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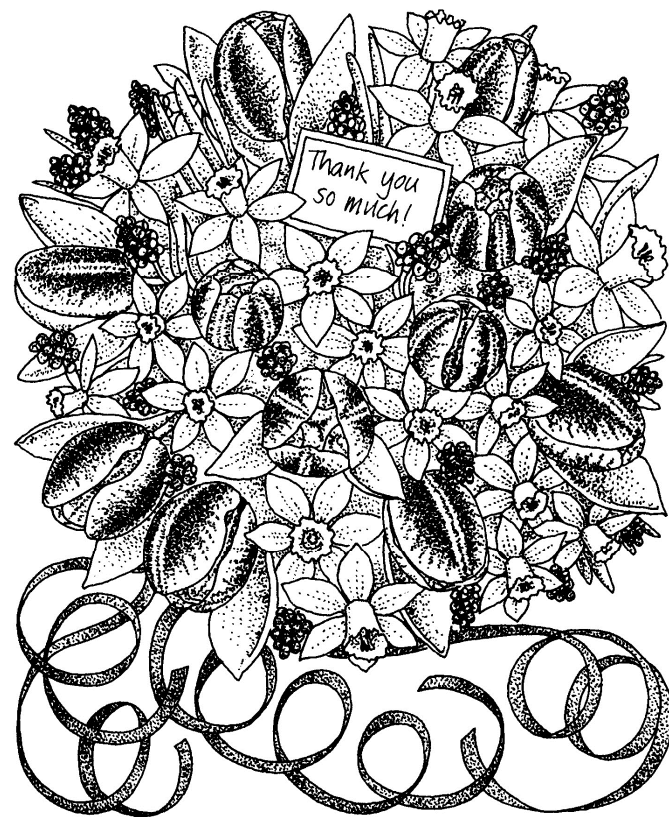
## St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



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**March 2015**

# 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)

10.30 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 Mar	Thomas Cowman	1984	13 Mar	Christine Higgins	2010
	George Harry Hobson	1984	14 Mar	Frank Stones	1990
	Mary Bailey	1969	18 Mar	Thomas William Thomson	1983
	Tom Bowden	1972		Alma Nuttall	1991
	Joan Wheatley	1972		Roberto Luigi Pravisani	2005
	Allen Marsden	1995		David Rawsterne	2009
	Betty Curtis	2014	19 Mar	Thomas Green	1966
2 Mar	George Jubb	1978	20 Mar	Ernest Sidebottom	1988
	Gerard Postings	1996	21 Mar	James Shenton	1964
3 Mar	Tom Broadbent	1989		John Duxbury	1985
4 Mar	Jean Boyle (nee Smith)	2011		Regan Joseph Michael	1988
5 Mar	Dennis Harrison	1985		Tetlow	
	Rose Ann Quest	1991		Frank Cooke Jackson	1993
6 Mar	James Wilkinson	1985		Emmeline Elizabeth Heap	1997
	Albert Barber	1987	23 Mar	Harold Moore	1996
	James Eric Hinchliffe	1999		George James Crossland	2002
	Barry Mutch	2008		James Wright	2001
7 Mar	Henry Saxon	1977		Ian Stuart Wharton	2014
	Sadie Shaw	1984	24 Mar	Alice Hardon	1989
	Jessie Mary Daly	1986	26 Mar	Denis Patrick Daly	1984
8 Mar	Jane Norris	1969		Samantha Jane Dunlop	1984
	Margaret Cawley	1985		Edward Noah Clayton	1989
9 Mar	Gordon Wheatley	1998		Hilda Graham	2009
	Joseph Sharpe	2000	27 Mar	Herbert Battersby	1965
	Norman Nield	2005		Theresa Aldred	1999
10 Mar	Lewis Dain Gudger	2014		Mary Bardsley	1994
11 Mar	Sarah Ann Allsop	1986	28 Mar	Patricia Carter	2014
	Enid Longden	2014	29 Mar	William Spencer	2000
12 Mar	Herbert Bardsley	1981		Olive Stephenson	1985
	James Turner	1987		Bernard Joseph Walsh	2012
	Harold Webster	1987	30 Mar	Norman Stokes	1970
	Mabel Sweeney	1991		William Forde Clarke	2005
	Basil Kirk	1989		John William Arthur Dale	2008
	Mary Bailey	2014	31 Mar	Tom Grimes	1980
13 Mar	William Bateman	1978		Mark Press	1981
	Donald Feetham	1997			
	Beatrice Kelsall	1981			



## 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.

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

*We welcome into the Lord's family*

#### **1 February**

Fraser Alan McParland, Eskdale Terrace, Stalybridge  
Joe Harry McParland, Eskdale Terrace, Stalybridge  
Ryan William McParland, Eskdale Terrace, Stalybridge  
Cameron Matthew McParland, Eskdale Terrace, Stalybridge  
Angel Alice McParland, Eskdale Terrace, Stalybridge  
Billy Peter McParland, Eskdale Terrace, Stalybridge  
Lexi Lauren Graham, Church Walk, Stalybridge  
Finley James Yates, Church Walk, Stalybridge

#### **15 February**

Lucie Ellis, Windermere Road, Stalybridge  
Caden-James Ellis, Windermere Road, Stalybridge  
Sophie Rai Cooney, Windermere Road, Stalybridge

### Weddings

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

#### **6 February**

Kevin James Ryan and Georgia Lea Massey

### Funerals

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*

#### **4 February**

Edwina Marjorie Stokes (age 92 years) Parkhill Nursing Home, formerly of St George's House, Stalybridge

#### **12 February**

Pauline Collinson (age 69 years) Sunningdale Court, Kensington Grove, Denton

#### **13 February**

Daniel Nicholas Waddock (age 52 years) Knowl Street, Stalybridge

#### **16 February**

Steven John Lawton (age 45 years) School Crescent, Stalybridge

#### **18 February**

Norman Thomas Quest (age 71 years) Boulderstone Road, Stalybridge

#### **26 February**

John Chadwick (age 63 years) Cambridge Street, Stalybridge

## WILDERNESS TIME



As I write this article, we are facing the prospect of having a new kitchen fitted. To say it is an experience that we are certainly not looking forward to, would be a massive understatement, as I am sure those of you who have faced similar upheavals will appreciate. The entire contents of our old kitchen are packed away in boxes, nothing is where it should be, most rooms in the house are messed up in one way or another, and we are all at 'sixes and sevens'. When the work is actually being undertaken, life will not be normal (whatever that may mean!!!). However, because of certain issues with our kitchen, it is something which has to be done.

Lent is also 'something that has to be done' – a time of desolation which leads us up to the magnificence of Easter. I wrote in last month's article about the Lenten season and, as this year's month of March is consumed by it, I thought I would continue with the theme. Lent marks the forty days endured by Jesus in the wilderness.

On the first Sunday in Lent, at the end of February, Joyce Hansell gave the congregation a powerful, dramatised and interactive image of Jesus' wilderness experiences. With the help of our children and some adults, she used each letter of the word WILDERNESS to get the congregation to think of adjectives that might describe the feelings that Jesus felt during the time he was there. Words such as Wild, Inhospitable, Lonely, Desolate and so on. For those who matched the adjectives chosen by Joyce herself, they were rewarded with a chocolate bar (chocolate doesn't count on Sundays as they are feast days!!). I didn't get one, by the way!

It is a very thought provoking exercise to try this for yourselves, to find a word, using these letters, and apply it to your own lives. Then dwell for a while on how each of those words has made you feel over the years, whether those feelings and their repercussions have been of benefit to you, or have made you sad.

Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, describes the wilderness as: Wilderness: - Loneliness; Doubt; Darkness; Spontaneity of thought and idea; the Vestibule in which a material

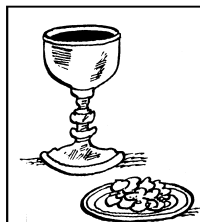
sense of things disappears and spiritual sense unfolds the great facts of existence.

For Jesus, the wilderness was a place of desolation and loneliness, but as he showed us, it is the one place where he could not rely on material things for comfort; rather, it was the place where he drew closer to God through the temptations he suffered.

We all have our 'wilderness' time. Times where disappointment and failure get to us and yet, from which, we emerge with a clearer mind. Times of illness and bereavement, where the grace of God and the love and support of family and friends sees us through the darkest of days.

We are hoping that the fitting of our new kitchen will not take forty days but, even if it does, the end result should be worth all the inconvenience and effort. That, of course, is just materialistic and I hope and pray that all our lives will be enriched by a meditative Lent and we emerge at Easter feeling renewed and ready to celebrate, once again, the glorious resurrection of our Lord.

With best wishes  
Philip



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.

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The Real Easter Egg is still the only Fairtrade egg with a copy of the Easter story in each box. There is also a charitable donation for every 150g egg sold. More than £140,000 has been donated from sales. It also supports farmers and producers in the developing world by using Fairtrade chocolate.

The Real Easter Egg campaign aims to establish giving a Real Easter Egg as a tradition. They can be found in some supermarkets, however, very little is made from these sales and more can be made by direct sales from churches and schools. Last year more than 400,000 eggs were sent through the post. This is a very positive example of putting our faith into practice and it is hoped that churches will support this year's Real Easter Egg campaign.

Each year the content of the Real Easter Egg changes. This year blue egg has a unique 3ft storybook/banner, the Premium Peace Edition contains an olive wood key ring made in Bethlehem and there is a dairy free dark chocolate egg

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Commandments to Moses' Tablet PC?"

## CHURCH FINANCES

### February 2015 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
1 Feb 2015	Presentation of Christ	£26.80	£400.50	£427.30	
8 Feb 2015	2nd before Lent	£72.26	£259.00	£331.26	
15 Feb 2015	Sunday next before Lent	£61.98	£367.50	£429.48	
26 Feb 2015	Lent 1	£87.00	280.50	£367.50	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	

### Monthly Total

**£2,419.54 -£1981.46**

*\* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £4,401 per month*

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### 200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for February are:

1st Prize	£30	86	Ella Walker
2nd Prize	£15	61	Janet Meredith
3rd Prize	£ 5	7	Emma Stokes

There are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome—remember the more members we have the more money is raised for Church Funds. The cost is £12 per year per number.

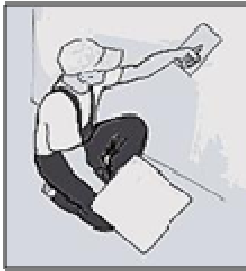
If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

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### February Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

**DOWN:** 1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.



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## Readings and Psalms for March 2015

<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> <b>10.30</b> Genesis 17.1-7,15-16; Psalm 22.23-end; Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-end
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.30 Isaiah 1.10,16-20; Psalm 50.8,16-end; Matthew 23.1-12
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 8.30 Exodus 20.1-17; John 2.13-22 <b>10.30</b> Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19.7-end; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 Song of the Three vv2,11-20; Psalm 25.3-10; Matthew 18.21-35
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4th Sunday of Lent—Mothering Sunday</b> <b>10.30</b> Exodus 2.1-10; Luke 2.33-35 <b>Worship For All</b>
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; Psalm 46.1-8; John 5.1-3,5-16
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent—Passion Sunday</b> 8.30 Jeremiah 31.31-34; John 12.20-33 <b>10.30</b> Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 51.1-13; Hebrews 5.5-10; John 12.20-33
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30 Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 102.1-3,16-23; John 8.21-30
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 10.30 Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1-end of 15
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>	
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup></b>	10.30 Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 71.1-8; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; John 12.20-36

## SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

### MARCH

**Mon 30th 8.00p.m. Agape Meal**  
**Tues 31st 10.30a.m. Holy Communion**

### APRIL

**Wed 1st 8.00p.m. Stations of the Cross**  
**Thurs 2nd MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
           **8.00p.m. Sung Communion of the Last Supper -**  
                           **Stripping of the Altars - followed by Vigil**  
**Fri 3rd GOOD FRIDAY**  
           **10.30a.m. The Service of The Cross**  
**Sun 5th EASTER DAY**  
           **6.45a.m. Sunrise Service - top of Ridge Hill Lane**  
           **8.30a.m Holy Communion with Hymns**  
           **10.30a.m. A Service for Easter Day**  
           **6.00p.m. Holy Communion BCP**

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### **St George's 175th Anniversary**

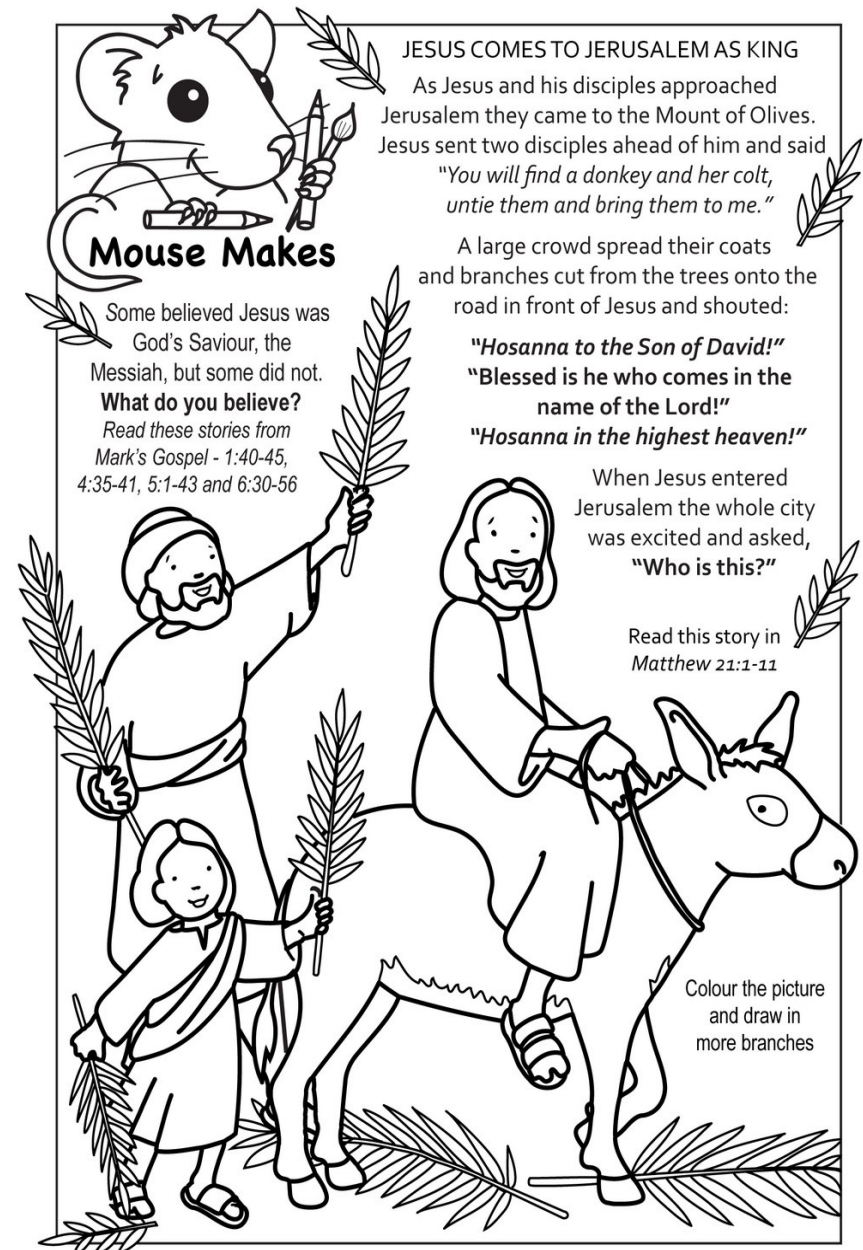
As part of our 175th anniversary celebrations I am looking to make a display of St. George's over the years.

If you have any photos you are willing for me to include in the display, please can you let me have them and I will scan them and give them back.

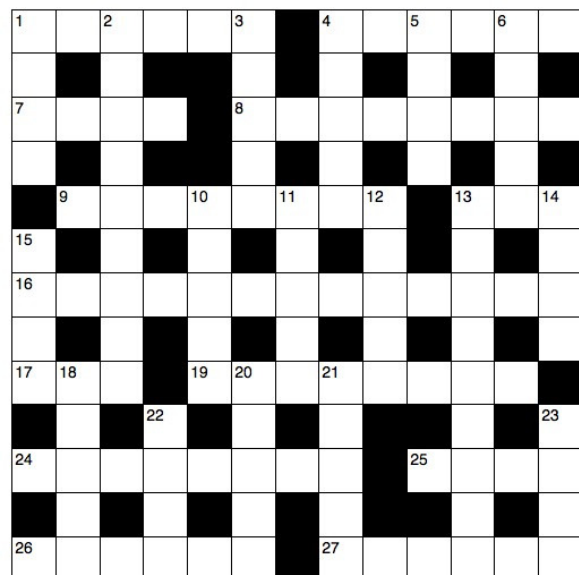
The pictures can be from either new or old St. George's.

Janet Vidler

## Children's page



## March Crossword



### Across

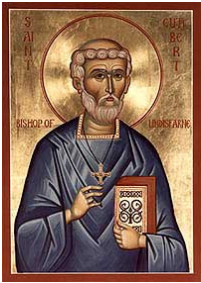
**1** The earth is one (6), **4** 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6), **7** 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4), **8** The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8), **9** 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8), **13** Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke 8:16) (3), **16** Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13), **17** Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3), **19** Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8), **24** What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8), **25** The Venerable —, eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4), **26** 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6), **27** Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

### Down

**1** Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4), **2** Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9), **3** Gospel leaflet (5), **4** Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18), **5** Tugs (anag.) (4), **6** To put forth (5), **10** Nationality associated with St Patrick (5), **11** Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5), **12** 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5), **13** At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9), **14** 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4), **15** Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4), **18** 'When I —, I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5), **20** Concepts (Acts 7:20) (5), **21** Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5), **22** Does (anag.) (4), **23** The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

## Some dates for your diary - March 2015

<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist &amp; Junior Church</b>
Mon	2nd	8.00p.m.	Lent Group in the Lounge
Tues	3rd	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	5th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	7th	9.30a.m - 1.30p.m.	Marriage Preparation Day at St. John, Hurst
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist &amp; Junior Church</b>
Mon	9th	8.00pm	Lent Group in the Lounge
Tues	10th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	12th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday</b>	
		<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Worship For All</b>
		<b>12.30p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Baptism x 2</b>
Mon	16th	8.00pm	Lent Group in the Lounge
Tues	17th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		7.30p.m.	Charities Meeting
		8.00p.m.	Annual Parochial Church Council
Thurs	19th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	21st	2.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide Begins</b>	
		<b>8.30a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist &amp; Junior Church</b>
Mon	23rd	8.00pm	Lent Group in the Lounge
Tues	24th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	26th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>Palm Sunday - Holy Week- Summer Time Begins</b>	
		<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist &amp; Junior Church</b>



**Saint of the Month**  
**20 March**  
**Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne,**  
**Missionary, 687**

Cuthbert was born about 635, either in Northumberland or the Scottish borders where he was a shepherd in his youth. In the year 651, while watching over his sheep, he is said to have had a vision, but for whatever reason he entered the religious life as a monk at Melrose Abbey. At Melrose, Cuthbert soon became eminent for his holiness and learning and was greatly involved in mission work in Galloway. After ten years at Melrose, a new monastery was founded at Ripon, and Cuthbert was sent there to be the guest-master, but these were the years of disagreement between the Celtic and Roman traditions of Christianity (the date of Easter was one of the most contentious points at issue) and in 661, when Ripon adopted the Roman usage, Cuthbert and other monks who favoured the Celtic usage returned to Melrose. Shortly after his return, he became prior.

In 664, the Synod of Whitby decided in favour of the Roman usage and committed the English Church to following the customs that had been introduced by Augustine. Cuthbert, who accepted the decision, was sent to be prior at Lindisfarne, in order that he might introduce the Roman customs into that house. This was a difficult matter which needed all his gentle tact and patience to carry out successfully, but he was able to minimize contention over the decision and the community remained united.

But Cuthbert felt a call to the solitary life and in 676, coveting a life of prayer and contemplation, he retired, with the abbot's permission, to a hermitage, first on the mainland (possibly near Howburn) then on Inner Farne, one of a small group of islands offshore from Bamburgh in Northumberland, where he gave himself up to a life of great austerity. Cuthbert was noted for the remarkable rapport he had with animals, both wild and domestic. Appropriately the island is today a bird sanctuary. In 684 he was elected Bishop of Hexham but refused to accept the post. The following year, however, he was elected Bishop of Lindisfarne, a post which he was eventually persuaded to accept. His brief episcopate of two years was marked with continuous missionary work and this almost certainly exhausted him. At Christmas, 686, foreseeing the approach of death, he resigned his see and returned to his cell on Inner Farne, where he died on 20 March 687.



***What More***  
***Can You Ask***

God's love endureth forever —  
What a wonderful thing to know  
When the tides of life run against you  
And your spirit is downcast and low ...  
God's kindness is ever around you,  
Always ready to freely impart  
Strength to your faltering spirit,  
Cheer to your lonely heart ...  
God's presence is ever beside you,  
As near as the reach of your hand,  
You have but to tell Him your troubles,  
There is nothing He won't understand ...  
And knowing God's love is unfailing,  
And his mercy unending and great,  
You have but to trust in His promise —  
"God comes not too soon or too late" ...  
So wait with a heart that is patient  
For the goodness of God to prevail —  
For never do prayers go unanswered,  
And his mercy and love never fail

