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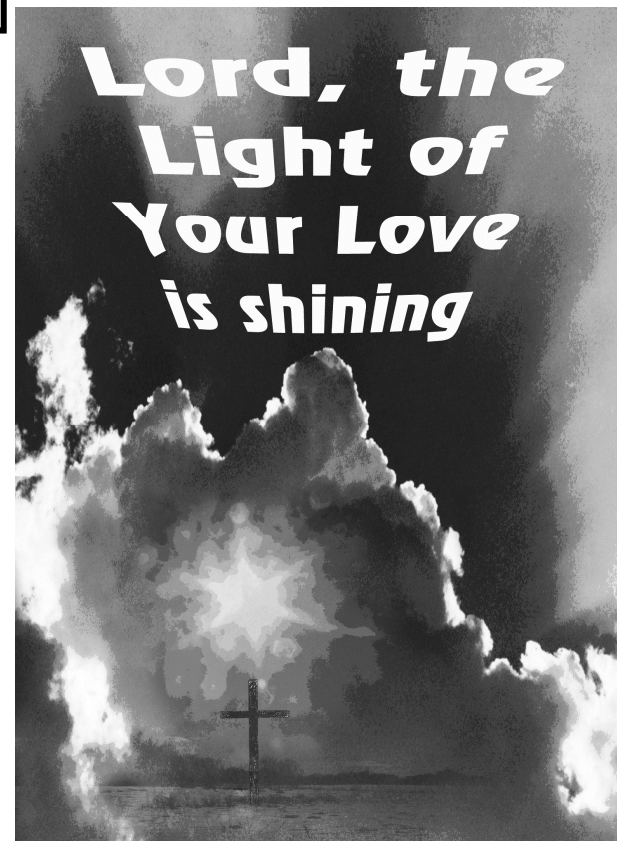


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**May 2014**

# St George's Church Stalybridge

## Clergy

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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 Junior Church  
(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.

**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

May 1	Stephen Mark Young	2009	May 17	William Henry Priestley	1950
	Kenneth Doggett	2013		Bessie Travis	1991
May 2	Annie Selby	1975	May 18	Abel Ollerenshaw	1967
	Derek Kay	2009	May 19	Clarice Barber	1976
May 4	Harry Wright	1981		William Dale	1967
	Martha Keating	1996	May 21	Gladys Lowe	1996
May 6	Evelyn Parkinson	1902	May 22	James Geoffrey Brayshaw	1970
	William Cooper	1970		George Henry Cope	1970
	Martha Kinder	1987	May 23	John William Wadsworth	1987
May 8	Agnes Winifred Barker	1979		Agnes Waddington	2007
May 9	Alice Day	1966	May 24	William Grimshaw	1998
May 11	Catherine Ann Nowel	1988		Albert Hopwood	2012
	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		Raymond Herbert Russell	2013
	Mary Woolley	2008	May 31	Harry Williamson	2010
	Charles Swainson	2012			
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



If anyone would like to take up the bread and wine at the offertory—to celebrate a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or just to take part, please have a word with one of the wardens or clergy for any Sunday this year.

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

*We welcome into the Lord's family*

#### 6 April

Jacob Joseph Barton, Staveley Avenue, Stalybridge  
Emily Grace Barton, Staveley Avenue, Stalybridge  
Darcie Lona Flow McCarthy, Springs Lane, Stalybridge

#### 20 April

Louise Ward, North End Road, Stalybridge  
Dominic Jamieson, North End Road, Stalybridge  
Derrie Finnegan, Broadhill Road, Stalybridge

### Funerals

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*

#### 7 April

Patricia Swift (age 67 years) Hurst Crescent, Glossop

#### 15 April

Margaret Lillian Barker (age 86 years) Oakford Manor, Glossop

#### 16 April

Joseph Ashton (age 86 years) Littlemoor Court, Victoria Street, Glossop.

#### 22 April

Dorothy Walker (age 85 years) Boundary Close, Mossley.

#### 29 April

Cyril Bishop (age 73 years) St George's House, Stalybridge

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Dear Friends,



On the rather chilly and showery (and muddy) afternoon of Saturday 5th April, a group of sixteen of us, including Bishop Mark and our tour guide the Revd Roger Dixon, met for a tour around Lake Galilee. But this wasn't a trip around Lake Galilee as you might think of it, it was a trip around Dove Stone reservoir in Greenfield.

Roger has conducted these walks on several previous occasions after travelling to the Holy Land and visiting the actual Sea of Galilee. He had put together a programme which involved walking around the reservoir and stopping at various points along the way, equating to the villages and places around Galilee.

If you've never been to the Holy Land, a visit there is certainly unforgettable and one which gives perspective to biblical stories and locations. The actual Sea of Galilee is thirteen miles long, seven miles wide at its broadest point, and thirty two miles in circumference. The "sea" is, of course, a lake and at six hundred and ninety feet below sea level, is the lowest freshwater lake on the planet. It is surrounded by hills some three thousand feet above the level of the water.

Dove Stone reservoir, is a mere three miles in circumference and proved a very worthwhile three hour saunter for us pilgrims in Lent.

We started at the northern end of Dove Stone in what would be the town of Bethsaida, the home town of Simon Peter, Andrew and Philip, and the place of some of Jesus' miracles - healing the blind man, for instance.

Moving on, we passed under the Golan Heights, through Yardenit, the supposed site of Jesus' baptism, and out to the Jordan valley. Passing through Tiberias, we came to Magdala, the home of Mary Magdalene, Jesus' most devoted female follower, and the first to see Jesus alive again after his death and resurrection. We came then to the Mount of the Beatitudes on which is now built an octagonal Roman Catholic church to mark the eight "Beatitudes" (Blessed are the...).

And so we came full circle, through Tabgha where the resurrected Christ appeared to his disciples and the site of the chapel of St Peter's Primacy, where Jesus asked Peter if he really loved him (John 21.15-22), back to our final destination of Capernaum, where Jesus preached his famous "I am the Bread of Life" sermon.

Of course, you could spend all day walking around Dove Stone because there are so many aspects which give pause for thought, and our tour guide was excellent, making us aware of many previously unknown facts and realisations.

He is planning to lead a similar joint group for the four churches in the north-east of Ashton Deanery: St John, Hurst, St George, Mossley, St John, Roughtown and people from our own congregation. This will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 18 June 2014.

I recommend it wholeheartedly to you, but you will have to book early because places are limited. We are only allowed seven places, so if you are interested, please let me know, by either giving me a phone call or putting your name down on the list in the lounge.

Some events which are happening in May are our Spring Fair which is on Saturday 17 May from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. We have been given a time slot to sell our Grand Draw Tickets in Tesco on Saturday 3 May from 9.00am - 5.00pm. Please come along and help raise much needed funds for St George's, or if you can't make that time, then please do come to our Spring Fair.

Thursday 29 May is Ascension Day, and there will be a service of Holy Communion with hymns at 8.00pm in church. Do come along and be part of our Lord's Ascension and commissioning of his disciples.

With best wishes to you all.

Philip

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## The New Seekers 'Read the Bible in a Year' Group

Well here we are a quarter of the way through the Bible and all the richer for it!!

At our meeting we discovered that we recognise so many verses that look familiar but we didn't necessarily know where they came from e.g. 'an eye for an eye' (Leviticus 24:19-20), 'Your sin will find you out' (Numbers 32:23) 'The Lord bless you and keep you.....' (Numbers 6:24-26) and 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom' (Proverbs 9:10). We also realized where being a Nazarite came from (Samson was one, that is why he didn't cut his hair!). The instructions for being a Nazarite are found in Numbers Chapter 6. We have just come to the end of the book of Numbers and realise why it is so called (there are numbers EVERYWHERE!!!! - each of them meaning something).

The many and varied instructions for erecting the tabernacle were complex and involved so many fixtures and fittings that its wonderful to think it was erected each time the Israelites stopped their wanderings. Parts of this tabernacle were very holy, yet we realised that God considers all ground holy where He can be found. We talked about how Jesus knew the scriptures so well Himself and how he referred to many verses that pointed to Him. His family line can be found in both Matthew and Luke and is an impressive read.

We talked about forgiveness and how we are required to forgive our enemies. Sometimes, though, we felt that there are people who commit great acts of wickedness that we need to leave their forgiveness in God's hands. We know, however, that Jesus sets the standard and He said, 'turn the other cheek', 'go the extra mile' etc. Jesus was also quick to recognise acts of true devotion e.g. the widow giving her 'mite' - even though it was a small coin, Jesus said she gave everything. He wasn't impressed by pomp and show. We also read that at the foot of the cross there is no hierarchy - all the ground is level. This made us wonder at the hierarchy in the church where certain individuals are given the best seats. It was Jesus who said that the person of lowest standing should be given the place of highest honour. Food for thought, certainly.

So as we celebrate Easter once more we can come with heartfelt thanks and praise on our lips that Jesus died and rose again so that our sins might be forgiven and we can be inheritors with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven.

God bless you all,

Joyce

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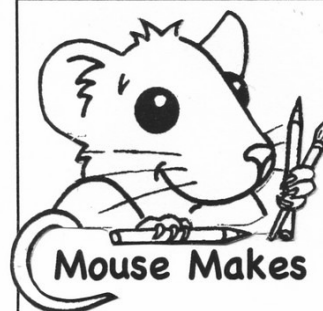


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"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So far, so good...?'"

## Children's Page



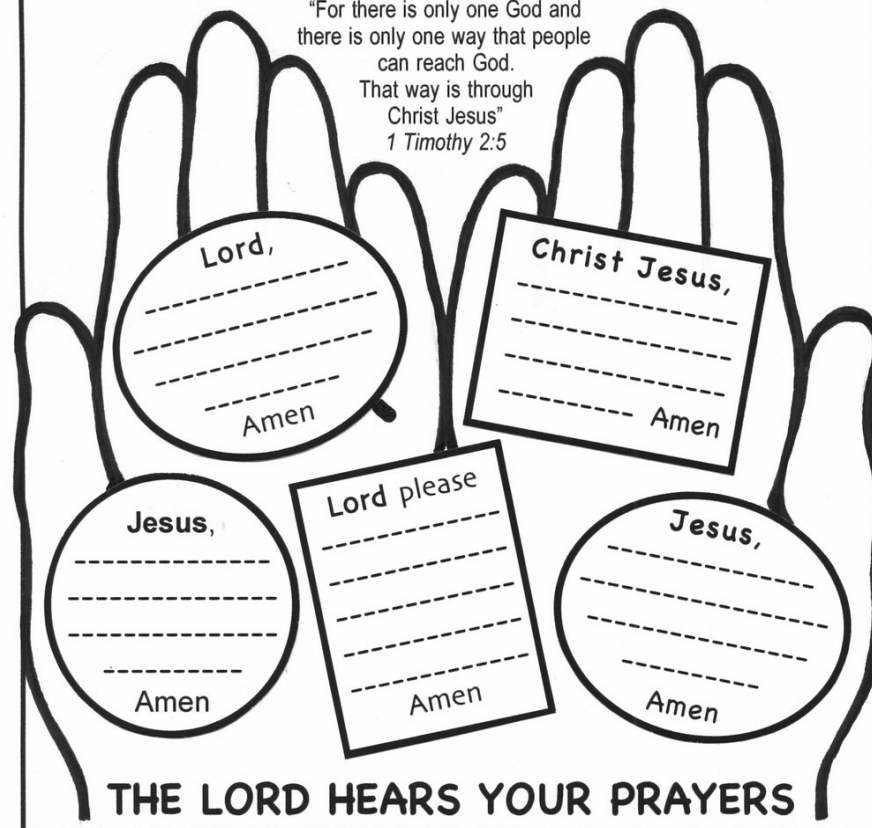
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### THE ASCENSION

Forty days after his resurrection JESUS led his disciples out to Bethany and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. As he blessed them he was taken up into heaven.

*"Christ Jesus is the one who died for us and was raised to life again for us and is sitting in the place of highest honour next to God, pleading for us there in heaven"* Romans 8:34

"For there is only one God and there is only one way that people can reach God. That way is through Christ Jesus" 1 Timothy 2:5



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## Readings and Psalms for May 2014

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	3rd Sunday of Easter	10.45 Acts 2.14a,36-41; Psalm 116.1-3,10-end; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Acts 7.51-8.1a; Psalm 31.1-5,16; John 6.30-35
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	4th Sunday of Easter	8.30 Genesis 7; John 10.1-10; 10.45 Genesis 7; Psalm 23; Acts 2.42-end; John 10.1-10
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Acts 11.19-26; Psalm 87; John 10.22-30
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	5th Sunday of Easter	10.45 Genesis 8.1-19; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; Acts 7.55-end
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Acts 14.19-end; Psalm 145.10-end; John 14.27-end
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	6th Sunday of Easter	8.30 Genesis 8.20-9.17; John 14.15-21 10.45 Acts 17.22-31; John 14.15-21 <b><i>Worship For All</i></b>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Acts 16.22-34; Psalm 138; John 16.5-11
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	20.00	Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1.15-end; Luke 24.44-end

**As Tuesday 22 April is the Tuesday in Easter Week, there will be no service of Holy Communion at 10.30 am on that day.**

## CONFIRMATION 2014

If anyone is interested in being confirmed during the summer then please have a word with Philip.

Children need to be eleven years old by the date of the Confirmation Service.

If we do have any candidates then preparation classes can begin during May

### SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

I dreamt death came the other night,  
And Heaven's gate swung open wide.  
With kindly grace an angel came  
And ushered me inside.

And there to my astonishment  
Stood folk I'd known on earth;  
Some I had judged as quite unfit  
Or of but little worth.

Indignant words rose to my lips,  
But never were set free,  
For every face showed stunned surprise  
No one expected me.

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### April Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

Come and join us

## Spring Fair

Café - Plants - Tombola -  
Home Bake - Bottle Stall

Saturday 17th May 2014

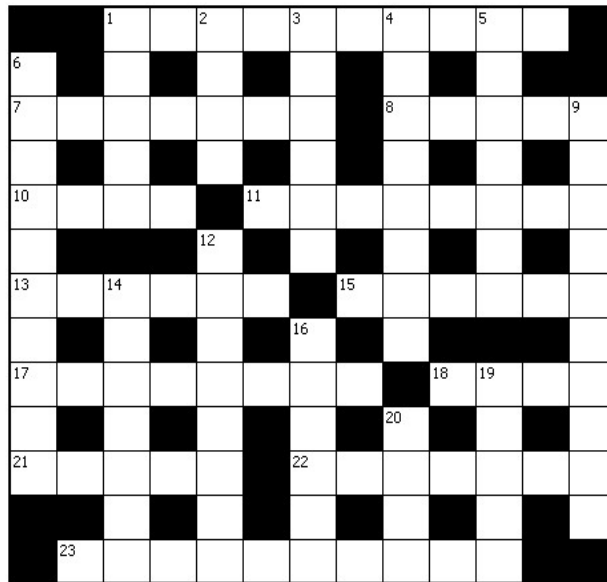
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## May Crossword



### Across

- 1 Sense of right and wrong (1 Corinthians 8:7) (10)  
 7 Coming (John 11:17) (7)  
 8 'All I have is — , and all you have is mine' (John 17:10) (5)  
 10 Smarten (Acts 9:34) (4)  
 11 Hold back (Job 9:13) (8)  
 13 Member of the Society of Friends (6)  
 15 At ague (anag.) (6)  
 17 Citizen of the Greek capital (8)  
 18 So be it (Galatians 6:18) (4)  
 21 Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote Murder in the Cathedral, T.S. — (5)  
 22 Empowers (Philippians 3:21) (7)  
 23 Imposing (1 Samuel 9:2) (10)

### Down

- 1 Healed (Luke 7:21) (5)  
 2 Central space in a church (4)  
 3 Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983–97, Clive — (6)  
 4 Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (Exodus 2:12) (8)  
 5 Bravery (Acts 4:13) (7)  
 6 It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (Acts 16:26) (10)  
 9 Transgression (Psalm 36:1) (10)  
 12 Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)  
 14 Same hit (anag.) (7)  
 16 'The Spirit of God was hovering over the — ' (Genesis 1:2) (6)  
 19 Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5)  
 20 Cab (4)

## Some dates for your diary - May 2014

Thurs	1st	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	3rd	9.00a.m. to 5.00p.m.	Selling Raffle Tickets in Tesco's for our Grand Draw
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist &amp; Junior Church</b>
		<b>12.30p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Baptism x 5</b>
Mon	5th	7.00p.m.	New Seekers
Tues	6th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		8.00p.m.	Moving Forward Meeting
Thurs	8th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	9th	7.30p.m.	Quiz Night
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist &amp; Junior Church</b>
Mon	12th	7.00p.m.	New Seekers
		7.30p.m.	Archdeacons Visitation at St Michael & All Angels, Ashton-u-Lyne
Tues	13th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		7.45p.m.	Knit & Natter (Craft Group)
Thurs	15th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	17th	11.00a.m. to 2.00p.m.	Spring Fair & Plant Sale
		7.00p.m.	20th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood at Manchester Cathedral
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist &amp; Junior Church</b>
		<b>12.30p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Baptism x 2</b>
Mon	19th	7.00p.m.	New Seekers
Tues	20th	7.00p.m.	Charities Meeting (Hall)
		8.00p.m.	Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thurs	22nd	7.00a.m. to 10.00p.m.	Local & European Parliamentary Elections
Sat	24th	4.00p.m.	Wedding
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Worship For All with Baptism</b>
Tues	27th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>29th</b>	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		8.00p.m.	<b>A Service with Hymns for The Ascension of Our Lord</b>

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## Saint of the Month

**8 May Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417**

Julian was born in 1342 and her life is something of a mystery. It has been argued that she had been married and widowed before becoming a recluse. What is known for certain is that at the age of 30 Julian fell ill, and just when she thought she had reached the point of death her pain vanished and she received 16 visitations. Julian wrote these down in what came to be known as the 'short text', before meditating on them and producing her 'long text' 20 years later.

Julian focuses upon spirituality and creation. She stresses that all things have their being through the love of God. She believes that we were loved from eternity. The high point of her spirituality is the cross and she shows a desire to enter into the sufferings of Christ. She is convinced that humanity was separated from God by sin, and is redeemed and reunited with God through Christ.

Julian places stress upon Christ as mother, as divine wisdom, but she does so with a distinctly Trinitarian understanding. One of the notable features of Julian is that her theology determines her experience, rather than the other way round. Thus seeing Christ's suffering allows Julian to see the meaning of this life generally, and of her own suffering especially. For Julian the image of God as mother speaks more powerfully than anything else of the outgoing love of the Trinity for creation.

Julian was writing at the point in history when theology and spirituality were being slowly but surely prised apart. Her vision of God is formed out of both an intellectual approach and a response of love. Her writings have influenced many throughout the centuries, and are the result of reflection on the questions of life in the light of an immediate spiritual experience.

Thus I saw and understood that our faith is our light in the night; which light is God, our endless day.

## Julian, Long Text 83

When the soul is tempest tossed, troubled and cut off by worries, then is the time to pray, so as to make the soul willing and responsive towards God. But there is no kind of prayer that can make God more responsive to the soul, for God is always constant in love. And so I saw that, whenever we feel the need to pray, our good Lord follows us, helping our desire.

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## CHURCH FINANCES

### April 2014 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate Envelopes		Total	Monthly Shortfall
30 Mar 2014	Mothering Sunday	£40.73	£279.50	£320.23	
6 Apr 2014	Passion Sunday	£27.20	£273.50	£300.70	
13 Apr 2014	Palm Sunday	£20.00	£475.00	£495.00	
20 Apr 2014	EASTER DAY	£409.34	£341.78	£751.12	
27 Apr 2014	Easter 1	£48.45	£228.50	£276.95	
	Standing Orders etc		£804.00	£804.00	
<b>Monthly Total</b>				<b>£2627.77</b>	<b>£872.23</b>

**\* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £3,500 per month**

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## 200 CLUB WINNERS



The 200 Club winners for April are:

1st Prize	£30	30	Sharon/Barry Wright
2nd Prize	£15	97	Freda Taylor
3rd Prize	£ 5	22	Michael Davies

There are still some numbers available and the more members we have the more church funds benefit so if you would like to become a member please contact Rose Hayward on 0161 303 1731 or Juliana Stewart on 0161 303 7483