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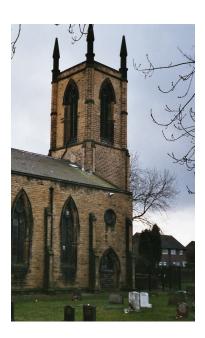
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February 2011

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Worship Sunday

Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays) 8.30 a.m. Sung Communion and Sunday School 10.45 a.m.

(4th Sunday – Family Service)

Occasional Special Services as 18.00 p.m.

announced

Monday

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

Tuesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

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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<u> Pongratulations.....</u>



100 years.... Special congratulations go to Miss Jessie Birch who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Miss Birch was born in Heyrod and spent most of her life there, until earlier last year when she moved to Parkhill Nursing Home. Miss Birch used to attend various activities at St George's and especially enjoyed our Care Bear events.

50 years..... Our congratulations also go to Alan and Margaret Smith who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the end of January. Alan and Margaret are both keen workers for St George's and we hope they enjoyed the holiday they arranged to celebrate their special anniversary.



SMILE FOR YOU

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin
When he smiled I realised I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile then I realised its worth,
A single smile, just like mine, could travel round the earth.
So, if you fell a smile begin, don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

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January Crossword Solution

Across: 1, Godlessness. 9, Egotism. 10, After. 11, Eat. 13, Sort. 16, Plan. 17, Escape. 18, Odds. 20, Idem. 21, No fear. 22, Idle. 23, Abet. 25, Ail. 28, Eaves. 29, Achieve. 30, Grasshopper.

Down: 2, Odour. 3, Lair. 4, Same. 5, Neat. 6, Settled. 7, Gershonites. 8, Grandmother. 12, Apples. 14, TES. 15, Octopi. 19, Deliver. 20, Ira. 24, Breve. 25, As is. 26, Lash. 27, Whip.

Readings and Psalms for February 2011

Tues 1 st	10.30	Hebrews 12.1-4; Psalm 22.25b-end; Mark 5.21-43
Sun 6 th	5th Su 8.30 10.45	nday before Lent Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 5.13-20 Isaiah 58.1-9a; Psalm 112.1-9; 1 Corinthians 2.1-12; Matthew 5.13-20
Tues 8 th	10.30	Genesis 1.20-2.4a; Psalm 8; Mark 7.1-13
Sun 13 th	4th Su 8.30 10.45	,
Tues 15 th	10.30	Genesis 6.5-8;7.1-5,10; Psalm 29; Mark 8.14-21
Sun 20 th	3rd Su 8.30 10.45	nday before Lent Leviticus 19.1-2,9-18; Matthew 5.38-end Leviticus 19.1-2,9-18; Psalm 119.33-40; 1 Corinthians 3.10-11,16-end; Matthew 5.38-end
Tues 22 nd	10.30	Ecclesiasticus 2.1-11; Psalm 37.3-6,27-28; Mark 9.30-37
Sun 27 th	2nd Su 8.30 10.45	Inday before Lent Genesis 1.1-2.3; Matthew 6.25-end Genesis 1.1-2.3; Matthew 6.25-end Worship For All

From the Registers

<u>Funerals</u>

7 January



James Arthur Grattidge (80) Oak Drive, Denton

12 January

George Henry Burtoft (96) Lowry Court, Mottram

17 January

Winnie Heaney (90) Clarkson House, Currier Lane, Ashton-under-Lyne **26 January**

Mandy Stanley (38) Stonecliffe Terrace, Stalybridge

From Our Book of Remembrance

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1 Feb 2 Feb	Ernest Albert Whitehead	2000 2005	22 Feb	Frederick James Eldridge	1989 2001
	Vera Hadfield		- .	Joan Wykes	
4 Feb	Mary Priestley	1994	24 Feb	Mary Theresa Brierley	2004
6 Feb	James Howarth	1993	25 Feb	Philip Grocott	1975
	Albert Livsey	1993		Harry Nuttall	1992
7 Feb	Annie Howard	1981		Leslie Barber	2006
	Adam Constantine	2004	26 Feb	Herbert Newton	1971
8 Feb	Edith Harriet Turner	1991		George Henry Maddock	1983
9 Feb	Ada Alice Cooper	1970		Edward Cooper	1986
10 Feb	Donald Joseph Sidebottom	1992		Francis Frederick Lawes	1999
	Colin Birch	2001	27 Feb	Winifred Ada Christian	1968
11 Feb	Harold Lee	1961		Maud Green	1986
	Iris Wilson	1975		Clara Wardle	1987
	Ada Stephenson	1983		Elsie Violet Shaw	2000
12 Feb	Mary Pollitt	1987	28 Feb	Samuel Terence	1990
14 Feb	John Devlin	1973		Broadbent	
16 Feb	Kenneth Shaw	2003		Robert Fowden	1982
17 Feb	Gertrude Fitchett	1984		Elsie Hopwood	2006
18 Feb	Annie Revell	1986	29 Feb	Agnes Goodwin	1996
19 Feb	James Harrison Rowbottom	1979		Ollerenshaw	1996
20 Feb	John Sedgwick	1964			
	Clara Brown	2009			

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

As we have no 'From the Vicar' at the moment some members of the congregation have kindly agreed to take it in turn to write the lead article. This month George Vernon tells us how Operation Christmas Child was started.

Giving is Receiving

This is the story of how the whole shoebox campaign began. A story of how a bad boy came good; a story of an acorn to oak tree- a story of a one-off charitable project growing to the biggest of it's kind in the world.

David Cooke is the founder of the amazing scheme. Born in Chester, one of four



siblings living in a small terraced house with his parents, he experienced a difficult upbringing. In part, this was due to his parents unusual religious way of life which gave the children restricted contact with the outside world. This was coupled with a hard-line approach to discipline. Dave was often locked-up in his bedroom for misbehaving. He would climb out of the window and run away from his unhappiness. He felt like a leper, excluded from all kinds of things. On leaving school, he fell into a bad crowd of youths and got involved in stealing bikes and shoplifting. Fortunately for him, he got caught quite early into his life of crime and he realized he had to do something about it. He became an apprentice to a Joiner and went to college. It was at this time that a close friend of Dave's got killed in a shooting accident. This had a profound effect. Dave had been attending church with his parents and the Vicar there took him under his wing, even getting him involved in running a local youth club. He became a strong committed Christian always looking to help others in his community-this was to expand in a massive way!

One of Dave's lessons from church was that we all should help others less fortunate than ourselves and do something practical, " not just spout words", as he would often say . He thought he would try and offer help to orphans abroad, with useful items and gifts at Christmas time. Not knowing what it would lead to, together with help from family and friends, he set up the project entitled 'Operation Christmas Child'.

David's sister and a friend had the brilliant idea of asking every child to wrap a shoe-box in Christmas paper and fill it with things another child would enjoy. Each box would be sealed with a message of love via a card or letter. Thousands of boxes began to pour in. The shoebox campaign as we now know it was well and truly on its way!

The horrendous pictures Dave had witnessed on television news from Romania determined the direction his charity should go. Images of the oppressive orphanages of the Ceausescu regime left very few British people unmoved by the cruelty and injustice. David had always felt that God provided him with the motivation and the help of specialists in his efforts to help these children. Residents of Wrexham, David's home town, rolled up their sleeves and got involved. Together with such people and the local media, the campaign began to gain momentum. Funds started flowing in following media appeals. Many offers of help poured in and the appeals centre was quickly filled with toys, shoes, soap, toothpaste, food parcels, nappies, bandages and blankets- the list is endless. What had started as a snowball was quickly turning into an avalanche! Tons of medical requisites were donated, from defibrillators to portable X-ray machines and before long over half a million pounds worth of such equipment were waiting to be taken to Romania. David somehow managed to 'borrow' a warehouse near to his workplace to cope with the new scale of Operation Christmas Child. His original plan of taking two lorry loads of gifts had turned into a convoy of seven lorries packed to the hilt, with a team of 18 drivers and a film crew!

That's how it all started. Since those early days, the campaign grew to such a size that it was necessary in the interests of the children it served, for it to be professionally run, hence its current link with the charity Samaritan's Purse. Operation Christmas Child has gone on to provide millions of gift-filled shoeboxes from countries around the world over the past 20 years. It is the world's largest children's Christmas appeal.

On the local front, our church has continued to be involved in providing gift boxes and help in driving and warehouse work. The good done is immeasurable. Gratitude expressed by millions of children receiving a gift is amazing- so little means so much to them. Huge smiles on the faces of children overseas demonstrate the personal meaning of each simple gift. Children discover the power of giving. Once again showing it is better to give than to receive.

George Vernon-Operation Christmas Child

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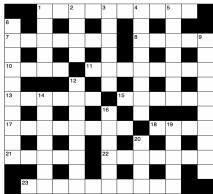
Some dates for your diary February 2011

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Tuesday	1st	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
Thursday	3rd	7.30p.m.	PCC meet with Archdeacon	
Friday	4th	3.00pm to 4.00pm Cllr C. Patrick - Surgery		
Sunday	6th	5th Sunday Before Lent		
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church	
		12.30 p.m. 6.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2 lan Stubbs licensing at All Saints, Glossop	
Monday	7th	7.30p.m.	Deanery Synod Meeting - Asylum Seekers	
Tuesday	8th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
Thursday	10th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs	
Friday	11th	6.30p.m.	Junior Youth Group	
Sunday	13th	4th Sunday Before Lent		
		8.30a.m	Holy Eucharist	
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church	
Tuesday	15th	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
		8.00p.m.	Parochial Church Council Meeting	
Thursday	17th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs	
Friday	18th	6.30p.m.	Junior Youth Group	
Sunday	20th	3rd Sunday Before Lent		
		10.45a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church	
		12.30 p.m.	Holy Baptism x 1	
Tuesday	22nd	10.30a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
Saturday	26th	2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea open for Items for West Brook		
Sunday	27th	2nd Sunday Before Lent		
		8.30a.m	Holy Eucharist	
		10.45a.m.	Worship For All	

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.

February Crossword



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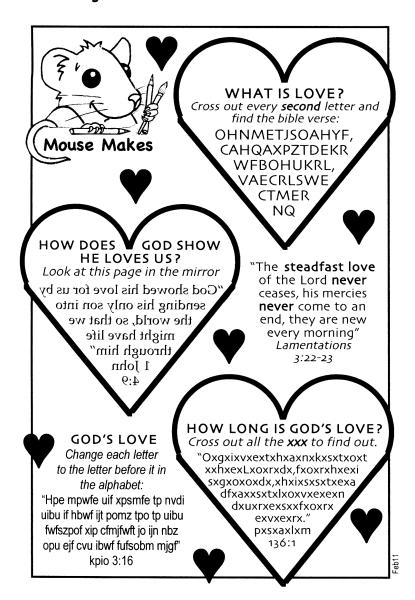
Across

- 1 Success or wealth (Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
- 7 Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)
- 8 Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
- 10 Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
- 11 Much in evidence after weddings (8)
- 13 Condense (Job 36:27) (6)
- 15 Breakwater (6)
- 17 Give a tan (anag.) (8)
- 18 More usually now called Pentecost, Sunday (4)
- 21 After living for 365 years, it was said of him that 'he walked with God' (Genesis 5:23–24) (5)
- 22 Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)
- 23 For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

Down

- 1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)
- 2 Roman poet from first century BC (4)
- 3 So rapt (anag.) (6)
- 4 Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)
- 5 Paul's 'fellow worker', to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)
- 6 God's foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)
- 9 Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)
- 12 'The Lord... has given the of Israel to David and his descendants for ever' (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)
- 14 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my ' (Luke 1:46–47) (7)
- 16 The central element in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)
- 19 'On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18) (5)
- 20 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)

Children's Page



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The church officers had their usual polite exchange over who had forgotten to order the heating oil before the price went up.

ALL IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

It was....

175 years ago:- on 23rd Feb 1836 that the siege of the Alamo, Texas, began.

100 years ago:- on 6th Feb 1911 that Ronald Reagan, 40th president of the US. was born.

70 years ago:- on 19th Feb 1941 that Germany's Afrika Korps was formed in Libya as part of World War 2. It was commanded by General Erwin Rommel.

65 years ago:- on 24th Feb 1946 that Juan Peron was elected President of Argentina. His story was dramatised in the musical Evita.

50 years ago:- on 15th Feb 1961 that a plane crash in Brussels killed 73 people, including the entire US figure skating team.

40 years ago:- on 2nd Feb 1971 that Idi Amin declared himself President of Uganda.

Also 40 years ago:- 15th Feb 1971 that the United Kingdom and Ireland changed to decimal currency.

30 years ago:- on 9th Feb 1981 that Bill Haley ('Rock Around the Clock'), the 'father of rock and roll' died.

Also 30 years ago:- on 24th Feb 1981 that Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.

20 years ago:- on 7th Feb 1991 that the IRA launched a mortar attack on 10 Downing Street while the British Prime Minister John Major was chairing a cabinet meeting to discuss the Gulf War.

Also 20 years ago:- on 28th Feb 1991 that The Gulf War ended when a ceasefire came into effect at midnight.

15 years ago:- on 15th Feb 1996 that the oil tanker 'Sea Empress' ran aground near Milford Haven, Wales, causing a major oil spill along the coastlines of Wales and Ireland.

Also 15 years ago:- on 28th Feb 1996 that Diana, Princess of Wales, announced she had agreed to divorce Prince Charles.

Word search for February

February is the month of romance. Millions of Valentine cards will be sent in the next week or two, as we celebrate our romantic love for that special person in our lives. But there are other kinds of love to celebrate: and on Candlemas we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby son to the temple to present him to God. Jesus' whole life was a loving present to us from God. Through his death for us on the cross, and his resurrection, his love can now transform anyone's life. Romances can die, but God's love for us is always there. But it won't do us much good – unless we accept it!

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Lighting and Insulation Fund

We have reached our target! So a big thank you to everyone who contributed. We recently received a couple of large donations; this enabled the work to be finished earlier than expected. We raised nearly £4,000 but would have needed more had it not been for the team of St George's members who carried out a lot of the work them selves along with Ted Longden's professional expertise.

At the moment we pay a standing order of £822 for our gas and hopefully with our new insulation this will save us some money, although the main reason for our high costs is the inefficient and old boiler we have. So funding a new boiler is next on the list and this will cost us at least £8,000. Times are hard for everyone at the moment. This is a very large amount of money to find on top of our usual outgoing and especially without a vicar, but with prayer and a positive approach we will be able to get there, I'm sure!

Juliana Stewart - Church Treasurer

************BOOK CLUB



We are hoping to start an informal group for anyone who enjoys reading. We aim to meet each month on a Thursday morning when the group will choose a book to read each month and chat about

the monthly choice over a morning cup of coffee. If you are interested in joining, please contact either of us below for further details.

Juliana or Sue 303 1812 or 303 7483

With Valentine's Day in mind...

Romance, love, marriage and all that stuff

the way children see it....

Q How do you decide whom to marry?

A You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the crisps and dip coming. - Alan, age 10

A No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, age 10

Q What is the right age to get married?

A 23 is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. - Camille, age 10

A No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married. - Freddie, age 6

Q How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

 ${\bf A}$ You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. - Derrick, age 8

Q What do you think your mum and dad have in common?

A Both don't want any more kids. - Lori, age 8

Q What do most people do on a date?

A Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say, if you listen long enough. - Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

A On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. - Martin, age 10

Q What would you do on a first date that was turning sour?

A I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns. - Craig, age 9

Q When is it okay to kiss someone?

A When they're rich. - Pam, age 7

A The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. - Curt, age 7

A The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. - Howard, age 8

Q Is it better to be single or married?

A It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. - Anita, age 9

Q How would the world be different if people did not get married?

A There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? - Kelvin, age 8

And the Number 1 Favourite is......

Q How would you make a marriage work?

A Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck. - Ricky, age 10 (smart fellow)



Newlyweds know each other better than older couples

How well do you know your partner? It seems that the shorter time you have been married, the better you know their likes and dislikes. In a recent study, psychologists found that couples who have been together for an average of 40 years knew less about each other's likes and dislikes than those who have been together for only a year or two.

They believe that this is because at the start of a relationship, people pay more attention to each other. Years on, they take their partner for granted, and 'stop looking' at their partner in any detail. It was also found that couples who shared the same tastes made the best guesses about each other, regardless of age.

Take this guiz, to see how well you know some things about your spouse:

What is their current favourite music?

What is their current favourite TV programme or film?

Name three kinds of food that they best like.

What is your spouse's current favourite garment?

What colour would they most like in the bedroom? In the living room?

Where would they most like to holiday this coming year?

What sort of furniture do they like? Dark? Light? Modern? Traditional?

If your spouse could do anything for a day, what would that be?

If your spouse is frightened of one thing, what is it?

What would be your spouse's 'dream' for the future?

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