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In my own sport, the World under 23 Athletics championships are in progress in Budapest, with the senior championships following in September in Tokyo.

One disappointment for the many who have known him, and been blessed by his generous, warm hearted and gentle humorous ministry, is the retirement of Father Kevin O'Driscoll as priest at the Holy Family church early in September. His influence over many years has gone far wider than the 'Catholic community' and, although he will not be far away, I and many other Langley residents will feel we have lost a true friend. Kevin, you have earned your retirement, and we pray that you will truly enjoy it – and I sincerely hope to get you to come to Arbour Park with me soon.

Enjoy your summer and, as Anna indicated in the June/July issue, any suggestions or offers of help for the magazine will be most welcome.

Tony Randall

Editorial

Welcome to our August and September issue of Around Langley.

The two months of the year that for many act as the hinge of the year, with August representing holiday time and September, especially for those in education, or impacted by it, making a new start.

With this in view we have an article in which a school worker reflects on this time.

As far as Summer itself is concerned, we have already had a very hot June and July and, while gardeners and others may be anxious, we hope the weather will continue to be good for holiday makers.

For many, life continues to be tough going, and in this issue we draw your attention to some of those local agencies that seek to provide help.

As I am writing this, sport has loomed large, with the tennis finals at Wimbledon, a gripping climax to the third cricket Test match between England and India, and the Scottish golf tournament acting as a warm up for the Open championship in Northern Ireland.

Meanwhile in Switzerland the England women's football team has just squeezed through their UEFA quarter final match against Sweden with the hope of progressing to the final on 27th July.



Arbour Park stadium, Home of Slough Town football club

Locally, the football season is about to start with Langley FC (who play their home matches at Arbour Park) competing in the Combined Counties league and Slough Town, home at Arbour Park, in what is called Step 2, the National League South. (You would be amazed at where the South of England stops

here!)

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News from Around Langley

Langley Community Coffee Shop



July began on a high note with a fantastic day at Worthing. It was such bliss to get away from the heat in Langley in a comfortable air-conditioned coach with a ride which took us two hours to reach Worthing with a comfort stop along the way. The temperature in Worthing was pleasant (26°C) with a cool onshore breeze.

It was easy to find one's way around the town, with a couple of large restaurants on the sea-front offering OAP fish and chips, and an easy walk to the High Street where we found a large M&S with a good range of clothes, much missed now in Slough.

When we returned to the pier, the London Veterans were being entertained by a great guitarist who was playing 'Uptown Girl'. The black London cabbies had brought the Veterans to Worthing where they were treated to lunch and entertainment. Apparently, they do this every year- what a great idea. That brought back some memories for a few of us.

In summary, our year has been successful thanks to our committee and the Volunteers who turn up every week to ensure people have coffee or tea and

biscuits when they meet. We try to have a speaker once a month and our weekly half hourly exercise programme, thanks to Sam, is greatly enjoyed. Highlights of our year have been the Christmas Lunch at Wexham Park Golf Club, a trip to Salisbury in November and of course our trip to Worthing at the end of the year. We are fortunate enough to have received some funding from Berkshire Funding which has enabled us to subsidize the Christmas Lunch and the coach excursions. A special thanks goes to Peter Dopson whose brilliant book-keeping ensures that we keep an accurate record of incomings and outgoings of the Club.

For those who would like to join or volunteer: we meet every Tuesday from 10am until 11.30am in St Joseph's Hall at the back of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Trelawney Avenue, SL37UD.

Some more committee members would be welcome, especially someone to organize the activities such as speakers, so some knowledge of IT skills such as Word and emails is needed. We ask for a small donation of £2 at our meetings to cover provisions and the exercises.

We will now have a summer break, so our last meeting of this year was on July 22nd and we reconvene on September 9th. I wish you all a happy, safe and restful holiday.

Sheila Papali

A School Worker Writes

As I sit to write this article many of us are thinking about the school summer holidays. Some will be looking forward to family holidays away, either here in the UK or in more exotic climes, others organising to meet up and visit friends and family members and many parents will be wondering how to cover childcare and keep their offspring occupied over the long 6 week break.

Working in a primary school, one of the things you often hear from parents and those who don't work in a school is 'Oh how lucky you are, getting such a long holiday!' This misconception belies the truth of what really goes on behind the scenes at most schools during the summer vacation. For starters there is all the building maintenance that can't be done when the school is occupied, most schools will have a timetable of works that needs to take place each week over the summer, keeping the site staff very busy, trying to ensure that all essential work is completed before the start of term. IT updates that are necessary so that all systems are ready to go when the school returns and are obviously impossible during term time must be completed.

Although most teachers will take a break with their families over the summer many will be in and out over this time, readying their classroom for the new batch of pupils who will be in their care for the next academic year. They will be trying to

get information about each child so that they can make it as smooth a transition as possible for the children come September. Not least, those teachers preparing for the new intake into Nursery and Reception classes, where they will be working hard creating displays, sorting and cleaning toys/equipment, making name tags for coat pegs all in an attempt to make their classrooms an interesting and welcoming space.

So, when you go to buy your child's new uniform this August, spare a few minutes to think about the school staff who have been working throughout the summer to make school a safe and happy place for the children who go there.

Anonymous contributor

Agencies Offering Help

Around Langley regularly draws attention to activities and events aimed at helping people in the local community. Here is a brief introduction to Community Connect.

This 'Empowering Lives Together' project was set up earlier in the year, aimed to run for 3 years, and provide a monthly programme for Carers, Older adults experiencing loneliness, People with disabilities or long-term conditions, and anyone feeling socially isolated. A poster is attached. The aim is to provide friendship, laughter and, where needed, to build self-confidence.

As you will see, once a month it provides

Community Connect

"Community Connect: Empowering Lives Together" - The project aims to support carers, socially isolated individuals, and vulnerable people in Slough by providing free fish and chip lunches with live entertainment (such as travelling pantos, 60s/80s music, and singing). It is designed to reduce isolation, build confidence, and strengthen community connections over three years.

♥ Free Lunch, Live Entertainment, and a Place to Connect! ♥

What is Community Connect?

A free, three-year community project designed to bring carers, socially isolated individuals, and vulnerable members of our community together for:

- ♥ A free fish & chip lunch
- ♥ Live entertainment - from travelling pantos to music and singalongs
- ♥ Friendship, laughter, and confidence-building

♥ Why Join Us?

- ✓ Meet new people and feel part of a welcoming community
- ✓ Enjoy great food in a relaxed environment
- ✓ Have fun with music, entertainment, and activities
- ✓ Take time for yourself away from everyday challenges

♥ Who Can Attend?

- ✓ Carers
- ✓ Older adults experiencing loneliness
- ✓ People with disabilities or long-term conditions
- ✓ Anyone feeling socially isolated

♥ Where & When?

- Location: 1st Langley Courts, Gosling Road, Langley, SL3 7TF

Starting April 2025, running for 3 years

10am-2pm - shows start at 11am promptly

Booking is essential please contact us to reserve your place

Join us in making our community stronger, one meal and one song at a time! 🎵🍷

Community Connect: Empowering Lives Together

♥ 2025 Line Up:

- 24th April - Scott Jenner
- 22nd May - Tali
- 19th June - Rock around the clock
- 31st July - Thank you for the music
- 28th August - Leanne
- 25th September - Leona
- 23rd October - Willoughby Peter
- 27th November - Dick Whittington
- 11th December - Jingle Bell Singer

♥ How to Get Involved:

- ☎ Call us: 01753 525796
- ✉ Email us: info@slougherscourts.org.uk
- 🌐 Visit our website: www.slougherscourts.org.uk

regularly. Around Langley regularly gives invitation to the Shamrock Friendship group and Mondays at LFC both of which meet on Mondays and the Coffee club that meets on Tuesdays – all aimed at providing a place for meeting people, having a chat and sharing a cuppa. Refresh at St Francis does this once a month on Thursday afternoons. So, the message is, don't feel lonely, go and check out one, or more, of them.

Foodbank is a very necessary agency for some, providing food, and other necessities, (by referral) when times are particularly hard.

I was recently impressed when shown the list of other organisations that Foodbank 'signpost' to meet specific needs including organisations that give money

a free fish and chips lunch, some live entertainment, and the opportunity to meet up with others. Pre-booking is essential and the programme gets oversubscribed, so if you know of someone that it might help, or you yourself might benefit from, take action now and phone 01753 525796.

All details are on the poster but note the dates for the rest of 2025 are - 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October, 27th November and 11th December.

Other Agencies

While Community Connect makes an excellent provision for those able to benefit, other organisations also seek to provide a place of friendship with some shared activity and refreshment more



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SLOUGH SL3 8RW



advice, family services, and help with addictions, education, health, work support, abuse, and housing.

Many young, and not so young, find difficulty in their busy and demanding lives to be able to cook economically for their families and might find it worthwhile booking on the Low energy cooking course to be run at Langley Free church in the Autumn.

The Children's Centre Family Hub featured in the last issue of Around

Langley and I am sure that you can read more of their activities in future issues.

Finally, there is a Langley Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) which has its next meeting in the Zest café at Langley College on 3rd September at 7pm. If you are interested you will be most welcome. You can find details about the Langley NAG from the Slough Borough Council website.

Tony Randall



AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF MAKING HISTORY

The Langley Marish United Charity is Seeking a New Trustee

The Almshouses in St Mary's Road are managed by a Charitable Trust. There are usually seven Trustees who volunteer, and we meet four times a year. We are now looking to recruit one more Trustee.

The Almshouses date back to 1617, with other units being added more recently. They have been set up by various local people to support those in the community who are in need of good housing. Nationally, Almshouses continue to be a key provider of housing for those in need and it is not simply a case of just conserving historic buildings, but also responding to the changing needs of society and perhaps even providing new accommodation.

Applicants should have an interest in people and buildings in a historic situation.

Please contact the Chair, Dr Elizabeth Campbell, on 07930 310201 for more information. <https://www.langleyalms Houses.co.uk/>

Reflections from Father Kevin on Retirement and Moving on from Langley

My father left rural, poor Ireland and arrived in Slough on a Friday afternoon in 1943. He married my mother in 1948 and myself, my sister and my brother were then born into the world. Because of the cost and his family commitments he did not travel back to his homeland until 1964! And in those days communication with parents and siblings back home was so, so limited. That must have been the experience of so many people at that time and perhaps for many years later.



I say all this because I must not feel sorry for myself as I retire from being the parish priest at Holy Family after many years. I will be moving out of the house at the beginning of September, but I am only moving to the other side of Slough, and, unlike my father, I have WhatsApp, the ability to text and email, to pick up my mobile phone and to get in my car to visit family and friends. But after saying that, I know that I will find leaving a challenge.

Catholic priests like myself do not marry. In a very real way the people who come to his church become his family and he is expected to belong to every person equally. And the relationship between

priest and people becomes a really deep one. He is invited into people's lives at the happiest and darkest times. A new child is born and is brought to the church for baptism. He joins in the rejoicing. He accompanies children as they take their early steps on their faith journeys – at their first Holy Communions and their Confirmations. He sends young people off to university or other new challenges with a blessing. He delights as couples pledge their love for each other before the church altar. And at other times he finds himself holding people's hands as they leave this life and he tries to comfort and support families in their grief.

And that has been my life as the Catholic priest here at Holy Family for the last 23 years. It has been just wonderful.

As I look back over the years I am astounded at how the makeup of the parish changed before my eyes. Back in 2002 most of the parishioners were English or, like my own parents, people who had come from Ireland looking for work. It was a place of warmth, with a thriving social club. Just recently we took stock and counted our nationalities. You name the countries – Brazil, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Myanmar - we have them! No less than 37 nationalities worship at Holy Family. Perhaps it is the most “mixed” community in Slough. And yet despite the change of personnel over the years think I can say that the dynamic is still the same – people coming to worship God, working hard for their families and doing good at every opportunity. The parish continues to be a strong part of Langley life, contributing strongly to its wellbeing.

I have done a lot of walking down memory lane recently as I contemplate retirement. One of my most joyful memories is how we re-ordered our church in 2007. It really is a beautiful building. I have enjoyed the friendship and support of so many people, including people from the other churches in Langley. We came together (on Zoom) many times during lockdown and that was so important.

A new priest will now be coming to Holy

Family. His name is Fr Tony Brennan and one of the nice things about him is that he was born and brought up in Langley. He attended Holy Family School and then Langley Grammar School. I know he will be very happy here.

It has been a privilege to serve the people of Langley for these many years and I thank everybody for every bit of kindness that has been shown to me.

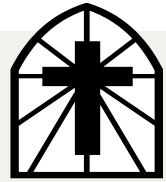
Kevin O'Driscoll

Anna Thomas-Betts writes:

It is with great sadness that *Around Langley* bids Father Kevin farewell. Over the past nine years of my editorship of the magazine, he has been a wonderful friend—always encouraging and helpful, gently correcting me when required, offering practical help and promoting us in the Holy Family Church and beyond. I am sure Bill Birmingham and Tony Randall would echo those sentiments.

I see his support of *Around Langley* as the natural outcome of his strong ecumenical convictions—the magazine is produced by the *Churches* in Langley after all. In Fr Kevin's time, the relationships between the Langley churches have blossomed and the lay people of the churches have formed strong bonds of fellowship. Long may that continue. .

We'll miss Father Kevin, but wish him a truly happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement.



Regular Weekly Service Times

Holy Family (Roman Catholic) (Trelawney Avenue)

We will be having Masses at 5pm on Saturdays and 9.30am and 11.30am on Sundays

The 9.30am Mass is live streamed on our YouTube Channel:
"HOLYFAMILYCHURCHLIVE"

Langley Free Church (Baptist) (Trelawney Avenue)

Please note that there will be services on all Sundays at 10.30am.

Now that the church is without a minister, services will continue to be led by members of the congregation. Speakers will be drawn from within the church and from outside, including representatives of Christian charities and missionary organisations.

Communion will be taken on the second Sunday in the month.

The Anglican Churches

St Mary the Virgin (St Mary's Road)

8am Holy Communion (BCP, said)

11am Family Communion

Christ the Worker (Parlaunt Road)

9.30am Holy Communion on Second and Fourth Sundays

11am Service of the Word on First, Third and Fifth Sundays

St Francis of Assisi (London Road)

All Sunday Services start at 9.30am (unless specified otherwise)

Holy Communion First, Second and Third Sundays,

Service of the Word (all-age) Fourth Sunday,

Fifth Sunday, no fixed format

Regular Activities at Langley Churches

Bible Study

On Zoom, Thursday afternoons, 2pm: no programme as yet. **Check with diana.iller@gmail.com for more information.**

Langley Free Church: Thursdays 7.30pm at church, and mornings at a house.
(Contact secretary@langleyfree.org.uk or phone 01753 540771)

Christ the Worker: Mondays, 1pm (Contact: Shola Aoko, shola_aoko@yahoo.co.uk)

'MONDAYS' at LFC

If it's company you're after, why not join us at Langley Free Church on a Monday for a cuppa—any time between 11am and 2pm. **(NB NOT on 4th or 25th August)**
Please bring your own lunch with you.
(Entry charge: £2.)

Oasis at Langley Free

Wednesdays from 1.30 to 3.30pm
Midweek Fellowship and occasional guest speakers.
Contact: Ann Portsmouth 01753 585845

Christ the Worker and Shamrocks Friendship Club



Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at the Shamrocks pub, 10am—noon, 12 Parlaunt Road, Langley, SL3 8BB. Tea, coffee, useful information from guest speakers and more... Everyone welcome.

BUT BEWARE! The Council are charging for Car Parking now!

Youth Club at LFC

The Langley Free Church Youth Club meets on Tuesday evenings during school term.
from 7.30pm to 9pm
for Ages 10 to 14 (Years 6-8)
Contact:
Andrew Collett 07719 997649

REFRESH! at St Francis

Third Thursday of every month

Join us for tea and cake and fellowship with a talk or maybe a quiz or even a surprise activity! A warm welcome awaits you!



Craft Afternoons at LFC 12–4pm

Bring your hobby along and join us on the 3rd Saturday of every month:
16th August and 20th September
Contact Chris on 07789 838 500.
(Suggested donation £2 towards refreshments)



Faith Matters

THE WAY WE WORSHIP *Christ the Worker Church Celebrate 60 years*

On 22nd June the church in Parlaunt Road joined in celebratory worship and praise in acknowledgement of its 60 years of existence and service to the local community.

The service, led by the Vicar Shola Aoko, assisted by the Rector, Chris Ferris, and with guests from other churches and the wider community, was a joyous, vibrant occasion. Unfortunately, the Archdeacon, who was due to assist in leading the service and preach the sermon, was indisposed. In consequence, Anna Thomas-Betts at short notice spoke of some of the issues that the church has recently confronted and, from the gospel reading in Mark, on Jesus' call to Simon and Andrew and their immediate response to follow him. She also affirmed our oneness in Christ from the reading in Galatians chapter 3.

Two members of the congregation spoke of church life. Norma Miskin in particular spoke of what Christ the Worker means to her. She spoke of her surprise at experiencing the welcoming

atmosphere of the church and of it being a place of gentle peacefulness and spirituality. She also spoke of the friendliness she experiences and of being a member of the church family which, as someone living alone, she greatly appreciates. Norma also spoke of the joy of children participating in the services and how much she enjoys the tea and chat after the services.

The church truly lived up to that welcome with a delightful spread for lunch where fellowship in the warm sunshine continued for many well into the afternoon.

Congratulations, Shola and team – may the next 60 years go well for you too.

Tony Randall

THE WAY WE WORSHIP *Services at Langley Free church*

In the article above you can see a report on Christ the Worker Church's 60th anniversary service which I attended. During the last year I have also attended my first ever Roman Catholic masses. Each of those services is quite different from what you would experience if you come to the church I attend, Langley Free

church. You might find some of those differences interesting.

The initial clue to the differences lies in the title Free which goes back to the 16th Century, although we as a church in Langley are only 124 years old. So just a little bit of history!

When the Church of England was established, after the Reformation, there were groups of people who, for conscience were not prepared to conform and so formed independent groups to worship. The reasons, in a society that was much more religious than today, could have been either political or matters of faith. Two examples of early non-conformists, or dissenters, as they were known, are John Bunyan, the writer of Pilgrim's Progress, who spent years in prison for his faith, and Isaac Watts, whose hymns are still sung by congregations of virtually every Christian denomination.

If there is interest, I will write a second part on how our history has led to quite different types of church organisations. Here I will try and briefly explain why and how our worship is slightly different.

Unlike the established and Roman Catholic churches, Langley Free does not have an established liturgy or regularly make use of a lectionary to set the scripture readings used.

Instead, the service leader has freedom to arrange the meeting, usually in cooperation with the speaker, and based on a theme that has been agreed with the church membership and a service planning group. For instance, from Pentecost Sunday on 8th June most services until the end of August will have focused on the early church and the Holy Spirit at work.

The overall aim is to ensure that worship of God is true and sincere with everyone being involved.



Meeting for Worship at LFC

Different members of the congregation may take readings or lead prayers. Prayer are sometimes open, with the opportunity for anyone in the congregation to spontaneously take part. There are occasions when members of the congregation can share their recent experiences or give a testimony. The sermon is regarded as an important part of the service based on

the set theme and Scripture.

We sing a mix of traditional hymns and modern songs with either keyboard accompaniment or using a system called 'I sing worship' which draws from a wide collection of recorded Christian music in both content and style. Hymn books are now redundant with words displayed on a screen at the front of the church.

We take Communion once a month – as we are currently without a Pastor this is conducted either by the visiting speaker or a church Elder. Servers take, first the Bread, and then the wine to members of the congregation where they are sitting. The wine is drunk (from individual glasses) together as a symbol of our unity and common fellowship.

Most commonly the service ends with the Grace being said together.

We only have one other rite besides communion, Baptism. As a Baptist church we believe that being baptised is by immersion for those who have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. These baptisms take place during a normal service.

All of our services continue to be available online – they are later available for access on the church website with an additional trial use of AI producing a sermon summary.

Tony Randall

Paul's Letter to the Galatians

I have often wondered what people with no knowledge of the history of the Hebrew people would make of the Christian message of Jesus' sacrifice, atonement and forgiveness. The early Christians were converts from Judaism, of course. And at that time, even others, mainly from Roman-occupied regions, would have been familiar with the concept of ritual sacrifice. But Judaism came with a huge lot of rules and regulations, referred to as 'The Law', which the gentiles, or non-Jewish people would not have subscribed to.

Jesus' followers took Jesus' final command that they should make disciples in the whole world very seriously, but there were dilemmas involved in this, a principal one being whether new Christians should be expected to obey the whole range of Jewish laws, especially regarding circumcision.

Remember Peter's vision - when he was asked to eat 'unclean animals' and was told that none of God's creatures was unclean. The early Christians learnt this lesson – that all who had faith were welcome as Christians. But in practice they found it difficult to sustain and live accordingly.

Galatia was Roman territory and while there were people there who accepted

Jesus as the Messiah, the 'Jewish Christians' wanted them to become Jews first, before being baptised. Even Peter, we are told, was ambivalent about this point (Gal. Ch.2) and Paul was indignant about that kind of attitude.

It was into this situation that Paul was speaking his message, through this letter. The message was, in his own words, '... what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ' (Gal 2: 15). And Paul was very clear about it. In Genesis, Abraham the Patriarch, had this special covenant with God, that if he believed in God and walked in his way, God will bless him, his children and their children... The Law did not exist at that time. It was a few hundred years later that the Jews expanded the ten commandments and the whole volume of by-laws (the Torah) evolved, as we see set out in Leviticus, Deuteronomy and Numbers.

Jesus had his own views on keeping the law. Remember the disciples rubbing the husks off corn and eating it on a Sabbath? To Jesus, this was not violating the commandment to keep Sabbath holy, but breaking a later understanding about what counted as not keeping it holy. That gives a new meaning to Jesus' claim that he did not come to destroy the law but to fulfil it: to fulfil not the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law.

Commentators generally agree that the letter to the Galatians was one of Paul's

early letters, when the relationship between Jewish and non-Jewish Christians was troubling him and early Christians a lot. One Commentary puts the letter to the Galatians as having a 'mixed personal and emotional appeal' (in the first two chapters), with doctrinal argument (Ch 3 and 4) followed by admonitions to stand firm in the freedom that Christ offers us and be guided by the Spirit. That theme is carried on in the letter to the Romans, written not long afterwards, but now as a carefully planned and structured document. Indeed, it is pointed out that there is merit in considering them together.

The theme that we are united through faith comes up in one of the widely quoted verses: 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus' (Ga 3:28). Virtually the same words appear in the letter to the Romans: 'God's righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile...' (Rm 3:22) Paul, known as the Apostle to the Gentiles continued to push this message in his later ministry as well. So in Colossians we read, 'Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. (Col. 3:11).

'Having faith' (in Jesus) can be a vague generalisation. But In the last section of

the Letter, Paul makes clear what having faith means: it means being filled with Holy Spirit. Then he spells out what the fruit of the Spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness and self-control. 'There is no law dealing with such things as these...If the Spirit is the source of our life, let the Spirit also direct our course' (Ch5: 22-25).

So, all of us who believe in Jesus as Lord, and Saviour, have been freed from slavishly obeying a set of rules, but filled with the Holy Spirit, who will guide us on our way. As the prayer attributed to St Augustine says, 'help us so to know thee...whom to serve is perfect freedom.'

Anna Thomas-Betts

GOD'S GRANDEUR

*The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings*

Gerald Manley Hopkins



The inspection of gardens has taken place, but results are still awaited.

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(Simon Jenkins in
England's Thousand Best Churches)

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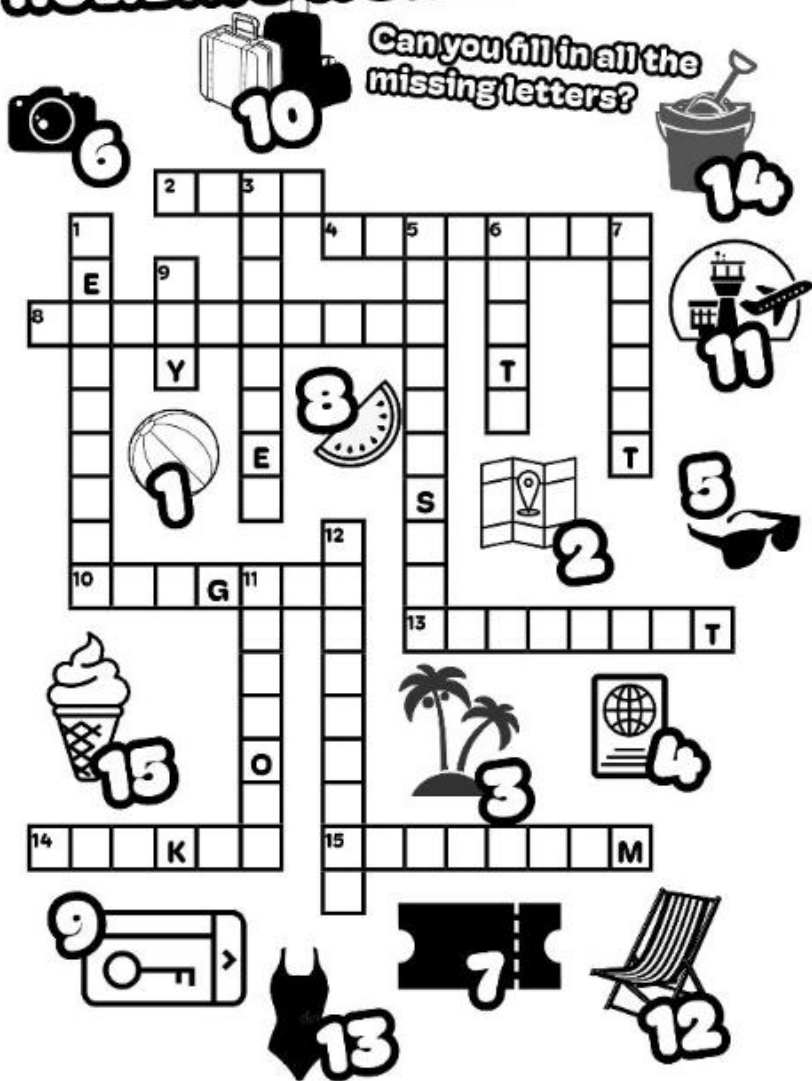
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