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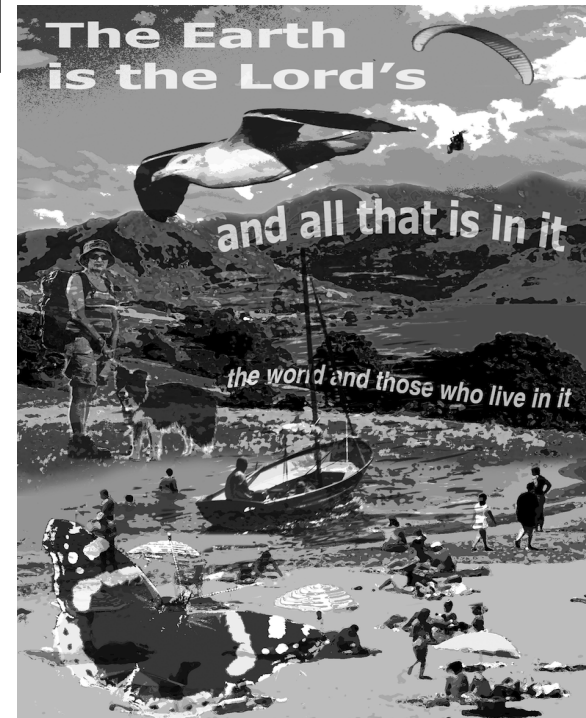
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Worship Sunday

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

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.

For Baptisms, marriages and funerals please phone the Vicarage and follow the information given.

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care worth talking about

Lead me not into temptation when you next go away!

Dear Home Owner,

For many years I was an active burglar in your district. Nothing big, just the small opportunist stuff, but it kept me in beer and baccy for a good number of years. Now I'm reformed and trying to keep to the straight and narrow.

However, it now grieves me to see how easy it is to pick out the empty house as I walk around the streets of our neighbourhood. So many people stuff rubbish through our doors – the ones who are paid a pittance to deliver advertising blurbs to every house on the street. They don't have time to make sure that the leaflets go right through, and mostly leave part of the bumf sticking out for all to see.

These guys used to be my friends. I would watch them do a street or two and about an hour later walk the same route that they had followed. I could be pretty sure that where their leaflet was still visible the residents were not at home. So down to the front door, a quick ring, no reply, and then round the back to get in; so easy.

This August when you go away, please don't tempt me. Please tell those who deliver leaflets advertising pizzas, fried chicken, Chinese cuisine, holidays, insurance and so on, (or even church magazines), to ensure that the items they are delivering are pushed right through the letter box. Or get a neighbour to keep a watch on your front door, and to push everything through. Don't leave those fliers sticking half out – an empty house is just irresistible!

Your reformed neighbourhood burglar

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Readings and Psalms for August 2011

Tues 2 nd	10.30	Numbers 12.1-13; Psalm 51.1-8; Matthew 14.22-end
Sun 7 th	7th Sunday after Trinity 10.45	1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33
Tues 9 th	10.30	Deuteronomy 31.1-8; Psalm 107.1-3,42-end; Matthew 18.1-5,10,12-,14
Sun 14 th	8th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 10.45	Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Matthew 15.21-28 Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15.21-28
Tues 16 th	10.30	Judges 6.11-24; Psalm 85.8-end; Matthew 19.23-end
Sun 21 st	9th Sunday after Trinity 10.45	Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20
Tues 23 rd	10.30	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Psalm 139.1-9; Matthew 23.23-26
Sun 28 th	10th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 10.45	Jeremiah 15.15-21; Matthew 16.21-end Jeremiah 15.15-21; Matthew 16.21-end <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 30 th	10.30	1 Thessalonians 5.1-6, 9-11; Psalm 27.1-8; Luke 4.31-37

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



5 June

Ewan John Williamson, School Crescent, Stalybridge
Lucas James Michael Milenko, Church Street, Stalybridge

19 June

Kaycee Leigh Moody, Langdale Terrace, Stalybridge

3 July

Megan Leigh Johnston, Tower Street, Dukinfield
Lily-May Baguley, The Close, Stalybridge

10 July

Brandon Paul Tomlinson, Kenworthy Street, Stalybridge
Tyler James Halstead, Armadale Road, Dukinfield

17 July

Reuben Christopher Shaw, Minto Street, Ashton-under-Lyne

31 July

Jamie Junior Lewis, Newton Court, Stalybridge
Maisie Leigh Flanagan, Boulderstone Road, Stalybridge

Marriages



9 July

Martin Anthony Ashton and Claire Louise Bozier

Funerals



15 June

Mollie Darbyshire, Hopkins Farm, Arlies Lane, Stalybridge

20 June

Edith Margaret Day, Broadhill Road, Stalybridge

13 July

Lois Jean Whittaker (58) Hanover Street, Stalybridge

15 July

Peter Andrew Wilson (47) Holland Avenue, Stalybridge

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens or one of the clergy.

The cost for the special inscription is £7.50 per entry

This month we asked one of the younger members of our church to write the lead article of the magazine. David McManus is a Server at Sunday services when he is home from studying at University. Earlier this year our weekly pew sheet congratulated David on achieving his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award but it's only now he has had time to let us know just how much was involved in getting such a high prestige recognition.

Over to David

On the 12th April 2011 I attended the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award certificate presentation in St James Palace London; this was after I had completed the numerous sections of the award done over the previous two years. The sections consist of an Assessed Expedition, Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and a Residential Project.

The first section I completed at Bluecoats School Sixth Form in June and July 2009, this was an expedition as a member of a group. There were two undertaken, first a practise in the Yorkshire Dales a few weeks before the assessed expedition in the Keswick area of the Lake District. Both required at least 8 hours walking per day for four days and three nights, each day we covered roughly around 20 Km. This was the most gruelling at times due to the sheer weight of the rucksack which I was carrying. All our equipment required had to be carried by the group. The persistent rain which accompanied us on the last few days of the assessed expedition came as no surprise due to the Lake Districts reputation yet we were slowed down due to the amount of water-sodden rucksacks which we had to continue lugging along with us.

The second section I completed was my Service which I did as an assistant at 5th Stalybridge Scout Group for 18 months. This consisted of helping with the same group I had helped previously but this time recording what assistance and planning I had helped and planned for them myself.

Thirdly I completed my Skills section where I learnt to drive, this was counted for six months and after a few months extra learning I passed my driving tests first time last August.

For the physical recreation section of my Duke of Edinburgh's Award I joined a gym for one year to improve my physical health, this included

activities such as using the rowing machine, cross trainer, weights and swimming.

Lastly the residential project required a five day and four nights away from home project which is aimed at making new friends, working as part of a team, and developing communication skills. I did this in the summer of 2009 for one week at Bradley Wood Scout campsite in North Yorkshire. Here, among other things, I helped with the archery and rifle shooting, and worked with disabled children for a few days on the site.

I completed all of these sections in September 2010 and after submission it was accepted in January 2011 and I was invited to St James Palace for the award presentation by HRH Earl of Wessex (Prince Edward). The presentation took place in groups of 25 with the Prince being very friendly towards both the award presenters and the parents for ten minutes.



Now that my Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award has been completed I am working on my Queens Scout award which requires only a bit more time until it can be completed.

David McManus

A wonderful achievement David, we are glad to read you didn't rest for too long before going on with your next challenge. We wish you well and look forward to the next instalment.

Some dates for your diary August 2011

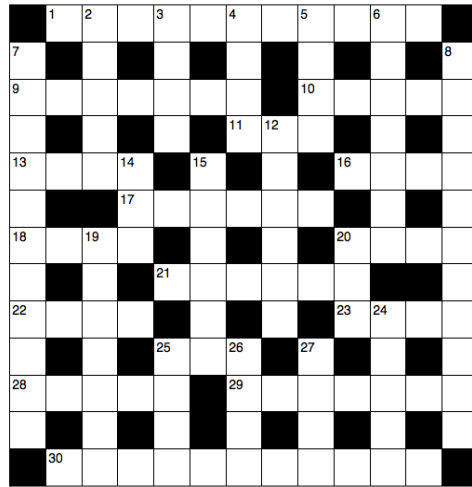
Tuesday	1st	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Friday	5th	1.30p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	7th	7th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 14	
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Guest
			Revd Allan Lees - following the service the
			PCC to Meet with the Archdeacon in the Creche
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2
Tuesday	9th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	14th	8th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 15	
		8.30a.m	Holy Eucharist
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist –
			with Guest Penny Mittler
Tuesday	16th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	20th	3.00p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	21st	9th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 16	
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Guest
			Revd Peter Reiss
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 1
Tuesday	23rd	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	28th	10th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 17	
		8.30a.m	Holy Eucharist
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Guest
			Revd Jo Farnworth
Tuesday	30th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist

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July Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Dove. 3, Offender. 9, Alcohol. 10, Loses. 11, Hiram. 12, Oprah. 14, Archbishopric. 17, Samuel. 19, Dwarf. 22, Lacks. 23, Imagine. 24, Military. 25, Revd.
DOWN: 1, Drachmas. 2, Vicar. 4, Fellow-soldier. 5, Eglah. 6, Despair. 7, Rust. 8, The mob. 13, Scofield. 15, Chancel. 16, Ordeal. 18, Upset. 20, Alike. 21, Elim.

August Crossword



CLUES

Across

1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11), 9 'No —, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7), 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5), 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1), 13 Taverns (4), 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4), 17 'He will not always —, nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6), 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1–2) (4,4), 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4), 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6), 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4), 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4), 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3), 28 Annie (anag.) (5), 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7), 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5), 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4), 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4), 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4), 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7), 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11), 8 'This is a day you are to —' (Exodus 12:14) (11), 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6), 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3), 15 Liverpool dialect (6), 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7), 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3), 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5), 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4), 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4), 27 See 18 Across

Children's Page



ANOTHER CHANCE

The Bible gives us some lovely pictures of how God is always willing to give us another chance. One story you may not know is of Jeremiah and the potter...

Jeremiah was a prophet, a person who gave God's message to the people. One day he watched a potter using a simple wheel to make cooking pots. One of the pots wasn't quite right, but the potter didn't throw it away and start another one. He just squashed it down and started again, this time turning it into a perfect pot. The clay had a second chance to be beautiful and useful.



Jeremiah realised that God was showing him that all of us are in God's hands. God, like the potter, gives us another chance to what we should be.



GINGERBREAD SHAPES

100 g (4 oz) margarine
100 g (4 oz) sugar
275g (10 oz) plain flour
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
3 teaspoons ground ginger
golden syrup
(warmed, about 2 tablespoons)

Heat the oven to 180C (350F, Gas 4) and line a baking tray.

Cream together the margarine. Sift together the dry ingredients and add to the creamed mixture. Add enough syrup to make a dough.

Now all you have to do is roll out the dough on a floured board and cut it into shapes. You can make gingerbread people or any thing. If you are not happy with how they look you can, like Jeremiah's potter, squash it and start again.

Put the shapes on the baking tray and cook for 15 minutes. Cool on the tray. Finish with icing, chocolate drops etc.



What did the gingerbread man put on his bed?

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Centenary Success

Stalybridge & District Sunday Schools Billiards, Snooker & Whist League celebrates its Centenary this year.

The League originally started as a winter outlet for Young Men's Societies to run alongside cricket as their summer pastime, both Old St. George's & New St. George's have had teams in this League since the early 1920s.

This year, once again, our teams have been successful. St. George's A Team were Runners-up in the George Fletcher Memorial Trophy (Snooker) and Phil Vidler & Martin Campbell won the Snooker Doubles Trophy.

St. George's B Team won the Whist League Trophy and also won the Gordon Clay Memorial Trophy (Whist). The B Team were also Runners-up in the Berry Cup (Snooker).

The Sportsmanship Award, which is an annual award voted for by the Captains of all the teams in the League, was this year awarded to St. George's Michael Davies.

Congratulations to Michael and to all St. George's Team players.

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A well worn five pound note and a similar distressed twenty pound note arrived at the Bank of England to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty pound note bill mused: "I've had a pretty good life. Why, I've been to London, and Los Vegas and even a cruise round the Carribean."

"Wow!" said the five pound note. "You've had a really exciting time."

"So tell me," said the twenty pound note, "where have you been?"

The five pound note replied, "Oh! I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Anglican Church, and once even to the United Reformed Church..."

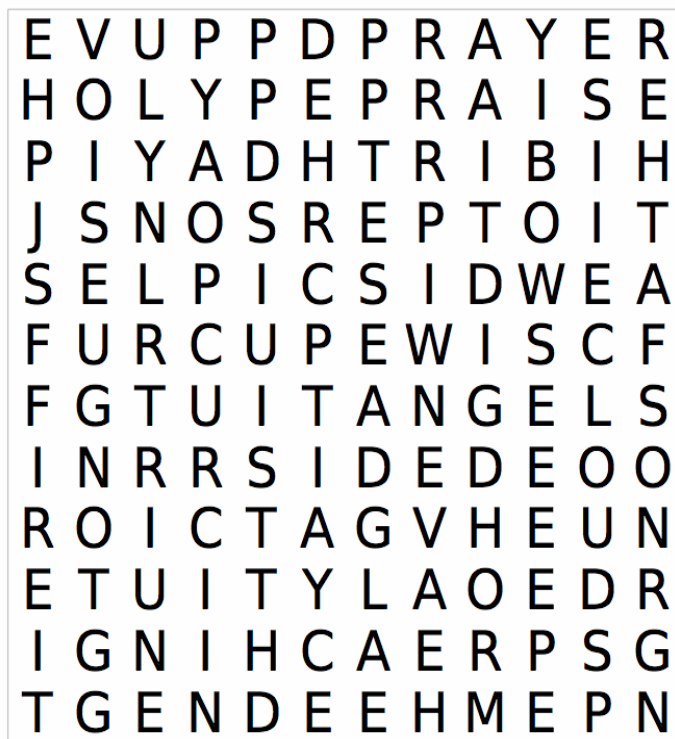
The twenty pound note interrupted, "What's a church?"

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Word search for August

If you love music and the arts you will be looking forward to August. If modern Christian music under canvas, with a bit of mud, appeals to you, why not pack your kit for the Greenbelt Festival at Cheltenham Racecourse? Of, if traditional music is more to your taste, try the Three Choirs Festival in Worcester. Scotland calls: the Edinburgh Festival offers everything arty - from the sublime to the ridiculous. Or, if you like a bit of pomp and circumstance, head for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo...

Greenbelt
Canvas
Mud
Tent
Racecourse
Music
Guitars
Microphones
Showers
Rain
Cathedral
Choirs
Classical
Sublime
Festival
Scotland
Ridiculous
Military
Band
Tattoo
Marching
Trumpets
Drums
Organs
Song



ALL IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

It was....

300 years ago:- on 11th August 1711 that the first horse race meeting at Ascot took place, initiated by Queen Anne.

150 years ago: on 6th August 1861 that Britain annexed Lagos, Nigeria, making it a crown colony and halting the slave trade.

100 years ago: on 10th August 1911 that British members of Parliament voted to receive salaries for the first time.

90 years ago: on 19th August 1921 that Gene Roddenberry, American screenwriter and creator of Star Trek, was born.

75 years ago: on 1st August 1936 that the XI Olympic Games opened in Berlin, Germany. It was the last Olympics for 12 years, due to World War II.

70 years ago: on 14th August 1941 that Britain and the USA issued the Atlantic Charter, a joint declaration that laid out the aims and goals of the Allied powers during and after World War II.

50 years ago: on 13th August 1961 that East Germany sealed off the border between East and West Berlin. Construction of the Berlin Wall began on 15th August.

40 years ago: on 6th August 1971 British sailor Chay Blyth became the first person to sail non-stop around the world in the 'wrong' direction (i.e. westward), against all the prevailing winds and currents.

30 years ago: on 12th August 1981 that IBM launched the Personal Computer (PC).

25 years ago: on 31st August 1986 that Henry Moore, British sculptor, died.

20 years ago: on 8th August 1991 that British journalist John McCarthy was released by Islamic Jihad in Lebanon after being held hostage for more than five years.

15 years ago: on 23rd August 1996, that Osama bin Laden issued a fatwa entitled 'A Declaration of War Against the Americans Occupying the Land of the Two Holy Places'. At that time few people knew who he was, so the fatwa received little attention.

Also 15 years ago: on 28th August 1996, that Prince Charles and Princess Diana were divorced. Princess Diana was now to be known as Diana, Princess of Wales.

10 years ago: on 6th August 2001, that U.S. President George W Bush received a daily briefing warning that Osama bin Laden was determined to strike in the USA (six weeks before the September 11th terrorist attack on New York).

We Love the Place O God

When we join together in church for our Sunday morning services there is much music and movement to lift our spirits and soothe our souls. Celebrations and sorrows shared, words of interpretation from the preachers, with the choir and organist leading our worship.

We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.

For our service of Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 10.30 am we have something a bit different. When I arrive, about half an hour beforehand, I often find our very own 'maintenance men' already on their first mug of coffee, planning what needs doing, and where and when. Sometimes they are already well on their way, mowers going outside, checking jobs inside. The place is a hive of activity.

Gradually more people begin to arrive and come to sit in church. While work continues outside this is a quiet time in the Lady Chapel, a said service of stillness and peace.

This is the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet.

On Tuesdays we have time and space to learn about Saints days and others not so well known who are commemorated throughout the year. These days, to encourage and inspire us, are ordered by the liturgical church calendar, and range widely over the centuries. One of the very earliest, Polycarp (69-156 AD) was said to be a disciple of Saint John. One who was alive in my own lifetime was Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941) and I have a very helpful book on prayer written by her. She, along with others we remember, seem like old friends helping me over the years in my own spiritual journey. Julian of Norwich (1342-1416) was there for me – along with other friends – when I was having an op a few years ago. As I sank into oblivion her most famous saying came to mind 'All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well'. It was just what I needed at that moment in time.

After our service there is much activity, as well as laughter in the kitchen, as one or two begin setting out our cups of coffee and biscuits (buns on birthdays!). Someone has brought beautifully laundered linen to put away in the vestry, and takes more to do at home. Another has brought tins of ham and other goodies for the box of groceries to be taken to the drop-in centre at the cathedral. The silver we used on Sunday is given a thorough wash. Mums and tots often arrive to book baptisms, or sometimes couples to ask about weddings. By this time the men have come in for their second cup of coffee. All this joyful activity is underpinned by the prayers said earlier.

Why not join us for the service or just call in for a coffee and a chat – as another hymn puts it - 'All are welcome in this place'.

Doreen

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From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Aug	Norman Wood	1956	16 Aug	Colin Mark Press	1982
	Jesse Brierley	2000		Gertrude Ireson	1997
2 Aug	Patricia Anne Southerin	1991	17 Aug	Arthur Cottrill	1985
	John David Southerin	1991	20 Aug	Fred Wrigley	1998
3 Aug	Florence Newton	1982		Rose Kemp	2003
	Anthony Wray	1982		Richard Arthur de	2006
	Ellen Cooper	1996		Yarburgh-Bateson	
4 Aug	William Smith	1990	21 Aug	Richard Grantham	1979
5 Aug	George Buckley	1956		Mary Maddock	1997
	Thomas Hudson	1984		Adele Ann Clifford	1981
6 Aug	Norman Holt	1976	23 Aug	Jack Mitchell Wadsworth	1964
	Mary Turner	1998		Charles Horner	1997
8 Aug	Olive Greenwood	1988	25 Aug	Florence Mary Gee	1975
9 Aug	Elsie Andrews	1993		Ernest Lomas	1991
	Ethel Rebecca Hirst	1989		Harry Swindells	1994
10 Aug	Louis Vickers	1997	26 Aug	Adam Kirk Gordon Tye	1988
11 Aug	Amanda Jane Sedgwick	1951		Frederick Cook	1998
	Joseph Parkinson	1958	27 Aug	Martin James Sweeney	1966
	Bernard Gudgeon	1987		Joan Roberts	2001
	Beatrice Newton	1990		Joan Catherine Hartnett	2004
13 Aug	Vera Lydiate	1990		Owen Bartley	2007
14 Aug	Edward Barlow	1975	29 Aug	Frank Charlesworth	1981
	Hugh Darbyshire	2006		Marion Styan	1994
	Mildred Standing	2009	30 Aug	Peter Steven Turnbull	1982
15 Aug	William Frederick Ireson	1942		Harold Davenport	1999
	Ellen Mawdsley	1985	31 Aug	John Cowman	1989
	Ann Dunn	2007		Jean Cooper	2010
16 Aug	Walker Ratcliffe	1938		Diane Bardsley	1994

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