



SAINTS ALIVE!

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All Saints' Church, North Hillingdon UB10 9BT*



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THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NORTH HILLINGDON
UB10 9BT

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THE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

All Saints' Church aims to be a welcoming Anglican community, a place of prayer and worship, providing a ministry to all and where people gather to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Normal SUNDAY Times

Said Eucharist **8.00 am**

PARISH EUCHARIST WITH HYMNS

with Children's Corner **10.00 am**

*followed by refreshments in the Church Hall next door,
at which **all** (**and especially any visitors**) are very
welcome.*

One Sunday each month:

Sung Parish Eucharist *in a less formal style* **10.00 am**

Usual HOLYDAY & WEEKDAY Times

The Parish Eucharist on Holydays & Feastdays **7.30 pm**

Wednesday Said Holy Communion **10.00 am**

Please see the Parish Website or the weekly *Parish Bulletin* on the church porch notice-board for full details. Alternatively telephone the Vicarage (01895 262024) or email allsaintshillingdon@gmail.com.

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A VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear Saints (and sinners),

The Church of England is a broad church. Our different traditions have different ways of experiencing salvation, different expectations of clergy, different focuses in worship and community life.



Evangelicals believe they “*transformed by the renewing of our minds*” (Rom 12.2). Their clergy see themselves primarily as teacher-pastors, with an emphasis on personal conversion to Christ, biblical teaching, discipleship, and evangelism. Leadership is less hierarchical, as they believe in the ‘*priesthood all believers*’ (1 Peter 2:5). Although often conservative with regards sex, sexuality and marriage, their services seek to be culturally accessible, often with minimal liturgy, modern music and an engaging biblical sermon. Church community life is focused on small groups aimed at fostering discipleship and evangelism.

For Liberal Christians, the heart of Christ’s teaching is “*Love one another*” (John 13:34) rather than doctrine. They emphasise openness and social action. The priest is a facilitator of conversations, a pastoral guide, and advocate for social justice. Liberals today are often passionate about inclusion, gender equality, climate justice, and interfaith dialogue. Worship, whether liturgical or informal, is symbolic rather than literal and focuses on welcome and love of others, as does church communal life and community service.

Charismatic Anglicans focus on encountering the Spirit of God “*we with unveiled faces are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit*” (2 Cor 3:17). This happens through welcoming the presence of God in experiential and emotive worship and intentional use of spiritual gifts. Services might include testimony, prayer for healing and waiting on the Spirit. The pastor is expected to be relational and Spirit-filled, modelling prayerful intimacy with God. Church members expect to see the ‘Kingdom of God’ manifest in daily life through answered prayers.

For Anglo-Catholics, the priest is primarily a sacramental figure with apostolic authority, participating in Christ’s ‘*ministry of reconciliation*’ (2 Cor 5:18). The Eucharist is the heart of worship and our encounter with God; ‘*Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you*’ John 6:53. The importance of the Mass is expressed through rich vestments, incense, liturgical worship and ceremonial action, reminiscent of temple worship. Community life revolves around the church building, which is viewed as a sacred space.

Leadership is hierarchical; the priest is the spiritual father, the shepherd of the flock, whose pastoral duties include confession and spiritual direction.

Each tradition reflects aspects of our humanity; *head, heart, spirit and body*. All are committed to nurturing faith, pastoral care, and drawing people closer to God. Many churches are a mix of aspects of each of these. Recognising this diversity helps to foster respect for others, and by reflecting on ways others worship, to deepen our own walk with God, mind, heart, spirit and body.



Caveat lector,

Have a blessed summer,

Fr Ulric Gerry

Articles for the **September 2025** issue need to reach the Editor by **Sunday 31st August 2025** saintsalive.editor@gmail.com

We will be very pleased to have some new items for the next edition.

Please don't forget to mention SAINTS ALIVE! when you contact any of the advertisers in this month's edition. It makes a difference.



This year, the Church of England's summer social media campaign is celebrating all creatures great and small.

They are asking for pictures of animals in churches, or within the church grounds, local wildlife, or even in carvings, paintings and stained-glass windows.

If anyone has any good photos from the past, or ideas, do send them to the Editor!

EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

**Wednesdays at 10:30am - Coffee, Cake and Companionship
in the Hall**

Wednesday Service at 10am - Rev. Ulric Gerry

Sunday Service at 8am and 10am - Rev. Ulric Gerry

July

Saturday 5th JULY- All Saints' Summer Fete

Sunday 20th – Dedication Lunch and 'NHWS Sunday' (brown book)

August

Tuesday 12th August at 11am - Ryefield Court Communion Service

Sunday 24th August - 'NHWS Sunday' (brown book)

EVENTS IN HILLINGDON

Every Monday, 10am-11am – Sow and Grow Gardening Club at Ickenham Library

Friday 4TH July , 10AM-12PM – Digital Help Workshop at Uxbridge Library

Saturday 5th July, 10am-2pm – Repair and Reuse Day and Bike Repairs at The Battle of Britain Bunker

Sunday 6th July at 6pm – Hillingdon Chamber Choir Concert in Pinner

Friday 18th July, 10am-12pm - Digital Help Workshop at Uxbridge Library

Plus, the Coffee and Crime events continue across the borough with talks from various authors.

And there are regular led walks – have you ever joined one of those?



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Happy Birthday to Rosemary and Karol

Two much-loved members of our congregation recently celebrated their 90th birthdays.

Many happy returns to Rosemary and Karol.



Long Lane Link – Churches together in Long Lane Hillingdon



I guess having been brought up in a home where my mother was an Anglican and my father a Unitarian and on Sunday mornings they headed off to their respective places of worship and were fully supportive of each other doing so, it was somewhat inevitable that as I grew up, I too would have a broad view of church and learn to appreciate and respect the different traditions and expressions of Christianity.

At university this was strengthened by the chaplaincy, which was circular building housing Anglican and Catholic chapels side by side with a 3rd space used by other denominations and faiths. At the centre was a shared space used by all for socials and meetings where all denominations and faiths would meet and socialise together.

Moving to London I quickly got involved in an ecumenical community made up of Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox and free church members all who fully participated in their own churches whilst also coming together at other times to worship, pray and carry out mission.

In the community I met Caroline my wife who had been brought up a catholic and after much prayer and discussion, we decided we would get married and seek to live out an ecumenical marriage doing what we could to build bridges between the churches.

When we moved to Hillingdon in 2016, we duly joined the local Anglican and Catholic churches in Long Lane and were excited to find out about the Long Lane Link and the agreement signed by all the churches in Jan 1996 which included commitments such as:

- We wish to deepen our understanding of one another's mission and seek ways in which we may support one another.
- It is our intention, where possible, never to do separately those things which could be better done together.
- We will pray regularly for one another's ministry.

Reg Craig the minister of Hilly Park Baptist Church was faithfully organising a Walk of Witness each year which Rosemary mentioned in her article in the May addition, but then with covid and Reg leaving, there was a real danger that this event might fizzle out, which is where I stepped in to try and ensure it didn't.

Having organised the walk for a few years I was keen to see if there was any appetite for the churches to do any more together during the year so I initiated a meetings with the church leaders and we came up with a list of potential events for the year ahead:

- Joint prayer meeting 21st September 6pm North Hillingdon Methodist
- Carol Singing outside Hillingdon Station – December organised by Hilly Park
- Prayer breakfast Sat 24th Jan - Hilly Park during the week of prayer for Christian Unity
- Joint Lenten groups Feb / Mar 2026
- Walk of Witness - Long Lane 3rd April 2026



We also instigated a bimonthly prayer event on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at my house for anyone who wanted to come along and pray for our churches and our neighbourhood – 9th July, 10th Sept, 12th Nov, 8pm, 36 Sweetcroft Lane.

North Hillingdon Methodist also hold a regular evening prayer meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month (excluding August) which they warmly invite us all to, so the next one will be Sunday 20th July 6pm.

So lots to look forward to and get involved with should you wish.


I would like to close with a heartfelt thank you to All Saints for so kindly agreeing to be the final destination for the Walk of Witness over the last few years, providing much needed refreshments and hot cross buns, all the feedback has been incredible as to the wonderful hospitality you all provided.

Let's continue to pray for all our churches and our joint witness to the residents of North Hillingdon.

Jonathan Mead



SUMMER FETE



Saturday 5th July
12pm to 3pm

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL AND GROUNDS

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- bouncy castle •
 - BBQ •
 - homemade cakes •
 - bottle tombola •
 - games •
 - books •
 - raffle •
 - plants •
 - and much more!

Our visit to Southlands Art Centre



On Sunday 5 May, Anna and I went to the Southlands Arts Centre to see their annual Photographic exhibition.

Southlands is an attractive Queen Anne style house and is at the southern end of West Drayton, one would have gone down Swan Road to a wide expanse called The Green, and there is the entrance to Southlands which is set in attractive wooded grounds.

The Photography exhibition had been opened by the Mayor of Hillingdon, Colleen Sullivan and her escort Anne Robinson. They had toured the exhibition and among the many fine photographs they found it very difficult to choose the winning one. The first was a period country house set in fine wooded grounds, and second was a view of HMS Belfast, with Tower Bridge in the background.

The photo exhibition was sponsored by Susan Wynne in loving memory of her late husband Richard Wynne who had been Chair of the Photography club for many years. On one of the landings there was a selection of the many fine photos that Richard had taken, and the Photography club photos filled many rooms at Southlands.

We were fortunate to meet James Carson Head of the Photography club at Southlands, who gave us a guided tour of Southlands and its grounds. There are a number of special interest groups that meet at Southlands, to name some, photography, kitchen gardening and some of the produce ends up in the cafe, for music studies there is a baby grand piano, basket weaving and making garden decorations. On the ground floor was a magnificent room with wooden wall panelling with a fine view over the gardens that could be used for a variety of meetings.

James Carson is also connected with Hillingdon Vision which is an organisation to promote interest in the media arts in the Borough of Hillingdon. It offers training to those wishing to pursue an interest or career in the media. Brunel University, which publishes the Hillingdon Herald, is a training ground for those interested journalism. Also, members of the Photographic club are encouraged or commissioned to photograph or write about events that are occurring locally in Hillingdon.

So, if you see notices of events at Southlands Arts Centre you will enjoy your visit there.

Brian Hillier



WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10:30-12:30

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Encore at Cadogan Hall



On the last Saturday in June, a friend and I braved the heat and crowds of the London Underground to go to Sloane Square. My friend had tickets for the end of term concert by the students of the Hillingdon Music Service.

We first treated ourselves to a late light lunch at a restaurant in Sloane Square, then waited in the beautiful lounge/lobby of Cadogan Hall (first opened in 1907 as a new Christian Science Church designed by Robert Fellowes

Chisholm; purchased by Cadogan Estate in 2000 and refurbished; opened in June 2004 as a concert hall - the London base for the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra).

The concert was amazing. Performers ranged from junior school pupils to university students and Music Service staff. Each group of musicians performed pieces relevant to their instruments and experience, ranging from Bruno Mars, Disney and *Wicked* to Karl Jenkins and Sibelius. The talent displayed was truly inspirational and brought back memories of my time in school and county orchestras.



The Mayor of Hillingdon presented certificates to a dozen students who were 'graduating' from the service and hoping to move on to new musical pastures. His speech at the end of the concert praised the hard work and dedication of the students, their parents and carers, and the music service staff.

If you have time to support the *Friends of Hillingdon Music Service* by helping with fund-raising and behind-the-scenes at practices and concerts, please contact them at friendshillingdonmusic@gmail.com or find out more at www.friendshms.org.uk

Jane Turnbull

Burn the Floor – Wycombe Swan



I was given a wonderful Christmas present of tickets to 'Burn the Floor' at Wycombe Swan on Saturday 21st June, which Anne and I went to starring Strictly Come Dancing's 2024 winner Dianne Buswell and 2023 winner Vito Coppola.

The show was called 'Red Hot and Ready' and it exploded with jaw-dropping choreography, heart pounding music and breathtaking moves.

Dianne partnered Chris McCausland in Strictly Come Dancing and won a BAFTA for one special dance. Vito, as well as being an amazing dancer, won Celebrity Masterchef.

They were accompanied by a small group of very good dancers and hopefully we will see them on the next Strictly Come Dancing series this Autumn on the telly.

Marion Robinson

What's on... at Oak Farm Library

Computer Taster Sessions
These taster sessions support people who want to develop their computer skills and confidence so they can make the most of the opportunities afforded by digital technology.
(On demand, please contact staff to book a session.)

Monday
South Asian Dance Class
2nd Mon 11am to midday
Put on your dancing shoes, dance the session away and socialize with friends with our South Asian dance class. (Booking essential)
Oak Farm Library Book Club
2nd Mon of the month, 2pm to 3pm
Interested in meeting new people and sharing your love of books? Why not Join our friendly group of readers to explore a wide range of books and new authors. (Contact branch for more information)

Tuesday
Strength and Balance Exercise Class
11.35am to 12.20pm & 12.20pm to 1pm
Improve your strength and balance and help to reduce your risk of falling at these low-impact exercise sessions. (Booking essential)

Wednesday
Scrabble
11am to 1pm
Come and play classic games you know and love - Scrabble, chess and more. Board games available at all times (Open to adults)
Knit and Crochet Group
1pm to 3pm
Bring your own knitting or crochet project and join us in the library for a chat, to share ideas or work on a shared project. (Drop in)

For more information please speak to a member of staff or visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries.



What's on... at Oak Farm Library

Thursday
Chairiobics
11am to 11.50am and midday to 12.50pm
These gentle, chair-based exercises are great for improving your posture and balance are suitable for people with reduced mobility. (Booking essential)
Dementia Friends
2pm to 3pm
Join us for a dementia friendly group, where you can enjoy a range of activities and meet other people living with dementia. Open to anyone living with dementia and their carer's. (Drop in)

Friday
Coffee Morning
Every other Friday, 10.30am to midday
Join us for a chat, a hot drink and to meet new friends alternate Fridays. Open to adults. (Drop in)
Knit and Crochet Group
11am to midday
Bring your own knitting or crochet project and join us in the library for a chat, to share ideas or work on a shared project. (Drop in)
Mens Cancer Support Group (Macmillan)
1pm to 2pm
Cancer support group for Men, run in collaboration with Hillingdon Hospital and Macmillan. (Drop in)
Men's Games Group
2pm to 3pm
Come and play classic games you know and love - Scrabble, chess, draughts, dominoes and cards - in this social group for men. (Drop in)

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Breast Cancer Now Afternoon Tea



Ready to be a life-changer?

Join us for our first Afternoon Tea for Breast Cancer Now.

Friday 15th August. 2.30-5.30pm.

Vicarage Garden (weather permitting) or Church Hall.

We shall be holding a tea party for Breast Cancer Now on Friday August 15th from 2.30-5.30 pm, weather permitting in the Vicarage garden.

We shall be having a singer to entertain us for an hour, and also the Mayor of Hillingdon will be popping in.

At the moment, I know of four ladies who are on different stages of their breast cancer journey and the youngest of these is only 34. So they have been my inspiration to hold this event.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending as we shall need an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

There will be a suggested donation of £10 to attend, any more details then just contact Lesley in person or on 07742326567.

Look forward to hopefully see some of you there.

Lesley Thompson

Save the date!

This year's Macmillan Coffee Morning will be after the 10am Eucharist on Sunday 21st September.

Do mark the date in your diary, and tell your friends and family!



Summer Word Search



Can you find all the words in the puzzle below?



PLAYING

KITES

BBQ

HOLIDAY

SUMMER

ICECREAM

WAVES

POOL

SANDCASTLES

SWIMMING

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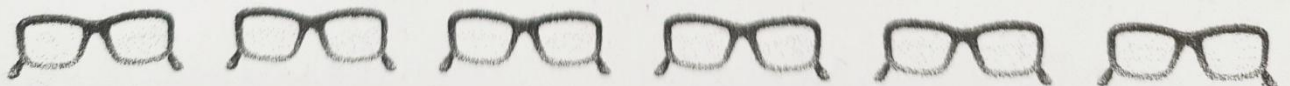
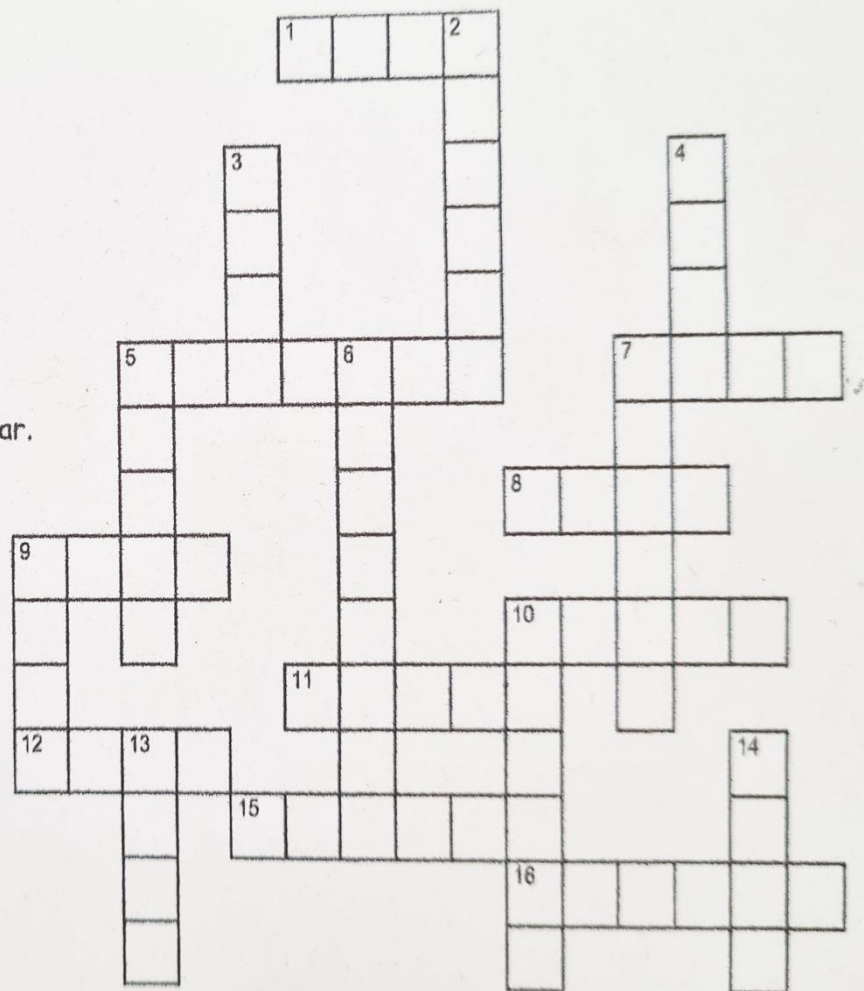
Summer

Across

1. Grains on the beach.
5. Living in a tent.
7. It warms you up.
8. Two wheeled transportation.
9. Comes with a shovel.
10. Full of daylight.
11. A sandy shore.
12. Area of inland water.
15. Warmest 3 months of the year.
16. Top for warm weather.

Down

2. Plunging into the water.
3. Move through the water.
4. Summer hazard.
5. House in the woods.
6. Frozen treat.
7. Trail walking.
9. A place to swim
10. Pants for hot weather.
13. Toy for a windy day.
14. Mildly hot.



Rosemary's Alphabet of Hymns

Can you think of the first line of a hymn for each answer?

- A Children's Christmas Carol
- B Rosemary's Mum's favourite – The Beatitudes
- C For Confirmation Services and Whitsun
- D Often sung at funerals
- E The Sailor's anthem (for John Scoates)
- F Please, no more wars
- G Palm Sunday Procession
- H Think of *Sound of Music* and North Hillingdon
- I Winnie and Queen Mother's favourite. Play Hide and Seek
- J For little Norman – bless him – and others
- K Coronation Day, May 6th 2023
- L A favourite for weddings
- M Prayer for St Francis and peace
- N The final hymn for Women's World Day of Prayer Service (1st Friday in March)
- O Put one foot in front of each other (*Bonus for 2 answers*)
- P Along the River Pinn -NHWS book
- Q A quiet moment – “Majesty”
- R Climb up on the Donkey; wave the Palms
- S Clap along with Carol - chorus only
- T At a distance – for the Green Party
- U Christmas Carol
- V Violets for childhood – Mothering Sunday invitation
- W Tour of the Church
- X Xmas – some use it for Christmas
- Y Sorry, no singing for Pat, Anne, W. Blake
- Z Zoom on the www. for this! Search for a big finish online.

Suggested answers

Away in a Manger
Blest are the pure in heart
Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire
Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Eternal Father, strong to save
Fight the good fight
Glory, Laud and Honour
Hills of the North rejoice
Immortal, Invisible God only wise
Just as I am
King of Glory, King of Peace
Love Divine, all loves excelling
Make me a channel of your Peace
Now the Day is over
One more step along the road
Onward, Christian soldiers
Peace is flowing like a river
Ride on, Ride on in majesty
Shine, Jesus, Shine
There is a green hill far away
Unto us a child is born
Virgin-born, we bow before thee
We love this place, O God
(On) Christmas night all Christians sing
Ye choirs of New Jerusalem
[2nd line!] Zion, city of our God. (Glorious things of thee are spoken)

Ryefield School's visit to Church

I was very happy to help out when Y3 from Ryefield School visited All Saints as part of their comparative religion lessons.

The children brought well-behaved and interested energy into the church. They demonstrated the knowledge they'd learned at school and asked some very searching questions. They were keen to take part in activities – reading Bible quotes, sitting in the Choir stalls, “being servers”, and especially bell-ringing.

We re-ignited links with the school, and hope to see them using our Church again for some of their events – and to see some of the children bring their family into regular services.

Jane Turnbull
Safeguarding Officer.



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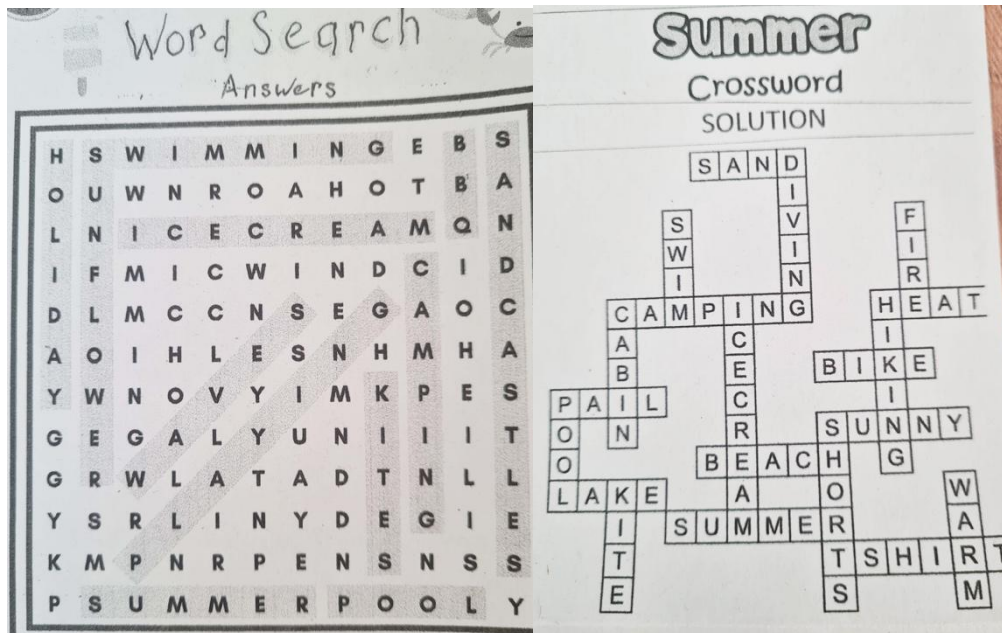
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