby and donkey rides with the donkeys from Weston-super-Mare beach. In 2012, people aged the same age as the Queen or older were invited for afternoon tea. Rock on the Rec, a music event, was introduced in 2022, extending the event into the early evening. It's very much an event run by the community for the community and is attended by around 2000 people. Last year's event was the biggest and best yet.

Not only are community organisations involved in the day itself, but the Scouts and Guides help





with distributing the flyers advertising the event to nearly 5000 households in the Broadstone area.

No set up can be done in advance and so it's an early start to get everything in place for midday when the Fun Day starts. I can remember in the early days being amazed at seeing the recreation ground transformed from nothing into this fantastic event with all the gazebos set up and then at the end of the event empty again and no indication that such an event had ever taken place.

So what can you expect at this year's event? Waggy Tails will again be running the dog show, there's the usual classic car show and in the arena, Gugge 2000 and Orchard Academy will be

performing and there will be a birds of prey demonstration. This year, we are also hoping to have Chuffley light railway and there will be inflatables, bungee trampolines and other attractions for the children. There really is something for everyone, whatever their age.

If you would like to get involved in this year's event, either on the church stall and/or with the main event (directing traffic and pedestrians, giving out programmes, helping with setting up the event or dismantling afterwards), then please have a word with me. This event couldn't happen without the team of volunteers who give an hour or two (or more) on the day to ensure everything runs smoothly and everyone is safe.

## MIKE BROOKE'S WORDSEARCH CHALLENGE

### Challenge 1

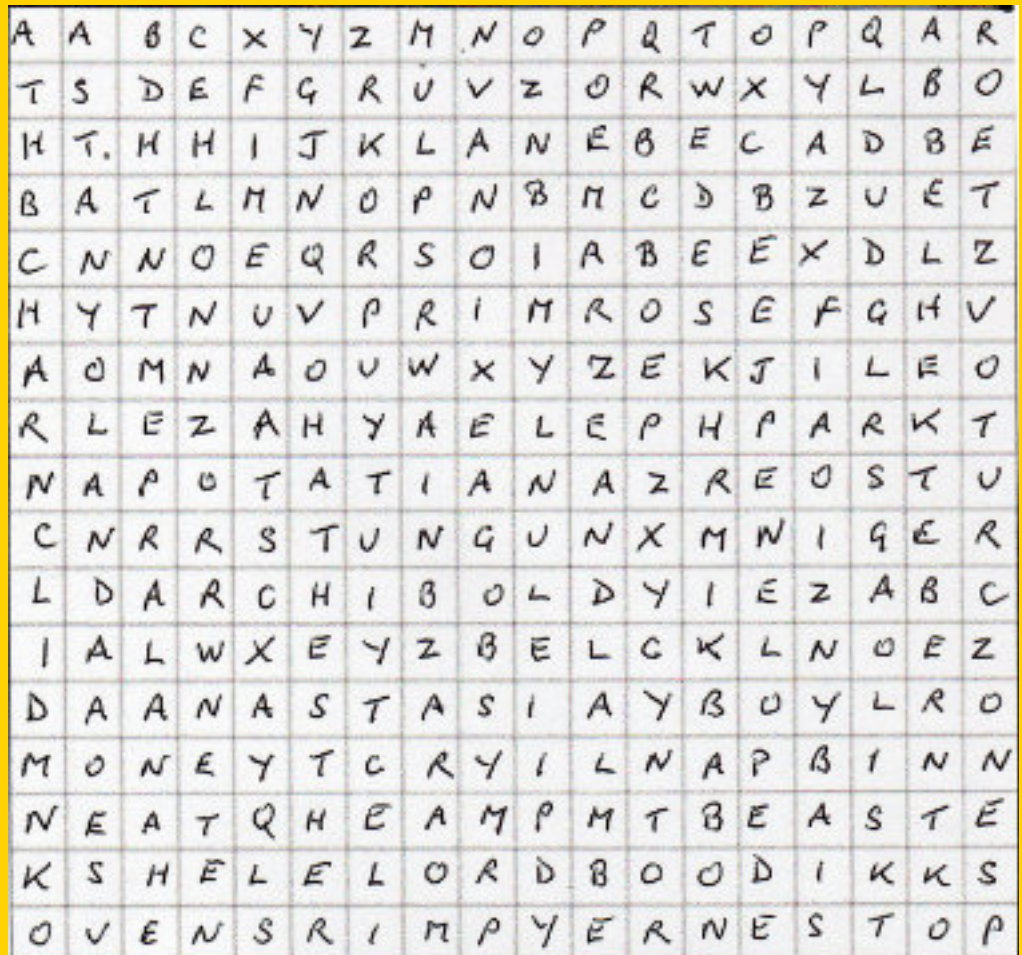
Find as many words as you can.

### Challenge 2

Find 16 male/female names.

### Challenge 3

Using the first letter from each of the 16 names, juggle them around to create an appropriate greeting for this time of year.



# There was an old man . . .

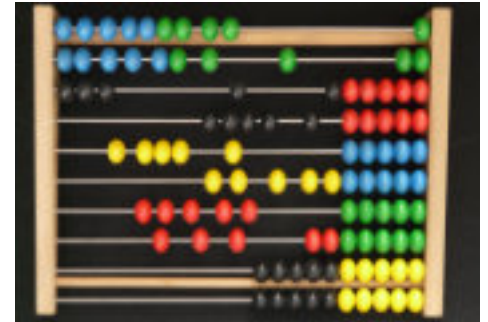
Brian Tucknott

*There was an old man called  
Michael Finnegan  
He grew whiskers on his chin  
again  
The wind came up and blew them  
in again  
Poor old Michael Finnegan,  
begin again.*

Once upon a time, like many others, I belonged to various youth organisations – Cubs, Scouts (Land and Sea) and MAYC (Methodist Association of Youth Clubs).

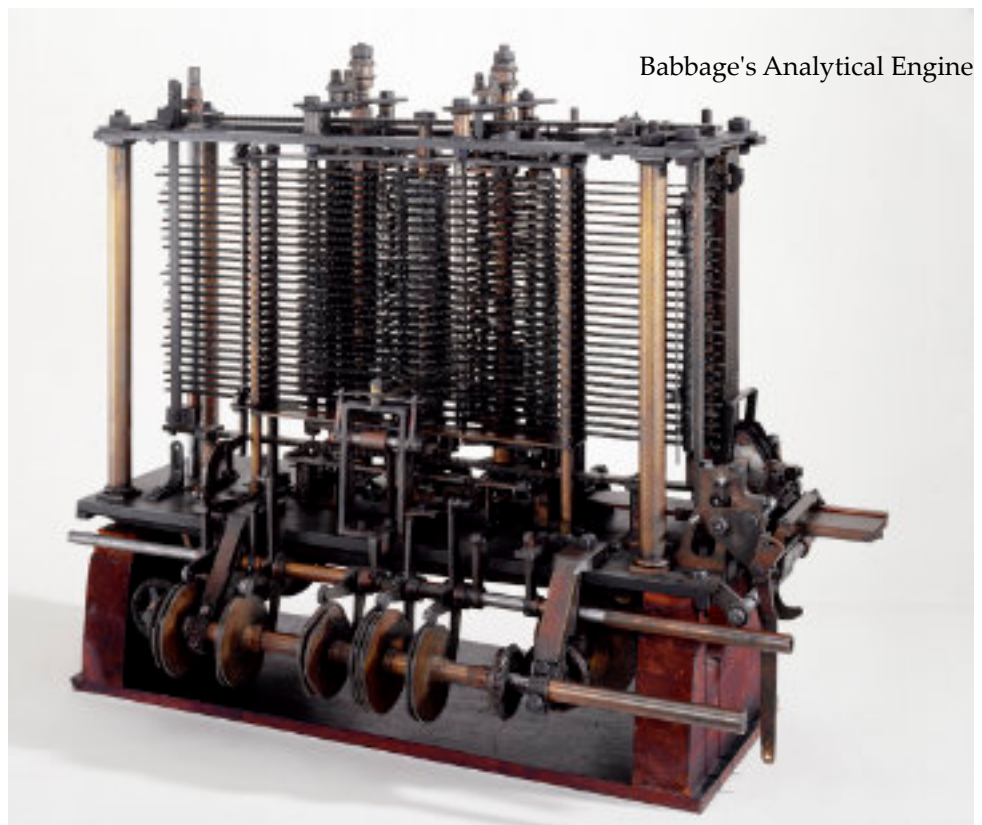
One common feature of all of them was Summer Camp and part of that experience was the campfire with group singing. Many of the songs were repetitive and full of nonsense! 'There was an old man...', 'Oh! You'll never get to heaven...', 'In the Quartermaster's Store' and there were many more (probably all still sung around the campfire). They could be kept going for a long time with well-known verses and verses made up on the spot. 'There was an old man...' ended each verse with 'begin again' and we did, many times! But there came a time when we ran out of ideas or, more likely, were too tired to keep going and silence reigned for a few hours, only to start again the next evening with more of the same.

Throughout life, we will all have experienced times when good things happened time and time again and were enjoyed and repeated in the hope that it would go on forever. Perhaps sometimes it does but for many there are peaks and troughs which cause us to have to begin again. Some are unavoidable but not unpleasant experiences, eg changing schools at certain ages; some are just hard work, eg moving house; but some are unexpected, difficult or challenging, eg redundancy or growing old.



Abacus

Looking back through history, there have been many times when we have needed to begin again. Technological developments are happening all of the time; and at an ever-increasing rate. New things



Babbage's Analytical Engine

used to come along slowly – I wonder how long it took to discover fire, or invent the wheel, the plough, etc. Since the Industrial Revolution the rate of change has increased enormously and now, it seems, new things come along almost daily. And we have to adapt to the changes or get left behind.

When we talk of a computer today, most people are referring to their hand-held phone device, laptop or larger desktop computer, all familiar to us; but a form of computer, the abacus, goes back 4000 to 5000 years and, although not that old, I can remember using them at school. Charles Babbage conceived the idea of a digital device he called a Difference Engine, although he never built the full machine, and later the Analytical Engine, which Ada Lovelace, daughter of Lord Byron, played an important part in its actual development by writing the 'computer programme'. Adding machines, slide rules and calculators were other forms which you may have used or remember.



Above Adding Machine

Below Slide Rule



Calculator

I learned to write very simple computer programmes on a BBC Acorn microcomputer at evening classes back in the 1980s and purchased my first home computer, an Amstrad, a while later. They were both simple by today's standards with very small memory capacity.



BBC Acorn Microcomputer

The Internet was developed by a number of people over several decades but Sir Tim Berners-Lee is credited with inventing the World Wide Web which enables the inter-connection essential to the modern internet.

I, for one, have got to an age when I'm not sure I can (or even want to) keep up, and yet developments continue to happen with things I have come

to rely on and I am forced to learn about the changes in order to continue with those things.

Take the technical aspects of the production of Pivot, for instance, (for which I have been responsible these past ten years or so) the computer programme I had used was Serif's 'Page Plus' desktop publishing programme which, with its photo and drawing sister programmes, covered all our needs for Pivot. But eventually it ceased to be supported and it became necessary to purchase Serif's Affinity, their



Affinity User Interface

professional programme, which was updated from version 1 to 2 and then last year to the free version 3. Although these 3 versions are basically the same they are not compatible, which is frustrating, as I cannot open files in version 1 or 2 in the later versions, so each version necessitates learning much that is new.

So, continuing the 'song analogy', 'pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again' which was written by Dorothy Fields for the song 'Pick Yourself Up' with music by Jerome Kern, and featured in the 1936 film *Swing Time*, with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. It is a reminder that, whatever the circumstances, life goes on and we can, with Michael Finnegan, 'begin again'!

# Simnel Cake Recipes



## Traditional

### Ingredients

**Fruit Mix:** 500g mixed dried fruit (sultanas, raisins, currants), 50–100g candied peel/cherries, 1 lemon/orange zest,  
(Optional: 5 tbsp orange liqueur or juice)

**Cake:** 175g-225g softened butter, 175g-225g light brown sugar, 3-4 eggs, 225g-275g plain flour, 1-2 tsp mixed spice.

**Marzipan:** 450g-500g marzipan.

**Finish:** 1-2 tbsp apricot jam, 1 beaten egg (for glaze).

### Instructions

**Soak Fruit:** For best results, mix dried fruit with citrus zest/juice and optional alcohol; let it soak for a few hours or overnight.

**Prepare:** Preheat oven to 130C (fan/Gas 2). Grease and line a 20cm (8-inch) deep cake tin.

**Mix Cake:** Cream together butter and sugar. Beat in the eggs one by one. Fold in the flour, spices, and soaked fruit.

**Assemble:** Roll out one-third of the marzipan to an 8-inch circle. Place half the cake mixture into the tin, top with the marzipan remaining cake mixture.

**Bake:** Bake for 2 to 3 hours, or until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Allow to cool completely.

**Decorate:** Brush the top with warmed apricot jam. Roll out another third of the marzipan to fit the top, covering the cake. Crimp the edges.

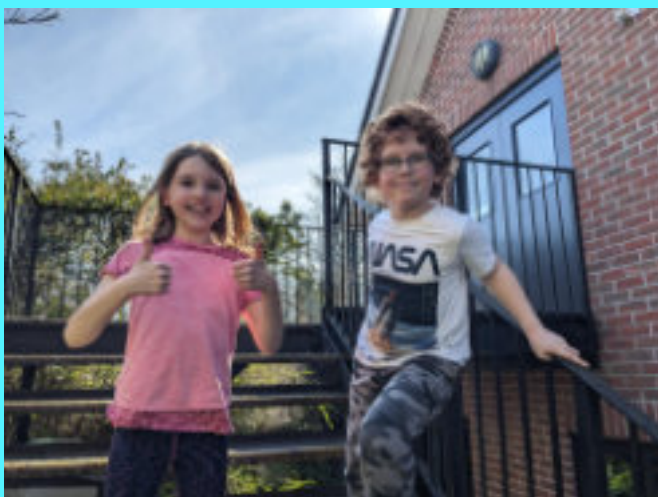
**Final Touches:** Divide the remaining marzipan into 11 balls and place them on top. Brush the marzipan with beaten egg and grill (broil) for 1-2 minutes until lightly toasted

### Tips

*If the cake browns too quickly, cover it with foil after 1.5 hours. The cake will keep for several weeks if stored in a sealed container.*

## We asked the children "what does Easter mean to you?"

This is what they said.



### Ioan

Easter to me means having fun with my family.

We wait for Grandma to arrive, then Mum and Dad do an Easter egg hunt for me, around our garden. There is a starter clue to find an egg, then more clues for me to follow to find the next egg, usually 10 mini eggs. Mummy puts each one in a plastic egg shape to keep them clean. Then I might get another egg from Grandma, and some money from Nan and Grandad.

We also learn about the death of Jesus which is important too.

### Florence

It's when Jesus died on the cross and forgave all our sins for us. He sacrificed himself just to save us.

To celebrate that, we have a nice treat with Easter eggs.



# ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



## JUNIOR CHURCH

Children are welcome to our Sunday morning services.

They join in the first part of the service and then go out to their own sessions where they take part in activities related to a Bible passage.

## WENDY HOUSE

Our popular Wendy House toddler group (for babies and toddlers up to 3+ and their parent or carer) meets every Thursday in term time from 10am to 11.30am



Story Time

## THIRSTY THURSDAY

For school age children with a parent or carer



***Unfortunately this activity is not meeting at present***



Meets once during each school holiday

All ages welcome with an accompanying parent or carer

**The next is on Thursday 9 April 2026  
then 28 May, 30 July and 29 October**

10am to 12.30pm Light lunch included

Do come and join us at the Church for crafts and related activities

For Wendy House, Thirsty Thursday, and Messy Church, please enter by the back entrance of the Church from the car park. For the other events please use either entrance.

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Weekly at 10.30am

(Holy Communion as announced)

with Junior Church and  
Crèche at the same time

All are welcome

Tea and Coffee served after the Service

We also offer  
Evening Worship  
on Zoom

or a  
Written and  
Recorded Service  
each week

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## COFFEE LOUNGE

for Fellowship and Refreshments

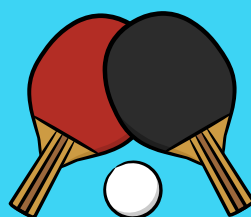
**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
and Saturday each week**  
apart from Bank Holidays

10.00am–12.00 noon

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying  
chatting over a cuppa!



**See Church  
Notices for  
future dates**



## TABLE TENNIS

**Tuesdays  
8.15 – 10.00pm**

## Badminton Group

**Mondays from 7.30–9.30pm**  
in the Bradbury Hall

## Knit & Natter

**Mondays 10.00am – 12.00 noon**  
in the Sanctuary

## STEPPING STONES DROP-IN

**Second Friday of every month  
2.30 – 4.00pm**  
in the Coffee Lounge

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## CARERS' GROUP

**Second Thursday of every month  
2.00 – 4.00pm**  
in the Coffee Lounge

**Wishing  
You  
Easter  
Joy**

