



# Summer Word Search

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Whatever you do and wherever you go  
 may the sun shine for you this summer  
 From Damien & Denise

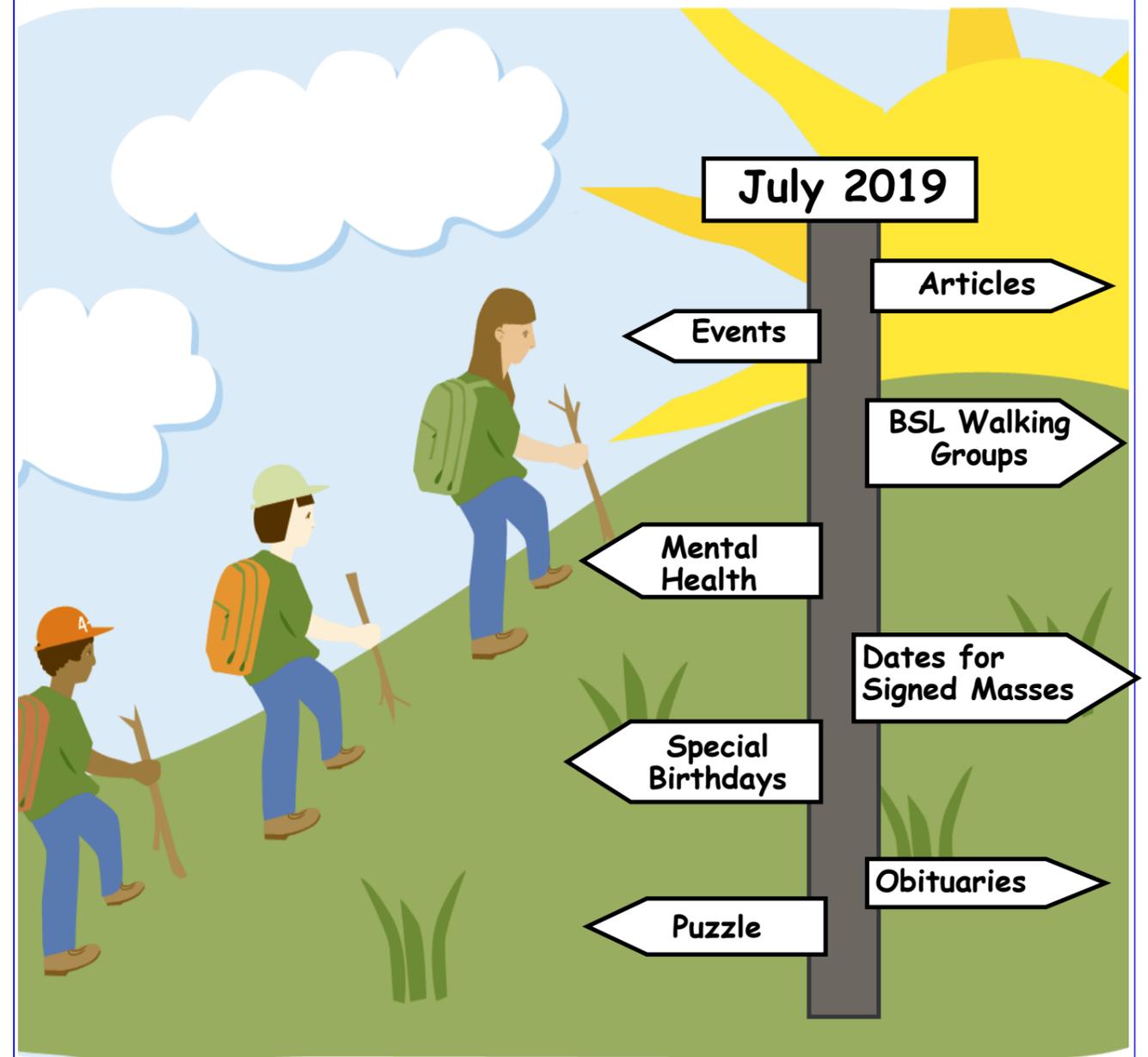


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# Signpost Newsletter



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### Special Sacrament Celebration for Deaf mother and her sons

On the eve of Vigil night before Easter Sunday there was a special Celebration from 7.30pm at St Theresa's church, Norris Green; presided over by parish priest Christ Fallon.

Gemma Hunter, who is Deaf, and her two sons (Jason 11 and Lewis 7) were being baptised, in preparation for all three sacraments (Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation) Gemma attended sessions provided by Nugent. Many of Gemma's wonderful family and friends came to join in the celebrations and it was wonderful change for St Theresa's to have integrated languages so that both Deaf and Hearing people could share and witnesses such a special moment.



The church was packed as there were another 9 people joining Baptism and it was a wonderful occasion, everyone was open to our Deaf structure/expression and they were impressed that there was a Power-point of every Reading, Gospel and song to make it more 'Deaf friendly' as well as BSL interpreters signing throughout.

Very special Thanks to Fr Dean Chris Fallon, for his understanding and flexibility welcoming Gemma and her sons; thank you to Sr Dorothy for her great mentoring me in my roles as a Deaf pastoral and the interpreters who have been part of this. Also Thank you to Nugent for their support and Rev Hannah Lewis for her initial referral of this family which enabled them to go on this journey of faith.



*Denise Armstrong-Hart*

### One Day CDA NW conference Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

The one-day conference was held in Blackpool and people travelled from far and wide to attend. Alongside attendees from Bolton, Burnley, Liverpool, Oldham, Manchester and Preston there were also people from Birmingham and North Wales!

The theme for the conference was 'The Healing touch of Jesus - understanding the stories in the gospels' was led by Fr Paul Fletcher SJ and Peter McDonough. One of the topics covered was Spiritual Growth, focusing on Our relationship with Jesus, being open to God's message, accepting ourselves for who we are, being more at peace with ourselves. We also looked at Miracles in the Bible and how re-reading those can help us in the World we live in. The woman who touched Jesus' cloak, Mark 5:25-34 was one miracle we looked at and after the presentations we had a few moments silence for individual reflection and then an opportunity to discuss our thoughts.

We had a lovely 3 course meal, followed by Mass led by Fr Paul. There was also time for a stroll along the promenade before we headed home.

The CDA have held the conference at the Claremont Hotel for a number of years but this was the last time it will be held there; the CDA will be looking for a new venue for their 2020 NW conference.



7 Deaf people attended from Liverpool Diocese

*Report by Damien Mahon*



### Obituary 2019

May they Rest in Peace



**Kathleen Gorrell** died at the age of 79 on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019. She leaves behind two Deaf children Fiona and Billy and two grandchildren. She was the eldest of 7 brothers and sisters; She attended Crown Street Deaf School. Her funeral was on 14<sup>th</sup> February at St Aloysius Church in Huyton and then on to St Helens Crematorium. Kathleen is now reunited with her late husband William Gorrell, who died in 2013.

**Margaret/Peggy Ainsworth** passed away suddenly on 6<sup>th</sup> February, only one month after she had celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. She leaves behind her husband Tony, two daughters Susan and Catherine and six grandchildren. Margaret had 2 sisters and 1 brother and she became Deaf after a bout of TB/Meningitis when she was 10 years old. Margaret went on to attend Crown Street School for the Deaf in Liverpool and then worked in a variety of jobs. She married Tony at Saint Francis Xavier Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1960. Margaret regularly attended MSDP and Christ the King and Our Lady masses; She was a member of MSDP and loved playing bingo and chatting at the social clubs. She also loved writing poems, several of which were included in the Signpost Newsletters. Margaret was good at sewing and enjoyed being part of the Deaf Craft group, she had a great sense of humour and a warm personality. She was devoted to her family and never happier than when she was surrounded by her children and grandchildren.



Margaret's funeral took place at St Sebastian's Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.



**Jackie Dale** sadly passed away on 25<sup>th</sup> February aged 77 at her care home where she had lived for the past 3 years. She was brought up in Crosby and attended Crown Street school. She loved her dogs and going on holidays with her sister Sue. She was very warm person, always giving items to her friends. Jackie loved playing bingo and meeting with friends. She is now reunited with her late husband Peter who passed away in June 1995. Jackie's funeral took place in Southport on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**Jerry Hanifin** was a very well-known comedian in the Deaf Community. Sadly he passed away at the age of 76 in Derby on 28<sup>th</sup> March. He had worked in Royal School for the Deaf, Derby where he taught sign language until his retirement in 2007. He created videos of children's storybooks in BSL for the pupils. He was on the stage at the CDA National Conference in Brighton three years ago with his comedy act. His funeral took place at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Derby on 10<sup>th</sup> April. People who paid their respects to Jerry mentioned that he was a much loved teacher and very talented comedian, he certainly was an expressive storyteller. He was truly gifted, a role model and inspiration for everyone. Jerry leaves his wife Janet, daughters Louise, Emma & Victoria and his grandchildren.





**Saint Philip Howard, Martyr and Earl of Arundel 1557-1595.**



As part of the recent Deaf CCRS (Certificate of Catholic Religious studies) weekend the group had trip for half a day to Arundel castle in West Sussex. We learnt of a very interesting passionate story of Earl Philip who fought to remain and keep his Catholic faith, he is now known as St Philip Howard. Philip was born son and heir to Thomas, forth due of Norfolk in the last year of the short reign of Mary Tudor. At 14 Philip was married to his step-sister, his father had remarried after Philip's mother died.

As a young man, Philip was introduced to the extravagant court of Queen Elizabeth and lived there, neglecting his young wife. However, in time Philip became greatly impressed by the words and witness of Edmund Compian, a Jesuit priest imprisoned in the tower of London who had been put on trial for his Catholic faith. In 1584 Philip was reconciled to the Catholic church and he started lead a very different lifestyle, attending mass (often in secret) and spending time in prayer. Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>, was persuaded that he was supporter of the threatened Spanish invasion. Philip was captured as he tried to flee overseas, was arrested and put into the tower of London where he was kept for 10 years. Philip was not allowed to see his son unless he would conform to the Queen's religion; this he refused to do. He was kept constantly in fear of execution, although comforted by the companionship of a dog, which served as a go-between so Philip and other prisoners, most notably the priest Robert Southwell, could send messages to each other. Although these two men never met, Howard's dog helped them to deepen their friendship and exchange encouragement in each other's plight. Philip Howard loved his dog who stands by his side in the statue at Arundel Cathedral.

Philip Howard died on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1595, age 38, he was immediately acclaimed as a Catholic Martyr. Buried without ceremony beneath the floor of the church of St Peter ad Vincula, inside the walls of the Tower. On the wall of his cell he carved the inscription *'the more suffering in the wold for Christ's sake, the more glory with Christ in the next.'* 29 years later, his widow and son obtained permission from King James I of England to move the body to the Fitzalan Chapel located on the western grounds of Arundel Castle. Some of his bones are also found within his shrine at Arundel Cathedral.

He was canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970 his remains were then transferred in Arundel Cathedral beneath this altar-tomb.

*Report by Denise Armstrong-Hart*



**Famous Notre Dame Cathedral ruined by fire!**



Building started in 1160 on Notre Dame (which means Our Lady) and the Cathedral was finally finished in 1260. Notre dame is visited by around 12 million people every year. Sadly on 15 April 2019, a structure fire broke out beneath the roof of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. By the time it was extinguished, the building's spire and most of its roof had been destroyed and its upper walls severely damaged; extensive damage to the interior was prevented by its stone vaulted ceiling, which largely contained the burning roof as it collapsed.

Many works of art and religious relics were moved to safety early in the emergency, but others suffered some smoke damage and some exterior art was damaged or destroyed. The cathedral's two pipe organs, and its three 13th-century rose windows, suffered little to no damage. Three people suffered injuries related to the fire. President Macron launched a fundraising campaign, it has been estimated that restoration make take 20 years or more.



There have been some very special birthdays celebrated this year



**50th Birthday**



Denise Armstrong Hart 27<sup>th</sup> January



**70th Birthdays**



1. Anne Hanley 12<sup>th</sup> May
2. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon 14<sup>th</sup> June
3. Gerard Crooks 25<sup>th</sup> June

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**80th Birthdays**

1. Margaret Ainsworth 4<sup>th</sup> January
2. Frank Hanley 17<sup>th</sup> January
3. Richard Roughley 28<sup>th</sup> January
4. Rita Kelly 5<sup>th</sup> May
5. Sheila Rice 2<sup>nd</sup> June
6. David Mahon (Damien's father) 10<sup>th</sup> June

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**SUMMER**



**St Joseph's Social Club**

Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M4 5HF

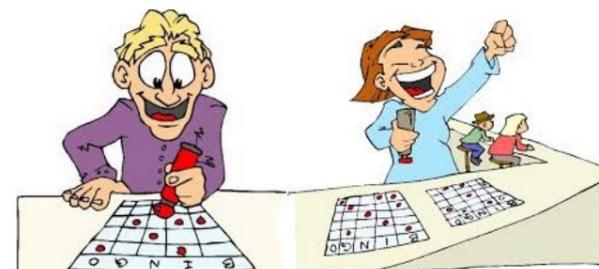
On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Door Open at 12noon Eyes Down at 2.30pm

Ticket £5 At Door £6 (non-refundable)

Sandwiches available and Bar to be open

No Children allowed



**MSDP Centre**

at Joe's Members Bar

Queens Drive Retail Park, West Derby, Liverpool, L13 0DJ

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Door Open at 11.30am  
Eyes Down begin at 2pm

Tickets £5

See Linda Green for more information



## The Shropshire Knife Angel



In the light of recent increases in knife crime I thought the following information was particularly stunning:

*The Knife Angel stands 27 feet tall and is made of over 100,000 knives. Thirty percent of the knives used in the sculpture were bloodied on arrival and came in biohazard bags.*

*The National Ironworks Centre is situated just outside the Shropshire town of Oswestry. Various sculptures are placed around the park surrounding the visitor's centre. Guests are treated to a delight of film creatures and*

*mythologies, or they can even go on a metalwork safari culminating in a caged gorilla made from 40,000 spoons. The idea to create the powerful artwork arose after the centre's famous Spoon Gorilla was unveiled. The Ironworks team decided to construct the sculpture to raise awareness about knife crime.*

*As part of a project called "Save a Life, Surrender your Knife," the centre organized more than 40 amnesties and 200 knife banks at its own cost. Alfie Bradley, the artist, disinfected and blunted the weapons before welding them to form the angel.*

This *Knife Angel* has been on display outside Liverpool Cathedral and earlier this year moved to Hull's Queens Gardens as part of Humberside's #NoMoreKnives campaign.

It has been on display in a number of places, including Liverpool, Hull, Coventry and Birmingham. It will continue on to Gloucester and Derby, for more information about this amazing statue you can go to [www.britishironworkcentre.co.uk](http://www.britishironworkcentre.co.uk) At some point it is hoped that it will go on display in London to encourage the surrendering of knives and counter knife-crime.

I think the sculpture is an incredible witness to the awful violence of our modern society and worth visiting to remind ourselves of all the victims of violent assault... gives an opportunity to stop and pray silently in the hope that our world will eventually turn more peaceful, loving and respectful. [like visiting Auschwitz concentration camp - reminds us of the brutality of some political extremists]. So, we must live in hope and discourage extremism!

*Fr. Paul M. Fletcher SJ, St Wilfrid's, Preston*

## Deaf Signed Masses for July 2019

### **Christ the King & Our Lady Church in Liverpool**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm

### **St Bartholomew's Church in Rainhill**

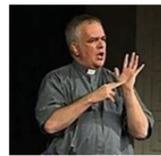
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 5.15pm

### **St Austin's Parish, Thatto Heath in St Helens**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm.

### **MSDP Centre, Queens Drive Retail Park in Liverpool**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 5.30pm



## Deaf mental health

### Mental Health issues - 1 in 4 people in the UK experience mental health problems



In one study involving Deaf people 41% said they believed that communication problems coupled with family stresses and overall prejudice could cause or contribute to suicidal depression, substance abuse or violent behaviour in some cases.

Living with a hearing loss can be difficult it can cause all sorts of problems varying from feelings of isolation, despair, frustration, anger, unfairness, inequality and much more. Low self-esteem and self-confidence can be very common emotions. Many people are still struggle everyday.

A person might feel stressed, low, anxious or not coping, but might not really know why. Left untreated, these normal feelings can sometimes escalate into ones which can spiral out of control.

We all know we need to look after our body but looking after our mental health often gets forgotten or not even thought about.

You shouldn't have to justify to anyone or yourself why you feel depressed, anxious or any other feelings which could signify a mental health issue. We are only human, our mind is the most complex organ, sometimes it can need help as can any other part of our bodies.

Men especially find it difficult to discuss feelings and emotions; it is always better to ask for help than keep your feelings inside as it will only get worse if you don't do something. Why not google "surfing emotions" and see the steps to help you look at yourself; if you identify with the list then you can use this to describe to others how you are feeling.

There is also help, advice and treatment available through the NHS, go to your GP and ask for help. If anyone reading this feels they need help with their mental health there are many agencies there for you (see below).

Here are some very useful and helpful organisations, all of which you can self-refer.

SignHealth [www.signhealth.org.uk](http://www.signhealth.org.uk)

Deaf4Deaf [www.Deaf4Deaf.com](http://www.Deaf4Deaf.com)

Samaritans [www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help-you/contact-us](http://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help-you/contact-us) Text: 07725 909090

Mind [www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helplines](http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helplines)

Time-to-Change [www.time-to-change.org.uk](http://www.time-to-change.org.uk)

Rethink [www.rethink.org](http://www.rethink.org)

### BSL Walking groups

**Merseyside BSL Walking Group:** Created in January 2017 for BSL users in Merseyside. Walking in a group is a great way to start walking, make new friends and stay motivated. The group walks are for health, leisure and as a means of getting around for people of all ages, backgrounds and levels of fitness.

**FACEBOOK:** Merseyside BSL Walking group

**Cheshire Deaf Walking group :** Cheshire Deaf Walking Group to bring Deaf & Hearing people together on regular walks throughout the year. Set up in June 2012 with the aim of attracting d/Deaf walkers, based in Cheshire and surrounding areas, including Merseyside & North Wales. A friendly informal group with the emphasis on having a laugh, as well as a good walk and a pint or two! There will be different varieties of walks to suit all abilities. All you need are a pair of walking boots!

Find out about upcoming events [www.evensi.uk](http://www.evensi.uk) or  Cheshire-Deaf- Walking- Group