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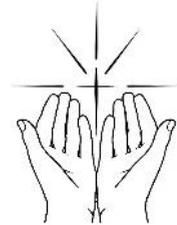
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## INTERCESSIONS – FEBRUARY 2022

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

- 6th Martyrs of Japan
- 13<sup>th</sup> Hospitality in our parishes
- 20<sup>th</sup> The people of Nepal
- 27<sup>th</sup> Christian poets



## LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

There will be an additional service on Ash Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 7:00pm at SSPJ which will include the imposition of ashes.

## REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

All services listed are in person with some being live-streamed in addition.

Sundays 9:30am - Eucharist at Ss Philip & James + Live-stream  
Sundays 11:00am - Eucharist at St Stephen's  
Mondays 9:30am – Morning Prayer – Live stream on Facebook  
Tuesdays 9:30am - Holy Communion at St Stephen's + Live-stream  
Wednesdays 9.30am – Morning Prayer – Live stream on Facebook  
Thursdays 9:30am – Holy Communion at Ss Philip & James + Live stream

**First Sunday** in each month **All Age Service** at each church ie. 09:30am at SSPJ and 11:00am at SSH.

**Sunday 8am:** BCP Holy Communion on odd-numbered weeks and CW Said Eucharist on even-numbered weeks (please note that there will no sermon at this service). These will take place at Ss Philip & James Church and will not be streamed.

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/philipjamesstephen>

Service Booklets are now on the 'Featured events' links on the calendar pages on our websites. Click on the link to the relevant service at either:

<https://saintstephenhounslow.church/calendar> OR  
<https://www.whittonchurch.com/calendar>

## READINGS FOR 2022

- 6<sup>th</sup> 4 Before Lent (Proper 1)  
[Isaiah 6.1-8](#); [1 Corinthians 15.1-11](#); [Luke 5.1-11](#)
- 13<sup>th</sup> 3 Before Lent - Septuagesima  
[Jeremiah 17.5-10](#); [1 Corinthians 15.12-20](#); [Luke 6.17-26](#)
- 20<sup>th</sup> 2 Before Lent - Sexagesima  
[Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25](#); [Revelation 4](#) ; [Luke 8.22-25](#)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday next before Lent – Quinquagesima  
[Exodus 34.29-35](#); [2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2](#); [Luke 9.28-36\(37-43\)](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A selection of forthcoming activities in our parishes. Do check the [online calendar](#) for more details.

### **Wednesdays – 6:30pm – 8:00pm Music Band - SSH**

Come and Join our 14 – 30s music group. Any instrument or voice welcome. Fun sessions jamming song covers, hymns and more. Snacks from 6:30pm.

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – Community Lunch - SSH**

Our next lunch welcoming our local community. Nice food and great company!

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February – 10:00am – 12:00pm – Coffee Morning - SSPJ**

Don't miss out on the traditional bacon sarnies!

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 9:30am – 12:00pm – Community Gardening - SSH**

Come along when you're ready and stay for as long as you're able. Our church grounds are beginning to shape up and we have exciting plans. So do come and help us remove yet more ivy!!

## **BOOK REVIEW:**

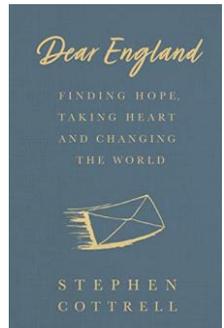
### **Dear England: Finding Hope, Taking Heart and Changing the World**

**By Stephen Cottrell**

Hodder & Stoughton, 2021, 978-1529360950

A few weeks ago, in a sermon, I referred to a book I had been reading by Stephen Cottrell. Elizabeth approached me afterwards, "You know what I am going to say: I want a book review for the next edition of the magazine." So here I am trying to work out how to tell you about a 178-page book in a few words.

To begin with, I suppose I should start where Stephen Cottrell began, standing in a queue at Caffe Nero on Paddington Station. As he was waiting for his flat white a young woman turned to him, looked him up and down, and said, "What made you become a priest?" Cottrell didn't have time to answer fully as he needed to catch his train to Cardiff so instead he wrote this book.



The book, however, isn't just about addressing why he became a priest, but deals more with why he is a Christian and why he thinks England would be a better place if everyone became a follower of Jesus Christ. As the book is directed to everyone in England it needs to be inclusive to those of no faith as well as churchgoers. To accomplish this Cotterill deliberately tries to avoid referring to scripture or his own personal experiences and instead relies on using persuasive argument. In my view this isn't entirely successful and there are instances where he is forced to refer to scripture. After all, the account of Jesus Christ in the gospels is scripture and it would be a rare Christian who came to Jesus without hearing anything about him. However, as I read it, what did strike me was how Cottrell compares with those early Christian evangelists as they set about persuading the world that Jesus of Nazareth was worthy of worship. When St Paul spoke in the synagogues of Greek cities he was speaking to Jews and referred to Hebrew scripture to justify his message. When he spoke in the marketplace to pagan Greeks he referred to their understanding of God in nature and science (see Acts 17:22-34 when he refers to the altar to the unknown God).

Cottrell is, I think, a bit of a romantic and he sets out a vision for a new identity for the English, founded on the very principles of Christian teaching. He wrote the book during what we hope were the darkest days of the current pandemic, following a bruising few years of division and uncertainty after the Brexit referendum. This new identity for the English is based on Love. Love for Jesus and love for others. He tells the story of the Emperor Julian who tried to restore pagan religion and conquer Christian doctrine with philosophical argument. He wrote to his chief pagan priest complaining that Christians were succeeding because they were more charitable than pagans and that pagans should imitate them; that Christians didn't just help their own poor but helped pagan poor too. Julian's attempt to "beat Christians at their own game" obviously failed then, but there is a sense that others have taken his place today.

People are generally attracted to follow Christ when they see followers of Christ acting in a way that they want to imitate. And that brings us to the other thing that the young woman said to Cottrell as he waited for his flat white. She said that when she met people of faith they largely broke down into two categories. For the first group their faith was their hobby. Except for attending church their lives were indistinguishable from anyone else. The second group embraced their faith so tightly, it frightened everyone else away.

Now there's food for thought in a church like ours, that is seeking to grow.

*Peter Lee*

## THE MARTYRS OF JAPAN – COURAGE IN PERSECUTION

*Our intercession theme for 6<sup>th</sup> February is the Martyrs of Japan. This article provides some background.*

Persecution of Christians in various countries is making the headlines these days. Believers facing such opposition might well find inspiration from the courage of the Japanese Christians of the late 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The Jesuit Francis Xavier had first brought Christianity to Japan in 1549, when he persuaded Shimazu Takahisa, the daimyo of Satsuma, to give him permission to build the first Catholic mission in Japan. All went well at first, and the Japanese responded to the message of Jesus Christ more warmly than anyone could have foretold. By the end of the century, it has been estimated that there were nearly 300,000 baptised converts to Christianity.

But soon the very success of the Japanese Church led it into trouble: its vibrant growth as an indigenous community believing a faith brought in from the West meant trouble. It was caught up in a maelstrom of tensions between the shogunate, imperial government, Buddhist monks, Shintoists, and colonial ambitions of Spain and Portugal. Gradually, the Japanese rulers came to see Christians as a threat. So Christianity was banned, and those Japanese who refused to abandon their faith were to be killed. Trouble flared at Nagasaki on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1597, when six European Franciscan missionaries, three Japanese Jesuits and 17 Japanese laity, three of whom were young boys, were executed in a form of crucifixion by being elevated on crosses and then pierced with spears. Within a year, more than 130 churches had been burned. The persecution subsided, then flared up in 1613. Japanese Christians were beheaded, burned alive or imprisoned. They responded with courage and a willingness to sing praises and preach the gospel even as they were led to their deaths.

Such was the brutality of the persecution that by 1630 the Japanese Church had been driven underground and was thought to be lost. So, when missionaries arrived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, they were astonished to find a community of Japanese Christians. It had survived for 250 years without clergy, churches, the Bible and only a sketchy idea of the Christian faith beyond one main thing: that Jesus Christ was Lord.



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Martyrs\\_of\\_Nagasaki\\_-\\_a\\_painting\\_from\\_Prague.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Martyrs_of_Nagasaki_-_a_painting_from_Prague.jpg)

*Parish Pump*

## PLATINUM JUBILEE PREPARATIONS

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 will mark 70 years since Elizabeth II became Queen.

Churches, Christian charities and youth organisations are working together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the four-day Bank Holiday from 2nd to 5th June. A new website has been created – [www.theplatinumjubilee.com](http://www.theplatinumjubilee.com) – to provide ideas and resources for communities to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

HOPE Together is working with a wide range of partners to help churches around the Commonwealth to mark this special occasion and, in particular, to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service. As with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, HOPE Together and partners will provide a range of ideas and resources for communities, schools, churches and youth organisations.

Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE's executive director, says, "Churches are in an ideal place to bring communities together for these national celebrations." HOPE's Platinum Jubilee Highlights will include:

- Our Faithful Queen – a gift book using rarely-seen prayers the Queen prayed as she prepared for the Coronation, will be published by HOPE Together and Biblica in January 2022 to buy and give away.
- A new anthem 'Rise Up and Serve' has been commissioned by HOPE Together and written by contemporary hymn writers Graham Kendrick, Mal Pope and Rend Collective for choirs to sing as part of the celebrations.
- 70 Acts of Service – an invitation to communities to celebrate by serving others with 70 community service ideas drawing on Stewardship's 40 Acts
- On Her Majesty's Service for 11-14s – youth organisations, schools and uniformed organisations are involved (Pais, CofE, Youth For Christ, YouthScape, The Message, Prayer Spaces In Schools. Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade). Resources include ideas for action and videos to use.

The Platinum Jubilee website [www.theplatinumjubilee.com](http://www.theplatinumjubilee.com) is full of ideas and resources to help bring communities together. Banners, posters and other Platinum Jubilee branded resources will be available from CPO – [www.cpo.org.uk/queen-platinum-jubilee](http://www.cpo.org.uk/queen-platinum-jubilee)



# **GARDENER'S PHILOSOPHY**

## **IS A VEGAN DIET REALLY BETTER FOR THE PLANET?**

*by Angela Sharp*

Whilst traditionally vegetables have long been the accepted accompaniment to meat in balanced meals, eating plant-based products for your whole meal is now increasingly seen as a way, possibly the only way, to save the planet. Whilst vegetarians have been around for decades, forever if you follow some religions, veganism has always been at the more extreme end, something very few people would have ever subscribed to – until recently. It's one thing not eating meat, but not eating dairy products either knocks out a huge range of foods. But now even food advertisers are jumping on the bandwagon and many vegans are very evangelistic about converting others to their way of thinking.

A large part of this promotion recently has been by [Veganuary](#), a charity which promotes being and eating vegan. Their website features some famous faces as their ambassadors, cuddling up to cows and pigs in photos, but what struck me was – if they don't eat meat or dairy and if no-one else did, what use are pigs and cows to anyone? I guess some breeds could play a part in rewilding where browsers and grazers influence a landscape and what grows in it by their eating, pooping and roaming habits. But our landscape would look very different as we wouldn't need animals in anything like the same number on our farms.

There is no doubt about the high impact on the environment of eating beef in particular but also to a lesser extent pork, lamb and poultry. Dairy too is up there on the damage to the planet scale due to greenhouse gas emissions and a high carbon footprint. And even if you're not vegetarian or vegan, which has certainly increased demand, chances are you consume some of the fruit and veg we see year round in plentiful supply in the shops like avocados, mangoes and nuts.

But some of these products we don't think twice about eating whilst thinking ourselves not only healthy but virtuous are in fact having a pretty big impact on the planet too. Take a vegetable like asparagus for example which has the highest carbon footprint compared to any other vegetable eaten in the UK. 5.3kg of carbon dioxide is produced for every kilo of asparagus mainly because it is often imported from Peru by air. If you only eat it in season (May and June) from British farms, that impact will at least be somewhat reduced.

Avocados are seen everywhere now but are thirsty fruits. Whilst being very good for you, especially if you don't eat meat, one tree needs up to 209 litres of water every day in summer. And of course they're usually grown in water-stressed places like Chile, California and Spain where this demand puts massive pressure on the local

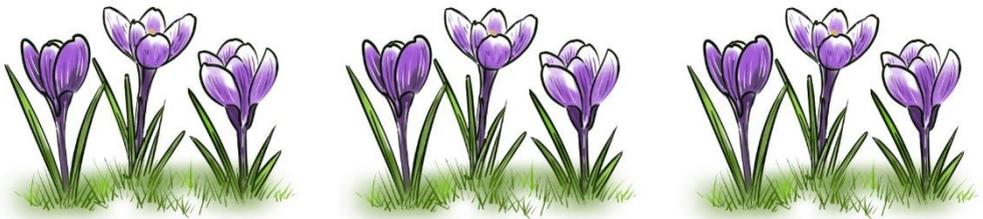
environment. In South America this demand has led to illegal extraction of water from rivers and is increasing the water shortage crisis.

Microprotein, more widely known as Quorn, is a very versatile meat substitute and in its simple form releases a mere 0.8 of CO<sub>2</sub> per kilo but to make vegan slices for example it goes up to 3.1kg of CO<sub>2</sub> due to the energy needed to process it. And there are an increasing number of processed foods of this type, mimicking meat in one form or the other which immediately increases its global impact.

Nuts are also a mainstay of a vegan diet in their many forms. But cashew nuts, almonds and walnuts are some of the most water-intensive large-scale crops grown on the planet. Tree nuts consume around 4,134 litres of fresh water per kilo of shelled nuts on the market. Almonds in particular need large amounts of water, pesticide and fertiliser which makes their environmental impact very large. One study found that one average almond grown in California needs 12 litres of water or 10,240 litres per kilo of kernels!

In terms of deforestation in tropical forests, palm oil and soy plantations account for more than even the cocoa industry, and that is one of the biggest contributors to global biodiversity loss after the meat industry. In 20 years from 1988 it's estimated 2-3 million hectares of tropical forests were lost to cocoa plantations.

It has to be said there are many organisations out there such as the Rainforest Alliance, determined to make products like these sustainable on every level. Solving these issues is not as simple as not buying them at all as the impact of growing crops is still infinitely less environmentally damaging than meat production, though personally I'd struggle to give up meat completely and I suspect it's unlikely we'll see a meat-free diet globally any time soon either. But perhaps we can help the planet and the people growing such products by buying sustainably, perhaps reducing our consumption of air freighted fruit, veg and nuts, particularly those which require so much water, thus reducing the demand a little, and finally by ensuring we don't throw what we do buy away. We can also grow our own wherever we can, stick to mainly eating veg and fruits in season, and maybe even – dare I suggest - eat less of everything.



# **CRUISING THE MEDITERRANEAN ANCIENT WONDERS (1)**

**By Fred Michell**

Several years ago, we booked with Fred Olsen a cruise around the Med and the Black Sea. Before it happened the cruise was handed over to Saga (the old folks line). Then came Covid and everything was cancelled. Eventually the cruise did take place, but with many changes to the itinerary because of Covid restrictions. So join me as we finally set sail ...

On 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 we were collected from home by a Saga taxi and were taken to the dock at Southampton. Before we were allowed to exit the taxi we were tested for Covid. Having been given a negative test result we were allowed to enter the terminal. On entering the terminal, we had to wait in a queue to get our validated vaccination certificate. Both applications were accepted, and we were allowed to go on board. Our luggage had long since been delivered to our cabin, and at last we could now join it. Soon after that we “sailed away”.

Our first day was at sea but there were lots of things to do to keep us busy and entertained, and we received a letter with Marion's Covid Pass. However, mine did not appear. The delicious food just kept on coming, and there is a fantastic Saga show every evening in the theatre. On our second “sea day” we traversed the Bay of Biscay. Everything continued “as normal”.

Our third day at sea was a Sunday and we had an “Interdenominational Church Service” led by Archbishop Barry Morgan. We also had a letter to say that my Covid Vaccination application had not been successful. A second attempt was made to get the certificate but again it failed. Fortunately, I did not need this pass if I limited myself to on shore excursions organised by Saga. Otherwise, life was much the same again. Incidentally, when we left Southampton the weather was cold and wet but over the next couple of days, it turned hot and sunny with temperatures up to 30 degrees.

Overnight we passed through the Straits of Gibraltar, but we did not see it because we were asleep in bed.

On 1<sup>st</sup> November we docked at Malaga, in southern Spain. After breakfast we were taken ashore and given a sightseeing excursion to show us Malaga's highlights. We got to see the outside of many impressive buildings but were unable to go inside any of them. My lasting memories are of the extensive beaches used by tourists and the now unused bullring. The alternative was to go ashore on our own to do whatever we wanted to do, but we decided to be lazy and “follow the crowd”.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November were “sea days”, so we had a great time as usual that had been organised for us.

On 4<sup>th</sup> November we arrived at Valletta in Malta. My first thought was to remember Revd John Falconer, a retired priest who spent much time at St Stephen’s, and he spent about one month per year visiting Malta. My second thought was to get onto the included excursion to get an overview. My lasting memories are seeing where St Paul got shipwrecked, and we saw the places and were reminded of the events of the second World War. We could also have opted for a “Visit to the Silent City of Medina” or to “Head underground to the Byzantine-era Catacombs of St Paul” but we chose to opt out of these.

Following another day at sea, on 6<sup>th</sup> November we arrived at Heraklion in Crete. We chose to visit the archaeological site of Knossos to marvel at the ancient Minoan culture’s legacy. We had a fantastic local guide who gave us the very latest information about many of the ancient stories about it. Latest excavations have revealed numerous untruths about the ancient myths, and our guide was able to show us many things confirming this. We learned the current explanations about the labyrinth and the minotaur (quite different to what we had learned at school). I was most interested in the ancient buildings of the palace and the surrounding village, whereas Marion was more interested in the history.

On 7<sup>th</sup> November we arrived at Santorini. Santorini is a volcanic island which erupted many years ago. The whole of the centre went skywards, and one side was blown out to let the sea and ships in. We went ashore by tender (our ship was too big to dock) and we went on a conducted coach tour of the island. We were taken to several places where we could see inside the volcano crater as well as places to give us a view over all the island together with its neighbours.

The following day we arrived at Mykonos, another volcanic Greek island. We opted for the “Scenic Island Tour”. Mykonos is famous for its unique Mykonian landscape, punctuated by pure white houses and churches with red or blue domes and lots of windmills.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November we sailed up the Dardanelles where we saw the suspension bridge at Canakkale and later we docked at Istanbul for just one day. In the morning we had a hurried conducted scenic tour of the town. We saw what remains of the old city wall, numerous places of worship including the Blue Mosque and the Sultan Ahmet Mosque and countless other sights. Then back to our ship for a very quick lunch, then in the afternoon a cruise in a local boat along the Bosphorus where we saw two more suspension bridges (one of which is now failing) which join Europe to Asia. Then back to the ship to “sail away” at 5.00 pm.

*To be continued next month ...*

## **OUTSIDE THE BACKDOOR**

### **FOCUS ON WILDLIFE – GARDEN BIRDS**

This year I've decided to focus on different aspects of wildlife that we might find in our gardens, local parks or even our church grounds. I'm starting with garden birds as, by the time you read this, the RSPB's annual [Big Garden Birdwatch](#) will have just taken place and so our feathered friends will be foremost in our minds.

Birds are probably the most obvious form of wildlife that we like to attract to our gardens, whether it's just a small tray of seed or a whole collection of squirrel-proof feeders with a range of different types of food, it seems that we all love providing some extra nourishment for our feathered friends, especially during the cold months of winter when it's harder for them to find enough food naturally, and during the breeding season. If you're going to purchase a bird feeder, I'd urge you to spend as much as you can afford on a something tough and squirrel proof otherwise your birds may not get quite the food you'd planned!

I recently made a list of all the birds we regularly see in our garden and I'm delighted to say that we have more than 20 species flying in on a weekly, if not a daily basis. However, there have been some significant shifts over the years. Twenty years ago we were complaining about the mess created by the fussy eaters – the greenfinches. Now we would be over the moon to see one. The reason behind this rapid decline has been a parasitic disease that prevents the birds from eating properly. Poor greenfinches are now headed for the endangered list. It's an important reminder to keep your feeders clean.

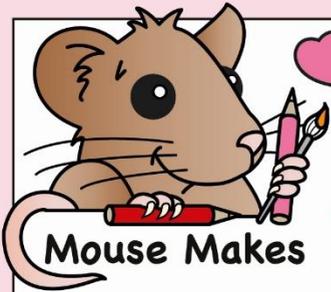
At the opposite end of the scale, I'm delighted to say that the last couple of years have seen a resurgence of house sparrows in our garden. I counted no less than 21 descending into our hedge the other afternoon. They love our birdbath and are the one species that really dive in there and happily splash around.

Goldfinches arrived some 15 years ago and continue to multiply, devouring nyger seed by the kilo. Over the past 2 winters, I have also seen a goldcrest in the garden. Not to be confused with the goldfinch, this little chap is the UK's smallest bird and is absolutely tiny but easy to spot with its striking yellow striped head. They are around locally, for example in Crane and Bushy parks, so do look out for them.

My favourite visitors are the great spotted woodpeckers and the long-tailed tits. Woodpeckers certainly know where they stand in the pecking order! And the long-tails are so beautifully rose-coloured and delicate. Do watch out for them.

*Elizabeth Malone*

*For a longer read, head to: <https://outsidethebackdoor.wordpress.com>*



## Mouse Makes

See what great love the Father has for us that He would call us His

1 John 1:3

Lord, you are a God who shows \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_  
 ...You have great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 86:1

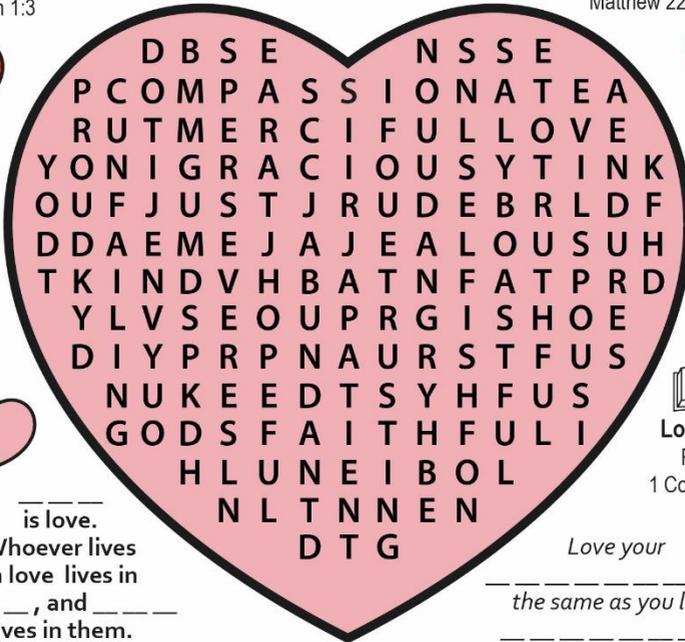


How did God show He loved us?  
 Read 1 John 4:9

Love the Lord your God with all your

with all your \_\_\_\_\_  
 and with all your \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 22:37



Love is ..  
 Read 1 Cor 13:4-7

\_\_\_\_\_ is love.  
 Whoever lives in love lives in \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ lives in them.  
 1 John 4:16

Love your \_\_\_\_\_  
 the same as you love

Matthew 22:39

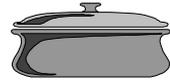
**Love is:**  
 PATIENT • KIND • GRACIOUS • JUST • TRUTHFUL • TRUSTING • HOPEFUL  
 PERSEVERE • ENDURES • GOD

**Love is not:**  
 JEALOUS • ENVY • BOASTFUL • PROUD • SELFISH • ANGRY • RUDE • EVIL

**God's love is:**  
 LOVE • MERCIFUL • FAITHFUL • UNFAILING • ABUNDANT • COMPASSIONATE

## COOKERY CORNER

### ORANGE, POMEGRANATE AND ROSEWATER CAKE



#### Ingredients:

##### Cake:

- Zest of two oranges (preferably blood oranges)
- 2tbs rosewater
- 3 eggs
- 130g olive oil
- 150g caster sugar (golden if you have it)
- 200g self raising flour
- 120g ground almonds
- 3tbs honey

##### Syrup:

- Juice of three oranges
- 150ml water
- 1tbs rosewater
- 4 tbs honey

##### Topping:

- 175g thick Greek yoghurt
- Zest of one orange
- 200g pomegranate seeds
- Thick runny honey to drizzle

#### Method:

Preheat the oven to 180 degrees or gas mark 4. Butter and line a 9inch square cake pan.

In a large bowl, vigorously whisk the eggs with the sugar, until smooth and voluminous, before adding the remaining ingredients and incorporate gently until mixed. Place into the prepared pan and bake in the oven for 45 – 50 minutes. When the cake is cooked, leave in the pan for about 5 minutes before removing and placing on to a cake rack, with a large plate underneath.

In the meantime, add all of the ingredients for the syrup into a smallish saucepan, over a medium heat, and let simmer for 5 to 7 minutes until it is about half the previous volume. After the cake has been placed onto the cake rack, and is still warm, poke holes in in using a cocktail stick or skewer. Slowly drizzle over the syrup, taking care to try and cover the whole surface. There will be some syrup that drips or falls onto the plate underneath – simply pour this back over the cake!

When the cake has completely cooled, cover with the thick Greek yoghurt, sprinkle over the orange zest, drizzle with the honey and scatter the pomegranate seeds.

Enjoy!

*Genna Martinez*

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WORDSEARCH

This month's wordsearch contains the names of 32 musical instruments. The 9 unused letters form the name of a group in which many of them would come together. Solution next month.

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

## SOLUTION TO OLD TESTAMENT WORDSEARCH

AMOS, CHRONICLES, DANIEL, DEUTERONOMY, ECCLESIASTES, ESTHER, EXODUS, EZRA, GENESIS, HAGGAI, HOSEA, ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, JOB, JOEL, JONAH, JOSHUA, JUDGES, KINGS, MICAH, NAHUM, NEHEMIAH, NUMBERS, OBADIAH, PROVERBS, PSALMS, RUTH, SAMUEL, ZECHARIAH, ZEPHANIAH. The 14 unused letters formed IN THE BEGINNING.

*John Barnes*

## CROSSBridges DEADLINE



The next edition of CROSSBridges will be the March 2022 issue. Items for inclusion should be emailed to the editor – [elizabethmalone@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:elizabethmalone@blueyonder.co.uk) Please forward your contribution by **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at the absolute latest!**

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