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**The Parish Magazine for the Benefice of
Bagendon, Baunton, Coberley and Cowley, Colesbourne,
Elkstone, North Cerney, Rendcomb and Stratton**



A Commissioning Service for Marie Hobbs, Rendcomb College Chaplain, took place on Tuesday 20th February during a School Chapel Service in St Peter's Church, Rendcomb. It was led by The Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Rt Revd Robert Springett, pictured above with Marie (centre), the Revd Dr Janet Anderson-Mackenzie (left), and the Revd David Minns (right).

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Pastoral Letter – *Mark Venn*

Earlier in the year there were two well-publicised stories in the media that set me thinking.

The first of these moved me to anger over an injustice; this was the Post Office scandal. I was one of the 9.8 million who watched the televised dramatisation of the affair. I was also one of the 1.2 million British citizens who signed the petition calling for Paula Vennells, the ex-Chief Executive of the UK's Post Office, to lose her CBE honour. An independent article on the issue prompted a new thought however: as a regular reader of *The Times* I had been aware of the scandal for years, but why

had I only just taken any action (albeit simply signing a petition)? I think that most “decent” people when confronted with suffering or injustice would have a personal response, such as compassion or anger. The question I wondered about though is: “at what point does a personal response change into an active response, and what are the promptings that would instigate the change?”. Or one could put the opposite question: “what is it that stops us acting?”

The second story, which moved me to tears, was the case of a two-year old boy who had starved to death in a flat in

Skegness, lying beside his father who was dead, probably of a heart condition. Their pet dog was found emaciated, but alive. While some were quick to assign blame – the local MP called it “a genuine failure by the authorities” – when considered dispassionately, one sees in fact that there was no assignable negligence. The boy’s adult sister said that the authorities “did what they could, within the powers that they had and the information that they were given”. Libby Purves in an article on the subject for *The Times*, wrote that the “deaths should prompt reflection on how our society works”. Her point was that society seems to have lost the tradition of looking out for one another and initiating action where needed. I wondered whether I would be aware of the possibility of something like this occurring in my community and, if so, what would I do?

In his book “Morality”, Jonathan Sacks suggested that a properly functioning society required three effective components; government, community (including families and neighbourhoods) and individuals. His thesis, leaving

government on one side, was that in our present social climate, the cult of the individual (my rights and freedoms, my need for self-fulfilment etc) has become all-important to the detriment of community. Without a sense of community, society loses cohesion. The present tendency is to focus on “my rights” as being the most important, but neglecting any responsibility we may have towards other people. We get a rather different viewpoint if we read through the Scriptures. The apostle Paul wrote frequently on the subject.



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To the Roman church he said *"Honour one another above yourselves"*; to the Corinthians his words were *"nobody should seek his own good but the good of others"*. To the Christians in Philippi, he said *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."* We all share the same human dignity since we are all created in the image of God. God's purpose as taught in Scripture is that we should love and serve our neighbours. This can (and should) involve putting their rights before our own.

Dr Christopher Wright expressed the sentiment by saying that Scripture contains not a "declaration of rights" but a "declaration of responsibilities". This is the approach demonstrated while on this earth by Jesus Christ, both in His teaching and in His lifestyle. He affirmed the two greatest laws (love God with all your heart, soul and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself) and was frequently moved to both compassion and anger. The love referred to was *agape* – the

love that is not self-serving, but sacrificial, completely unselfish and demanding nothing in return (think of 1 Corinthians chapter 13). This was the love He demonstrated; at the Last Supper we see him acting as a servant.

So, what should our response be to accounts like the two mentioned above? The Christian response should be to allow ourselves to be touched by anger or compassion. The extent to which that may then translate into action will depend no doubt on a number of factors (I accept that Skegness is a long way from Cirencester!). But if our response to a situation is to close up our minds or hearts to it, or only take action if it is something that affects us directly, we are not following the path of Christ. But maybe the tragedy in Skegness might prompt us to keep an eye out for the vulnerable in our own communities, as happened a lot during lock-down, and perhaps be ready to take responsibility and act even if it is "not our business".

Mark

Benefice News

Bishop to lead Benefice Service on 21st April

The Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Rt Revd Robert Springett, is coming to the Churn Valley on Sunday 21st April to lead a United Benefice Service. Many of our service leaders will be on the Iona pilgrimage that weekend. So we are very grateful to Bishop Robert for coming to take the Service on Sunday 21st, which will be held in St Peter's Church, Stratton, starting at 10.30am. Please come along to enjoy the service, and meet Bishop Robert.

Primrose Unwin

Many people in the Benefice will have been saddened to hear of the death of Primrose Unwin, at home in mid-February.

Primrose and her husband Tim, who was Master of Cotswold hounds for about 25 years, farmed in Coberley parish for about 50 years, firstly in Upper Coberley and then at Dowmans Farm in Coberley. They were generous and loyal supporters of St Giles' Church, and frequently opened their home for village and church functions. They moved to Northleach fifteen years ago.

Their many friends from both Coberley church and village send sincere condolences to Tim, their daughters Jane, Charlotte and Sophie, and to all their families at this sad time.

Anne Jones (from Coberley)

Ascension Day Service and Supper – date for the diary

There will be an Ascension Day Service at 6.30pm on *Thursday 9th May* in All Saints, North Cerney, which will be followed by a simple supper in North Cerney Village Hall. Everyone from the benefice is welcome and there is no charge or expected donation for supper. If you would like to come to the supper, for catering purposes please contact Janet in advance:

janet.cv@anderson-mackenzie.co.uk

or T: 07821 474711 and leave a message. Thank you.

News from around the Benefice

Update from Colesbourne – *Sir Henry Elwes*

The Snowdrops at Colesbourne had to close for the final weekend due to waterlogged ground. This was a particular disappointment after the BBC's *Countryfile* programme aired on 18th February, which may well have brought in a lot more visitors.

However, the Church raised £3,150 from teas, and donations to the collecting jar in St James amounted to another £550. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Church teas.

Other local charities gained £8,800 from the Snowdrops Open days.

North Cerney – April's *Super Sunday Supper Service*



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The course will consist of two 5k loops and is predominantly on local trails and farm tracks, with a short road section and a good hill! The route has been designed with permission from local landowners whose support is much appreciated. To enter the run, please visit the [race-nation](https://rb.gy/sxgrn5) website – (address noted in the flyer above).

Cowley Fete – save the date!

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Surrounded by beauty and honour.
A lovely way to spend a golden hour.
We love you St Peter's, with all of our hearts,
Whether you're in the sun or in the dark.*



[Contributed by a member of the Stratton community]

Wi-Fi now available in St Peter's!

We are very pleased to announce that Wi-Fi has recently been installed in St Peter's Church, Stratton, and would like to invite the community to come and use it!



There will also be a kettle, tea, coffee, sugar and even some biscuits on occasions (!) available in Church for you to help yourself to (Please bring your own mug and milk).

free WiFi

St Peter's is normally open daily between 8.30am and 4.30pm. You are most welcome to come and use the Wi-Fi during these hours, except when a Funeral, Wedding or Baptism is taking place in the Church. Please be sensitive to such occasions.



In addition, regular weekly Services are usually held in St Peter's on a Wednesday morning at 10am, and on most Sunday mornings of course at either 9.30am or 11am.

A cartoon bee with a yellow and black striped body, blue wings, and a smiling face, positioned on a white cloud.

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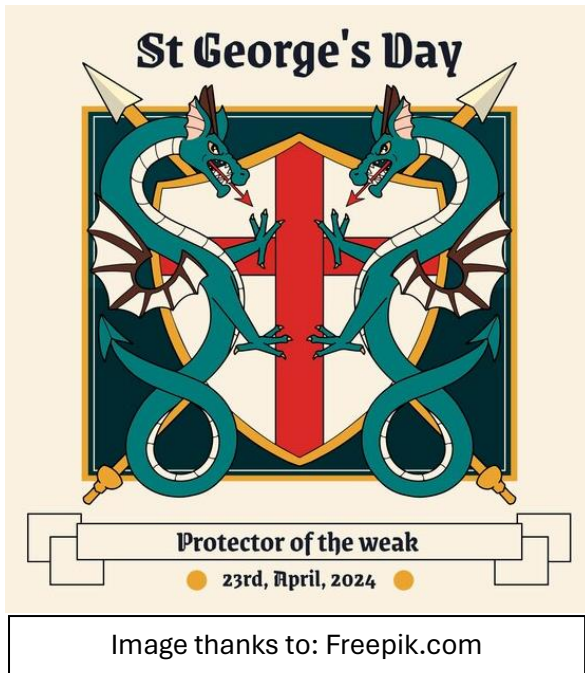
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A black road with white dashed lines curving into the distance against a light blue sky.

A green bush with yellow flowers and a small yellow bird perched on a branch.A green bush with yellow flowers and a small yellow bird perched on a branch.

Bob Peters on St George's Day – 23rd April



According to [Wikipedia](#), Saint George's Day is the feast day of Saint George, notably England's patron saint, but celebrated also by Christian churches, countries, and regions of which he is the patron saint, including Bulgaria, Ethiopia, Greece, Georgia, Portugal, Romania, Syria, Lebanon, Catalonia, Alcoi, Aragon, and Rio de Janeiro.

The strange thing about St George is that no-one knows who he was, where he came from, or why he was made a saint,

and there is no authenticated record of him ever visiting England! It seems that he was not even English, but then, only the English would choose such an unknown entity to be our patron saint!

There is the mythical tale about him saving a village somewhere in Europe from a dragon. I was taught this story when I was a Boy Scout – my troop met in St George's Church in Tarpots, Essex.

An 18th Century Georgian geographer and historian - Vakhushti Bagrationi - once claimed that there are 365 Orthodox churches in Georgia named after Saint George, that's one for every day of the year. In the UK there are 243 churches dedicated to St George, that's 15th in the list of church names which is led by St Mary with 2,368 dedications! Probably the best known church in the world that is named after St George is St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, which is privately owned by King Charles III.



Saint George and the Dragon,
by Raphael (1506)

With thanks to Bob Peters, of the Association for Church Editors



North Cerney Primary Academy

Pupils' work tackling global poverty recognised with *Christian Aid* award



North Cerney Primary Academy's pupils have been presented with a Bronze Award from *Christian Aid's Global Neighbours Scheme* for their global citizenship work.

From raising money for earthquake survivors and campaigning to local government for more bins in the village to writing persuasive letters about an issue of justice, pupils and staff at the academy have been working hard to take their place as global citizens.

The Global Neighbours accreditation programme celebrates schools which are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, as well as giving them the tools to play a confident part in creating a fairer world.

Eleanor de Carles, the Global Neighbours lead for North Cerney Primary Academy, said: "We are delighted to be recognised for the work we have done as a whole school to raise awareness of the inequalities across our globe and perhaps more importantly, the steps we can take to

address these. The pupils' understanding of global issues and injustice in our world has improved alongside their eagerness to support others. Our world is increasingly connected and our hope is for our children to grow as responsible global citizens who care about issues such as the environment and access to healthcare. The children have especially enjoyed seeing the impact of raising their concerns about littering around our village with our MP, which then resulted in the local council providing a new bin."

Alison Brown, Global Neighbours Schools Programme Officer at *Christian Aid*, said: "*The Global Neighbours Scheme was launched in partnership with the Church of England's Education Office with a vision of helping young people understand more about the inequalities in this world and helping them to become courageous advocates for change. It's wonderful to see how staff and pupils at North Cerney Primary Academy have taken this to heart and are seeking to tackle injustice*".

Stratton C of E Primary School – *Science in Class 1*

Class 1 have really enjoyed our recent Science Week! We had many exciting visits from people who use Science every day in their jobs, including: Firefighters (along with their fire engine!), a Pilot, a Forensic Scientist, an Aerospace Engineer and a Medical Engineer!

We took part in many challenges and experiments throughout the week, using our Scientific Skills. These included making predictions, observing over time, asking questions, measuring and problem solving. We had so much fun! Thank you to all our amazing and inspiring visitors!



With thanks to Class 1's Teacher - Charlotte Gates



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From the Benefice Registers

Funerals:

26 th February '24	Evelyn Jane Gurney	St Peter's, Stratton, then burial in Stratton Cemetery
8 th March '24	Dorothy Lily Matthews	All Saints, North Cerney - then Burial in Churchyard

Community News and Events



Tuesday Group – *Judith Wood...*



Welcome to Stratton Tuesday Group!

On **2nd April** we will be entertained by Mr Boskett who is going to take us down memory lane by Steam, Train and Horse; this should be a very interesting talk.

Tim Bird kept us very busy on Tuesday 5th March doing exercises to help us 'Stay stronger for Life,' which was very entertaining.

On Tuesday **7th May** Katy Perrett from Gloucestershire Police will be giving a useful talk on Staying Safe in your Community

We do hope that you will be able to join us on these evenings where you will be made most welcome, and can meet friends both old and new.

In July we like to go on a summer outing so if you have any ideas where we might go this year please do not hesitate to have a word with Judith Wood.

All are most welcome – men and women, young and old – so please give one of our evenings a try, and bring a friend.

We look forward to meeting everyone on **Tuesday 2nd April** at Stratton Village Hall, from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Entrance is £3 per person.

For further details please contact:

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Scrubditch Care Farm - *Emma Costley-White*

We recently carried out a survey which involved asking students, volunteers and staff for their opinions of the Care Farm, and we wanted to share some of their responses with you....

- *'Something to look forward to every week - Friendly, safe, secure environment*
- *Mixing student and volunteers from many different backgrounds - New skills*
- *Staff are so kind and caring - Enjoyment in all weathers- Good facilities - Variety of tasks - Good team work - Fresh air and exercise - Enthusiasm Confidence building - Supportive staff - Watching students change for the better - Life enhancing activities*
- *Coming to the farm has been a lifeline - Staff are super helpful, supportive and do a wonderful job! - Very approachable staff - We value the staff team - Provides a purpose. Great atmosphere'*

If you know someone who would benefit from the services we provide, please get in touch:
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Our main provision is for adults with learning difficulties (post 16)



However, we also offer a session for home schooled children on Tuesday afternoons. This is a small, nurturing group. Children who are struggling in main stream school can come and take part in farm based activities in a safe, nurturing environment.

Facebook news We have relaunched our Facebook page, so take a look and start following us!
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556271045030>

Next we will be focussing on the website

Community Open Farm – SATURDAY 6th April 10am - 1pm -

This is our Spring event. We will have a host of animals for all the family to come along and see, woodland walks and produce and refreshments in the barn! Free entry and plenty of parking.

Pig News - Jimmy has been with Mabel now for over a month so fingers crossed she is pregnant and will have a litter sometime in May. Jimmy is for sale as a

breeding boar and as long as Mabel is pregnant he will be 'proven,' which will command a bigger sale price.

Sheep News - All the ewes scanned in lamb – 3 triplets, 16 twins and 2 singles. We are just getting the barn ready for lambing, and have started feeding them some hard food in preparation. Our lambs from last year have gone off to Woodmancote for a few weeks (by kind permission of Alex Murray).

Hens & Ducks - Five chicks hatched last month, and we have another 6 in the incubator that should hatch in a week or so. The ducks still aren't laying very well, but the hens are improving so fingers crossed we will have eggs for sale soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wing walking in aid of SCF!

Some of our staff, a trustee and a student are planning a wing walk in aid of the Care Farm this September! If you would like to sponsor them please get in touch. We will be putting a link up on the website soon.

Open Farm – 6th April 10am to 1pm

Plant Sale – Saturday 4th May – We are busy potting-up and growing plants for our sale in May. If anyone has any cuttings / seedlings they would like to donate please get in touch: 01285 895790 or info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Summer Fete – Saturday 17th August (date tbc) - We are planning a fete this August with lots of stalls, woodland walks, games and refreshments. Watch this space for further news....

Bookings for student sessions are being taken now. Email us at: info@scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram, Facebook & Twitter and look at our website:
www.scrubditchcarefarm.org.uk

Dates for the diary:

Term dates: 8th April – 19th July

Next coffee morning: Saturday 6th

April, as part of our Open Farm

Open Farm Saturday: 6th April

Plant Sale: Saturday 4th May

National Open Farm Sunday: 9th June

Big Health Check Day at Oxtalls

Centre Gloucester: Friday 14th June

Summer Fete: Saturday 17th August (date tbc)

What's on in the Diocese this April

Easter through the ages in Gloucester Cathedral: *2nd & 3rd April, 11am-3.30pm.* Discover how the Easter festival has been celebrated throughout history. Crafts, cookery and more to make and take home, including: Medieval easter egg decorating, making a Victorian Easter Card and taking part in a Tudor feast. For more details see:
www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/easter-through-the-ages

Little Lamb Adventure Trail Gloucester Cathedral: *23rd March – 7th April* (excluding Good Friday). Take part in this fun trail this Easter, while discovering the history of this beautiful space. The trail is free to take part in and no booking required. For full details go to:
www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/little-lamb-adventure-trail

Keep calm and arrange flowers! *Thursday 4th April, 7.30pm,* in Apperley Village Hall, Gabb Lane GL19 4DP. Come and enjoy a floral art demonstration. Whether you're a seasoned arranger or a flower enthusiast just starting out, this event promised both fun and learning opportunities. For more details please visit:
www.gloucester.anglican.org/keep-calm-and-arrange-flowers

Dvořák's Mass in D Major and Fauré's Requiem: *Saturday 13th April, 7.30pm* in St Mary's Church, High Street, Fairford. This will be performed by Fairford & District Choral Society - an amateur group who perform choral music from the 15th to the 21st century. Tickets are £15 for adults; under 18s: £5. Please call 01285 713681 or pay on the door.
www.fairfordchoralsociety.org.uk

Feeling in need of renewal? Then why not take time out at a Christian retreat or quiet day? A Christian retreat is ideal for anyone looking to step out of the routine of a busy life, spend time with God and be spiritually renewed. With a choice of venues to choose from in and around Gloucestershire, there is a retreat or quiet day for everyone – to suit all budgets and needs. Take a look at the options via:
www.gloucester.anglican.org/retreat-centres

*With thanks to the April 2024 edition of [The Messenger](#),
from the Diocese of Gloucester, for the event details above.*

Verse Search – World Rivers

Ralph Hewitt is a member of the Methodist Church. He not only loves doing puzzles he creates them for fun. His 'word search' grid below contains the names of 30 world rivers to find.

There are two rivers beginning with the letter A, 2 with B, 3C, 2D, E, G, L, 3M, 2N, 2O, 2R, S, 4T, V, 2Y, and Z.

If you find all 30 rivers you will also notice that the *unused* letters in the grid spell out a relevant verse from the *Good News Bible* (1976). You might even manage to identify the verse. Good luck!

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

For answers, please see page 30.....

Crossword

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD BW99 (March 2024)

ACROSS:

1	QUEUE	10	IDLE	16	PERK	24	INNER
4	WEIGHTY	11	JUT	18	ABET	25	BELIEVE
8	ALREADY	12	LOGO	19	HUT	26	NARRATE
9	CAMEL	15	CHOP	20	ZOOM	27	DATES

DOWN:

1	QUALIFICATION	5	INCH	14	BEE	22	AREA
2	ENROL	6	HAMMOCK	15	CLEANER	23	CLAD
3	EXAM	7	YELLOWHAMMERS	17	BUBBLE		
4	WAY OUT	13	LOG	21	OVERT		

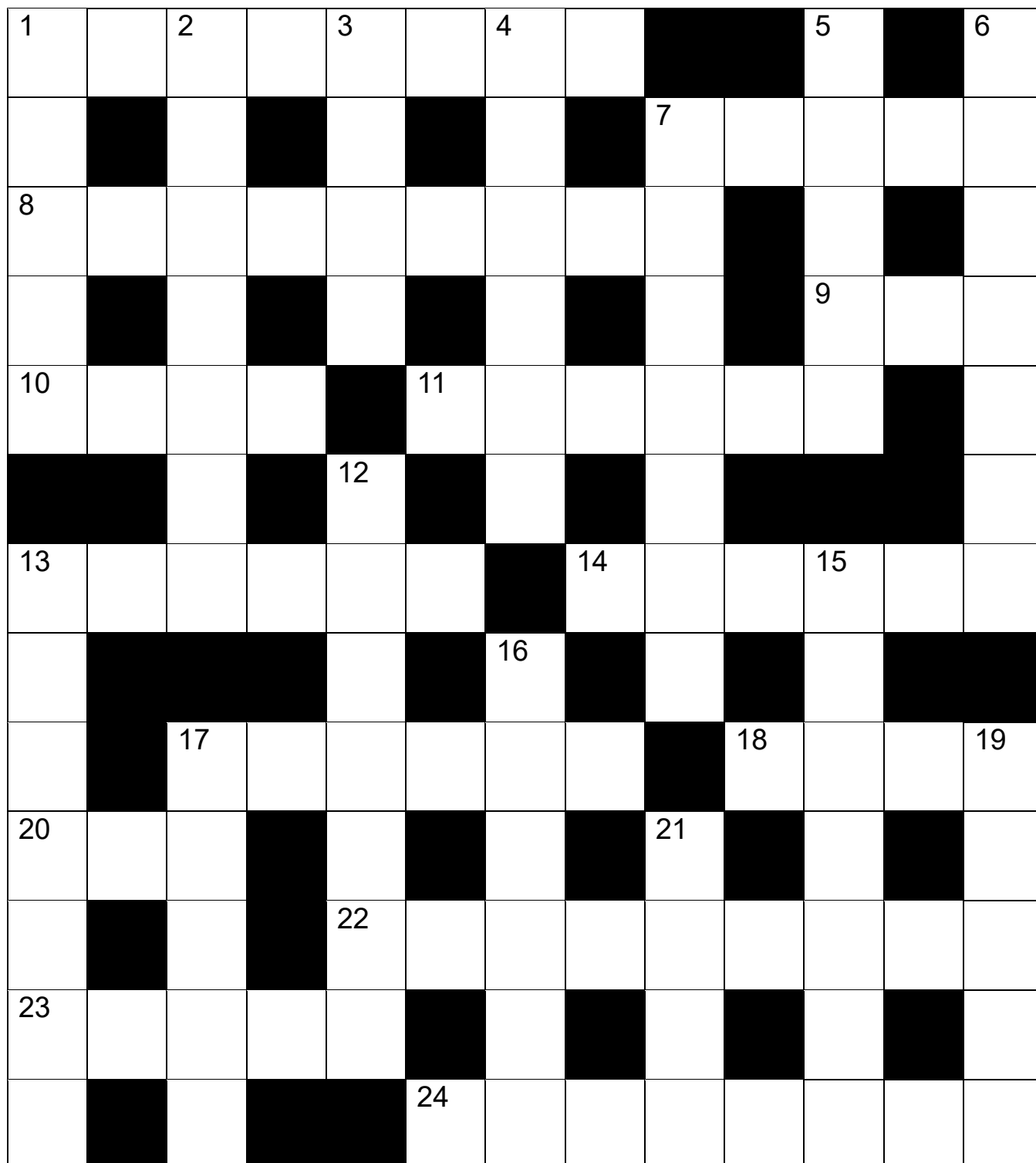
APRIL CROSSWORD: BW100 - *by Ben Woods*

CLUES ACROSS:

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 FRUIT (8); | 14 CONDESCEND (6); |
| 7 GRAB (5); | 17 MEAN (6); |
| 8 TOP UP (9); | 18 SOON (4); |
| 9 LIE (3); | 20 BOY (3); |
| 10 AMEND (4); | 22 WATCHING (9); |
| 11 ROBUST (6); | 23 SCOWL (5); |
| 13 SHIVERED (6); | 24 CONCERN (8). |

CLUES DOWN:

- | | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 1 ARC (5); | 12 TALK ABOUT (7); |
| 2 COPY (7); | 13 BE ELIGIBLE (7); |
| 3 PEAK (4); | 15 NOT JEWISH (7); |
| 4 WINDS (6); | 16 IN AGREEMENT (6); |
| 5 MOMENT (5); | 17 FOOL (5); |
| 6 STONES (7); | 19 NOT DAYTIME (5); |
| 7 HONE (7); | 21 LIBERATED (4). |



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April Services

Parish Church of St Margaret's, Bagendon

Sunday	7 th	9.30am	Matins (MG)
Sunday	14 th	9.30am	HC [CW] (Revd Helen Caine)
Sunday	21 st		<i>Benefice Service at Stratton with Bishop Robert</i>
Sunday	28 th		HC (Revd Canon Margaret Bettis)

Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Baunton

Sunday	7 th	9.30am	HC (DM)
Sunday	21 st		<i>Benefice Service at Stratton with Bishop Robert</i>

Parish Church of St Giles, Coberley

Sunday	7 th		<i>Service at Cowley</i>
Sunday	14 th	11.00am	MP (MV)
Sunday	21 st		<i>Benefice Service at Stratton with Bishop Robert</i>
Sunday	28 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (Revd Ali Mephram)

Parish Church of St James, Colesbourne

Sunday	7 th	10.00am	Matins (CH)
Sunday	14 th	9.30am	HC [BCP] (DM)
Sunday	21 st		<i>Benefice Service at Stratton with Bishop Robert</i>
Sunday	28 th	9.30am	Matins (MV)

Parish Church of St Mary, Cowley

Sunday	7 th	11.00am	MP (MV)
Sunday	14 th		<i>Service at Coberley</i>
Sunday	21 st		<i>Benefice Service at Stratton with Bishop Robert</i>
Sunday	28 th		<i>Service at Coberley</i>

Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Elkstone

Sunday	7 th	11.00am	MW (JA-M)
Sunday	14 th	11.00am	HC (DM)
Sunday	21 st		<i>Benefice Service at Stratton with Bishop Robert</i>
Sunday	28 th		<i>Service at Rendcomb</i>

Parish Church of All Saints, North Cerney

Sunday	7 th	4.00pm	Super Sunday Supper Service in Village Hall! (DM & JA-M)
Sunday	14 th	11.00am	HC (Revd Helen Caine)
Sunday	21 st		<i>Benefice Service at Stratton with Bishop Robert</i>
Sunday	28 th	11.00am	Matins (MG)

Parish Church of St Peter, Rendcomb

Sunday	14 th		<i>Service at Elkstone</i>
Sunday	21 st		<i>Benefice Service at Stratton with Bishop Robert</i>
Sunday	28 th	11.00am	MW (MV)

Parish Church of St Peter, Stratton

Sunday	7 th	9.30am	HC (JA-M)
Sunday	14 th	9.30am	<i>Big Breakfast Bash – All Age – in Stratton School Hall (JA-M)</i>
Sunday	21 st	10.30am	BENEFICE SERVICE with the Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Rt Revd Robert Springett
Sunday	28 th	11.00am	HC (Revd Ali Mephram)

WORLD RIVERS VERSE SEARCH ANSWERS:

AMAZON, ARNO, BLACKWATER, BRAHAMAPUTRA, CLYDE, COLORADO, ONGO, DNIEPER, DORDOGNE, EUPHRATES, GANGES, LOIRE, MEDWAY, MISSISSIPPI, NIGER, NILE, ORANGE, ORINOCO, RIO GRANDE, RUBICON, SEVERN, THAMES, TIBER, TIGRIS, TRENT, VOLGA, YANGTZE, YELLOW, ZAMBEZI.

The Hidden Bible Verse is from *Revelation 12:1*

(*Good News Bible, The Bible Societies 1976*):

THE ANGEL SHOWED ME THE RIVER OF THE WATER OF LIFE



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