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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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## From the Registers

### Baptisms



**21 August**

Phoebe Elizabeth Gregory, Astley Street, Stalybridge

### Marriages



**5 August**

Peter Gosling and Rachel Baxter

**20 August**

David Christopher Woodland and Joanne Louise Keeling

### Funerals



**3 August**

Sheila Rose (86), Rochford House, Denton Road, Audenshaw

**12 August**

Faye Clarke (79), Melbourne Court, Stalybridge

## From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Sep	Thomas Martin	1974	10 Sep	Boris Buckley	2006
	Freda Butler	2010	23 Sep	Harold Barnfield	1992
2 Sep	Ida Mawdsley	1998		Mary Louise Harris	1975
	Mabel Ethel Shaw	1988		Edith Jubb	1992
4 Sep	Eric Clegg	1993	24 Sep	Harry Mitchell Lister	1929
5 Sep	Betty Denby	1963		George Ronald Scott	1979
	Ruth Sutton	1997	28 Sep	Alma Cuttle	1985
7 Sep	George Sayce	1985		Mary Jane Higgins	2005
	Mary Sidebottom	1987		Raymond Peter Redfern	2007
8 Sep	Harold Thwaites	1957	29 Sep	Harry Rawsterne	2009
9 Sep	William Grimshaw	1974	30 Sep	Reginald Aldred	1998



### 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

Joyce Hansell writes this month lead article:

### Turning the world upside down – are we??

Not so long ago there used to be a hymn that was regularly sung and the first verse goes like this:

O Lord all the world belongs to you  
And you are always making all things new  
What is wrong, you forgive  
And the new life you give  
Is what's turning the world upside down  
(Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New 509)

That phrase '...turning the world upside down' has always fascinated me because I look around me and I see anything but Christians having this impact on the world.

Yet, when Jesus asked Peter the question 'Who do you say I am?' Peter replied 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God', Jesus went on to say, 'On this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades (Hell) will not overcome it.'

Powerful words, aren't they? Jesus wants us to first of all believe that He is who He says He is and on this firm foundation, build our lives; not only as a church but each of us as individuals. But what's going wrong? Those opposed to us in this world no longer say, 'We hate you' but 'Where are you?'. It's much more comfortable to retreat into the past and glory in what we once had, or we can always leap into the future and build castles in the air, dreaming of what we would like to be, but what about the present? I believe we must look at the early church in the Bible to get help.

In Acts 11 verse 26 it says, 'The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.' This wasn't by accident. In those days names were sometimes changed when individuals showed certain characteristics. If the character changed, the name was changed [e.g. Jesus gave Simon Peter the name 'Cephas' – meaning 'rock' because Jesus saw in him the rocklike quality of steadfastness (John 1 verse 42)]. So when the Spirit of Christ was so evident in the people who turned to the Lord in Antioch the locals couldn't help but notice the change in them, so they were called 'Christ's ones'- Christians. So I believe that in order to 'turn the world upside down' we need to be re-formed and become like the

Christians of Antioch. We need to rediscover the good news about the Lord Jesus Christ so that He truly inspires all our actions and helps us apply His teaching to our daily lives and relationships.

So then, what can we do in order to 'make the difference' in the world today, and not only make the difference but turn it upside down. Again, looking to the early church, they cared for one another in a big way and not only meeting each other's needs but also the needs of all they came into contact with. They also carried one another's burdens '...so fulfilling the law of Christ.' (Galatians 6 verse 2) and loved with a selfless love. It is when those who don't belong to the family of the Church see love in action and each one of us following Jesus every moment of every day that they will see how much living for Jesus means to us. The result of that is that many will be drawn to the Lord as they see the difference He makes to our lives – giving peace, hope, security and a reason for living.

In closing, I'd like to finish with another verse from the hymn quoted at the beginning:

..... Send your spirit on all  
In your Church, whom you call  
To be turning the world upside down.

*Joyce Hansell*

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## Readings and Psalms for September 2011

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	11th Sunday after Trinity	10.45	Ezekiel 33.7-11; Psalm 119.33-40; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Colossians 2.6-15; Psalm 8; Luke 6.12-19	
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	12th Sunday after Trinity	8.30	Genesis 50.15-21; Matthew 18.21-35
	10.45	Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.8-13; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35	
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	1 Timothy 3.1-13; Psalm 101; Luke 7.11-17	
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	13th Sunday after Trinity	10.45	Jonah 3.10-end of 4; Psalm 145.1-8; Philippians 1.21-end; Matthew 20.1-16
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Ezra 6.7-8,12,14-20; Psalm 124; Luke 8.19-21	
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	14th Sunday after Trinity <i>Harvest and Back to Church Sunday</i>	8.30	Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Luke 12.16-30
	10.45	Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Luke 12.16-30 <i>Worship For All</i>	
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Zechariah 8.20-end; Psalm 87; Luke 9.51-56	

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

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### Come back to church this month - Sunday, 25 September

This month hundreds of thousands of people around the world who USED to go to church, will be going BACK to church. Why? Simply because a friend or neighbour invites them, and they are made to feel welcome.

Back to Church Sunday is now the largest single local-church invitational initiative in the world. It is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism - that we should invite someone we already know to something we love; invite our friend to our church.

The initial focus was to invite 'back' those who used to attend, but we want to ensure that anyone who doesn't currently attend can be guaranteed an especially warm welcome.

Why are we bothering? Because the church is not just for us Christians. When Jesus gave the disciples the Great Commission, it was not to set up churches and stay in them. Instead, he said the job of Christians is to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

So - churches are for everybody - for those who believe in Jesus Christ, and for those who want to know a bit more about Christianity. If this means you, please come along on 25 September - we guarantee you a warm welcome!

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*Thinking of all the recent riots and the difficult job facing our police officers:*

#### A POLICEMAN'S PRAYER.

O God, you have given me the task of maintaining law and order in this community. It is much more dangerous and frustrating than it once was. Give me the courage and the resolution at all times to do my duty, and give me such a love and respect for justice that neither promise nor threat will ever make me depart from it.

Help me in a real sense to be the guardian and friend of the whole community - a friend to children, an example to youth, a counsellor and adviser to all good citizens.

Give me the skill and the wisdom and the strength I need to capture the evil doer and to keep him from his misdeeds and give me at all times wisdom to know when to enforce and when to relax the letter of the law. Help me to be a personal example of the honesty, the goodness, the justice which it is my duty to maintain and help me to win the authority which comes from respect.

Through Jesus Christ, my Lord.

Amen.

(Christian Police Association)

## Children's Page



**GOD SAID**

*"As the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until they have watered the earth- making it blossom and sprout, and giving seed to be sown and bread for food- so it is with the word of my mouth: it will not return fruitless, but will accomplish my purpose, and achieve that for which I sent it"*

Isaiah 55:10-11

### Mouse Makes

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How many mice can you find on this page?

## Some dates for your diary - September 2011

Friday	2nd	3.00pm to 4.00pm Cllr C. Patrick - Surgery 7.45p.m. Choir Practice restarts
Saturday	3rd	4.00pm Wedding Blessing & Rededication
Sunday	4th	11th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 18 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church with Guest Revd Terry Simms 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
Tuesday	6th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	7th	7.30p.m. Deanery Synod Meeting at St. John, Hurst
Thursday	8th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Friday	9th	7.45p.m. Choir Practice
Saturday	10th	10.00am to 4.00pm English Heritage Open Day & Fair Trade - All Welcome
Sunday	11th	12th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 19 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tuesday	13th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
Thursday	15th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Meeting 1st Practice
Friday	16th	7.45p.m. Choir Practice
Sunday	18th	13th Sunday after Trinity 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church with Guest - Archdeacon Cherry Vann 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 3
Tuesday	20th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thursday	22nd	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Friday	23rd	7.45p.m. Choir Practice
Saturday	24th	9.30a.m. Decorate Church for Harvest 10.30am to 12.30pm Fair Trade Morning 2.00p.m. Wedding
Sunday	25th	HARVEST & BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Worship For All with Guest Revd. Steve Dixon followed with a Bring & Share Lunch
Tuesday	27th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
Thursday	29th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Friday	30th	7.45p.m. Choir Practice
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Saturday	1st	7.00p.m. Quiz Night

### View from a pew.

I have spent all my working life with children in one form or another. I have had time in a playgroup, nursery, worked with children and young people with dyslexia and volunteered as a Sunday school teacher, mentor and babysitter as well as my own two and the grand children. I have never tired of the company of children and each one has been unique and refreshing.

The notion of childhood is a modern one it seems to me, and this is a very personal view, that in the 21st century there is a paradox. Firstly of acceleration, babies growing up so fast they appear as miniature adults by the time they start school and to simultaneously lengthen so that parents who wave their offspring off to university with tearful goodbyes, catch them like boomerangs when these same children return to the nest three or four years later when the free lodgings and ready supply of food and laundry seem very appealing.

I don't want to sound like some moaning pensioner who says it was all different in my day. But in the main it was. People, let's say, *of a certain age*, will recall leaving school at 15 on a Friday, going for an overall and some shoes with a heel or buying a donkey jacket and work boots over a weekend and starting work on the Monday. It was a rite of passage, a putting away of childish things as it were and suddenly you had a status and your own money, even if it was only pocket money. No longer a child, there were new, older companions and these young people felt valued as contributing family members. I recall a friend of mine who was one of six sisters saying that as children they ate their meals sitting together on a bench down one side of the table. Dad and Mum sat at each end. As each girl started work they got a chair for mealtimes and filled up the other side. She said I really wanted that chair! Courting and marriage followed a natural rhythm and it seemed an ordered way of doing things.

But of course things should and do change and sometimes our rose coloured spectacles need a good polish! It is here in the 1<sup>st</sup> world that I am talking of now: life for most children in the UK isn't that bad when taken as a whole as we have access to free schools and medical treatment. Legislation, hard won by reformers, says that employment laws and health and safety protection means that unscrupulous individuals cannot victimise children into dangerous employment. What can cause disadvantage is when the bounty we have is undervalued or not accessed for reasons too complicated for here.

However life for many in the 3<sup>rd</sup> world is so unspeakably vile that it is dreadful to contemplate. Life expectancy, assuming that the baby survives pregnancy and birth and Mum is alive as well, is often as low as 38 years, currently the statistic in Malawi. Children are a resource and commodity often with no rights or prospects and no childhood, going straight into the world of work at a time when most children in UK are going into reception class. The reasons given for the widespread use of child labour in the 3<sup>rd</sup> world are the same ones used by mill owners here during the 19<sup>th</sup> century before legislation ensured a proper childhood for our infants

### Songs of Praise turns 50

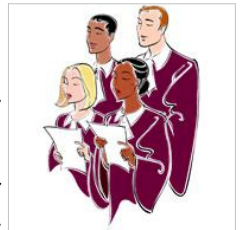
The very first ever BBC Songs Of Praise was recorded 50 years ago this month, and broadcast on 1 October 1961.

The first programme was recorded on 25 September at the Welsh Baptist Tabernacle Chapel in Cardiff city

centre (Tabernacl, Capel y Bedyddwyr). This past summer all surviving members of the original congregation were invited to return for the recording of the anniversary edition, which was conducted by Tim Rhys-Evans, musical director of Only Men Aloud.

Songs of Praise has long been the most popular and beloved of all BBC worship programmes. During its 50 years it has visited more than 1,800 churches, cathedrals and chapels, singing over 12,500 hymns. Guest presenters over the years have included Sir Cliff Richard, Alan Titchmarsh and Toyah Willcox. At its peak, 12m viewers watched the programme, with audiences still 2.5m. Songs of Praise has featured in episodes of comedies Vicar of Dibley and The Brittas Empire

Cardiff's Millennium Stadium was the location for Songs of Praise's largest ever episode. The special edition saw 60,000 worshippers, a 6,000 piece choir, an orchestra of 100 harps, the band of the Welsh Guards and an anthem specially written by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber marking the first Sunday of the new millennium.

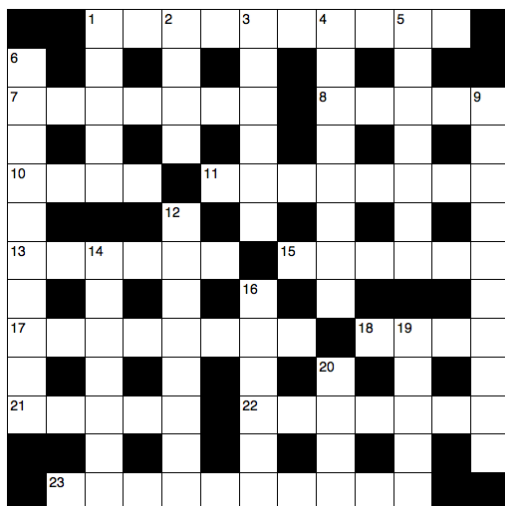


### Oops - an apology!

I really must apologise to all the avid word search fans for the mistake in the August magazine. In my attempts to get the magazine out on time I put in all the clues for the August word search but then forgot to change the grid—the one printed was from June! Thank you to the lady who rang to tell me, now you know why it didn't work. Sorry.



## September Crossword



### Across

1 'You are no longer — and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people' (Ephesians 2:19) (10), 7 'Religion that God our Father — as pure and faultless is this' (James 1:27) (7), 8 'Do you want a — ? Signal then to Jesus' (5), 10 Throw (Exodus 9:8) (4), 11 We rank it (anag.) (8), 13 Encourage (Isaiah 59:13) (6), 15 'Then Jesus — from Galilee — the Jordan to be baptized by John' (Matthew 3:13) (4,2), 17 Coming to rest (Matthew 3:16) (8), 18 Provisional decree in divorce proceedings (4), 21 Long earnestly (Psalm 84:2) (5), 22 'Put these old rags and — clothes under your arms to pad the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (4-3), 23 'He defends the cause of the — and the widow, and loves the alien' (Deuteronomy 10:18) (10)

### Down

1 Self-evident truths (Acts 19:36) (5), 2 'Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are — for harvest' (John 4:35) (4), 3 'Your great learning is driving you — ' (Acts 26:24) (6), 4 'Spring of water' on the borders of Judah and Benjamin (Joshua 15:9) (8), 5 Rile Eve (anag.) (7), 6 'Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you — and with whole-hearted devotion' (Isaiah 38:3) (10), 9 Paul was mistakenly suspected of leading 4000 of these into the desert (Acts 21:38) (10), 12 Relationship of an omer to an ephah (Exodus 16:36) (3,5), 14 Galilean home town of Mary, 'from whom seven demons had come out' (Luke 8:2) (7), 16 'If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not — ' (Luke 22:67-68) (6), 19 Fetters (Mark 5:4) (5), 20 'No good — bears bad fruit' (Luke 6:43) (4)

So what can be done to address this? You may feel that nothing we can do is of any help, as individuals we do not have any power. It would be wrong to think this, as one of our greatest assets is as consumers. We can choose where **our** money is spent and often only a tiny change is needed. When looking at what a bargain we've seen in the many clothing outlets, say a child's hand- beaded top for £2 please consider that the dextrous hands that did the beading may be the same age as the child you are buying it for. The football bought for a beloved child here may have been produced by some younger workers in a sweat shop in China. We can ask where goods come from and choose to shop elsewhere if the answers are not satisfactory. If you wish to support a charity look at the running costs and see how much is given in administration and what goes on the ground. The best gift any child can have after daily food is education so it maybe a charity which concentrates efforts into helping each child to benefit from an education could be the one for you. Buying Fair-trade branded items guarantees a living income for the family who produced the tea and coffee we take for granted. Remember that through our taxes we support our MP's and can ask them about the Government policy on overseas aid.

If you do support our own Shoe-box appeal for Operation Christmas Child (and I hope you do) please include the wherewithal to enable a child to access school by putting in a pen, pencil and notebook. So many children are just lacking the means. Our Brownie Soap Stars will never know how they have changed the lives of children in Malawi as the recipients can access a bar of soap and prevent intestinal illness' by the simple act of regularly washing their hands.

So when does childhood end? For many in the 3<sup>rd</sup> world all too quickly but for us here in the West who knows.

I shall leave with a story told to me by a priest in Italy. He was at a new parish and was greeting people as they left after the Service. He saw an attractive elderly lady, well dressed, on the arm of a woman of an equally good looking woman in her twenties. On enquiring of the younger woman as to whom her companion was she replied, 'She is the grandmother of my mother'. It transpired that she was 104!'Are you in good health' my friend inquired. 'Oh yes, she said, however I am tired today as I had to get up in the night to go down and check on my son. He has a chest infection. Her son was 85!

Ann Winstanley

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### August Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 1, Charioteers. 9, Immoral. 10, Cairo. 11, SAE. 13, Inns. 16, Firm. 17, Accuse. 18, East. 20, Ogam. 21, Judith. 22, Seba. 23, Msgr. 25, Den. 28, Inane. 29, Entreat. 30, Chrysoprase.

**DOWN:** 2, Human. 3, Rare. 4, Oils. 5, Ecce. 6, Raising. 7, Citizenship. 8, Commemorate. 12, Assault. 14, Sat. 15, Scouse. 19, Sabbath. 20, Ohm. 24, Seeds. 25, Deny. 26, Nero. 27, Star.

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### Junior Church News

The last Sunday in July was prize giving day and the following children re-  
ceived books:

**Jack Walker, Ella Walker, Olivia Churchill, Joseph Ryan, Lilly Hanson,  
Kiera Hurst, Kian Hurst, Joseph Sykes, Emma May Hansell-Grayson**

Although not all of them were able to be at St Georges on that day below is  
a picture of some of them.

Kiera and Kian Hurst were guests at a baptism in another church but  
Grandma was able to take their books to give to them later. Similarly Olivia  
Churchill and Joseph Ryan were guests at another baptism and again their  
Grandma stepped in to accept their books on their behalf.

We look forward to seeing all of them when Junior Church returns from  
summer holiday on Sunday 25 September.

A big THANK YOU to the dedicated team of teachers who week by week  
find interesting bible related activities for them. It is a joy to see the children  
standing in front of the altar near the end of the service to show and tell the  
rest of us what they have been doing

