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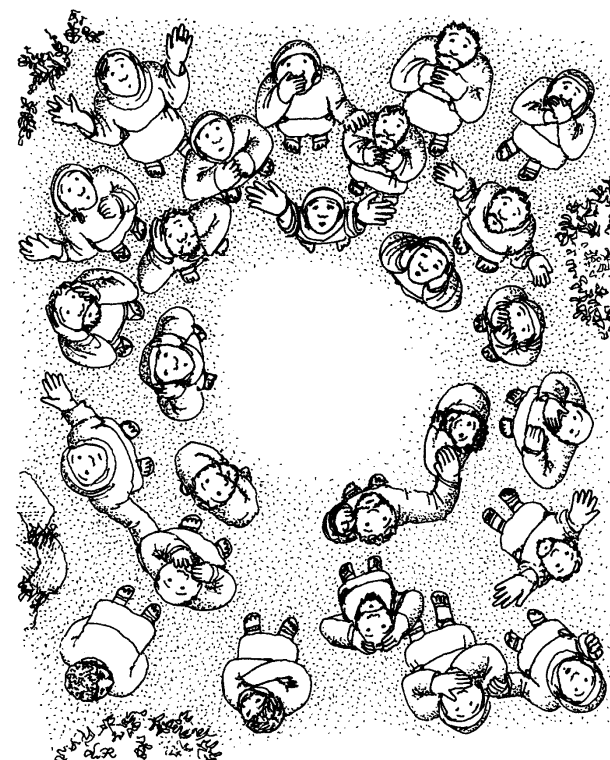
St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



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May 2013

St George's Church Stalybridge

Clergy

Priest-in-Charge	Revd Philip Brierley	338 2368
Curate	Revd Keith Stewart	303 7483
Associate Priest	Revd Doreen Broadbent	330 9085
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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.

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From the Registers

Baptisms

7 April

Ivy Lee Bowden, Springs Lane, Stalybridge

Samuel David Waine, Windermere Road, Stalybridge

21 April

Oliver David Southworth, Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge

Marriages

30 March

Roy Robert George Hanvy & Gemma Louise Beard

Funerals

3 April

Terence Tilley (69 years) Dunstar Avenue, Audenshaw

4 April

Trevor Grantham (64 years) Lees Street, Stalybridge.

5 April

Sheila Cross (78 years) Anson Road, Dane Bank, Denton

14 April

Peter Andrew Diamond c/o Broadhill Road, Stalybridge - interment of ashes

23 April

Margaret Hannah Postings (93 years) Hamilton Street, Stalybridge

29 April

Arthur Brierley (83 years) Cranworth Street, Stalybridge

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			Albert Hopwood	2012
	Mary Miller (nee Higgins)	2010	May 25	Tibor Volcsey	2008
May 13	Florence Wilson	1986	May 26	Ian Peter Blake	2009
May 15	May Blease	1999	May 29	Martha Cooper	1987
	Joyce Honan Jakeman	2004	May 30	Pamela Chorley	1973
	Mary Woolley	2008	May 31	Harry Williamson	2010
	Charles Swainson	2012			
May 16	Eileen Buckley	1979			
	William Hamnett Tonge	2006			

Dear Friends,



I've now been in post as the new Priest-in-Charge for one month and much has happened. The Licensing Service was a truly uplifting occasion and the warmth and fellowship of the evening will live on in my memory. I want to record again my very grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the evening so wonderful and I am only sorry that some of you were unable to attend because of the absolutely atrocious weather conditions.

I also want to give special thanks here to all those who have helped us out in the past two years, by preaching and presiding and so on; to Gill & Janet for their work as wardens; to Keith and Doreen who have continued to lead the worship; to Jean in her role as Lay Chair of the PCC; to the team of volunteers who maintain the building and the churchyard; . and to each and every one of the congregation for remaining faithful throughout the interregnum and for your support for me.

I am now beginning to settle into the nitty gritty of learning the ropes of a new job. I have attended a two-day consultation about my change in post and was able to share with others in a similar situation. There have, inevitably, been some minor teething problems. The installation of the vicarage phone number (338 2368) has resulted in innumerable 'cold callers', and there has been much red tape in transferring names and addresses and with the re-direction of mail, but these will sort themselves out eventually.

I imagine that the first disciples might have felt a bit like this as well. Following their euphoria at being filled with the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost, they would have had to come down to earth and learn how best to go out and spread the gospel. Where should they start, how should they prioritise such a massive undertaking?

As I mentioned in last month's magazine, I'm planning to hold a series of brainstorming sessions when anyone can raise items that they believe need attention and then we'll look at each in turn. The first of these will be on Tuesday 7th May at 7.45p.m. in the Church Lounge. Please put this date in your diaries and come along and tell us your views.

On Thursday 9 May we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and there will be a service of Holy Communion at 8.00pm on that day.

On 19 May, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples. I pray that we, too, may receive that same gift and be ready and willing to tell others about the Good News of Jesus – the love that Jesus has for each of us and how he gave of himself to save the world.

In the afternoon of Whit Sunday, we will join with the other churches in Stalybridge for the annual Procession of Witness. It is the turn of the Baptist Church to lead this year's procession and, as they usually walk with us, we will follow them. The joint service will, like last year, be held in the Civic Hall. There has been discontent raised in some areas about holding the service indoors in a break with tradition. Clergy from the Stalybridge churches will be discussing this issue soon. In the meantime, I hope that as many as are able will walk with us.

I will finish with a verse that was in one of the many cards I received on 22nd March.

To step beyond our own limitations
No matter how small those steps may be
Is to start on a road of exciting self discovery.
We are all much more than we usually believe ourselves to be.

May we take those first small steps this Pentecost and see where they will lead us.

Philip

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Very often, when people first turn towards God and realise that God loves them and that everything about them matters to him, a wave of joyful emotion overwhelms them. But actual faith is mostly the realisation that, even though we don't in the least deserve it, God believes in us and finds us lovable.

This is astonishing. *Philip Pare*

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Sat	4th	4.00p.m. Wedding
Sun	5th	6th Sunday of Easter 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
Tues	7th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Thurs	9th	The Ascension of Our Lord 8.00p.m. A Service for The Ascension of Our Lord
Sat	11th	11am to 2pm Spring Fair
Sun	12th	7th Sunday of Easter 8.30a.m. Holy Communion 10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	14th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion 8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thurs	16th	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	19th	PENTECOST - WHIT SUNDAY 8.30a.m. Holy Eucharist 10.45a.m. Worship For All The Whit Walk 1.30p.m. Assemble at Church 1.45p.m. Walk to Stalybridge 2.30p.m. United Service
Tue	21st	10.30a.m. Holy Communion 7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Wed	22nd	7.30p.m. Archdeacons Visitation at St. Michaels, Ashton
Thurs	23rd	9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	26th	TRINITY SUNDAY 8.30a.m. Holy Communion 10.45a.m. Worship For All
Tues	28th	10.30a.m. Holy Communion 7.30p.m. Deanery Synod Meeting at St Andrews, Droylsden

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Registration at 1.30pm – First jump 2.30pm
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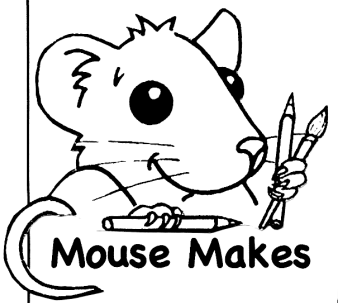
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available from Church
Join in the Fun


**IS YOUR TEDDY
BRAVE
ENOUGH??**

A bookmark for PENTECOST




Mouse Makes

It was the festival of PENTECOST and the Apostles and other believers were all together when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like tongues of **fire** which spread out and touched every person. All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. A crowd had gathered outside and each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.




Read Acts 2:1-11
Which countries had the crowd come from?


The Holy Spirit




Teaches
John 14:26




Reveals
John 16 14-15



Helps
Romans 8:26



Comforts
John 14:16-17



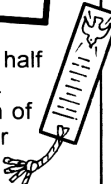
Transforms
2 Corinthians 3:18

The work of God's Holy Spirit in us brings:

LOVE
JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
HUMILITY
SELF CONTROL

Galatians 5:22-23

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Readings and Psalms for May 2013

Sun 5 th	6th Sunday of Easter	10.45 Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10,22-22.5; John 14.23-29
Tues 7 th	10.30	Acts 16.22-34; Psalm 138; John 16.5-11
Thurs 9 th	Ascension Day	20.00 Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47 or 93; Ephesians 1.15-end; Luke 24.44-end
Sun 12 th	7th Sunday of Easter	8.30 Acts 16.16-34; John 17.20-end; 10.45 Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Rev 22.12-14,16-17,20-end; John 17.20-end
Tues 14 th	10.30	Isaiah 22.15-end; Psalm 15; Acts 1.15-end; John 15.9-17
Sun 19 th	Pentecost <i>Whit Sunday</i>	10.45 Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36; Romans 8.14-17; John 14.8-17 14.00 <i>Walk of Witness</i>
Tues 21 st	10.30	Ecclesiasticus 1.1-10; Psalm 93; Mark 9.30-37
Sun 26 th	Trinity Sunday	8.30 Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31; John 16.12-15 10.45 Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31; John 16.12-15 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 28 th	10.30	Ecclesiasticus 35.1-12; Psalm 32.1-8; Mark 10.28-31



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

The U in JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even stuck U in the name of His Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.
And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.
"Now go into the world and tell them it's true
That the love I have shown is not just for U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,

But it all starts with U.

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April Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.
DOWN: 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

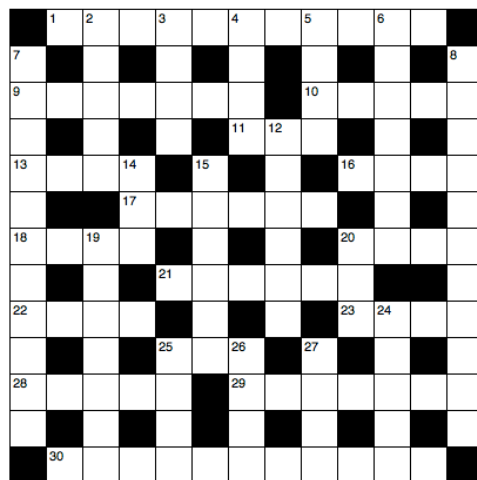
Wordsearch for May

May brings Pentecost, reckoned by many to be the Birthday of the Christian Church. On that day, so long ago, the Holy Spirit came upon the faithful disciples praying together in Jerusalem shortly after Jesus' Ascension. They felt a rushing wind and saw flames as if of fire flickering on them. They burst into praise of God. He was with them! Jesus had promised them power and his presence, and he was true to his word. After Pentecost the little frightened group of disciples became bold and fearless in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. The story is found in Acts chapter 2.

Together
Place
Rushing
Wind
House
Tongues
fire
Father
Holy
spirit
Power
Receive
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May Crossword



Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10 'Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)
- 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13 Stagger(Isaiah 28:7)(4)
- 16 'Anyone,then,who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
- 17 Stir up or provoke(Acts13:50)(6)
- 18 Burden(Luke11:46)(4)
- 20 As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
- 21 Sign(Luke23:38)(6)
- 22 'After that,Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
- 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
- 25 Has(anag.)(3)
- 28 'This is the account of Shem,Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
- 29 'I will...make them drunk,so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
- 30 Paul said of him,'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
- 3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
- 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
- 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
- 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
- 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
- 8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
- 12 Acquire(2Timothy2:10)(6)
- 14 Container cover(Numbers19:15)(3)
- 15 'He...became obedient to death,even death on——!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
- 19 Refrain(1Peter2:11)(7)
- 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears'(Luke7:38)(3)
- 24 One who worships Brahma,Vishnu or Shiva(5)
- 25 'Give to everyone who—you'(Luke6:30)(4)
- 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills;where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
- 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them

Confirmation 2013



This year's Confirmation Service for our church will be on Sunday 16 June at 6.30pm at St. Gabriel's Church in Cockbrook.

Children must be in Year 6 or above (i.e they must be 11 years old on the date of Confirmation). There will be a series of preparation groups for those wishing to be confirmed, each lasting no more than one hour. These will be arranged to suit members of the group and will look at a range of issues to do with Christianity. There will be an opportunity to think about faith and explore ideas. All are welcome and even if you are an adult you can still be confirmed or just attend the sessions.

Please have a word with Philip if you would like to be confirmed.

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ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

This year's Visitation will take place at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Ashton-under-Lyne on Wednesday 22nd May beginning at 7.30p.m. Because we have had to postpone our Annual General Meeting this year for legal reasons, our two churchwardens will have to be sworn in on a different occasion, but all our sides people are expected to attend this service and be officially admitted to office. If you do serve St. George's in this capacity, then please make every effort to attend

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Holy Communion Services at 8.30am

At the PCC on 16 April, the subject of the 8.30am services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays was raised. This service has been well attended in the past, but recently there has been just one communicant in the congregation on a number of occasions and in some instances nobody at all has turned up. We will continue to provide these services and will review the situation again in September 2013 but if the situation remains the same, then the 8.30 a.m. service is likely to cease. If you feel very strongly that this would affect you, then please have a word with one of the clergy.



Scams and reporting scams

Internet and telephone scams are a scourge to everyone and especially to the more vulnerable and innocent in our society. I would ask you all to advise your families and your friends not to pass on any kind of

personal details over the telephone or indeed the internet.

The scams vary in nature from offering to improve your pension to such a company owes you money that you've not claimed back.



Not too long ago a lady received a call from an alleged police officer in Surrey claiming that her card had been cloned and would she confirm the details.

A similar scam has recently come to light in our area. It needs be stressed that in no circumstances should any detail be passed on. Don't have doubts, cut the call and report it.

Last year there was a potential scam with regards to personal pensions. There is a distinct possibility that this particular one is doing the rounds again.

Please advise as many friends and neighbours as possible be very wary and alert. All of us are potential victims. A number to ring is **ACTION FRAUD 0300-123-2040** reporting any such call with as much information as possible.

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