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Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)
10.45 a.m.	Sung Communion and Sunday School (4 th Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

Monday

3.15 p.m. for 3.45 p.m. Children's Service

Tuesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

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December Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod.

DOWN: 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

Readings and Psalms for January 2011

Sun 2 nd	The Epiphany 8.30 No service 10.45 Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.10-15; Matthew 2.1-12
Tues 4 th	10.30 1 John 3.7-10; Psalm 98.1,8-end; John 1.35-42
Sun 9 th	1st Sunday of Epiphany <i>The Baptism of Christ</i> 8.30 Isaiah 42.1-9; Matthew 3.13-end 10.45 Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-end
Tues 11 th	10.30 Hebrews 2.5-12; Psalm 8; Mark 1.21-28
Sun 16 th	2nd Sunday of Epiphany 8.30 Isaiah 49.1-7; John 4.29-42 10.45 Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-12; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42
Tues 18 th	10.30 Hebrews 6.10-end; Psalm 111; Mark 2.23-end
Sun 23 rd	3rd Sunday of Epiphany 8.30 Isaiah 9.1-4; Matthew 4.12-23 10.45 Isaiah 9.1-4; Matthew 4.12-23 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 25 th	10.30 Acts 9.1-22; Psalm 67; Matthew 19.27-end
Sun 30 th	4th Sunday of Epiphany 8.30 1 Kings 17.8-16; John 2.1-11 10.45 1 Kings 17.8-16; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 1.18-end; John 2.1-11

From the Registers



Baptisms

5th December

Olly Lee Cowman, Hanover Street, Stalybridge
Nathan Ellis Combs, West Street, Stalybridge

Funerals



9th December

Dennis Crank (78) Shepley Road, Audenshaw

15th December

George Robert Walker (63) Church Walk, Stalybridge

22 December

Javis Martin Holland (62) Heyrod Hall Estate, Heyrod, Stalybridge

23 December

William Dyson Duckworth (85) Hanover Street, Stalybridge

31st December

Edith Brayshaw (93) Springs Lane, Stalybridge

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Jan	Ezekiel Lomas	1941	18 Jan	William Frederick Ireson	1962
2 Jan	Edward Cooper	1980		George William Catlow	2000
	Ernest Bramall	1982		Marian Hulme	2002
	Marjorie Day	1982		Reginald Hewitt	2008
	David Cotton	2007	19 Jan	Mary Eastwood	1989
3 Jan	Ivy Marshall	2006	20 Jan	Raymond Jack Clarke	1983
4 Jan	William Parkinson	1943		Katherine Devlin	1988
	Phyllis Peck	1981	22 Jan	Thomas Howard	1964
	Barry Aldred	1999		Harry Walton	1967
5 Jan	Joseph Hibbert	1957		Eliza Emma Sidebottom	1988
	Hugh Shepley	1987	23 Jan	Jesslyn Tonge	1991
	Gertrude Sullivan	1998	24 Jan	Henry Howard	1981
6 Jan	Harry Walton	1988		Rhoda Hancock	1989
	John Barratt	1996	25 Jan	Agnes Smith	1975
8 Jan	George Leonard Eakins	1981	26 Jan	Edith Emma Clinton	1987
	James Norman Kelday	2000		Nellie Wood	1987
	Fred Harris	1979		Eric James Chorlton	2001
9 Jan	Sarah Clews	1994	27 Jan	Fred Kay	1968
	Susan Ann Maud Barnfield	1953		Bridget Bower	1994
10 Jan	Tom Sidebottom	1979		Ronald Bower	2000
11 Jan	Jesse Horsefield	1984		Geoffrey Phillip Brown	1995
	Drinda Jefferson	1990	28 Jan	Abraham Newton	1983
	Evelyn Barlow	2003		Veronica Quinn	1997
12 Jan	Ethel Battersby	1992	29 Jan	Fred Holt	1939
13 Jan	Kathleen Thwaites	1992		Eddie Holden	1990
14 Jan	Robert Nicholson	1988		Karen Jane Bradbury	2007
	Eva Helen Ollerenshaw	1989	30 Jan	Alice Saxon	1997
	Kyle Martin Cropper	2004	31 Jan	Alice Ann Priestley	1955
	Ramsden			John Robert Stanley	1990
15 Jan	James Ireson	1990		John Patrick Higgins	2006
16 Jan	William Gudger	1963			

From the Vicar

“Learning from Two Wise Women”

The early Church has problems with John the Baptist. He was a strange character with his strange diet and clothing. Some people clearly thought his message was off the wall and suggested, mentioned by Luke, that he might be possessed by demons. So what to make of Jesus being baptised by John? In Matthew's Gospel even John is uncomfortable, imploring Jesus, “I should be baptised by you”, probably reflecting the early Church's discomfort. The greater and sinless one is repenting and being baptised by the lesser, the one whose role is to prepare rather than be the way.

Some modern scholars believe that it is likely Jesus was in the early years a disciple of John and that maybe John was a kind of mentor to him. His being baptised would be quite natural. But if we reflect on the fact the people (all the ordinary folk) from Jerusalem and all Judea flocked to John maybe it is Jesus identifying with the people, being alongside them in their distress, oppression, hurts, fears and confusions. Repentance isn't about feeling bad, but about a change in the way we see things, a new direction. And these people, oppressed by Roman occupation and the challenges merely of surviving, come to the Jordan to seek salvation from the God who once rescued them from slavery, through the Red Sea and the waters of the Jordan. We have recently celebrated again Jesus as 'Emmanuel' 'God with us', and here we see him at the very outset of his ministry, with the people, alongside them in the suffering and in their hopes for a different future. And as his people the Church is called to do likewise – to be alongside people in their need.



Just before going to press we heard the wonderful news that Maryam and Niloufar have been granted refugee status. After a number of refusals and failed appeals and many frustrations and difficulties over nearly 4 years, the UK Border Agency has finally recognised the justice of their case and they have given their visas and will be able to apply for citizenship after 5 years.

The very week that they first arrived in Stalybridge they came to St George's and found a community willing to befriend and support them, to be alongside them in their time of need. A number of people have supported them with friendship, in practical ways, financially and also with continuing prayer. They really have found the spirit of the living Christ at St George's, and through it converted from Islam to Christianity..

But St George's has also learned from them. Like the magi Maryam and Niloufar came from Iran, formerly Persia. They have taught us something of their experience as asylum seekers and of the cost of compassion in terms of time and effort and also, occasionally, in terms of criticism. The tabloid press' view of asylum seekers as 'scroungers off the UK taxpayer' is often shared by people in our community and not far below the surface of conversation. We have also learned that our world is a global village that that we are our sisters and brothers' keepers. The problems of others in far distant places on our planet affect us all – without their peace we have no peace.

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BIG SING

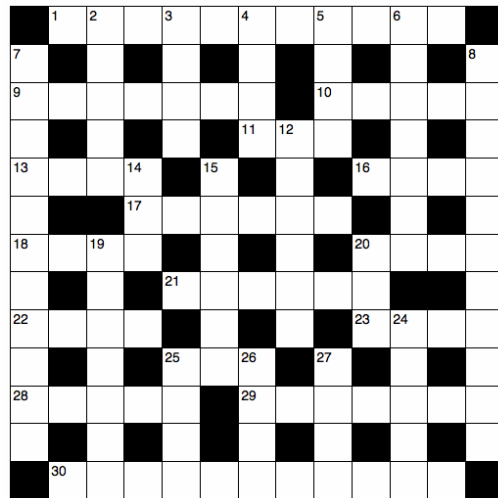
The next **Big Sing** is at 7.30pm on Thursday January 27th (no meeting in December). It is **open to everyone**, young and old, whether or not you think you can sing. Come along and bring a friend.



Some dates for your diary January 2011

Sunday	2nd	2nd Sunday of Christmas
		8.30a.m Holy Eucharist
		10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tuesday	4th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
Friday	7th	3.00pm to 4.00pm Cllr C. Patrick - Surgery
Sunday	9th	The Baptism of Christ
		8.30a.m Holy Eucharist
		10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Monday	10th	3.15p.m. Childrens Agapé with Adults
Tuesday	11th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
Thursday	13th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Friday	14th	6.30p.m. Junior Youth Group
Sunday	16th	2nd Sunday of Epiphany
		8.30a.m Holy Eucharist
		10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Monday	17th	3.15p.m. Childrens Agapé with Adults
Tuesday	18th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
		8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thursday	20th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Friday	21st	6.30p.m. Junior Youth Group
Saturday	22nd	2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m . Fair Trade Afternoon Tea & Gifts for West Brook
		7.00p.m. Quiz Night
Sunday	23rd	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
		8.30a.m Holy Eucharist
		10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Monday	24th	3.15p.m. Childrens Agapé with Adults
Tuesday	25th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
Thursday	27th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Friday	28th	6.30p.m. Junior Youth Group
Saturday	29th	3.00p.m. Senior Sitizens Party
Sunday	30th	4th Sunday of Epiphany - The Presentation of Christ
		8.30a.m Holy Eucharist
		10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church with Guest - Archdeacon Cherry Vann
Monday	24th	3.15p.m. Childrens Agapé with Adults

January Crossword



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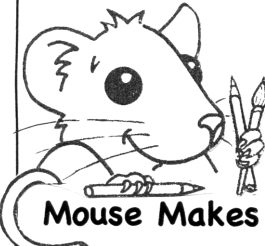
Across

1. Paul said the wrath of God 'is being revealed from heaven' against this (Romans 1:18) (11), 9. Go smite (anag.) (7) 10. 'But — I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee' (Matthew 26:32) (5), 11. 'Take and —; this is my body' (Matthew 26:26) (3), 13. Type (2 Thessalonians 2:10) (4), 16. 'Woe to those who — iniquity' (Micah 2:1) (4), 17. 'How shall we — if we ignore such a great salvation?' (Hebrews 2:3) (6), 18. Opposite of evens (4), 20. Previously cited (Latin) (4), 21 'There is surely — of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife' (Genesis 20:11) (2,4), 22 The Thessalonians were warned to keep away from every brother who was this (2 Thessalonians 3:6) (4), 23 Beat (anag.) (4), 25. To trouble or afflict (Job 16:3) (3), 28. Part of a roof (1 Kings 7:9) (5), 29. Attain (Job 5:12) (7), 30. Insect noted for its gymnastic ability (Psalm 78:46) (11)

Down

2 Smell (John 11:39) (5), 3. Lion's home (Jeremiah 25:38) (4), 4. 'Jesus Christ is the — yesterday and today and for ever' (Hebrews 13:8) (4), 5. Tidy (4), 6. Made their home (Genesis 47:27) (7), 7. Their task was to carry the curtains of the tabernacle (Numbers 4:25–26) (11), 8. Timothy's was called Lois (2 Timothy 1:5) (11), 12 The Lover likened the fragrance of the Beloved's breath to these (Song of Songs 7:8) (6), 14 Times Educational Supplement (1,1,1), 15 Eight-tentacled sea creatures (6), 19 'And lead us not into temptation, but — us from the evil one' (Matthew 6:13) (7), 20 D.L. Moody's legendary song leader, — D. Sankey (3), 24 Rarely used musical note (5), 25 'Your will be done on earth — it — in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,2), 26 and 27 'The Lord Almighty will — them with a —, as when he struck down Midian at the rock of Oreb' (Isaiah 10:26) (4,4), 27 See 26 Down

Children's Page



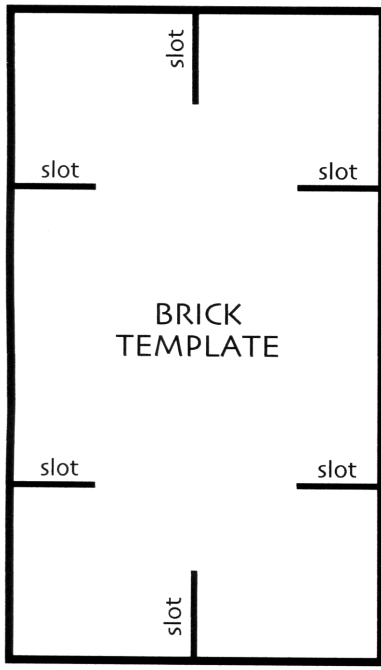
Mouse Makes

Read this parable in Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:47-49


Jesus taught his disciples:
 "Anyone who hears these words of mine and obeys them is like a man who built his house on rock.
The rain poured down, the rivers overflowed, and the wind blew hard against that house, But it did not fall, because it was built on rock.
 But anyone who hears these words of mine and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. *The rain poured down, the rivers overflowed, the wind blew hard against that house, and it fell.*
And what a terrible fall that was!


Listen to Jesus,
 Follow his ways,
 To build good foundations,
 Do what he says!

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Julie Andrews Turns 69

To commemorate her birthday, actress & vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall. One of the musical numbers she performed was 'My Favourite Things' from the legendary movie 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used:

*(Sing It!) Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.*

*Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.*

*When the joints ache, When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.*

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(Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd
that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.)

Things I've learned in 62 years

Away in a Manger sung by a group of under 5's can make the most hard-bitten cry!

Never, under any circumstances take a laxative tablet and a sleeping pill on the same night.

If something looks too good to be true it probably is.

Never try to eat anything you can't lift with two hands.

Never lick a steak knife.

To some people YOU are the older generation.

You only live once but done properly once is enough.

You should not confuse your career with your life.

When trouble arises and things look bad there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often that individual is bonkers!

There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age 11.

Whilst you are sitting at home nursing a grudge everyone else is out dancing.

Your true friends love you anyway.

So enjoy 2011 and whatever happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.

I have learned much from some of my heroes and heroines over the years. Thank you to Snoopy, Miss Piggy and Mae West for some of the above.



SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARTY

Would you believe it – it's that time of year again! Our Senior Citizen's Party this year will be on 29th January 2011, from 3.00 p.m. to approximately 7.00 p.m. to which we extend a very warm invitation to all of our Senior Citizens. As always, there will be a chance to meet old friends and possibly make some new ones, and as usual, there will be a lavish tea, a bit of a sing-song, and not forgetting, of course, Mike's Famous Bingo. Our entertainment this year will be provided by Mike Styan and friends who will be singing for us. And, as in previous years, it's all for free, and not to be missed! The only thing you have to bring is yourself.

Due to space, unfortunately, numbers are limited, so please get in touch with Nancy on 0161-338 4985 to reserve your ticket.

Philip

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IAN'S FAREWELL

As I make my contribution for the last time to this Magazine I am in the throes of packing up ready for our removal to the new vicarage in Glossop. I shall be licensed by the Bishop of Derby at 6.30pm on February 6th as Priest-in-Charge of All Saints Glossop (Glossop Parish Church) and Assistant Curate in Hadfield, Charleswoth and Dinting which are part of an MMA. The Diocese of Derby has moved away from using the traditional parish as the unit to organize its work by developing Mission and Ministry Areas (MMAs). All are welcome to come to this service. My last Sunday service at St George's will be at 10.45am on January 16th.



My licensing and induction at St George's was in October 2002 and I am grateful for your friendship and all the opportunities you have given me for ministry and for a memorable time over these 8+ years. I have learned an enormous amount and it has been a great privilege to have served in this parish. I have been given and shall take with me far more than I have been able to give. There have been times of difficulty and struggle but these have been outweighed by the many times of joy and fulfillment and the fun and many laughs I have had.

I hope the people of St Georges will continue to build, under God, a strong community that will be attuned to the locality, participative and outgoing. I hope and pray that you will soon have a new leader who will be able to help you to find new ways of being the Church at this time in this place.

Our new home is next door to Manor Park in Glossop and I hope you will pop in on us from time to time. Our address is The Vicarage, Church Street South, Glossop, SK13 7RU Tel: 01457 852146. email iks47@live.co.uk

KING JAMES BIBLE GIVES US THE BIGGER PICTURE

A 400-year-old Bible translation could help people see the "big picture" at a time of financial or job pressures, the Archbishop of Canterbury has said. In a new year address recorded for the BBC, Dr Rowan Williams called on people of all faiths - or even none - to rediscover the King James Bible. He said the edition still had the power to surprise and shock its readers, and provided a context for their lives. This would be vital to a "big society", as envisaged by ministers, he added.



A new translation of the Bible was proposed at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland at Burntisland in Fife, attended by King James VI, in 1601. The translation was commissioned following the Hampton Court Conference in 1604 - by which time James had become James I of England - and was published in 1611. Known as the Authorised Version, it went on to become the dominant edition in the English-speaking world and remains in widespread use.

Four hundred years on, its version of "the story of the whole universe" could feel "quite remote", the primate acknowledged. "You may be the sort of person who feels you can make sense of your own story in your own terms," he said. "Or you may feel there's only one big story and that's about money and whether I have got a job tomorrow and whether my children can afford higher education."

However, for people to make sense of their lives, the archbishop said it helps have a strongly-defined story in the background that tells us that we all matter. "Whether you're a Christian or belong to another religion - or whether you have nothing you'd want to call a religion at all - some sort of big picture matters," he says. "If we are going to talk about a 'big society', that will need a big picture - a picture of what human beings are really like and why they're so unique and precious. "This year's anniversary is a chance to stop and think about the big picture - and to celebrate the astonishing contribution made by that book 400 years ago."

The recently-established King James Bible Trust is marking the celebration with a series of events around the UK. <http://www.kingjamesbibletrust.org/> There are also programmes on BBC Radio 4.

(Above article taken from BBC Online News)

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