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**June 2011**

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### Worship Sunday

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

### Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact one of the clergy or Wardens.

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## Anniversary Weekend

Our Fair Trade afternoon tea will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, it will be a bit special this month because in addition to cakes we will have strawberries, cream and scones.

Do come along to enjoy an afternoon of chat, tea and good company.

As it is Anniversary Weekend our charity for June is St. George's – well the boiler fund to be precise. We will be accepting donations in the hope of getting an improved heating system before next winter, no more frozen toes!!

There will of course be Fair Trade goods on sale, these goods will also be available on Sunday morning.

Please do come along it really is a pleasant afternoon.

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“That’s the trouble with these cheap cruises, Amanda darling. They treat you like cattle.”

## May Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Debtor. 4, Shaken. 7, Ache. 8, Leavened. 9, Overcome. 13, Etc. 16, Troublemaking. 17, Par. 19, Ignatius. 24, Treasure. 25, Mene. 26, Astray. 27, Dinner.  
DOWN: 1, Deaf. 2, Behaviour. 3, Relic. 4, Swarm. 5, Aged. 6, Elect. 10, Rabbi. 11, Ocean. 12, Exalt. 13, Epicurean. 14, Cage. 15, Step. 18, Acres. 20, Gaudy. 21, An end. 22, Fair. 23, Fear.

## Readings and Psalms for June 2011

<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Ascension Day</b> 20.00 Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 49; Ephesians 1.15-end; Luke 22.44-end
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> 10.45 Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11
<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 Acts 20.17-27; Psalm 68.9-10, 18-19; John 17.1-11
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Day of Pentecost <i>Whit Sunday</i></b> 8.30 Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23 10.45 Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36, 37b; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 2 Corinthians 8.1-9; Psalm 146; Matthew 5.43-end
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> 10.45 Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-end; Matthew 28.16-20
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10.30 Genesis 13.2, 5-end; Psalm 15; Matthew 7.6, 12-14
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dedication Festival 1840-2011</b> 8.30 1 Kings 8.22-30; Matthew 21.12-16 10.45 1 Kings 8.22-30; Matthew 21.12-16 <i>Worship For All</i>
<b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 Genesis 19.15-29; Psalm 26; Matthew 8.23-27

## 8.30a.m. Holy Communion Service from February 2011

During the time that we are without a Vicar - the 8.30a.m. service of Holy Communion will be celebrated only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

## From the Registers

### Baptisms



#### **1 May**

Matthew Louis Mason Vickers, Church Meadow, Hyde  
Owen Joshua Hague, Alplinggate Close, Millbrook, Stalybridge  
Brooke Sienne Tracey, Alplinggate Close, Millbrook, Stalybridge  
Cameron Peter Smith, Tennyson Avenue, Dukinfield

#### **15 May**

Ellie Faith Challenger, Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge

#### **29 May**

Samuel John Taylor, Vicarage Drive, Dukinfield

### Funerals



#### **19 May**

Edith May Booth (73) The Close, Stalybridge

## From Our Book of Remembrance

Jun 2	Hilda Beswick	1977	Jun 17	Sidney Cooper	1970
	Pauline Margaret	1995	Jun 18	Margaret Parkinson	1897
	Turnbull			Renee Birch Hawley	2002
Jun 4	Mary Alice Priestley	1984		Monica Ann Press	2005
	Leonard Broadbent	1969	Jun 20	Linty James	1975
Jun 6	Alfred Christian	1966		Hilda Wilson	1984
	John Ambrose Stephens	1979		Mary Tonge	1989
	Thomas Smith	1987		Dorothy Horner	2007
Jun 7	Minnie Jones	1987	Jun 23	Edward Cooper	1983
	William Webster	2002	Jun 24	Edith Spencer	1995
	Dinah Hannah Dale	1984		Hilda Holt	1979
Jun 8	Norman Radcliffe	1984	Jun 25	Dennis Greenwood	1982
	Thomas Booth	2000		Louise Pulm	2010
Jun 11	Gladney Swift	1950	Jun 26	Jack Williams	1998
	Edward Jones	1985	Jun 27	Edith Olive Hughes	1980
Jun 12	Mona Coogan	1992		Andrew Christopher	1990
Jun 14	Gordon Alfred Trudgeon	2002		Taylor	
Jun 15	Lily Hardy Cooke	1979		Charlotte Molly Ingham	2008
	Eva Jones	1996	Jun 28	Mary Stephens Carter	1983
	John Edwin Ratcliffe	2007	Jun 30	Ann Humphries	1963
	Tessa Ruth Louise	2006			
	Meldrum O'Reagan				

*In this month's lead article George Vernon tells us what's involved in looking after our Church.*

## 'OUR HOUSE' AND GROUNDS AT ST.GEORGE'S

Looking after St. Georges church and grounds is not unlike the responsibility we have for the houses we each live in, except of course it is literally a bigger task. The bricks and mortar and grounds are of course on a much greater scale. Repairs have to be carried out, the building cleaned and things polished-up. Bills have to be paid. The grass has to be cut carefully around the graves and trees trimmed as required. Improvements made to various areas such as paths and maintenance of Headstones together with amenities inside the building- we have to keep dry and warm.

Church Wardens and Council have the responsibility for all this and more. However, great reliance is put upon volunteers in order to avoid expense from professional contractors in appropriate cases. This is where the so-called 'Fabric Committee' - really much more a fabric working group- comes into play.

In liaison with our church architect and guidance from our insurers, we have in force a maintenance programme guiding us through all tasks normally required in the care of our church throughout the year. In addition, our group members visually inspect the building for faults on a day to day basis, putting things right as required. Following this programme means having roof gutters cleaned to ensure rain water doesn't come inside church owing to blocked drains and checking for slipped slates- oiling locks and door hinges-testing of emergency lighting systems and examining /servicing radiators-painting the 'busy areas' more often than others to keep a smart and clean church: etc. etc.

Who sees to all this? .... The Fabric Committee- a small group of men which has thankfully almost doubled in size to five or six in number in the past few weeks. Generally, most routine work is done on one day in the week, when discussions will also take place on future work required and how to tackle it- always with a view to minimizing cost. Paid contractors are called in where necessary but most work is carried out by the group at no cost other than materials needed, e.g. paint, petrol, light bulbs etc. Additional time is required particularly with cutting the grass in summer which seems like a

full-time job and one which could not realistically be done without the invaluable tractor-mower we acquired a few years ago.

As well as actually doing the work, some projects need a lot of research and discussion as to best way forward. Listed church buildings require special permission to alter things thereby involving the Diocese and/or Local Authority. A careful path has to be trod to ensure all is done correctly. Fortunately, St. George's has a particularly adept person in this field of expertise. He is much relied upon and amongst others, has recently guided us through applications for permission to carry out work on the Garden of Remembrance and proposed amendments to improve pathways around the church and main entrance which we hope to start this year.

We have recently installed a new lighting system into church with a saving of what must be several thousand pounds. This was made possible by the wholesale donation of time by a member, formerly a self-employed electrician, who installed the electrical systems without labour costs. Whilst he was ably assisted by various other volunteers, it is felt we would not have been able to do the work so quickly, if at all. This was particularly important as the lighting had to be completed before we could complete work in insulating the roof void. (which has never had any installed !) We are now experiencing the benefits of better lighting and insulation which is all aimed at reducing running costs, which leads me onto our next priority, a more cost effective heating system.

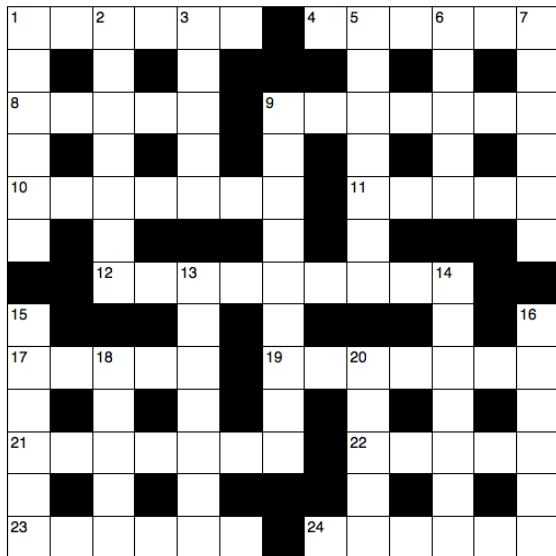
For years, we have pondered on replacing our boiler but have never had the money. It has now reached a stage where action must be taken. After having considered quotes from several contractors, we have been in discussion with a specialist church heating company who we feel is the best to assist us. This process was necessary because of our high usage of gas in running an old boiler with little sophistication to cater for the various heating needs of the church. Too often, the church Nave is too cold and the lounges stifling hot. We have been advised a modern, efficient boiler together with appropriate zone controls will bring savings in running costs.

Our heating fund is in it's infancy and follows immediately upon the heels of a roof insulation and lighting fund campaign. The need however for a more reliable and cost efficient boiler is great. Owing to this, a recent PCC meeting

## Some dates for your diary June 2011

Thursday	2nd	Ascension Day 8.00 p.m. Holy Communion
Friday	3rd	3.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Cllr C. Patrick - Surgery
Saturday	4th	3.30p.m. Wedding
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter - Sunday after Ascension Day</b> <b>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist</b> <b>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2</b>
Tuesday	7th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>Pentecost - Whit Sunday</b> <b>8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest The Rt Revd Mark Davies, Bishop of Middleton</b> <b>The Whit Walk</b> <b>1.30p.m. Assemble at Church</b> <b>1.45p.m. Walk to Stalybridge</b> <b>2.30p.m. United Service in Stalybridge</b>
Tuesday	14th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	16th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist &amp; Junior Church with Guest The Venerable Cherry Vann-Archdeacon of Rochdale</b> <b>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 1</b>
Tuesday	21st	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council
Thursday	23rd	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade After Noon Coffee/Tea and Strawberries & Cream
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>Dedication Festival - Anniversary Sunday</b> <b>8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10.45a.m. Worship For All with Guest The Revd Canon Ron Cassidy</b> <b>6.00p.m. Holy Communion 1662 Book of Common Prayer</b>
Tuesday	28th	10.45a.m. Holy Eucharist 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thursday	30th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Confirmation Service at St. James, Ashton-u-Lyne

## June Crossword



### CLUES

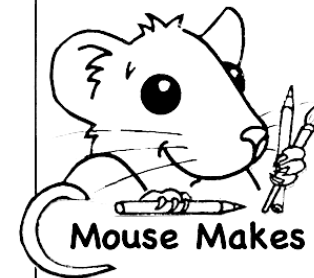
#### Across

1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6),  
 4 Place of learning (6), 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5), 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7), 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7) , 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5), 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9), 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5), 19 So clear (anag.) (7)  
 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7) , 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)  
 23 Musical beat (6) , 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

#### Down

1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6), 2 Art bite (anag.) (7) , 3 'The people of the city were divided; some— with the Jews, others with the apostles'(Acts 14:4) (5), 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7),  
 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5), 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6), 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9), 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7), 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7), 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6), 16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6) , 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5) , 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

## Children's Page



Jesus said: —  
 "The **Helper**,  
 the **Holy Spirit**,  
 whom the Father will  
 send in my name, will  
**teach** you everything  
 and make you  
**remember** all that  
 I have told you:."  
*John 14:26*



Jesus said:  
 "I will ask the Father,  
 and he will give you  
 another **Helper**, who  
 will stay with you  
 forever. He is the  
**Spirit** who **reveals**  
 the **truth** about God."  
*John 14:16,17*



Jesus said:  
 "...how much  
 more shall your  
 Heavenly  
 Father give the  
 Holy Spirit to  
 them that ask  
 him?  
*Luke 11:13"*

Read the story of  
 Pentecost in Acts 2

### The Fruit of the Spirit

"The Spirit produces



LOVE  
 JOY  
 PEACE  
 PATIENCE  
 KINDNESS  
 GOODNESS  
 FAITHFULNESS  
 HUMILITY  
 and SELF CONTROL"

*Galatians 5:22*

Cut out , keep and learn these  
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"Let the Spirit direct your lives"  
*Galatians 5:16*



"...the spirit also  
 comes to help us,  
 weak as we are.  
 For we do not  
 know how we  
 ought to pray; the  
 Spirit himself  
 pleads with God  
 for us"  
*Romans 8:26"*

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"Mike composes all his sermons on his  
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took the decision to replace our forty year old boiler by installing a new boiler system. This will compliment the measures already taken to cut costs (roof insulation /new lighting system) and hopefully make an impact on our excessive gas usage. The financial burden is difficult to bear in our congregation and we are all so thankful for the money provided from within our church to enable completion of recent works. Grant organizations have so many demands on their resources. Our recent applications in relation to costly new roof gutters and extensive pointing of stonework have been unsuccessful. However, this will not deter us and we shall continue to make appropriate bids for assistance from outside our church to enable us to keep our building and grounds in as good a condition as possible.

We should all feel positive about our church fabric. We are now in a good position thanks to everyone's efforts. Significant improvements have been carried out over recent years despite a harsh financial climate and with restricted resources of our own. We now have a tasteful Garden of Remembrance and coupled with our scheme of cleaning headstones for a small fee, provides much respect and dignity to the memory of departed loved ones: To improve efficiency and save fuel costs, we now have excellent lighting and roof insulation in place: In addition, we now have a refurbished vicarage just awaiting an Incumbent.

The work of the fabric group complements other groups and individuals also working to get the most out of church life. We have a fine building and congregation who do indeed help each other, which I believe benefits the community in general. We enjoy the time working, especially if we are getting the necessary help from others. There is never a better time to rally round and help in any area of church life than when we do not have an Incumbent. We are so lucky to have very professional and committed Lay Clergy and Wardens -particularly at this time- together with some workers with professional skills which they offer to us. I'm sure the future is bright.

The Fabric group/committee. May 2011

## Fair trade goes from strength to strength

Despite recession and rising food prices, the fair-trade movement continues to attract ever-increasing support in the United Kingdom. Over 6,600 churches are now affiliated to the Fairtrade Foundation and more than 500 schools have joined. There are also over 500 Fairtrade Towns.

UK shoppers are continuing to embrace Fairtrade, showing no downturn in ethical values despite the tough economic times. Sales soared in the past year by 40 per cent, reaching an estimated retail value of £1.17 billion, compared with £836 million in 2009.

Every day in the UK we are now consuming an estimated 9.3 million cups of Fairtrade tea, 6.4 million cups of Fairtrade coffee, 530,000 of certified drinking chocolate and 3.1 million Fairtrade bananas. New categories are also growing, with over one million cosmetic products using Fairtrade ingredients sold in 2010.

This expansion into new areas has opened up more opportunities for producers. Juliana Sampana, a shea-nut gatherer from the Akoma Co-operative in Ghana (which has recently started selling shea butter into the UK Fairtrade cosmetics market) says: "Many women in our region and elsewhere have worked so hard to put food on their tables for their families through farming and odd jobs but end up with an unfair income, leading to poor diet and diseases such as kwashiorkor and beri-beri. With Fairtrade, women are assured of a fair wage for their hard work."

Fresh commitments from the business world here include the Co-operative's plan to convert all commodities that can be Fairtrade by 2013, starting with bananas. Topshop has launched a new range of cotton denim, while Marks & Spencer have introduced a new cotton range under its Indigo Green label. The majority of Waitrose tea is now Fairtrade.

The Fairtrade Foundation has welcomed the setting up of a Fair Deal Food (FDF) Council of UK food producers to campaign for a price that covers costs of production. It seems that the North of England is leading the way on this concern. Barbara Panvel of FDF says there is a real danger that if action is not taken we shall lose milk production in the UK and have to rely on imported milk in our Fairtrade coffee.

More information is available from the Fairtrade Foundation, Ibex House, 42-47 Minories, London EC3N 1DY (telephone 0207 405 5942).

## Word search for June

June brings us Ascension Day, when Jesus brought his earthly life to a conclusion by returning to his Father in heaven. It brings us Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit fell on the first believers in Jerusalem. It also brings us Trinity Sunday, when we celebrate the mystery of how God can be one God in three persons....at the same time.

Angels  
Disciples  
Heaven  
Clouds  
Ascended  
Father  
Prayer  
Jerusalem  
Waiting  
Wind  
Tongues  
Fire  
Praise  
Preaching  
Son  
Holy  
Spirit  
Triune  
Persons  
Birthday



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## Is a computer masculine or feminine?

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. 'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la Casa.'

'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.'

A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?' Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether 'computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic; 2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else; 3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and 4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending money on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine ('el computador'), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on; 2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves; 3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and 4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won.

*A light-hearted poem for all IT-weary folk*

## Not my Favourite Things

(With apologies to Messrs Rogers and Hammerstein!)

Facebook and Bebo and E-bay and Twitter  
Texting and typing – they won't make you fitter,  
Sore eyes and fingers are all that they bring,  
they're not remotely my favourite things!

Viruses, Trojans, and spamming and phishing,  
Data on laptops that seem to go missing,  
Sitting on trains when a telephone rings,  
these aren't exactly my favourite things!

When they break down, when they spam me,  
When they make me mad.....

Then I remember how things used to be –  
And then I don't feel so bad!

Letters from loved ones in handwritten packets  
Walks in the park with no 'phones in our jackets,  
Capitals used when a sentence begins,  
those were a few of my favourite things!

For those old days, and those old ways,  
I am feeling sad,  
Then I switch off my i-phone and my PC,  
And then I don't feel so bad!

*By Nigel Beeton*



If your baby is beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses,  
sleeps on schedule and behaves like an angel all the time,  
you're the grandma.

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