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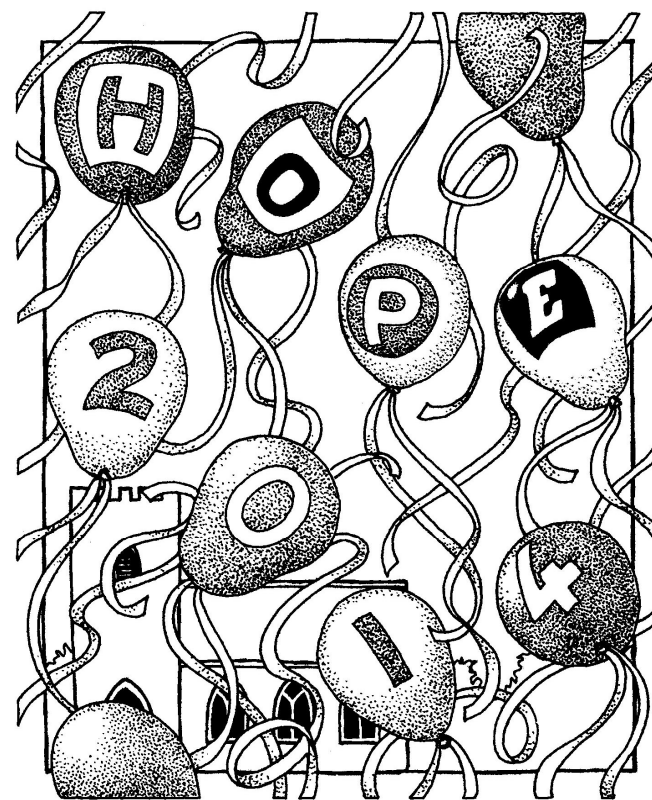
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January 2014

St George's Church Stalybridge

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Worship

Sunday

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays)

10.45 a.m. Sung Communion and Junior Church
(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.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone Philip (Priest-in-Charge) on 0161 338 2368. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Jan	Ezekiel Lomas	1941	18 Jan	George William Catlow	2000
2 Jan	Edward Cooper	1980		Marian Hulme	2002
	Ernest Bramall	1982		Reginald Hewitt	2008
	Marjorie Day	1982	19 Jan	Mary Eastwood	1989
	David Cotton	2007	20 Jan	Raymond Jack Clarke	1983
3 Jan	Ivy Marshall	2006		Katherine Devlin	1988
4 Jan	William Parkinson	1943		Jean Ollerenshaw	2012
	Phyllis Peck	1981	21 Jan	Heather Alwyn Clarke	2012
	Barry Aldred	1999	22 Jan	Thomas Howard	1964
5 Jan	Joseph Hibbert	1957		Harry Walton	1967
	Hugh Shepley	1987		Eliza Emma Sidebottom	1988
	Gertrude Sullivan	1998	23 Jan	Jesslyn Tonge	1991
6 Jan	Harry Walton	1988	24 Jan	Henry Howard	1981
	John Barratt	1996		Rhoda Hancock	1989
8 Jan	George Leonard Eakins	1981		Harold Spencer	1962
	James Norman Kelday	2000	25 Jan	Agnes Smith	1975
	Fred Harris	1979		Carol Hyde	2010
9 Jan	Sarah Clews	1994	26 Jan	Edith Emma Clinton	1987
	Susan Ann Maud Barnfield	1953		Nellie Wood	1987
10 Jan	Tom Sidebottom	1979		Eric James Chorlton	2001
11 Jan	Jesse Horsefield	1984		Margaret Slack	2007
	Drinda Jefferson	1990	27 Jan	Fred Kay	1968
	Evelyn Barlow	2003		Bridget Bower	1994
12 Jan	Ethel Battersby	1992		Ronald Bower	2000
13 Jan	Kathleen Thwaites	1992		Geoffrey Phillip Brown	1995
14 Jan	Robert Nicholson	1988		Abraham Newton	1983
	Eva Helen Ollerenshaw	1989		Veronica Quinn	1997
	Kyle Martin Cropper	2004	29 Jan	Fred Holt	1939
	Ramsden			Eddie Holden	1990
15 Jan	James Ireson	1990		Karen Jane Bradbury	2007
16 Jan	William Gudger	1963	30 Jan	Alice Saxon	1997
	Minnie Schofield	2012	31 Jan	Alice Ann Priestley	1955
17 Jan	David Lees	2011		John Robert Stanley	1990
18 Jan	William Frederick Ireson	1962		John Patrick Higgins	2006

Apology—due to an error in the December magazine an incorrect date was shown in the Book of Remembrance for Jane Anne Greenhalgh. The correct entry is:

10 Dec Jane Anne Greenhalgh 1978

We apologise for any upset caused.



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

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome you into the Lord's family

1 December

Eva Hannah Sapphire Stokes, Stephens Close, Stalybridge
Evelyn Mary Dentith, Crantock Drive, Stalybridge

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the faith of the Lord

28 November

Edward 'Ted' Broadhurst (70 years) Broadhill Road, Stalybridge

2 December

Dorothy Turner (89 years) Wakefield Road, Heyrod, Stalybridge

6 December

Phyllis Watson (83 years) Carson House, formerly of Bond Street, Stalybridge

9 December

Walter Seal (88 years) Manton Avenue, Denton

23 December

Neil Kershaw (60 years) Greenheys, Droylsden

27 December

James Fish (46 years) Croft Street, Stalybridge

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December Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas. 10, Roes. 11, Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell. 17, Cyclonic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar.

22, Amazing. 23, Settlement.

DOWN: 1, Taste. 2, Bold. 3, Ramiah. 4, Abiathar. 5, Lucerne. 6, Sacrifices. 9, Saddlebags. 12, Theocrat. 14, Incense. 16, Pilate. 19, Exist. 20, Save.

Dear Friends

For some, Christmas has now been and gone. Turkey and mince pies a distant memory, cards and presents given and received and the tree and decorations taken down, traditionally, for twelfth night.



The Christmas season, though, actually continues right through to 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation, or Candlemas, as it is more commonly known, when the aged Simeon and the prophetess Anna, welcomed the baby Jesus into the temple. Candlemas is forty days after Christmas, the same number of days when a woman of the Jewish faith would present herself in the temple for purification after childbirth.

For Simeon, this was the fulfilment of his life, the thing for which he had been waiting for most of his life – to have seen the Messiah, the salvation of Israel – and having seen the baby Jesus asks that the Lord will allow him to leave this world in peace.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. (Luke 2.22-38).

The words are familiar to many people as the Nunc Dimittis which is used in the service of Evening Prayer.

But Simeon also had words of warning for Mary, that her heart would be broken through sorrow, like a sharp sword, which of course was fulfilled in the death of Jesus and the manner in which he died. When you are a young parent, you never imagine that your child will die before you, but this was the case for Mary when Jesus was crucified.

Anna, a grand old lady of 84 years, who was always in the temple, worshipping and praying to God, welcomed the baby Jesus also and then went out to tell other people about this great event. Young and old alike, everyone can tell others of the good news of Jesus – there are no age barriers to becoming a disciple.

Before we reach Candlemas, however, there are other special times in Jesus' life that we do well to look at and ponder. Epiphany, celebrated on 6th January, is a Greek word meaning showing forth or appearance, principally related to the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

In the Eastern Church, where it originated, the Epiphany celebrates the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. The Western Church began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century where it was,

and still is, associated with the visit of the magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus, when God revealed himself to the world through the incarnation of Jesus. The wise men (we don't know how many there were because the bible never tells us) arrive from the east to worship the infant king with their three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

January is also the month when we focus on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which falls between the 18th and the 25th of the month. Is Christian disunity a disgrace before God? Or is it something we have grown accustomed to, as though it were a creaky door that we never seem to get around to fixing? To suggest that disunity is something acceptable is declaring that Christ himself is divided and that really is a disgrace!

Perhaps the divisions are not always as malicious or extreme today as they once were; but, they still hold sway and corrode Christian witness. Many Christians do not trust others of another denomination; many do not share Eucharistic hospitality; some may still denounce others. We find then, that Christ has been divided and continues to be so, even to this day.

On Sunday 19th January at 6.00pm at St George's, we will be hosting the Stalybridge Churches Together Unity Service, where members from each denomination will be present to join together in prayer for a visible unity that Christ wills for his Church. At the service, each church will bring forward a candle which will be lit from a central candle and these will then be taken back to each church to be lit again at various times during the year to remind us of our fellowship with one another.

We will also receive the Book of Prayers from our Methodist colleagues. This was assembled in 2013 with contributions from each of the Stalybridge churches and further items will be added to it during the time it is here at St George's. On 2nd March, we will then pass on the Book to our friends at the Revival Church, and so it will continue to be passed from one church to another throughout the year.

I pray that all of us will be able to attend the Unity Service on 19th January to give our support to this essential act of worship when we declare our worth-ship of each other, if not at a global level, then certainly at a local level, which is where changes often commence.

As we enter this new year of 2014, may I wish you all a peaceful, healthy and fulfilling year where we can move forward together in the love of Christ.

Philip

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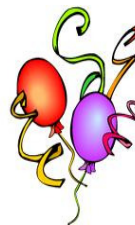
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SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY

It's that time of year again! This year, the Senior Citizens' Party will take place on Saturday 25th January 2014 from 2.00p.m. to 6.00 p.m., to which we extend a very warm invitation to all of our Senior Citizens. There will be a chance to meet old friends and possibly make some new ones. As usual, there will be a lavish tea and not forgetting, of course, the very popular Bingo session.

As always, it will cost you nothing except your presence! But you'll have to act quickly because numbers are limited.

If you would like to come, then please get in touch with Nancy on 0161 338 4985 to reserve your ticket.

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HELP! HELP! HELP!

We need your help. In order to provide some prizes for our Senior Citizens' Party, and get it going with a real swing, we are asking if you would kindly donate a prize for the Bingo. If you can provide a couple of prizes, or just even one, would you please bring them to church and give them to one of the Wardens, Nancy or Karen before the Party gets into full swing.

Many thanks in anticipation for your help.

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Moving Forward Meeting

Our next Moving Forward Meeting, where you can have your say about *what we do and how we do it* will be held in the church lounge at 7.45pm on Monday 13 January 2014 and you are all warmly invited to attend this meeting. These meetings are intended to look at all aspects of our worship and social events.

Please come along - your presence will be invaluable.

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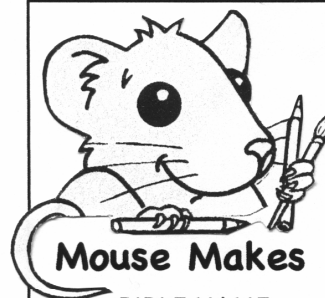
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Children's Page



Mouse Makes

BIBLE NAME WORDSEARCH

ABRAHAM =father of many
ADAM =man
ANDREW =strong man
AMOS =burden bearer
ANNA =gracious
BENJAMIN =son of the
right hand
EVE =to breathe
ELIZABETH =fullness of God
ESAU =hairly
DEBORAH =bee
DANIEL =God my judge
DAVID =beloved
GABRIEL = man of God
GAD =fortune
HANNAH =gracious
ISAAC =laughter
JESUS = God is saviour
JOSEPH = increase
JOSHUA = saviour
MATTHEW =gift of God
MOSES =deliverer
NAOMI =beautiful
NATHANIEL =gift of God
PAUL =small, humble
PETER =a rock
PHOEBE =bright, pure
JOHN =God is gracious
PRICILLA =ancient
RUTH =friend
SARAH =princess
SHEM =name
STEPHEN =crowned
TAMAR =palm tree
THOMAS =twin
TIMOTHY =valued of God

Eight days after he was born,
Mary and Joseph named their
baby with the name the angel
Gabriel had given them.
It was a special name
for a very special baby..
the name JESUS
which means
GOD IS SAVIOUR

Read: Matthew 1:21
and Luke 2:25-38



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Readings and Psalms for January 2014

Sun 5th	Epiphany
10.45	Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12
Tues 7th	10.30 1 John 4.7-10; Psalm 72.1-8; Mark 6.34-44
Sun 12th	1st Sunday of Epiphany—<i>The Baptism of Christ</i>
8.30	Isaiah 42.1-9; Matthew 3.13-end
10.45	Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-end
Tues 14th	10.30 1 Samuel 1.9-20; <i>Canticle</i> : 1 Samuel 2.1,4-8; Mark 1.21-28
Sun 19th	2nd Sunday of Epiphany—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January
10.45	Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-12; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42
18.00	<i>Stalybridge Churches Together Unity Services</i>
Tues 21st	10.30 1 Samuel 16.1-13; psalm 89.19-27; Mark 2.23-end
Sun 26th	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
8.30	Isaiah 9.1-4; Matthew 4.12-23
10.45	Isaiah 9.1-4; Matthew 4.12-23 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 28th	10.30 2 Samuel 6.12-15,17-19; Psalm 24.7-end; Mark 3.31 - end

CHURCH FINANCES

December 2013 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open plate	Envelopes	Total	Shortfall (Assuming £10 per adult pw needed for running the church)
1 Dec	Advent	£29.88	£341.53	£371.41	
8 Dec	Advent 2	£33.25	£544.00	£577.25	
15 Dec	Advent 3	£46.50	£533.00	£579.50	
22 Dec	Advent 4	£52.42	3348.00	£400.42	
29 Dec	Christmas 1				
		Standing orders etc		£799.00	
Monthly Total				£2727.58	

Previous weekly amounts in the magazine did not include standing orders etc and for this we apologise. It makes the books seem healthier, but we are still far short of our monthly target.

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FAIR TRADE 2013

Sales = £959.50 = £95.95 to Church funds

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 Coffee) For all Church activities
 Sugar) £108.85 = - £12.70

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Some dates for your diary - January 2014

Sun 5th Epiphany
10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church

Tues 7th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion

Thurs 9th 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs

Sun 12th The Baptism of Christ
First Sunday of Epiphany
8.30a.m. Holy Communion
10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church

Mon 13th 7.30p.m. Deanery Mission & Pastoral Committee
 at St. Lawrence, Denton

Tues 14th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)

Thurs 16th 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs

Sat 18th 2.00p.m.to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea/Coffee

Sun 19th Second Sunday of Epiphany
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th -26th January
10.45a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
6.00p.m. Stalybridge Churches Together Unity Service
here at St. George, Stalybridge

Tues 21st Agnes, child marty,304
10.30a.m. Holy Communion
8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting

Thurs 23rd 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs

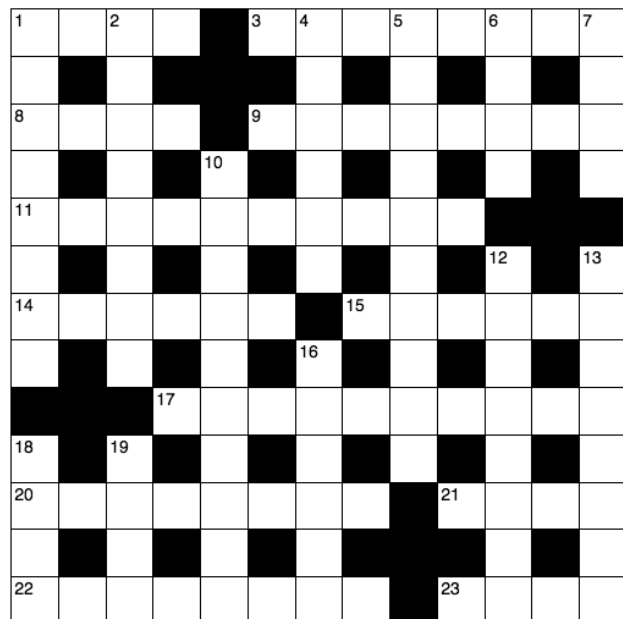
Sat 25th 2.00p.m. to 6.00p.m. Senior Citizens Party

Sun 26th Third Sunday of Epiphany
8.30a.m. Holy Communion
10.45a.m. Worship For All

Tues 28th Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274
10.30a.m. Holy Communion
7.45p.m. Knit & Natter (Craft Group)

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January Crossword



Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2–4) (8)
 11 Loyal (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

200 CLUB

December Winners



The 200 Club winners for December are:

1st Prize	£30	No 13	Jean McManus
2nd Prize	£15	No 70	Kathleen Gough
3rd Prize	£ 5	No 57	Graham Clifford

200 Club 2013 April—December (9/12)

Paid in:

$$106 \times £9 = £954$$

$$1 \times £8 = £ 8$$

$$\text{Total} = £962$$

$$\text{Prizes paid out} = £450$$

$$£512 \text{ to Church funds}$$

Please continue to support our 200 Club which was started by Mildred Bradshaw in 1992.

There are still some numbers available so if you would like to become a member please contact Rose Hayward on 0161 303 1731 or Juliana Stewart on 0161 303 7483.

Thank You

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Nothing ruins your Friday like realising it's only Wednesday.

Anon

St George's News

GIRLGUIDING AWARD

Our Congratulations go to Julia Davies who has completed 40 years as a Girlguiding Leader. Julia started out as an Assistant Leader with 5th St George's Brownie Pack in Oct 1973, becoming the Brownie Leader in 1975 and in 1986 she opened a second Brownie Pack at St George's – 11th Pack – our current Brownie Pack.

Julia has held numerous positions in Girlguiding and has been District Commissioner for Stalybridge, Division Commissioner for Ashton and at the present time is the President for Stalybridge, Dukinfield and Mossley (Tame Valley Division). Still known as "Brown Owl" she helps out regularly with our Brownies and works as a Volunteer in the Girlguiding shop in Manchester every Tuesday.

Julia received her award from Ms Mel Price (Manchester County Commissioner) and Miss Emma Heath (Tame Valley Division Commissioner) at a recent Carol Service.

Well done Julia! and thank you for all the years of service you have given to our young people



St George's News

GOLDEN SUCCESS



Our Congratulations go to David Brayshaw, a longstanding member of St George's Choir who has been awarded the Royal School of Church Music's Loyal Service Medal for 50 years as a chorister.

David who was 6 years old and his best friend, who was 7 years old, both joined the choir as probationers at Eastertime 1963. However, as you had to be 7 years old to be admitted to the Choir,

David had to wait until Advent Sunday 1963 to be admitted as a full member of St George's Choir.

During his time on the Choir, David has attained many things. He has attended numerous Royal School of Church Music courses over the years and taken exams, becoming a Bishop's Chorister along with four other members of our Choir – a great achievement for St George's.

David, a stalwart member of the bass section of our Choir received his medal and certificate from the Reverend Philip Brierley on Advent Sunday 2013.

Well done David, we're proud of you!

