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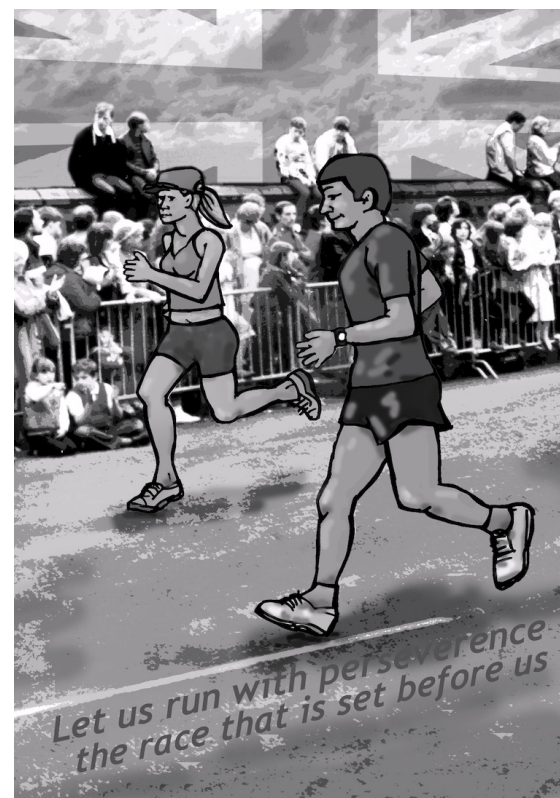
# St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



Diocese of Manchester



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**August 2012**

## St George's Church Stalybridge

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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

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



#### 1 July

Jess Louise Clegg, Stamford Grove, Stalybridge  
Tilly-Ann Elizabeth Godfrey, Church Walk, Stalybridge  
Dawson Nathan Winspear, Church Walk, Stalybridge

#### 15 July

Harvey Jake Martin Winters, Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge  
Lewis George Embury-Worthington, Windermere Road, Stalybridge

### Confirmations



#### 28 June

*at St John the Evangelist, Hurst by the Bishop of Middleton*  
Olivia Grace Churchill, Hob Mill Rise, Mossley

#### 4 July

*at St Mary, Droylsden by the Bishop of Middleton*  
Jack Alistair Walker, Longridge Avenue, Stalybridge

### Weddings



#### 30 June

Peter Herbert and Kaye Dewsnap

#### 7 July

Andrew John Worthington and Victoria Jean Harrop

### Funerals



#### 3 July

Christopher Robert Pierce (32) Wood Street, Glossop

#### 6 July

Joyce Hopwood (87) Elm Tree Close, Stalybridge

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### July Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thieve.

DOWN: 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

## An Unexpected Treat



When our Deputy Warden Rose offered me a spare concert ticket a couple of weeks ago I got than I bargained for. The Diamond Jubilee Concert given by Gorton Philharmonic Orchestra promised a musical treat. The added bonus was that it was held in a building I had longed to visit and never got round to. So on a cool but sunny St. Swithin's afternoon five of us chauffeured by Rose's husband Eric - arrived at the venue, Gorton Monastery.

Manchester's magnificent Monastery is Pugin's architectural masterpiece. The historic buildings were built between 1863 and 1872 by Franciscan monks who had come to Manchester in 1861 to serve the local Catholic community. Designed by Edward Pugin, whose father helped design the houses of Parliament, Gorton Monastery is considered one of his finest masterpieces. It was put on the World Monuments Fund Watch List of 100 Most Endangered Sites in the World in 1997 alongside Pompeii, The Valley of the Kings and the Taj Mahal. This was a milestone that led to it being recognised internationally for its architectural and spiritual significance. It is Grade 11\* listed and in the top 8% of buildings in England.

The Monastery was for some 120 years the hub of religious, social and cultural activity - the Franciscans ran 3 schools, a theatre group, brass band, choir, youth club, successful football teams and numerous other activities for the community – it was sadly vacated by the Franciscans in 1989 and, after a false start for a new use, was left prey to significant vandalism and theft.

Following a 12 year fund raising campaign by a charity - The Monastery of St. Francis & Gorton Trust, which was established in 1996 and still owns the building, a total of £6.5m was raised. This included major grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund, English Heritage, the Architectural Heritage Fund, North West Development Agency and the ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) which have saved the building from ruin and restored the site.

When we were there as the concert was being introduced we were told this was the first one held in the company of the Saints. After more than 16 years in storage, and eight months being carefully restored, the 12 Monastery saints' statues were hoisted 40 ft up back onto

their plinths in the Great Nave at Gorton Monastery on 28 May 2012. Since last September a team of two local artists, both specialising in sculpture and stone masonry, and a group of volunteers, have been painstakingly restoring and cleaning the stone statues on-site. Made of French limestone, each statue is eight foot in height and weighs half a ton.



Elaine Griffiths, chief executive of The Monastery said: "It is of particular significance to The Trust that the Saints are returning in the 150th anniversary year of The Monastery. The statues have always been regarded as an integral part of the buildings' architecture and have been noticeably missing from their plinths, high above the Great Nave. We are grateful to everyone who has played a part in this long but ultimately rewarding journey to bring them back home.

The concert we went to was indeed a musical feast, ending in true Proms flag waving style with orchestra and concert goers joining together for a rousing rendering of Land of Hope and Glory.

Prince Charles and Camilla, Terry Waite and Dame Joan Bakewell have all visited and Aled Jones did a Songs of Praise from there.

If you would like to follow in the footsteps of the Franciscan monks, as well as the famous, Gorton Monastery is open to the public most Sundays from 12:00 until 4:00 pm (best to check first in case a special function has been booked).

*Doreen*

The gospel of grace is an irresistible call to love the same way.  
When we proclaim the gospel of grace we preach from our  
weakness the power of God.

(Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning)

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## Readings and Psalms for August 2012

|                       |                           |                                                                          |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 8th Sunday after Trinity  | 10.45 Exodus 16.2-4,9-15; Psalm 78.23-29; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35 |
| Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30                     | Jeremiah 30.1-2,12-15, Psalm 102.16-21; Matthew 14.22-end                |
| Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 10th Sunday after Trinity | 8.30 1 Kings 19.4-8; John 6.35,41-51                                     |
|                       | 10.45                     | 1 Kings 19.4-8; Psalm 34.1-8; Ephesians 4.25 – 5.2; John 6.35,41-51      |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30                     | Ezekiel 2.8-3.4; Psalm 119.65-72; Matthew 18.1-5,10,12-14                |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>  | 11th Sunday after Trinity | 10.45 Proverbs 9.1-6; Psalm 34.9-14; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58     |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10.30                     | Ezekiel 28.1-10; Psalm 107.1-3,40,43; Matthew 19.23-end                  |
| Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>  | 12th Sunday after Trinity | 8.30 Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18; John 6.56-69                                  |
|                       | 10.45                     | Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18; John 6.56-69<br><i>Worship For All</i>             |
| Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30                     | 2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a,14-end; Psalm 98; Matthew 23.23-26                |

### 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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## Wordsearch for August

August brings us the Paralympics, as some of the bravest, more determined sports men and women in the world demonstrate excellence in their sport. August also brings us holidays: a trip to the seaside, or the mountains, or, if we go abroad, a long wait in the queue at Heathrow on our return. August brings us the annual music festivals, and usually the accompanying rain and mud! What are you doing this month?

Paralympic  
Wheelchairs  
Courage  
Strength  
Speed

Basketball  
Volleyball  
Running  
Swimming  
Cycling

Holidays  
Sunshine  
Festivals  
Music  
Rain

Mud  
Seaside  
Mountains  
Travel  
Rest

Family  
Camping  
Cottage  
Suntan  
Relax  
Customs  
Heathrow

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**Mouse Makes**

Do you remember to  
**PRAISE** and **THANK**  
God for all He is and  
all He does?

*Psalm 89 verse 52*  
says:  
**"The Lord  
deserves praise  
for ever more"**

Cut out and keep  
these cards to remind  
you to praise God at  
all times!



**"You are my  
source of  
strength -  
I will sing  
praises to you"**  
*Psalm 69:34*



**"Praise God,  
O heaven  
and earth,  
seas and all  
creatures in  
them"**  
*Psalm 69:34*



**"Shout out praise to God  
all the earth!"** *Psalm 66:1*



**"I will praise  
the Lord  
who guides  
me"**  
*Psalm 16:7*



**"O God..  
..I will  
sing and  
PRAISE  
you!"**  
*Psalm 57:7*

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## Some dates for your diary—August 2012

|          |      |                                                                                       |
|----------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday   | 5th  | 9th Sunday after Trinity<br>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist<br>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 1  |
| Tuesday  | 7th  | 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist                                                              |
| Sunday   | 12th | 10th Sunday after Trinity<br>8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist<br>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist    |
| Tuesday  | 14th | 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist                                                              |
| Saturday | 18th | 2.00p.m. to 4.00pm Fair Trade Afternoon Tea                                           |
| Sunday   | 19th | 11th Sunday after Trinity<br>10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist<br>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 1 |
| Tuesday  | 21st | 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist                                                              |
| Saturday | 25th | 2.30p.m. Wedding                                                                      |
| Sunday   | 26th | 12th Sunday after Trinity<br>8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist<br>10.45a.m. Worship For All     |
| Tuesday  | 28th | 10.30a.m. Holy Eucharist                                                              |

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Eternal God, we thank you for providing us with times of rest, recreation and refreshment in our busy lives. We commend to you the many people on holiday. May they find not only refreshment in mind and body, but also that rest which is found only in fellowship with you and your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## JUNIOR CHURCH NEWS

The Junior Church year was rounded off nicely on Sunday 22nd July at a lovely service where Colin Ashworth preached and sang and Junior Church members received their prizes.

Although some of the children were already away on holiday there was still a good turn out and everyone enjoyed themselves.



Our thanks go to the hard working team of teachers who work tirelessly throughout the year to keep our Junior Church going and we wish them all a happy and refreshing holiday and look forward to their return in September.

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"You should have a motto for your sermons, dear – Better, Clearer, Shorter ."

## From Our Book of Remembrance

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



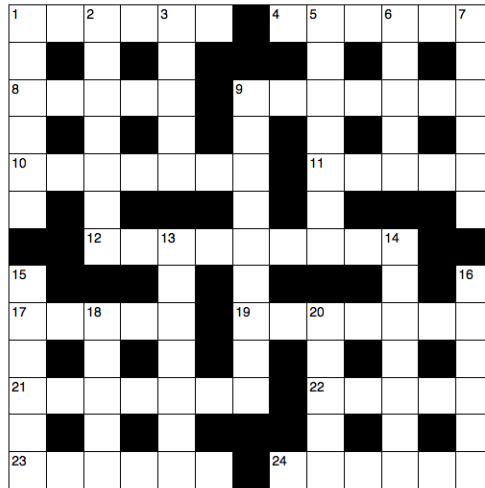
## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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## August Crossword



### Across

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)  
 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)  
 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)  
 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)  
 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)  
 11 '— thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)  
 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)  
 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)  
 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)  
 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)  
 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)  
 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)  
 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

### Down

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)  
 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)  
 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)  
 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)  
 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)  
 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)  
 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)  
 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)  
 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)  
 15 See 12 Across  
 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)  
 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)  
 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

## CONFIRMATION

In two recent lovely services two young members of St George's were confirmed.

On Thursday 28th June, Olivia Churchill was confirmed at St John the Evangelist, Hurst by Mark Davies, The Bishop of Middleton, and Jack Walker was confirmed at St Mary, Droylsden on Wednesday 4th July also by Bishop Mark.



We wish them both every blessing for the future.

**Shine as a light in the world  
To the glory of God the Father**





*This month we offer you the seventh in a series on Queen Elizabeth II, looking back down the 60 years of her reign. David Winter, former head of Religion for the BBC, has compiled this for us. This month we consider...*

## **Elizabeth - pt 7. The 'Troubles' and a Tragedy**

The dark cloud over the sixties for the Queen, as we saw last month, was Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). During the seventies and eighties it was rather nearer home, over Northern Ireland.

The 'Troubles', as they were disarmingly called, began in 1969 when so-called 'Loyalists' set fire to the houses of their Republican neighbours in Belfast. British soldiers were sent to protect the victims, but very soon the 'victims' turned on the soldiers, seeing them as agents of a colonial power (Britain). Mayhem ensued, and lasted for more than twenty years, until the wonderfully named 'Good Friday Agreement' and the efforts of Tony Blair and others on both 'sides' brought about what was called 'power sharing'. Since then, despite the efforts of various splinter groups of trouble-makers, the Province has enjoyed both relative peace and prosperity.

The Troubles brought many individual and family tragedies to people in Northern Ireland, of course. But they also brought a moment of dark tragedy to the Queen's family. Earl Mountbatten, Prince Philip's uncle, was assassinated by the Provisional IRA in 1979 in a bomb attack on the boat in which he was fishing off the Co. Sligo coast. That bomb ended an astonishing career of military and public service. Mountbatten had led the military campaign in Burma during the War, before becoming both the last Viceroy of India and then the first Governor-General of the newly independent Commonwealth country, subsequently the Republic of India. After that he was appointed First Sea Lord, and then Chief of the Defence Staff. Prince Charles has often referred to the profound influence which Lord Mountbatten had on his life - he was very much part of the royal family circle.



That assassination is yet another example of the way in which the Queen's life has been touched by the events that have shaped the lives of all of us. Like her parents when Buckingham Palace was bombed, she could relate to the sufferings of many bereaved people in Northern Ireland. But her involvement went beyond that. Last year, in a magnificent gesture of reconciliation, the President of the Republic, Mary McAleese, invited her to make a State visit to Ireland - a totally unprecedented event. There she was

received warmly, a vivid sign of the sea-change in the relationship between the two nations. The visit required political courage on the part of the President, and I dare say physical courage on the part of the Queen. Neither was lacking.

## **\*\*\*\*\* Archbishop's Pause for Thought message on the Diamond Jubilee**

In his recent contribution to BBC Radio 2's Pause For Thought programme, the Archbishop of Canterbury expressed his hopes about the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this year. Here is the full transcript of what he said:

"When you talk to people who remember the Coronation, one of the things they often recall is their first sight of a television set – a little object in the corner, taking ages to warm up, and so small and grey you could hardly see a thing. No wall-sized plasma screens in the fifties!

"If you wanted to watch in those days, you had to work pretty hard. And I think one of the really big differences that's happened in these sixty years is how television has become a background to everything, so that you don't notice a lot of the time what's actually on. Almost as though the screens were getting too big to see. But the Jubilee is an opportunity for once to stop and focus on that background we take for granted and don't really notice. The Queen's part of that background – part of what makes us a stable society, a society that takes pride in its history without being crippled by it, that values fairness and trustworthiness.

"So maybe it's helpful to ask whether we should try a bit more regularly to give ourselves time to think about the background of our lives, the things that are too big for us to notice most of the time. It's surprising how many people will still want to find somewhere to be quiet – all those millions of folk who visit cathedrals every year, for a start. Just as with the Jubilee – they want a chance to get in touch with the background of their lives, the big context, the things that make this the sort of world it is and give us the sort of values we have. To get in touch and maybe say a word of thanks.

"I hope the Jubilee prompts us to see what we can do to get back in touch with the big background picture. Like the monarchy – it's still there, and it still means something, and dropping into a church or a cathedral is a good way of connecting with it, and perhaps saying thanks – for the Queen and the Jubilee and for lots more besides."