

## Sue Howson's Riddle

With thanks to Albert Einstein

There are five manses each with a door painted in a different colour. A minister each with responsibility for a different church lives in each manse. The five ministers each drink a certain type of beverage, preach on different Sundays, and keep a certain pet. No ministers have the same pet, preach on the same Sunday, or drink the same beverage.

Who owns the fish?

### The facts

1. The minister with responsibility for Woking lives in the manse with the red door
2. The minister with responsibility for Knaphill keeps a dog as a pet
3. The minister with responsibility for Weybridge drinks tea
4. The manse with the green door is on the left on the one with the white door
5. The minister who lives in the manse with the green door drinks coffee
6. The minister who preaches on the second Sunday of the month keeps budgies
7. The minister who lives in the manse with the yellow door preaches on the third Sunday of the month
8. The minister living in the centre manse drinks milk
9. The minister with responsibility for Addlestone lives in the first manse
10. The minister who preaches on the first Sunday of the month lives next door to the one who has a cat
11. The minister who keeps a horse lives next door to the minister who preaches on the third Sunday of the month
12. The minister who no longer preaches drinks beer
13. The minister with responsibility for Sheerwater preaches on the fourth Sunday of the month
14. The minister with responsibility for Addlestone lives next door to the manse with the blue door
15. The minister who preaches on the first Sunday of the month has a neighbour who drinks water

There is only one answer. There are no tricks. It just requires the application of logic and a lot of patience – a bit like the Preaching Plan. The key to solving the riddle is to create a grid (also like the Preaching Plan), with one column for each of the five manses and five rows for church responsibility, door colour, type of beverage, preaching Sundays and kind of pet.

Good luck! Let me know how you get on – and a prize for the first correct answer!

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