

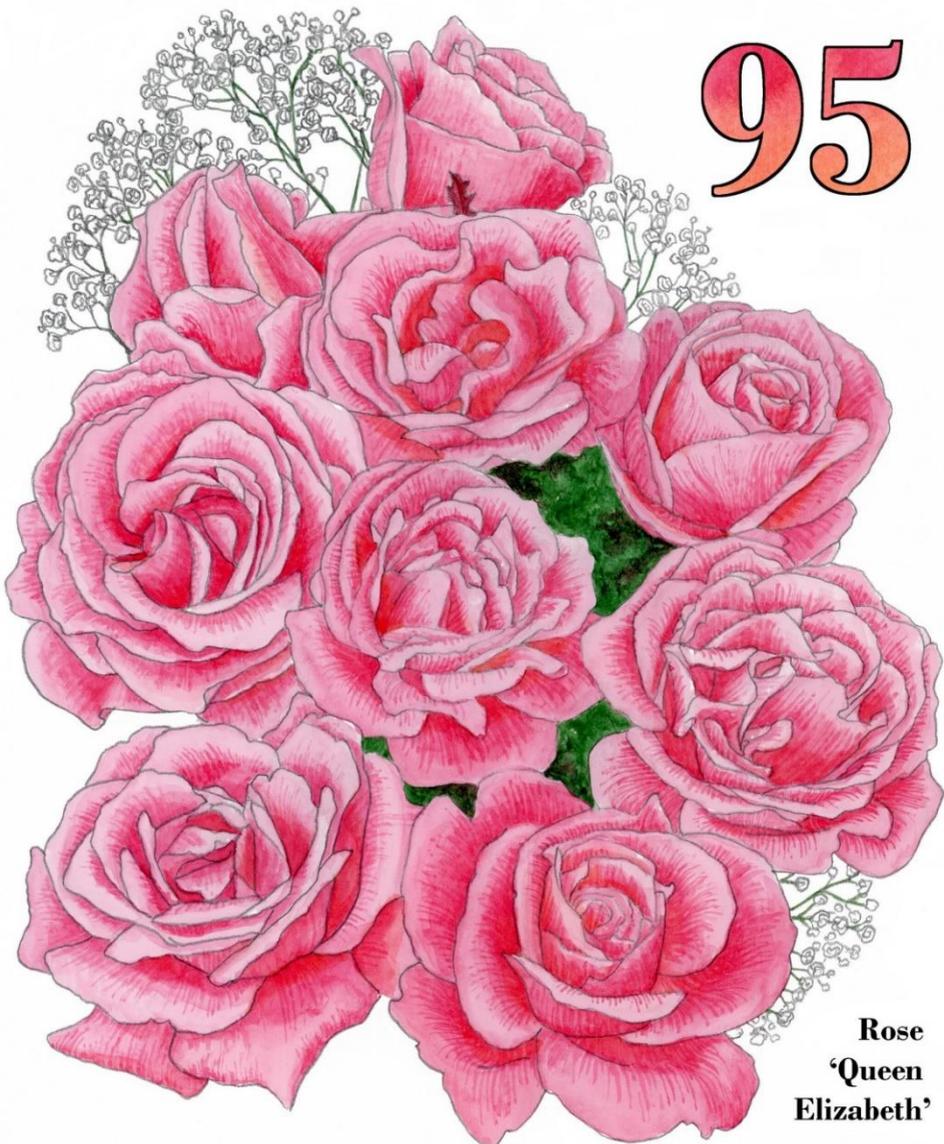


# **CROSS**Bridges

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with St Stephen's, Hounslow

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Rose  
'Queen  
Elizabeth'

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## **EDITORIAL NOTE**

Traditionally the first Sunday in June is 'Environment Sunday' and so you won't be surprised to read a number of articles this month focusing on the outdoors! It's been lovely to have new contributors again this month – keep those items and ideas for content coming! *(Ed.)*

## **MEMORIAL BENCHES – A PROPOSAL**

It has been suggested that there should be a lasting memorial in the grounds of our two churches to commemorate all those in our community affected by the Pandemic. The church grounds are a valuable and much treasured local feature for the community, recently a local resident donated an apple tree to SS Philip & James, there is another apple tree to be planted, and over the past few years new beds have been dug and filled, this work is continuing. At St Stephen's we often see people sitting on the benches, sometimes just resting their feet on the trek back from the High Street.

The proposal is to purchase park benches and these will be suitably engraved (rather than brass plaques which could be stolen), this with ground anchors will cost £750 per seat. This will necessitate a fundraising campaign extending beyond the church family to provide a place to sit and reflect on these times. Please look out for information on how to donate in the next edition of CROSSBridges.

*Ian and Madeleine Swann*

## REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sundays	9:30am - Eucharist at Ss Philip & James – Live-stream + Bookable
Sundays	11:00am - Eucharist at St Stephen's - Bookable
Mondays	9:30am - Morning Prayer Live-stream to Facebook
Tuesdays	9:30am - Holy Communion at St Stephen's - Live-stream + Bookable
Wednesdays	9:30am - Morning Prayer Live-stream to Facebook
Thursdays	9:30am - Said Eucharist at Ss Philip & James - Live-stream + Bookable

Please do pre-book wherever possible via [ChurchSuite](#). Please give your details at the church door, wear a face-mask, sterilise your hands and maintain social-distancing. Singing remains prohibited except for our choirs.

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/philipjameswhitton/>  
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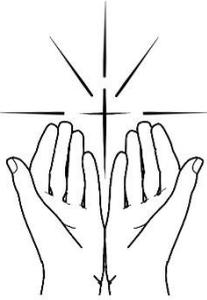
Service Booklets for download or print are available at [www.whittonchurch.com/coronavirus](http://www.whittonchurch.com/coronavirus)

If you are concerned about travelling into LBH then do what feels right for you. Services, at this time, remain unaffected but attendance is personal choice, which you must not do if you are experiencing any of the recognised symptoms. Remain mindful of changes in advice and guidance that are specific to LBH, given here: <https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## READINGS FOR JUNE 2021

6 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 1 <a href="#">1 Samuel 8. 4-20</a> ; <a href="#">2 Corinthians 4.13 – 5.1</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 3. 20 – end</a> ;
13 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 2 <a href="#">1 Samuel 15. 34 – 16. 13</a> ; <a href="#">2 Corinthians 5. 6-17</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 4. 26-34</a>
20 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 3 <a href="#">1 Samuel 17. 32-49</a> ; <a href="#">2 Corinthians 6. 1-13</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 4. 35-end</a>
27 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 4 <a href="#">2 Samuel 1. 1, 17-end</a> ; <a href="#">2 Corinthians 8. 7-end</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 5. 21-end</a>

## INTERCESSIONS – JUNE 2021



For daily prayer intentions, please see the [calendar](#) on the Ss Philip & James website.

6 <sup>th</sup> June	Our schools and colleges Environment Sunday
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Her Majesty the Queen
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Persecuted churches
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Theologians

## REFLECTED FAITH: SIT AND BE STILL

*By The Revd Dr Jo White*

How do you 'sit' in church? I'm a wriggler and change my position on the seat often. I cross one leg over the other, then swap them over, stretch them out, then cross them at the ankles. I do the same with my arms. I lean one way and then the other.

In other words, 'I'm a fidget.' But having been absent from a church building for so long, I wanted to think this month about simply sitting and being still before the Lord.

I'm well aware we've done little else this last 18 months – but if you manage to get into a church building, for whatever reason I'd like to encourage us all to just sit still and breathe in the place. To relish being 'back'!

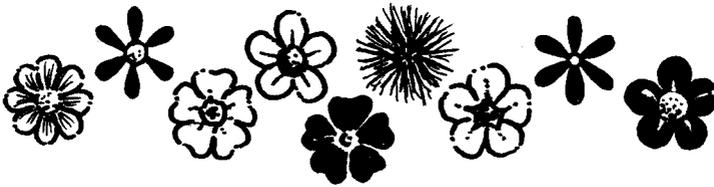
To sit 'heavily' in that spot. To feel the solidity of the surface you are sitting on. Lean into it. Feel how it supports you. Feel each part of your body where it is touching the chair or pew.

Look around you at all the distinctive seating set aside for the different participants of the church: the choir, the worship leader, a deacon or curate, the priest and so on.

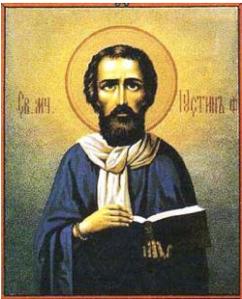
In an Anglican church there will be a chair especially dedicated for the use of the Bishop.

However plain or fancy each piece of furniture is within your building, they all have the same purpose. To hold the person and keep them safe.

As you sit in the church building – or at home if you are not able to do so – think of all those people in the Bible stories who sat with Jesus. The number of times He taught in the Temple or in a synagogue, or to crowds gathered on a hill. Recall the Last Supper and His friends gathered sitting with Him to eat and share the Passover meal, and then recall the meal with the men from the Emmaus Road. So many meal times with the bold and the weak, the saints and the sinners. With you and me.



## **JUSTIN – MARTYR – 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE** **THE FIRST EVER CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHER**



Justin Martyr (c. 100 – 165), is regarded as the first ever Christian philosopher. He was born at Nablus, Samaria, to parents of Greek origin, and was well educated in rhetoric, poetry and history before he turned to philosophy. He studied at Ephesus and Alexandria and tried the schools of the Stoics, the Pythagoreans, and the Platonists. Then in c 130 Justin became a Christian, and never looked back. His long search for truth was satisfied by the Bible, and above all by Christ, the Word of God.

This apologist and martyr is known as the most important early ‘apologist’. He went on to offer a reasoned defence for Christianity, explaining that it was the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies. Justin’s aim was evangelism: he thought that pagans would turn to Christianity if they were made aware of Christian doctrine and practice.

Justin’s martyrdom took place in the reign of Marcus Aurelius, along with six other believers. At his trial, whose authentic record survives, he clearly confessed his Christian beliefs, refused to sacrifice to the gods, and accepted suffering and death. As he had previously said to the emperor: “You can kill us, but not hurt us.”

*Parish Pump*

# ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH FLAGS

By Fred Michell

Hanging in the church are five flags. I have been asked to write about them for the Church Archives. What I know is only a part of their history. If you know more, please let us know, so that we can complete their history.



The first flag to hang in the church is “The Royal Naval Old Comrades Association”. This association was formed following the First World War. The first time I met this flag was in 1960. It was paraded at evensong on Remembrance Sunday. Several (I think it was six) elderly gentlemen in naval uniform paraded the flag up to the altar where it was draped over the altar for the whole service. They took their seat for the service, and then they recovered their flag and paraded it out of the Church. By the mid-sixties they were unable (through old age) to continue this practice, so a bracket was attached to the wall, and there their flag hangs proudly to this day. None of that original group of six is still alive today, but I often sit and look at the flag and think of them and what they did for us.

The next two flags are the British Legion flags. For many years they were paraded on Remembrance Sunday morning. There was the Act of Remembrance around the memorial outside the church. The regular church congregation would be joined by the Mayor, the police, soldiers from Hounslow Barracks, all the local Girl Guides, Boy Scouts ,etc, The Scouts and Guides would muster in Parkside Road before attending (quite a spectacle). Following “The Act” everybody went into church for the regular service. The flags were all paraded up to the altar and arranged there at the beginning and all being collected and paraded back at the end of the service. However, not everybody got their own flag back, but they were all returned to their rightful owners later. When the Queen renamed the “British Legion” as the “Royal British Legion” these old flags needed a good resting place, and where better than in the church where they had been paraded for very many years. Again, a good point to look at and remember people and the things they did for us.



Following the Second World War there was a very strong Royal Air Force



Association Hounslow Branch. They too took part in Remembrance Day proceedings. Just a few years ago that organisation dwindled away to just a very few members, so the Hounslow Branch joined up with the Whitton Branch, and the Hounslow flag needed a home. There it now hangs on the church wall.

Also following the Second World War, the Burma Star Association was formed by those people who had taken part in the terrible goings on in Burma (the whole history of the events is well documented). That flag too was paraded with the others, but the time came for it to need a safe home too. There it now hangs on the church wall for us all to remember them.

Next a little bit about Remembrance Day Parades in Hounslow. Up to the 1960's the Hounslow War Memorial stood in the grounds of Hounslow Hospital next to the entrance. That is where the Hounslow Remembrance Day Parade took place. When

Hounslow Hospital was demolished, the War Memorial "disappeared" (I have no idea where it went). There was a war memorial in the grounds of St Stephen's Church, so the Hounslow Parade moved there. Finally, a new Hounslow War Memorial was put outside Holy Trinity Church in the High Street. Today that is where the Hounslow Remembrance Day Parade is held with all the relevant dignitaries being present.

When St Stephen's Church war memorial was erected it had on it lead lettering to tell us just what it was all about. However sometime later somebody stole the lead and it has never been replaced. Also, inside of the Church is inscribed all the names of those lost in the First World War. But nowhere can I find a list of Second World War names – any clues?

For many years on the first Sunday of every month the Girl Guides, the Boy Scouts and others would muster in Parkside Road before processing into church. Their flags would be processed up to and be placed around the altar. When not being used these flags were hung on the east wall of the north transept (where the children's area now is). This only stopped when these uniformed organisations stopped using the church hall for meetings and they moved to their own premises and took all their flags with them.

That is what I can remember. What memories and facts can you add?

# LOVE LOCAL – CRANE PARK

by Fliss Morgan

Exploring the interesting places on our doorstep in West London. This month: **Crane Park**. It's long and thin and a river runs through it. It has footpaths, woods, historical remains and a tiny island nature reserve. It runs from east to west through Feltham, Whitton and Twickenham. It's Crane Park, and it's one of my favourite places round here.



Summer at the dipping platform

## Beetle drive

One hot Sunday evening in July a few years ago I was ambling through the nature reserve when a movement at the side of the path caught my eye. It was a fully-grown male stag beetle, at least 5 inches long, his antlers waving in the air, his beautiful shiny carapace gleaming purple-black in the late evening sun, lurching slowly along like a clockwork toy. Stag beetles are endangered across the UK, but Crane Park is one of their known hotspots. It was very exciting to see!

There are all sorts of species in Crane Park. You might see something red, black and white flash past – a great spotted woodpecker. The Friends of the

River Crane organise bat walks in non-Covid times, as pipistrelles and Daubenton's bats are known to hunt along the river. Apparently there are even water voles (the model for Ratty in 'The Wind In The Willows').

## Dippy shallows

There's a 'dipping platform' at one end of the nature reserve (for schoolchildren to fish things out of the river and look at them for educational purposes) where the river's quite shallow. Stand there on a summer afternoon and you'll be surrounded by birds and brilliantly-coloured dragonflies and damselflies darting in all directions. You're quite likely to see shoals of small fish in the river.



Cow parsley seed heads in winter

Crane Park's not only a summer place, though.

It's just as good in the winter, when you can see the shapes of the bare trees and seed-heads against the sky. And it's brilliant in the snow.

## Gunpowder stories



Near the entrance to the nature reserve is Crane Park's most obvious landmark, the Grade II-listed Shot Tower. It's sometimes open on Sunday afternoons, so you can go up it and look at the view from the top. I recommend doing this in winter, as in summer all you can see is trees! It's believed the Shot Tower might have been a windmill for recirculating water to power the gunpowder mills - a reminder that gunpowder was once one of our major local industries! It was manufactured on the site from the 1760s until the 1920s, with explosions that could shatter windows in Hounslow and Isleworth, and were heard as far away as Reading. At the entrance to the nature reserve there are sluice gates that would have been used to control the flow of water, and just inside you can see the remains of one of the gunpowder mills.

## Scrumpling ground

Near the eastern entrance at the Twickenham end there are apple and pear trees, probably left over from the time when most of this area was covered in market gardens and orchards. It's well worth going there in the autumn for a scrump, as you'll often find apples and pears all over the ground around the trees. In fact, the whole park is brilliant for foraging. Nettles in the spring, blackberries in the summer, and I've even seen hops mixed in with the blackberries – another leftover from the market gardening era?

And the amazingly useful elder! In the spring there are elderflowers: flat, lacy, cream heads made up of bunches of tiny florets, out of which you can make my favourite summer drink, elderflower champagne. In the autumn, elderberries: the same flowerheads now covered in small, dark, purplish-red berries – but you'll be lucky if you get them before the birds do. If you manage to pick enough they make amazing wine, which is even better if you keep it for a couple of years before drinking it. A few top tips for foraging: wear gloves and boots (not sandals – there are nettles and brambles everywhere). For elder you'll need a stick with a hook, as a lot of the flower heads are high up out of reach. Scissors also come in handy. I make a point of only picking three or four flower heads off each tree, and leaving the rest for the wildlife.

## Getting there

Bus 111 along Hounslow Road, Ellerman Avenue or Pevensey Road stops. There are two entrances to the park on the west side of Hounslow Road.

Bus H25 along Saxon Avenue (entrance near Towfield Road stops).

Buses 481 and H22 along Hospital Bridge Road, Willow Way stop.

# BECAUSE I COULD – A ‘LOCKDOWN’ POEM

by Chris Raymond

Thinking of “Lockdown” – it wasn’t all blue  
And because I could  
I’ve recalled this for you....

Firstly my family was out of bounds  
But because I could  
With doorstep visits I did the rounds

No friends allowed into my home  
But because I could  
I chattered all day on Zoom and phone

The Church became a locked up zone  
But because I could  
I attended services on Facebook at home

Boris had said we must avoid the shops  
And because I could  
I got Tesco deliveries, including pork chops

My Pilates studio was shut but it wasn’t all doom  
And because I could  
I added Stretch classes as well with my cat on Zoom

All concerts and performances were stopped  
But because I could  
I watched Chris de Burgh singing on line quite a lot

Restaurants closed up as well as the cafes  
But because I could  
Sometimes I indulged in takeaway lattes

It was forbidden to travel too far away  
But because I could  
I searched out green spaces to restore my soul every day

And when more freedom was given  
And because I could  
Off to Bognor Regis I had driven

With hairdressers closed – my heart would sink  
But because I could  
I cut my own hair and dyed it pink!

Those things were important you see  
And because I could  
I wrote of them to you from me

## **GARDENERS' PHILOSOPHY ALL LEAF AND NOT MUCH FLOWER**

When you garden every day for a living as I do, sometimes you find that you reflect on the more philosophical aspects not just of life but of gardening itself. It goes beyond the technique of doing this or that, but you think about the whys and wherefores. Why do we grow certain plants, why do we do things a certain way, is there a better way? In this gardening is like a lot of life.

One of the things I've been thinking about recently is that there are few things more frustrating than having plants in borders that produce so much leaf that I question whether keeping them for the sake of the flowers is a good idea, even when they're really popular.



Just look at the amount of leaf that an allium produces quite early on in spring. It means nothing else can shine while they grow and just as they start dying back in a whitening heap the pretty umbels above start opening and attracting bees. Why they're so popular with designers I'm not sure. The one advantage this does have though is that you can pull away the dying leaves while the umbels are still flowering

and put in young annual plants like cosmos, dahlias and zinnias which handily take over from these bulbs later in the year.

There are other plants, too, like Dutch iris that has a lot of strappy, floppy leaf, but the admittedly pretty flower hardly lasts longer than a few days. Then the whole green mess just sits there, slowly whitening almost until autumn. Bearded iris are not unlike their Dutch cousins, which have lovely flowers for a couple of weeks but its

strappy leaves (which start dying back in late summer) and very dense rhizomes sit close to the surface mean nothing else stands a chance, except perhaps weeds like couch grass and dandelions that force you to dig up the entire plant to extricate them.

Another of my pet hates is Japanese anemone. Although this has a mass of pink or white flowers on top for quite a number of weeks, they produce a mass of large leaves too which threaten to swamp everything else around them. Then to add insult to injury they spread and their leaves pop up between and - most annoyingly - under other plants in the border. I took mine out last year.

I also took out my huge day lily plant last autumn to make way for an eminently more attractive shrubby salvia, *Salvia x jamensis* 'Hot Lips' (a very good do'er and bees love it). I'd grown tired of looking at the mass of pointy leaves that only resulted in rather unremarkable orange flowers for a few weeks in June and July. This is the most common form of day lily and spreads like mad.

In my front garden there is a (too) happy herbaceous clematis, *Clematis heracleifolia*, which grows to 1.5 metres and also spreads. Its flowers are tiny, though fairly numerous, but the leaf is the dominant sight if you look at it from more than a few paces. Trouble is, this one is a big hit with pollinating insects so I am reluctant to remove it from my tiny pathside border. I prop it up dutifully with plant supports at different heights in order to try and control it but it's often a battle I lose and eventually I have to prune some of the outer leaves to ensure the postman, grocery delivery person and pizza leafleteer can get down the path!

If there's a lesson here, I suppose it's to choose carefully and only tolerate plants if they are working hard for you or your visiting pollinators. Few of us have the room to indulge plants' more annoying habits!

*Angela Sharp*

## **OUTSIDE THE BACK DOOR**

### **JUNE BRINGS ...**

*June brings tulips, lilies, roses,  
Fills the children's hands with posies.*

This month's cover marks the Queen's 95<sup>th</sup> official birthday although, by my reckoning, that's not strictly true – she didn't have 'official' birthdays until she became Queen which means that I think it's her 69<sup>th</sup> official birthday! But who's to quibble? I couldn't resist putting the rose picture on the front cover as it made me wonder how many of us have either grown up or currently reside with a Queen Elizabeth rose?



We had two in our garden in Inwood Road while I was growing up and they were still flourishing when I sold the house in 2009. The scent from them was so powerful that it would waft down towards the house on a warm summer's evening. Hunting through some old photos I think I have managed to find a picture with one of the roses in bloom!

Without doubt in my mind, June is the month for roses. Last Spring was so mild that we had roses in the garden in April but this year I'm concerned that the very early buds rather jumped the gun and were left shivering and rain-drenched well into May!

I found it interesting reading Angela's article above, to consider why roses are regarded with such affection? They regularly top the polls of the 'nation's favourite' flower and we give them, either as cut flowers or as plants, on memorable occasions – Valentine's Day, birthdays, anniversaries – we have two *Rosa Silver Wedding* that we acquired three years ago, and yet they are not the easiest of plants to deal with. My mother had a way with roses and they bloomed magnificently for her but that left me terrified that we would prune ours incorrectly and be left without any flower! I wasn't encouraged by the first rose we ever bought, *Etoile de Hollande*, which smells divine but flatly refused to produce more than the occasional bud. As a result, we moved it from its prime position by our pergola and rather unceremoniously re-planted it next to the greenhouse where it has subsequently thrived – talk about temperamental!

You can't plant a rose and ignore it! They need pruning, and their sharp thorns rarely thank you for it, and they need feeding, ideally twice a year if you want a really good display. They can also be prone to disease – blackspot, aphids, they all like roses too!

Apart from my one aforementioned failing climber and the semi-wild ones we inherited with the garden, I rather avoided roses to begin with but now I realise that I have no less than 14, or is it 15, roses. Number 15 has just arrived having been wrestled from my mother-in-law's garden. It's called *Evelyn* (she's also called Evelyn) and I think it is a salmon pink. To move it, we've had to prune it rather a lot so now we're giving it some 'TLC' in the hope that it will forgive us for the rather abrupt move!

*Elizabeth Malone*

## JUNIOR CHURCH – HYMN CHALLENGE

A hymn is a special song we sing to praise God. Can you work out the titles of the hymns below, which all have missing vowels!

- 1) \_ll th\_ngs br\_ght \_nd b\_\_\_t\_f\_l
- 2) F\_r th\_ b\_\_\_ty \_f th\_ \_\_rth
- 3) G\_v\_ m\_\_\_l \_n my l\_\_mp
- 4) G\_d, wh\_ m\_\_de th\_ \_\_rth
- 5) H\_v\_ y\_\_ h\_\_rd th r\_\_ndr\_ps
- 6) H\_g\_v\_ m\_\_y\_s s\_\_c\_\_uld s\_\_
- 7) H\_'s g\_t th\_ wh\_l\_ w\_rld \_n h\_s h\_nd
- 8) \_f\_ w\_r\_\_b\_\_tt\_rfly
- 9) J\_s\_s b\_ds\_s sh\_ne
- 10) J\_s\_s' h\_nds w\_r\_ k\_nd h\_nds
- 11) L\_rd\_f\_ll h\_p\_f\_lln\_ss
- 12) M\_rn\_ng h\_s br\_k\_n
- 13) Th\_nk\_f\_ w\_rld w\_th\_\_t\_\_ny fl\_w\_rs
- 14) Wh\_n\_ n\_\_d\_d a n\_\_ghb\_\_r
- 15) Wh\_ p\_t th\_ c\_l\_\_rs \_n th\_ r\_\_nb\_w



We do, of course, expect members of our Junior Choir to do well at this challenge!

*Genna Martinez*

## SOLUTION TO KITCHEN EQUIPMENT WORDSEARCH

BOWL, CLOTH, COLANDER, CUP, DISH, DISHWASHER, EXTRACTOR FAN, FORK, GRATER, GRILL, HOB, JUG, KETTLE, KNIFE, LADLE, MICROWAVE, MIXER, MORTAR, MUG, OVEN, PAN, PEELER, PESTLE, PLATE, POT, RECIPE BOOK, ROLLING PIN, SALVER, SCALES, SIEVE, SKEWER, SKILLET, SPOON, STRAINER, TAP, TIMER, TIN, TIN OPENER, TRAY, TUREEN. The 9 unused letters formed ROAST BEEF.

*John Barnes*

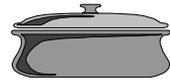
## BIBLE WOMEN WORDSEARCH

This month's wordsearch contains the names of 30 women named in the Bible. The 17 unused letters form a phrase about a woman that feareth the Lord (Proverbs 31 v30 A.V.)

*John Barnes*

Z I P P O R A H T R A M R  
I S L H A R O B E D H U E  
L H A E S A A R E H T S E  
P T H B B H T B P H H N M  
A E C E E E E H I A A A O  
H B I V B H Z R A G H O L  
A A M E C A S E O L A M A  
R Z D O L N H H J D I I S  
U I J L L N B A T E I A L  
T L P R U A A I R A G A H  
E E L E A H A H L I B S S  
K A R I H P P A S A R A H  
E T A B I T H A I D Y L D

## COOKERY CORNER ASPARAGUS ROLLS



### Ingredients:

- \* 1 tin or jar of asparagus well drained (note these spears are soft and delicate)
- \* brown bread, crusts removed, lightly rolled with a rolling pin and cut into halves, or thirds, depending upon the size of the original slice
- \* 4 tbs butter at room temperature
- \* 4 tbs double cream, lightly whipped
- \* pinch of salt and pepper
- \* good pinch of lemon zest

### Method:

Combine the butter and cream, season to taste, and add the lemon zest. Spread thinly on the bread and wrap around the middle of the spear of asparagus. As the number of spears varies, the number of bread slices is not noted.

For a slightly cheaper option, use room temperature cream cheese, lightly whipped, and try throwing in a pinch of dried mixed herbs, instead of butter and cream.

*Genna Martinez*

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## CROSSBridges Deadline

The edition of CROSSBridges will be the July 2021 issue. Items for inclusion should be emailed to the editor – [elizabethmalone@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:elizabethmalone@blueyonder.co.uk)

Due to other commitments this month, please can you make sure items are sent by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at the absolute latest!** Thank you!