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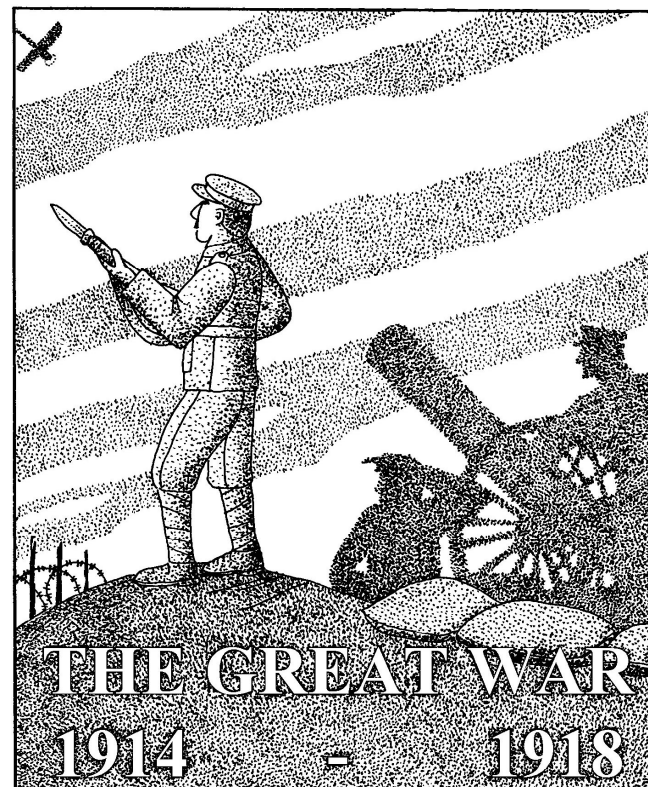
## St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



Diocese of Manchester



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**August 2014**

# 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 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

1 Aug	Norman Wood	1956	16 Aug	Walker Ratcliffe	1938
	Jesse Brierley	2000		Colin Mark Press	1982
2 Aug	Patricia Anne Southerin	1991		Gertrude Ireson	1997
	John David Southerin	1991	17 Aug	Arthur Cottrill	1985
3 Aug	Florence Newton	1982	20 Aug	Fred Wrigley	1998
	Anthony Wray	1982		Rose Kemp	2003
	Ellen Cooper	1996		Richard Arthur de	2006
4 Aug	William Smith	1990		Yarburgh-Bateson	
	Agnes Swindells	2013	21 Aug	Richard Grantham	1979
5 Aug	George Buckley	1956		Mary Maddock	1997
	Thomas Hudson	1984		Adele Ann Clifford	1981
6 Aug	Norman Holt	1976	23 Aug	Jack Mitchell	1964
	Mary Turner	1998		wadsworth	
8 Aug	Olive Greenwood	1988		Charles Horner	1997
	Esther Mary Osgood	2013	25 Aug	Florence May Gee	1975
9 Aug	Elsie Andrews	1993		Ernest Lomas	1991
	Ethel Rebecca Hirst	1989		Harry Swindells	1994
	May Longden	2013	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
	Ellen Mawdsley	1985	31 Aug	John Cowman	1989
	Ann Dunn	2007		Jean Cooper	2010
				Diane Bardsley	1994



## 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 into the Lord's family*

#### 6 July

Kai Francis Wilcocks, Holland Avenue, Stalybridge

Kadey-Leigh Mary Wilcocks, Holland Avenue, Stalybridge

#### 20 July

Lewis James Moody, Windermere Road, Stalybridge

Scarlet Marion Windsor, Wasdale Terrace, Stalybridge

### Weddings

*God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them*

#### 26 July

Michael David Arrundale and Helen Norma Lewis

### Funerals

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*

#### 17 July

Shakirah Snevaeh Angel Winifred Johnston (age 5 hours) Dargai Street, Clayton, Manchester

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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.

Dear Friends,



Two or three months ago I had the very pleasant task of telephoning the holders of the winning tickets from our Grand Draw that was held at the Spring Fair. It was great to be able to tell them the good news that they had won. There was, however, a minor difficulty in this task.

I had been supplied with a list of winning ticket numbers and their respective prizes, but the list only had the details that had been given on the ticket stubs. In some cases this was just a first name and a phone number and in other cases it was just a phone number and no name at all. I would ring, introduce myself and gabble on about which church I was from and how they had won etc. only to find out that I was speaking to someone I'd known for forty years or more or to relatives of good friends of mine!! They must have thought I had finally flipped but the simple fact was that I didn't have any of the 'normal' ways of recognising people.

This month we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration where Jesus appeared to Peter, James and John. You can read it for yourselves in three of the Gospels: Matthew 17.1-8; Mark 9.2-8 and Luke 9.28-36. Peter also refers to it in his Letter (2 Peter 1:16-18). What is striking about the Transfiguration is that the three disciples, even though they saw Jesus transfigured, with his face and clothes shining brighter, like nothing on earth, is that they were all afraid, as you would be of course, especially when they saw Moses and Elijah in their heavenly glory talking with Jesus. But I wonder how did they know it was Moses and Elijah? They didn't have cameras or mobile phones in those days, nor I guess, had they seen paintings of them, so how did they know it was those two specifically?

Both Moses and Elijah had their intimate experiences of God on a mountain top. In Jewish thought, these two figures represented certain things. Moses, of course, was the greatest law-giver. He was the one who had received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai and had delivered these to the Israelites. It was on Mount Horeb that Elijah found God, not in the wind, not in the earthquake, but in the still small voice. He encountered God in the most unconventional of places. The appearance of Moses and Elijah were the signal for Jesus to carry on, which was ratified when

God spoke to Jesus and the disciples, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am well pleased - listen to him."

Peter, the man of action, the man who always had to be doing something, wanted to build three tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. He wanted to make the vision permanent. And don't we, so often, want to keep those times when we take pleasure in such great moments. But, just like the disciples, the Transfiguration is only given to us to strengthen us in our daily living as we walk the way of the Cross.

After all, the whole point of an extraordinary moment is that it isn't ordinary. As wonderful as it might be, it can't be that way all of the time. It's like being given cake to eat all the time but after a while you'd crave something different. It's also one of the great dangers of such a gift. Peter's misguided desire to build tents is repeated every time anyone insists of God, or of another person, or in times of great change, for instance, that things stay the same as they were at that glorious instant when everything was perfect, or seemed perfect. But such experiences are supposed to go away. Things are supposed to return to "normal," and life is supposed to continue, pretty much the way it was before. That's just how it works.

There are really two reasons for such gifts - the little reason and the big reason. The little reason is that a moment of glory is given to be enjoyed, to be rejoiced in, and to be relished. There's really nothing else like it. That's a part of it.

Peter himself finally figured out the other reason, the big reason, for such things. In his letter (2 Peter 1:16-18), written many years after the Transfiguration, he speaks of that event, and says that the moment on the holy mountain is to be "like a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns." These moments aren't given to take the place of the rest of life. They're given to remind us, in the midst of our real lives, that there's more out there than we realise, that there is a goal, that there is hope, and that what we see is, thanks be to God, not all that we get.

Those gifts of glory, the moments of the presence of God, the special times, whatever they might be, are given to us as a light on the road. They're given to us to help when things get dark, or,

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perhaps worse, when things get ordinary and dull, and we seem to be right back where we started.

But God is real, and from time to time we may be asked to go up to the mountain top with Jesus. And, whether we're one of those who are taken to the mountain top, or whether we're one of those who stay behind and wait, we are all called to go along that same road, and go the same journey. And we are not alone.

After the Transfiguration, on the way down from the mountain, Jesus is immediately met with a boy who was suffering. How often have you been turned upside down just after a moment of great joy? But that is the way of the world and that is the way of becoming a true Christian. It is easy to be a Christian in times of prayer and meditation, but not so easy to meet human suffering and need. Real Christianity is about meeting God in prayer and then taking Him into the street, by drawing strength from Him in order to be enabled graciously, effectively and powerfully to meet the needs of others.

And maybe that's when we don't recognise the presence of God in each person who we meet, because we weren't expecting to find in such a person the presence of Jesus himself. Yet if we look for Jesus in anyone, we will surely find him.

With best wishes

*Philip*

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## JESUS

If I could package faith into one parcel  
And collect all hope into a single can –  
If I could roll all love into one heart-ball  
And commoditise it in a living man  
I'd already have a fully detailed label  
Prepared before the world itself began -  
And it would have one name -  
And that name – JESUS -  
At the centre of God's universal plan  
To take the world along the course  
God's surge of love provoked  
Till wholeness flows through everything  
With God's Spirit of life unyoked.

*By Sam Doubtfire*

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too close to the church's west wall!"

## CHURCH FINANCES

### July 2014 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
29 June 2014	Peter & Paul	£31.31	£544.50	£575.81	
6 July 2014	Trinity 3	£68.00	£144.50	£212.50	
13 July 2014	Trinity 4	£13.27	£192.50	£205.77	
20 July 2014	Trinity 5	£27.47	£457.55	£485.02	
27 July 2014	Trinity 6	£103.00	£397.50	£500.50	
	Standing Orders etc		£909.00	£909.00	

### Monthly Total

£2888.60 **-£611.40**

*\* 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 July are:

1st Prize	£30	100	Dorothy Davenport
2nd Prize	£15	68	Joan Reynolds
3rd Prize	£ 5	57	P & G Clifford

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

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## Readings and Psalms for August 2014

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7th Sunday after Trinity	10.45	Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.15-22; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>		10.30	Jeremiah 30.1-2,12-15,18-22; Psalm 102.16-21; Matthew 14.22-end
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	8th Sunday after Trinity	8.30	1 Kings 19.9-18; Matthew 14.22-33
		10.45	1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>		10.30	Ezekiel 2.8-3.4; Psalm 119.65-72; Matthew 18.1-5,10,12-14
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	9th Sunday after Trinity	10.45	Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15.21-28
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>		10.30	Ezekiel 28.1-10; Psalm 107.1-3,40,43; Matthew 19.23-end
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	10th Sunday after Trinity	8.30	Isaiah 43.8-13; Luke 22.24-30
		10.45	Isaiah 43.8-13; Psalm 145.1-7; Acts 5.12-16; Luke 22.24-30
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>		10.30	2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a,14-end; Psalm 98; Matthew 23.23-26
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	11th Sunday after Trinity	10.45	Jeremiah 15.15-21; Matthew 16.21-end <b>BCP Communion</b>

### July Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 8 Assyriologist, 9 Sue, 10 Innocence, 11 Motif, 13 Defrock, 16 Attalia, 19 Lord's, 22 Prophetic, 24 Mac, 25 Contraception  
DOWN: 1 Ransom, 2 Ascent, 3 Fruitful, 4 Joined, 5 BOAC, 6 Sign to, 7 Streak, 12 Out, 14 Full cups, 15 Cud, 16 Alpaca, 17 Thorns, 18 Attack, 20 Remain, 21 Second, 23 Hurt



## Saint of the Month

**13 August      Florence Nightingale,  
Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910**

Born at Florence while her parents were travelling in Italy in 1820, Florence Nightingale was named after the city of her birth. She was raised mostly at Lea Hurst in Derbyshire, the family's summer home, near the villages of Lea Bridge and Holloway, some 5 miles south-east of Matlock. Brought up in the Unitarian Church, she later joined the Church of England but her personal beliefs were far from orthodox and prone to change. Nevertheless she experienced God's personal presence and sought to follow his promptings. Feeling called by God to some form of service at the age of 16, she decided that she must remain single and soon afterwards rejected a proposal of marriage.

In 1844, she came to believe that her calling was to nurse the sick and in 1849 she went to study hospitals in Europe. On 12 May 1850 she recorded in her diary, 'Today I am thirty – the age Christ began his mission. Now no more childish things. No more love. No more marriage. Now Lord let me think only of Thy Will, what Thou wilt me to do.' Later that year she began nursing training at Alexandria in Egypt and subsequently studied at the Lutheran Deaconess Institute at Kaiserswerth in Germany. In 1853 she became superintendent of the Hospital for Invalid Gentlewomen in London.

After the outbreak of the Crimean War in 1854, Florence used personal contacts in high places to allow her to take 38 nurses to serve at the military hospital at Scutari (Üsküdar) in Turkey and later at Balaklava in the Crimea. Through her tireless efforts to improve both nursing care and simple sanitation, the mortality rate among the sick and wounded was greatly reduced. At night, she would often patrol the wards, carrying a dim lamp, to check that all was well. The legend of 'The Lady with the Lamp' was born.

After the war she began the first professional nursing training in England at St Thomas's Hospital in London. Through her efforts the stature of nursing was raised to that of a medical profession with high standards of education and important responsibilities. But under the strain of ceaseless overwork, her own health broke, and she was an invalid for the last part of her life. She received many honours and in 1907 became the first woman to receive the Order of Merit. She died in London on 13 August 1910, aged 90, and was buried at St Margaret's, East Wellow in Hampshire. Her tombstone bears the simple inscription, 'F.N. Born 1820. Died 1910'.

## My Day on the Cut

On June 2nd I went on the ferry from Manchester to Liverpool along the Ship Canal with my daughter and son-in-law. Our outing began from The Lowry in Salford where we parked the car and boarded our boat.

The boat was one of the original Liverpool to Birkenhead ferries with two decks and 2 bars with food. Although there were a lot of people on the ferry there was still plenty of room to enjoy the trip and we set off on our 'voyage' at 11.30 am.

During the trip we were given an interesting commentary by a very knowledgeable lady who told us about the various building along the canal side, she gave us an incite into the industrial and social history surrounding the canal and also told us about the 26 bridges we would be going under and through. She was excellent.

The bridges were all very different and it was amusing to see people looking down on us and waiting for the road to be put back so traffic could move on.

The times of the boats are controlled by high tides in Liverpool and there were to be no sailings the following week due to low tides.

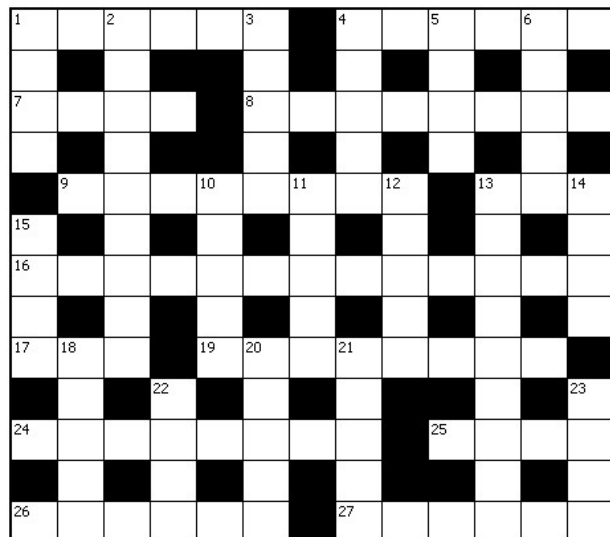
We arrived in Liverpool at 6 pm where there was a fleet of coaches waiting to take us on the journey back to The Lowry. If you are booked on the earlier boat you have over 2 hours to explore Liverpool and the Albert Docks before returning.

It was a very good and enjoyable day and well worth the money.

Dorothy Hewitt.



## August Crossword



### Across

1 Of Moses (6), 4 'You have been weighed on the — and found wanting' (Daniel 5:27) (6), 7 Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4), 8 Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8), 9 Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection (Acts 23:8) (8), 13 South London Mission (1,1,1), 16 Sure of one's own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9), 17 'At this the man's face fell. He went away — , because he had great wealth' (Mark 10:22) (3), 19 Airs used (anag.) (8), 24 'The Lord is my — , I shall not be in want' (Psalm 23:1) (8), 25 'He has sent me to — up the broken-hearted' (Isaiah 61:1) (4), 26 At or towards the rear of a ship (6), 27 Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller, — Blessitt (6)

### Down

1 Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4), 2 Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9), 3 Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1), 4 'Father, give me my — of your estate' (Luke 15:12) (5), 5 Assistant (4), 6 On a par (John 5:18) (5), 10 Credo (anag.) (5), 11 Beaten with a rod (5), 12 The fourth of Job's 'comforters', who deferred making his contribution because of his junior status (Job 32:6) (5), 13 Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as 'a capable man' (Ezra 8:18) (9), 14 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where — and rust destroy' (Matthew 6:19) (4), 15 Employs (4), 18 Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5), 20 Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1), 21 Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life (5), 22 Recess at east end of a church (4), 23 One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)

## Some dates for your diary - August 2014

Saturday	2nd	1.00p.m.	Wedding
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>7th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 13</b>	
		<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
		<b>12.30p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Baptism x 3</b>
Tuesday	5th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday	9th	2.00p.m.	Ladies Afternoon Tea
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>8th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 14</b>	
		<b>8.30a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with guest preacher Paul Woods</b>
Tuesday	12th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>9th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 15</b>	
		<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
		<b>12.30p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Baptism x 3</b>
Tuesday	19th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>Bartholomew the Apostle</b>	
		<b>8.30a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
Tuesday	26th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31st</b>	<b>11th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 17</b>	
		<b>10.45a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist - BCP</b>

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## 4th August – Time for Lights Out!

Every householder in Britain is being asked to turn out their lights at 11pm on 4th August, to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War.

The nationwide event is based on the famous comment attributed to Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, on the eve of the conflict in 1914. He said: “The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.” He made the remark the day before war was declared, as he gazed across St James’s Park from his window at the Foreign Office at the gas lamps being lit.



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The switch-off is being called Lights Out, and is backed by the Government as “one of the most dramatic UK-wide events ever organised.” Throughout the UK, everyone is being invited to “turn off their lights and to replace them with one single light, to remember a day that changed the world forever.”

The ‘Lights Out’ will take place at the same time as a candlelit vigil of prayers, readings and music held in Westminster Abbey. There candles will be extinguished one by one until a single flame is snuffed out at 11pm.

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## Plant a tree to remember the dead of WW1

This summer marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. The Woodland Trust is honouring all those who took part in the war effort by hoping to plant millions of trees that will stand as a tribute for centuries to come. Will you support them by planting a free tree pack in your community?

Woodland Trust has more than 4000 packs to give away in the autumn, and they come in three sizes – 30 saplings, 105 saplings and 420 saplings in various themes (hedge, copse, wildlife, wild harvest, year-round colour, working wood, wild wood and wetland). You can apply for more than one pack and theme, with 420 saplings being the maximum quantity. Find out more at [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees). The deadline for applications is 4 September, but apply soon to make sure you get your trees.

## The Journey Of Life



At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side; however, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we do not realize that they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful & very blessed journey on the train of life.  
Reap success and give lots of love.