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New informal worship for children and families

From September Claire Lehmann, our new Families Outreach Worker, is starting three new monthly events, at 2 pm on a Sunday, **Muddy Church** (in the Forest Garden), **Messy Church**, and **Sensory Church**. Please check dates on the Minster website closer to the time. Read p.10 to find out more from Claire, and come and join us!

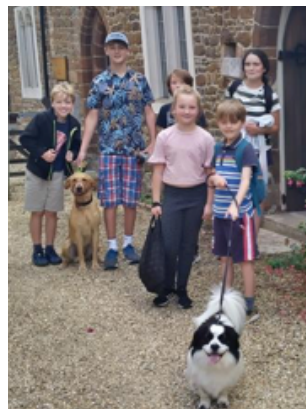
RIDE+STRIDE for Churches

Saturday 10th September

Two enthusiastic Minster groups are preparing to raise money for the Historic Churches Trust: please sponsor them via the Justgiving pages, and help maintain our wonderful heritage of historic churches! The choristers will be walking to and singing in local churches, which they enjoyed



very much last year.
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/minsterrideandstride2022>
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StrideandSing2022>



Anyone is welcome to find sponsors and take part on the day, cycling/walking to as many churches as you want. The Minster Parish Organizer is Rosalind

Music in the Minster Celebrating with Bishop Stephen, Sunday 4th September



Bishop Stephen of Salisbury will share our 9.30 service, celebrating St Cuthburga and the Flower Festival, and will dedicate the new organ. You are very welcome to join us!

Monday lunchtime recitals

The informal recital series at 12.30 on Mondays continues through September and October, and will

include a number of recitals on the new organ. We have enjoyed a wide range of visiting music groups and local musicians through the summer: thank you to them all for the pleasure they have given us!



Museum of East Dorset

Thursday 15th September. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start Price: £20 per table

including one bottle of wine per table. Get a team together (*maximum of 4 people*) and test your general knowledge in our fundraising quiz night!

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For advertising information, contact the e-mail address above.

Services at the Minster

Sundays

8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am

Holy Communion (Common Worship)

11.15 am

Minster Praise *(with Communion on the 4th Sunday of the month)*

2.00 pm

2nd Sunday **Messy Church** *tbc*

2.00 pm

4th Sunday **Sensory Church** *tbc*

6.30 pm

Choral Evensong

Weekdays

Morning Prayer

8.30am Monday to Saturday *(on Zoom)*

Evening Prayer

5.00pm Monday to Saturday *(on Zoom)*

Holy Communion

11am Wednesday *(in the Minster)*

Services at St Margaret's Chapel

11.00 am

3rd Thursday **Holy Communion (BCP)**

We will continue to stream the 9.30 am service on Youtube. Look for the 'Wimborne Minster official' Youtube channel for live and recorded services.

In July and August

3rd July

Baptism of Isla Manger

24th July

Baptism of Benjamin Williamson-Jones

7th August

Baptism of Otilie Fairman-Davis

28th August

Baptism of Oliver and Charlie Ivil

2nd July

Wedding of Ricky Scott and Marie Holloway

9th July

Wedding of Chris McColl and Donna Brockway

6th August

Wedding of Alexander Robertson and Emily Quinn

13th August

Wedding of Hugo Langlois and Nicola Lindsell

12th July

Funeral of Anthony Primmer

Dates for your diary - September

Friday 2nd

10am – 6pm

Flower Festival

Saturday 3rd

10am – 6pm

Flower Festival

Sunday 4th

Patronal Festival

**(with Stephen Bishop of Salisbury)
and Dedication of the new Organ**

2pm – 6pm

Flower Festival

3pm onwards

Bell peal

Continued on next page

Dates for your diary - September cont.

Sunday 4th	9.30am	Patronal Festival and Dedication of the new Organ, with Stephen, Bishop of Salisbury
11.15am	Baptism of Esme and Evie Edwards	
	2pm – 6pm	Flower Festival
Monday 5th	10am–6pm	Flower Festival
Wednesday 7th	7.30pm–8.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 8th	9.30am–11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 9th	12 noon–1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 10th	10am–5pm	Ride & Stride (for Dorset Historic Churches Trust)
	10am–1pm	Children's Society coffee morning (Church House Lounge)
	12 noon	Wedding of Benjamin Richards and Astrid Fairclough
Sunday 11th	12 noon	Children's Society Lunch (Church House Upstairs)
	2pm–3.30pm	Messy Church for Harvest (Church House)
Monday 12th	12.30pm	Lunchtime recital: David Warwick (organ) tbc
	2.15pm, 3.15pm	Guided visits to the Bell Tower (Dorset Architectural Heritage Week)
Tuesday 13th	10.30am–12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group (Forest Garden)
Wednesday 14th	7.30pm–8.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 15th	9.30am–11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	2.15pm–4pm	Mothers' Union meeting (Church House)
Friday 16th	10.30am–12 noon	Forest Garden Home Education Group (Forest Garden)
	12 noon	Baptism of Darcie Ophaus
	12 noon–1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)

Dates for your diary - September cont.

Saturday 17th	10am-4pm	Come and Sing, with Noel Tredinnick (Minster)
	7pm - 8pm	Harvest Praise service
Sunday 18th, Harvest Sunday		
Tuesday 20th	9.30am-12.30pm	Michael Vaughn Antiques (Church House Lounge)
	10.30am-12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group (Forest Garden)
	7pm	Commissioning of Lay Pastoral Assistants (Minster)
Wednesday 21st, St Matthew the Evangelist		
	7.30pm-8.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 22nd	9.30am-11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
Friday 23rd	12 noon-1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)
Saturday 24th	7.30pm	Cuthburga Lecture (Minster)
Sunday 25th	2pm-3.30pm	Sensory Church for Harvest (Minster)
Monday 26th	12.30pm	Lunchtime recital: Jonathan Melling (organ)
Tuesday 27th	10.30am-12 noon	Forest Garden Toddler Group (Forest Garden)
Wednesday 28th	9.30am-12.30pm	Michael Vaughn Antiques (Church House Lounge)
	7.30pm-8.30pm	Prayer Circle (Church House)
Thursday 29th, St Michael and All Angels		
	9.30am-11am	Two by Two Toddler Group (Church House Upstairs)
	7.15pm	PCC meeting (Minster)
Friday 30th	10.30am- 2 noon	Forest Garden Home Education Group (Forest Garden)
	12 noon-1.30pm	Lunch and Chat (Church House)

Praying for the Minster and the Northern Villages, Wimborne and the world

Prayer cycle for SEPTEMBER

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|----|---|----|---|
| 1 | Museum of East Dorset,
Walford Mill and Model Town | 15 | Phil & Sylvie Good,
the Church Mission Society |
| 2 | Our vergers, John and Martin | 16 | The Anglican Community in
all its diversity |
| 3 | Lay Worship Leaders | 17 | Twinning Associations |
| 4 | New Horizons prayer group;
Noon prayers | 18 | Prison chaplains |
| 5 | The Mission to Seafarers | 19 | Local farmers |
| 6 | Archdeacon Anthony | 20 | Allenbourn School |
| 7 | Wimborne Civic Society and
Wimborne in Bloom | 21 | PCC Treasurers and Safe
guarding representatives |
| 8 | Local businesses, the
Chamber of Trade, the BID | 22 | Two By Two |
| 9 | FairTrade | 23 | The Minster bellringers |
| 10 | GPs, nurses, carers,
physiotherapists | 24 | God's Acre Group |
| 11 | Our retired clergy | 25 | Pramacare |
| 12 | The Minster Choir,
children and adults | 26 | Dioceses of Yambio and
Nzara in South Sudan |
| 13 | The flower arrangers, silver
polishers and Broderers | 27 | Vision Wimborne |
| 14 | The Friends of Wimborne
Minster | 28 | The financial sector |
| | | 29 | Climate change |
| | | 30 | Local Hospices |
| | | 31 | A cause dear to your heart,
not listed elsewhere |

*Please use this diary as a part of your own prayers.
In this way we can pray together as a parish for our common concerns.*



**The Friends of Wimborne Minster
invite you to the
Annual Cuthburga Lecture 2022:
'Family saints, royal centres,
a dysfunctional family and an
abducted nun.'**

Saturday 24th September at 7.30pm

A talk by Martyn Whittock on Anglo-Saxon Wimborne and the Vikings. Martyn a former history teacher, is author or co-author of fifty-four history books, and has acted as historical consultant to the National Trust and English Heritage. Tickets available from the Parish Office.

Heavenly Heights

Human beings, for thousands of years, have strived to reach heights beyond themselves. In the Book of Genesis we read of those early people saying *“Come let us build ourselves a city with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves”*.

The Tower of Babel, as it is now known, became the world's first skyscraper. Our desire to go higher hasn't slowed down.

In 2010 Dubai built the world's highest skyscraper, the Burj Khalifa, standing at 828 meters, some 2,722 feet. Saudi Arabia hoped to build even higher with their Jeddah tower to stand at over 1,000 meters or 3,281 feet, but the building remains in limbo due to local issues.

These modern engineering wonders built with steel and concrete, costing billions of American dollars, have clearly put the Tower of Babel in the shade but, like those biblical builders, they also reflect the same human arrogance of wanting to go one better.

In the Old Testament of the Bible, building

high places became an affront to God and He commanded Moses to destroy them. For ancient high places were the altars of pagan worship of idols and sacrifices. Our modern high buildings are no longer places of pagan worship; indeed, many skyscrapers are a necessity in many places of the world where space is limited. As someone who lived in Hong Kong where space is short and costly, I saw that towering high places were the only answer to the problem. High places can also be a source of inspiration and reflection. One of my local dog walks takes me up to Horton tower where I never tire of the outstanding views and the tranquillity it brings. It's also a place where I say my prayers for a world that suffers



from governments and individuals that have built high places of power and pride, resulting in the misery of conflict and wars. Putting His boots on the ground, God walked amongst us to show that humbleness and love of neighbour is the peak of the highest place that we all should strive to reach.

Rev. Bill French

Photo: Robert Vaughan
<https://www.geograph.org.uk>



We are delighted to welcome **Martin Smith** as the new Deputy Verger at the Minster; many will have already met him, since he started work at the end of July. He has moved here from Southampton, and is working Thursdays to Saturdays and alternate Sundays. As a result of his appointment, the Minster can now open 10am – 4pm Monday-Saturday as well as for Sunday services.

Meet Claire, our Families Outreach Worker



Hello, it is great to have joined the team at the Minster as the Families Outreach Worker. I come to this role having worked with families as a play specialist for the NHS and running a community Scrap Store. In my most recent role prior to joining the Minster I supported vulnerable young people attending Bournemouth and Poole College .

I live locally in Corfe Mullen with my husband Reinhard, three sons William, Oscar and Monty, our two cats and four guinea pigs.

It has been brilliant running forest school sessions in the Forest Garden in the summer, and children and parents alike have had great fun learning about Noah's Ark and Jesus calming the storm through water play, den building, crafts and 'cooking' in our mud kitchens.

I am a big fan of the outdoors and look forward to starting a weekly nature toddler group and monthly Muddy Church in the Forest Garden. In September we will be learning about the importance of Harvest for Christians, and we will be starting our own vegetable patch and sensory garden. There will also be a regular Forest Garden group for home-educating families.

For those that are creative we will have a monthly Messy Church where we will explore Bible stories through a wide range of creative and messy activities. Inclusivity is very important to me, and while everyone is welcome at all of our services, Sensory Church is a monthly session especially designed for those with learning differences and their families, where we explore Bible stories through informal sensory activities.

If you would be interested in volunteering at the sessions, either by preparing refreshments or by leading a craft or small group activity, please let me know. There are also opportunities for people to volunteer at home by preparing craft resources, collecting 'useful things' such as jam jars and plant pots or most importantly by praying for the sessions and the families attending.

God Bless

Claire Lehmann,
Families Outreach Worker
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FIND YOUR VOICE TO SING GOD'S PRAISE

Saturday 17th September 10am – 4pm

Singing Day with Noel Tredinnick,

Come and develop your voice and choral singing skills under the inspiring leadership of conductor Noel Tredinnick, in the Minster.

Music will be provided. Contact the Parish Office to book your place.

This will be followed by

Harvest Praise at 7pm in the Minster,

Noel Tredinnick, conductor

All are welcome!



The Children's Society Focus Weekend 10th–11th September

The Children's Society (Wimborne Fundraising Committee) are holding a Focus Weekend to highlight the plight of our young people and the work of the Society in getting alongside them and giving them hope and building confidence.

On Saturday 10th September, there will be a coffee morning in Church House, 10am – 12 noon, to raise funds for the Children's Society, and to collect in the House Boxes. There will be a raffle, bring and buy stall, a cake stall with teas and coffees being sold - all to raise funds.

We should appreciate help on the morning including setting up, if possible, making a small amount of cakes or biscuits, and if possible help on a stall during the time we shall be there.

On Sunday 11th September, there will be a display in the Minster of the work of The Children's Society. Paul Grey from the Society will talk at Minster Praise (11.15 service), which will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch to which all will be welcome.

If you can help in any way, please contact



Anne King (01202 881019, or email purpleleopard1442@gmail.com).

There will be a list at the back of the Minster at the end of August for people to say if they would like to come to the Bring and Share Lunch and, if so, whether they would bring a main or sweet course. We really appreciate your support for this much-needed help for our young people: read more about the Society's work at <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk>



PCC Matters: A Minster fit for mission into the future

Have you ever wondered what the role of the parochial church council (PCC) is?

According to Practice Guidance of the Church of England, we have responsibility with the incumbent for promoting the mission of God in the parish. We are responsible for the finances, and care and maintenance of church buildings and contents, and we also have a voice in the forms of worship. So, it's no surprise that at the July meeting of the Wimborne Minster PCC all these interconnected areas were mentioned or discussed. We started with the Treasurer's report, looking at the management accounts and balance sheets. Our Treasurer has a careful yet pragmatic approach and in July it was good to see that finances are healthy.

Much of the care and maintenance of the buildings is executed through the Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens and their reports covered a huge range of activities; quinquennial repairs, renovations, restorations and major re-ordering. The lighting in the Minster still has some glitches following its renovation and we are working out the settings needed in different situations, to optimise lighting yet minimise use of energy.

Our current 3-year energy contract for gas and electricity ends in September and, with the massive increases in energy prices, the new offers obtained by our brokers look scary indeed, with gas costing between 2.5 and 4 times the current level. Bruce described measures he's taken recently to reduce heat loss

and we will look at HIVE controls for Church House. Meanwhile, we have asked three recommended M&E (mechanical and electrical) companies to propose a design for a low carbon heating system for the Minster.

How can we make the Minster more fit for mission into the future? Of course, there's a long-established need for improved facilities such as toilets, disabled access through the main door, improved storage, for serving refreshments, and better provision for the choir. But there's also a wish to communicate better to visitors both the Christian faith and the opportunities for prayer and worship. We are carefully considering how to encourage more visitors and potentially increasing income by forming a heritage zone and presenting the heritage in a more accessible and cohesive way. At the meeting in July the PCC agreed to commission an architect to carry out a feasibility study of some of these items, which will help us assess which options could be viable before consulting the wider Minster community.

The PCC may have many responsibilities but there are some unexpected bonuses. One came during the July meeting when Peter gave us a surprise, mini recital on the restored organ – a foretaste of the glorious music that will have its own role in mission.

Rosemary Lunt

Rosemary will be writing a regular informal summary of PCC discussions after each meeting (every two months).

South Sudanese Bishops come to Wimborne



Monday 8th August had been a long time coming. It was the day when all the Bishops from Sudan and South Sudan were returning to Salisbury diocese after two weeks in Canterbury at the Lambeth Conference (Photo: at Salisbury Cathedral with Bishop Stephen). It was the time we had prepared and prayed for as we brought Archbishop Samuel Enosa Peni and his wife Revd Aide from Yambio, and Bishop Richard and his wife Yodita, from Nzara - our link Dioceses - to Wimborne. And to add to this joy, two more bishops joined us - Bishop Johana with his wife Leah, and Bishop David Akau Kuol Mayom. The Most Revd Samuel is Bishop of Yambio and Archbishop of Western Equatoria. On Tuesday morning we

met on Zoom for morning prayer and then had a gathering with Archbishop Samuel and Bp Richard in Dr Robin and Marilyn Sadler's garden in Holt. In the afternoon we met with all the bishops and their wives at St Michael's Church, Colehill for a service for Mary Sumner Day; Mary Sumner was the founder of the Mothers' Union, which is very active in Sudan. Revd

Suzanne led the service with several MU members taking part. The wives were resplendent in their MU outfits and the talk was ably given by Revd Aide. This was followed, of course, by tea and scones provided by St Michael's MU members. In the evening we met again at St John's Church where we worshipped together. We heard from each bishop about their



(Photo: Churchwarden Peter Cook, the Rector, Archbishop Samuel and Revd. Aide in the Minster.)

experience at Lambeth, and then Archbishop Samuel spoke. This was followed by a buffet supper provided by the Minster and St John's congregations. It was such a joy to see the fellowship



and opportunities to meet and chat with our brothers and sisters in Christ. On Wednesday morning Archbishop Samuel and Revd Aide (who were hosted by the Rector and Zahra) met some of the Minster congregation at the mid-week communion while Bp Richard and Yodita had a stroll around Wimborne. Then we had lunch at the Fox & Goose at Coombe Bisset with Revd Ann and Mike Windsor from Pewsey who are linked with Nzara Diocese, and have known Samuel for many years

when he came as a youth worker for training. It was a hectic few days, especially for the hosts but it was such an enormous blessing to so many people. There are plans for some of us to travel to South Sudan in the next five months where I know we will receive a huge warm welcome. The visit from the bishops will, I hope, make things more immediate and vivid to everyone as we raise money and plan our itinerary.

Sheila Soper

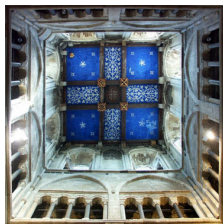
Through collections and other donations, the Minster congregation raised a very useful sum (over £1300) for our Sudan bishops.

As part of this, the Emmaus housegroup ran a coffee morning in the back of church on the Saturday before their arrival, which raised £252. The group would like to thank Wimborne Coffee Roasters, Holt, for their generous gift of fresh-ground coffee for that event.

At the Wednesday morning communion, Archbishop Samuel spoke very movingly about his cathedral, All Saints, Yambio, which was last repaired in 1971 and needs rebuilding work. Although the Sudanese can supply bricks, stone and cement, they can't afford the sheets of tin for the roof.



Volunteer Guides Urgently Required



As the Minster is now open to visitors throughout the week, guides are required for both the Minster itself and the Chained Library. If you are interested in the heritage of the Minster and would like the opportunity to learn more and then share this with our visitors, please contact:

Gordon Edgar (Minster) tel. 07801 133874

or

Judith Monds (Chained Library) tel. 01202 887681

A few hours each week will be very rewarding.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt. 13: 3-8, Mk 4: 1-9, Lk 8: 4-8

crowds of people now came to hear Jesus, so
he used stories to teach them; those who really
wanted to learn would work out the meaning.

A farmer went out to
sow a field of corn.



Some seed fell on
the path

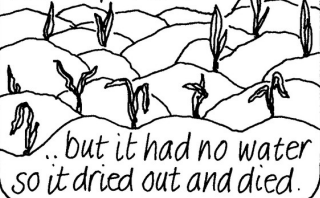


Some fell among
thorn plants and



The seed on the path
was eaten by birds

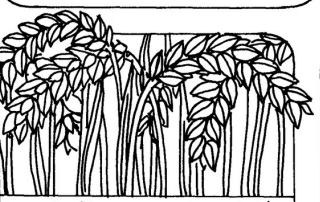
The seed that fell on the
rocks sprouted...



The seed that fell
among the thorns grew
well to start with,



then it was outgrown
by the thorn plants.



But in the good soil the
seed grew well and gave
a fantastic harvest!

Jesus explained to his
disciples what it meant.



Some people don't even
listen to what he says.

For some it is the best
thing ever!



But soon they move onto
another 'best thing'.

Some listen gladly...



but then worries and
business take over.

But some hear what Jesus
says and learn from it.



and that
makes all the difference!



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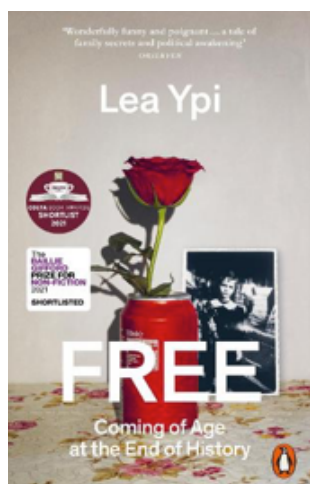


Book Review:

Lea Ypi, *Free. Coming of Age at the End of History*

(Allen Lane, 2021; Penguin paperback 2022)

ISBN 978-02414-81851



Albania is a country about which most of us probably know little. I certainly didn't until I visited, some years ago now, to see some of its spectacular Roman archaeological sites. (Where didn't the Romans get to around the Mediterranean?)

Lea Ypi is an Albanian who is currently Professor of Political Theory at the London School of Economics. She has written this probing personal memoir of her teenage journey through the end times of Albanian communism and in doing so, as Paul Mason says, "tells a universal story: ours is an age of collapsed illusions for many generations."

Lea grew up in one of the most isolated countries on earth,

where Communist ideals had officially replaced religion, the last Stalinist outpost in Europe, a place of queuing, scarcity, political executions and secret police. To Lea it was home – people were equal, neighbours helped each other, and children were expected to build a better world – and she flourished in it, becoming an enthusiastic Pioneer. In 1990 her world collapsed: the statues of Stalin and Hoxha were brought down, Albania



became free. Lea then learned her parents had never really supported the regime – they spent their lives pretending to, without ever telling her. To them, the preservation of the heritage and culture of the country was far more important than any political ideology. This presented her with a real problem: why had they lived a lie to her for so

long? Could she ever trust them again?



The longed-for political freedom brought total economic collapse to the country, with thousands departing to Italy including Lea. She left, with her parents' support, never to return to date, to study philosophy at university in Italy.

This book is a gem. It is beautifully written with a story well told, sometimes hilariously so. It also raises fundamental questions such as "What is freedom?" It tells of the optimism and aspirations of the young, their disillusionment, and how alternatives prove equally unacceptable. This is a memoir that reflects the lives of so many across the whole world in the 21st century.

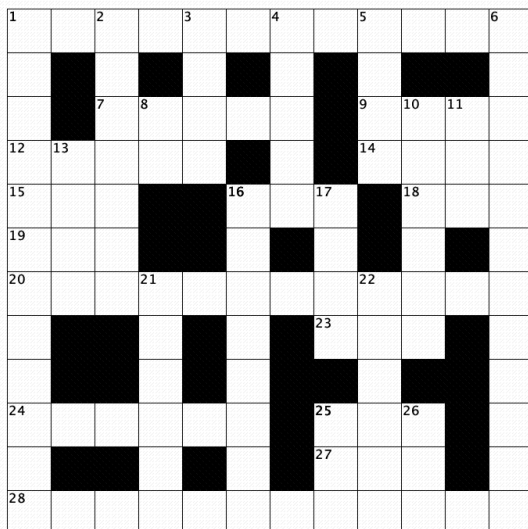
Beryl Balinas

Photos: Stamp from 1978. Communist-era mosaic, National Historical Museum, Tirana, by Adam Jones, <https://commons.wikimedia.org>

September Crossword set by Bruce Jensen

ACROSS

1. In early Sept. the children return to their studies (4,2,6).
7. Latin for 'I believe', it is the origin of the English word 'creed'.
9. 'In the morning Rumpelstiltskin had ___ all the straw into gold.' (4)
12. Winds of at least Beaufort force 8 (34-40 knots), acc. to the Met Office (5)
14. Top monarch (when it's a man) (4)
15. Cassius Clay changed his name to Muhammad ___ (3)
16. Where boxers go to practice (3)
18. (Written) title for a clergy person (abbr.) (3)
19. Utility which will cost a lot more this winter (3)
20. Eager, keen (12)
23. Indication of the maiden name, such as 'Jennifer Affleck, ___ Lopez' (3)
24. A bracelet or bauble thought to have special powers (6)
25. It stands for Genetically Modified Organism (3)
27. A posh person (informal and impolite) (3)
28. Organisation of Christian women, founded by Mary Sumner. (7,5)



DOWN

1. That place in the airport where you watch the bags go round and around (7,5)
2. A bicycle rider, perhaps in the Ride and Stride (7)
3. French for 'very' or Spanish for 'three' (4)
4. Tale (5)
5. Covering of an ear of sweetcorn (4)
6. A substantial period of time on holiday (4,8)
8. About; concerning. Often seen in memos (2)
10. Long John Silver was one (6)
11. French (female) article (3)
13. English actor Rickman, sorely missed (4)
16. That item in most houses that measures how much volume is fed to the boiler (3, 5)
17. Miserly (in the UK) or ornery (in the USA) (4)
21. National ___ Service (6)
22. Talk or address during a church service, 8 minutes or longer (6)
25. Wildebeest, a type of antelope often found in crosswords (3)
26. Sash worn with a kimono (3)

**Answers to
July/August's
crossword**

SUMMER HOLIDAY
W OYEEZ E E A E
I NEMO A A T L
MARK ONTAP ALL
SOME NOW E O
U CYST GAMESHOW
IT ARE V C IN
THE TOUR DE FRANCE
RIT CAROLINEX
SEEM K A GOES P
HERE MUG DONE
A BULGARIA NON
DODOS R NECK S
O B M E SHE
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