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Worship

Sunday

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

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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Freya Imogen Lee, Hanover Street, Stalybridge
Alfie Noel Kirkpatrick, Hawke Street, Stalybridge
Eryn Rose Webb-Greave, Pinner Fold, Stalybridge

15 April

Brooke Fernandes, Hague Place, Stalybridge
Harrison Rhys Bentham, Kinder Street, Stalybridge

Funerals



13 April

Harry Bardsley (81) Robinwood Lodge, Gamesley, Glossop

From Our Book of Remembrance

May 1	Stephen Mark Young	2009	May 17	William Henry Priestley	1950
May 2	Annie Selby	1975		Bessie Travis	1991
	Derek Kay	2009	May 18	Abel Ollerenshaw	1967
May 4	Harry Wright	1981	May 19	Clarice Barber	1976
	Martha Keating	1996		William Dale	1967
May 6	Evelyn Parkinson	1902	May 21	Gladys Lowe	1996
	William Cooper	1970	May 22	James Geoffrey Brayshaw	1970
	Martha Kinder	1987		George Henry Cope	1970
May 8	Agnes Winifred Barker	1979	May 23	John William Wadsworth	1987
May 9	Alice Day	1966		Agnes Waddington	2007
May 11	Catherine Ann Nowel	1988	May 24	William Grimshaw	1998
	Redeyoff		May 25	Tibor Volcsey	2008
	Mary Miller (nee Higgins)	2010	May 26	Ian Peter Blake	2009
May 13	Florence Wilson	1986	May 29	Martha Cooper	1987
May 15	May Blease	1999	May 30	Pamela Chorley	1973
	Joyce Honan Jakeman	2004	May 31	Harry Williamson	2010
	Mary Woolley	2008			
May 16	Eileen Buckley	1979			
	William Hamnett Tonge	2006			

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 £10 per entry



RASPBERRY BUNS

Dear Friends

Next month, on the 28th June to be precise, it will be twenty years since I was ordained in Manchester Cathedral. The years have, indeed, flown by but such milestones are always a cause for reflection and reminiscences. I have worked with three different incumbents and look forward to working with a fourth, as and when someone is appointed to our parish. Inevitably there have been highs and lows, especially during the three interregna, but the one constant and sustaining force has been the Holy Spirit who has guided, helped and protected along the way.

During the Ordination Service, after the laying on of hands by the Bishop, he says a prayer, the opening lines of which are:

“Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, give these your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry. Make them faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world.”

This, of course, is not a prayer just for those who are ordained but for each and every one of us who are all called to fulfil our ministry of spreading the gospel in whatever way we are able.

At the end of this month we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first Apostles in the festival of Pentecost. Being a Stalybridge lad, born and bred, I grew up with the tradition of the Whit Friday Walks. Long before the introduction of the ‘Spring Bank Holiday’ the school holidays always coincided with the movable feast of Pentecost – or Whitsuntide as we used to call it. Especially in Stalybridge and the surrounding areas, the Whit Friday/Trinity Monday weekend was a local holiday when the mills, factories, shops and businesses all closed their doors.



This is me on Whit Friday (circa 1955) at the bottom of Melbourne Street

Bright and early on the Friday morning everyone would gather in the Sunday School, where St. George's House now stands. Lots of the children would be wearing their brand new Whitsuntide clothes, the girls in

their Sunday finery and the boys in their short trousers and caps (yes, I really am that old). The youngest children walked, hand in hand, within the confines of some red and blue coloured ropes. Older girls aspired to be chosen as banner girls (first year on the front and second year on the back) – all dressed in specially made matching dresses. From there they progressed to the Rose Queen retinue and, finally, for the chosen few, the dizzy heights of Rose Queen.

We would march the short distance to the market ground to the resounding music of the Brass Band who headed the procession. There was an act of worship with a backdrop of all the church banners lined up against the market wall. We returned to our respective churches where we feasted on orange juice and raspberry buns.

These days the annual tradition takes place on the Day of Pentecost itself and very little has changed in the basic concept. This year, however, the act of worship is to be held in the Civic Hall, partly because of the road works in Stalybridge and the fact that traffic is currently allowed through Armentieres Square. I do hope that as many of you who are able will join our walk of witness on May 27th.

What has changed over the years, though, are the numbers involved. In the past, the watching crowds would be lining the streets for the whole of the town centre procession – three or four people deep as we came off the market ground. It is said that folk then were more religious but I'm not sure I agree with that. If that was the case then they would have been walking in the procession instead of watching from the sidelines. Certainly people were more steeped in the tradition then and there were fewer distractions than there are today.

The whole purpose of this tradition of course is to bear witness. We walk the streets of our neighbourhood to show forth our love of Christ to others. The first disciples were told to go out and spread the good news – receiving the Holy Spirit to help them in their task. Like us, today, I don't expect they really knew how best to go about it, despite their first hand experience of the ministry of Jesus. They struggled as we do, but they knew that the charge was theirs to undertake, just as it is ours to pass on the gospel message in this generation.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, sustain and uplift us all during this difficult challenging time for our parish and may He bless us and those who have the responsibility of making the decisions for our future.

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Readings and Psalms for May 2012

Tues 1st 10.30 Isaiah 30.15-21; Psalm 119.1-8; Ephesians 1.3-10; John 14.1-14

Sun 6th **5th Sunday of Easter**
10.45 **Acts 8.26-end; Psalm 22.25-end; 1 John 4.7-end; John 15.1-8**

Tues 8th 10.30 Acts 14.19-end; Psalm 145.10-end; John 14.27-

Sun 13th **6th Sunday of Easter**
8.30 Acts 10.44-end; John 15.9-17
10.45 **Acts 10.44-end; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17**

Tues 15th 10.30 Acts 16.22-34; Psalm 138; John 16.5-11

Thurs **Ascension Day**
20.00 Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1.15-end; Luke 24.44-end

Sun 20th **7th Sunday of Easter**
8.30 Acts 1.15-17, 21-end; John 17.6-19
10.45 **Acts 1.15-17, 21-end; Psalm 1; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19**

Tues 22nd 10.30 Acts 20.17-27; Psalm 68.9,10,18,19; John 17.1-11

Sun 27th **Pentecost**
8.30 Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26,27; 16.4b-15
10.45 **Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26,27; 16.4b-15**
Worship For All
14.00 **United Act of Witness**

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.

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Meanwhile, her granny was baking a cake. She asked her granddaughter if she would like a snack, which of course she did. "Here, have some cooking oil." "Yuk" says the girl, horrified. "How about a couple raw eggs?" "Granny, that's disgusting!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Granny, they're horrible!"

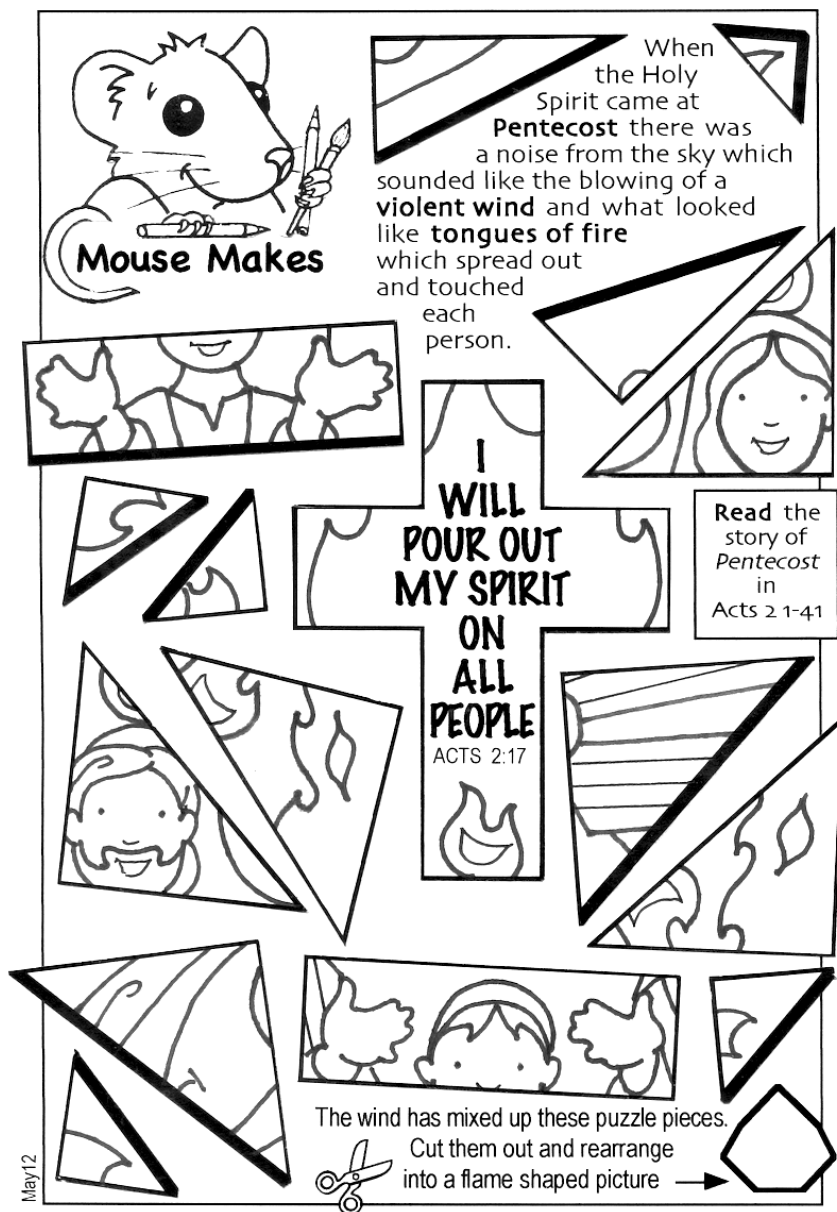
To which her grandmother replied: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, and allowed to change in the oven, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!" She continued, "God works the same way in our lives. Problems can bring you blessings of growth in your life. But you need to let him change you on the inside."



"It's not a quotation or sermon theme, it's just a warning about the low doorway"

April Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Priesthood. 7, Replica. 8, Get up. 10, Calf. 11, Governor. 13, See you. 15, Not see. 17, Incident. 18, Sake. 21, NSPCC. 22, Trample. 23, Perishable.
DOWN: 1, Papal. 2, In it. 3, Shalom. 4, Huguenot. 5, Outings. 6, Procession. 9, Perseveres. 12, Mordecai. 14, Escapee. 16, Snatch. 19, Apple. 20, Lamb.



Some dates for your diary—May 2012

Tues	1st	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
Thurs	3rd	9.30p.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	4th	3.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Cllr. C. Patrick - Surgery
Sun	6th	5th Sunday of Easter 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest Speaker Chris Crabtree & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 1
Tues	8th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thurs	10th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	13th	6th Sunday of Easter 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest Rev Richard Lamey & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 1
Tues	15th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 7.30p.m. Deanery Synod Meeting 8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council
Thurs	17th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	19th	11.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Spring Fair
Sun	20th	7th Sunday of Easter - Sunday after Ascension Day 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist with Guest Lynn Keeley
Tues	22nd	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wed	23rd	7.30p.m. Archdeacons Visitation at St. Michaels, Ashton-u-Lyne
Thurs	24th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	27th	PENTECOST - WHIT SUNDAY 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Worship For All 1.30p.m. The Whit Walk
Tues	29th	10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thurs	31st	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice

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May 2012 Wordsearch

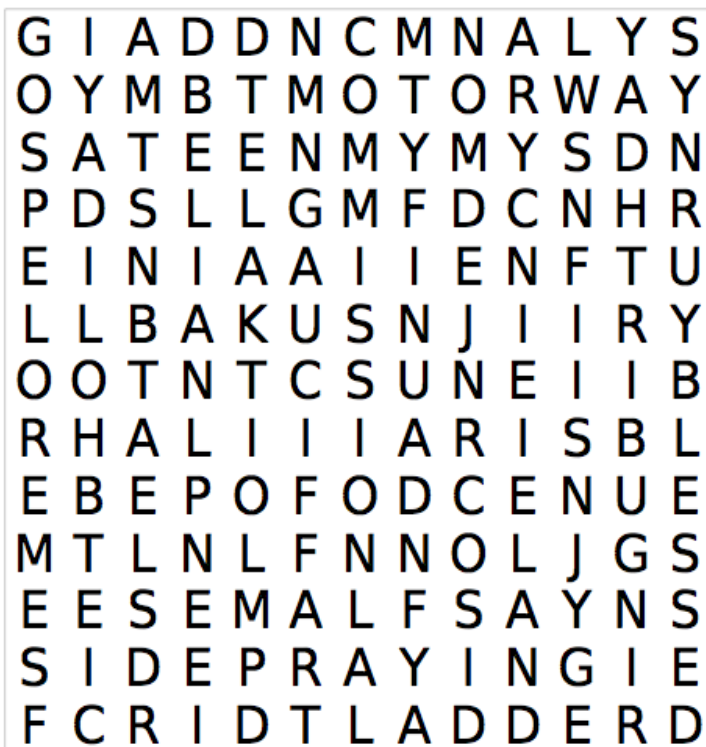
May brings us Bank Holiday, that long weekend when if we don't join the traffic jams on the motorway, we attempt to do some DIY, fall off the ladder, and end up in A&E instead. May brings us Ascension Day, when Jesus blessed his disciples, and gave them the Great Commission to take the Gospel to all nations. May is also the month of the Church's birthday – on Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit fell like flames on the praying disciples in Jerusalem. It is a time of new beginnings, to seize the time given to us, and forge ahead, making the most of every opportunity!

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All in the month of MAY

It was....

350 years ago:- on 19th May 1662 that the English parliament passed the Act of Uniformity, making the Book of Common Prayer compulsory in religious services and requiring Episcopal ordination for all ministers.

200 years ago:- on 7th May 1812 that Robert Browning, the British poet, was born.

150 years ago:- on 24th May 1862 that Westminster Bridge in London was opened.

100 years ago:- on 13th May 1912 that The Royal Flying Corps (now the Royal Air Force) was founded in Britain.

90 years ago:- on 30th May 1922 that Warren G Harding gave the first radio broadcast by a US President.

80 years ago:- on 21st May 1932 that American aviator Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

75 years ago:- on 12th May 1937 that the Coronation of King George VI took place in London..

Also 75 years ago:- on 3rd May 1937 that American writer Margaret Mitchell won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel 'Gone with the Wind'.

70 years ago:- on 29th May that American singer and actor Bing Crosby recorded his best known song 'White Christmas' in Los Angeles.

60 years ago:- on 2nd May 1952 that BOAC (now British Airways) launched the world's first jet passenger service (from London to Johannesburg).

50 years ago:- on 19th May 1962 that American actress Marilyn Monroe famously sang 'Happy Birthday' to President John F Kennedy .

40 years ago:- on 28th May 1972 that Prince Edward, Duke of Windsor, formerly King Edward VIII of the UK, died.

30 years ago:- on 2nd May during the Falklands War the British submarine 'HMS Conqueror' sank the Argentine cruiser 'General Belgrano'.

Also 30 years ago:- on 4th May that the British destroyer 'HMS Sheffield' was hit by Argentine missiles, killing 20 sailors. It sank on 10th May.

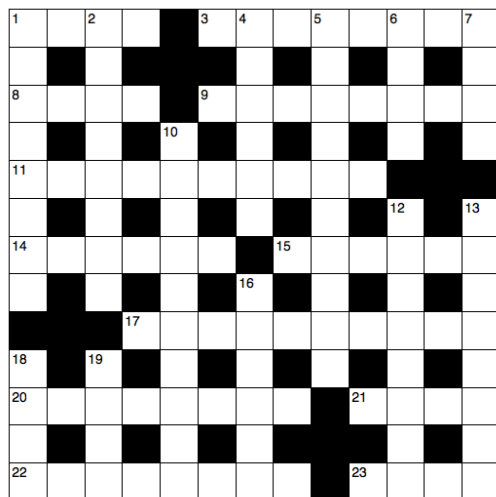
Also 30 years ago:- on 27th/28th May that in the Battle of Goose Green, the British forces recaptured Goose Green from the Argentines.

20 years ago:- on 6th May 1992 that Marlene Dietrich, German-born American stage and film actress and singer died.

15 years ago:- on 6th May 1997 that the Bank of England was granted operational independence by the government, including sole responsibility for setting interest rates.

10 years ago:- on 30th May 2002 that a solemn ceremony was held to mark the end of the clean-up operation at Ground Zero in New York City, after the 9/11 terrorist attack.

May Crossword



Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
- 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
- 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

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This month is the fourth in a series on Queen Elizabeth II, by David Winter, former head of Religion for the BBC, looking back down the 60 years of her reign. This month we consider...

Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - pt 4. The King is dead, long live the Queen!

In the year when she became 21, the young princess Elizabeth, on a visit to South Africa, made a remarkable and solemn commitment. 'I declare before you all,' she said, 'that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of that great imperial family to which we belong'.

I wonder, as she uttered those brave words, whether she could possibly have imagined that the service to which she was committing herself would involve no less than sixty years as monarch, during a period of vast change in the world and to that 'imperial family' which was to become the Commonwealth of nations. If she could, she might have been relieved to know that she and her 'rock', Philip, would still be together 64 years later, well into the next millennium.

It was on another visit to Africa in 1952, on their way to Australia and New Zealand, that the next momentous event occurred in her life. Her father's health had deteriorated the previous year. In fact, on a visit to the United States in 1951 the Princess's private secretary carried with him the documents of accession, so that she could be instantly declared the monarch should her father die while she was overseas.

That visit passed without incident, but early in the following February, while Elizabeth and Philip were staying at a safari lodge in Kenya en route for the Pacific, news came of the king's death. There was a bit of a communications breakdown between London and Nairobi, and it was the Princess's private secretary, alerted by journalists, who tuned into the BBC World Service, and confirmed that King George VI had died.

Prince Philip broke the news to his young wife and immediately they flew back to London where she signed the papers of accession and was declared Queen Elizabeth II. It was her choice to retain her given name - that, of course, of the great Elizabeth I of Tudor times. She became Queen on

February 6th 1952, at the age of 24. She and her husband moved immediately into Buckingham Palace.

The royal family name had already been something of an issue. Senior members of the royal family were strongly in favour of the retention of the name 'Windsor', but as a concession to Philip's paternal role, a few years later, after the death of the widowed Queen, some members of the family were permitted to use the name 'Mountbatten-Windsor'.

It was a hugely significant time for a new monarch to take her place as head of the Commonwealth. The Cold War was at its height, and had indeed become rather hot in several places - Berlin, during the air-lift when the Russians blockaded the western area of the city, and, of course, during the Korean War. Hideous nuclear missiles were lined up on each side and only the appalling consequences of firing them kept fingers off the nuclear buttons. Britain was still recovering from the effects of the War, there was rationing of many items and bomb sites were still visible in our cities (though redevelopment was well under way).

Nevertheless there was an air of hope, some of it centred on the new Queen. There was no doubt that the nation intended to enjoy to the full her coronation, which was planned for the following Summer.

When it was revealed that it would be televised live and in full, excitement knew no bounds.



King George VI with his daughter Princess Elizabeth in April 1944



The Queen sets foot on British soil for the first time since her accession as she lands at London Airport, following the death of her father, King George VI, 7 February 1952.
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