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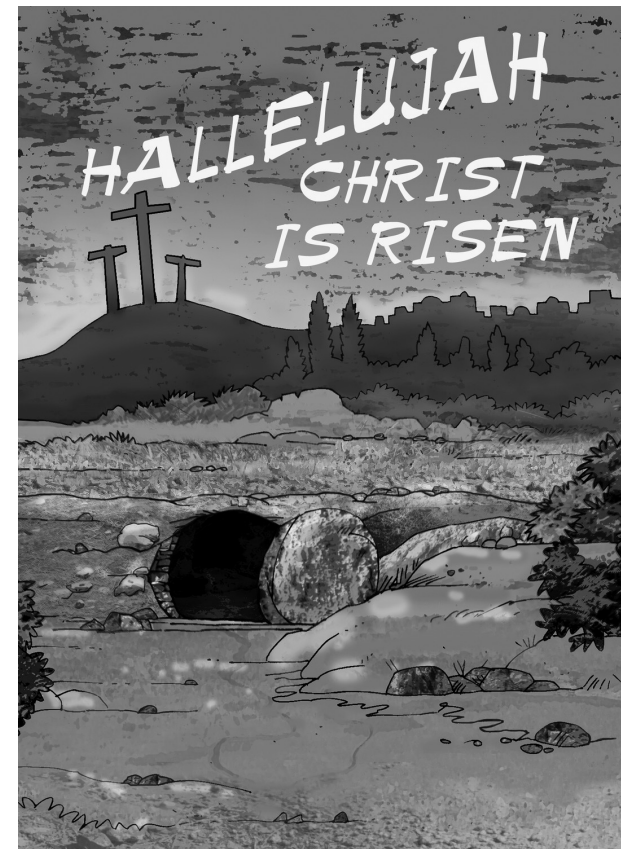
St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



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April 2015

St George's Church Stalybridge

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Worship

Sunday

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

10.30 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

Apr 3	Alan Wilson	1970	Apr 17	Bertha Stanley	1965
	Fred Peck	1977		Dennis Baxter	2001
	William Dawson	1982	Apr 18	Edith Smith	1988
	Joan Brocklehurst	1994		Ada Sayce	1989
Apr 4	Grace Lee	1975	Apr 19	Mary Elizabeth Parkinson	1944
Apr 5	Geoffrey Birch	2006		Doris Hibbert	1970
	Percy Dudleston	1979		Samuel Cook	1989
Apr 6	Herbert Brocklehurst	1975	Apr 20	Louis Bowler	1990
Apr 7	Ellen Ratcliffe	1937		Lena Schofield	1997
Apr 8	Alistair William Rose	1983		Mary Wright	1989
	Forbes		Apr 22	Mark Allen Cowley	2009
Apr 9	John (Jack) Ireson	1987	Apr 23	James Johnson	1984
	Kenneth Langton	2007		Jennie Cook	1995
	Howard Steven Fogg	2008	Apr 24	George Wardle	1997
Apr 10	Walter Bramall	1977		Joan Lindley	1983
	Minnie Talbot	1984		Doreen Lilian Pritchard	2009
	Freda Mary Day	1987		Graham Webster	2009
Apr 12	Jacqueline Ruth	1987	Apr 25	John Jepson Thomas	1991
	Gillaspy			Alice Ann Walton	1998
	Andrea Louise Johnson	2004	Apr 26	Elsie Beatrice Dugdale	1974
Apr 14	Helen Shaw	1996		Beatrice Isabella Brien	1985
Apr 15	Ernest Norris	1965		Harry Blackburn	2003
	Joseph Parry	2007	Apr 27	John Kenyon	2001
	Alice Banks	2009	Apr 28	Ada Broadbent	1962
Apr 16	Joseph Shaw	1961	Apr 29	Laura Wright	2007
	Emily Spencer	1990			

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



All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

15 March

Oliver George Smith, Freeman Road, Dukinfield

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

5 March

Ivy Shaw (age 93 years) Granville Street, Ashton-under-Lyne

15 March

Mildred Bradshaw (age 76 years) Dewsnap Lane, Dukinfield
Interment of ashes

22 March

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

24 March

Mary Wild (age 89 years) St George's Street, Stalybridge



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,



I want to begin by wishing you all a Happy Easter and hope that, if you are going away on holiday, you will have a relaxing and peaceful time and return refreshed in body, mind and spirit.

This month's article is an abridged version of my reflections over the past year, which were presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 17 March. Apologies to those who were present and, therefore, will have heard this before!

I want to begin by giving thanks to God for a year in which much has been achieved, difficulties have been overcome and, hopefully, we have all grown a little in grace.

Grateful thanks are due to our wardens, Gill and Derek, in their continuing support not just of me, but also of the whole of St George's. I am sure that you will agree with me, that we all owe a great deal to those who work so hard, week in, week out, in maintaining the building and the graveyard; in producing the pew sheet and the magazine; servicing the various committees and dealing with all the financial issues that arise. To the wonderful cleaning team and those who help in the kitchen each Sunday morning; to the sides people, the choir, the lesson readers, Eucharistic Assistants, servers, gift aid recorder, the junior Church leaders, the leaders of the youth organisations, the list goes on – everyone who does their little bit for St George's on a voluntary basis.

We were absolutely delighted to have been able to pay our Parish Share, in full, for the second year running - again, this would have been an impossible task without the support of everyone who has remained faithful and done their utmost to support St George's. We are indebted to everyone who has given so willingly of their time and skills.

Having paid the Parish Share in full has given us the opportunity to apply for various grants. We have been fortunate to receive the backing of the Diocesan Advisory Committee and the Archdeacon who have each provided us with letters of support for a grant towards the much needed work on the guttering and the roof. The outcome of this is still awaited. Each year brings sad farewells as well as new opportunities. In September we saw the departure of Keith and Juliana Stewart who had

been members of St. George's for the best part of forty years and, over that time, had fulfilled many roles between them and were such an integral part of our community. Keith had served as a Reader before being ordained and becoming our Ordained Local Minister and Juliana acted as the PCC Treasurer for quite a number of years. We miss their presence with us but wish them well in their new environment.

St. George's has had OLMs, Curates and Licensed Readers, for many years and I hope and pray that someone may feel able to continue this tradition and take on a more formal role within the church. If you believe that God may be calling you, please think and pray about it and come along for a chat.

In the early part of 2014, six of our older and very long standing congregation members died and we miss their presence with us very much. At Christmas we dedicated the gift of a large and beautiful Nativity Scene, given in memory of Enid Longden, and this has been greatly appreciated by many people.

We continue to have a large number of families coming for baptism but, unfortunately, they don't become regular attenders. This is, of course, not just peculiar to our church but, with an ageing congregation, it would be good to see more young families with us. All of us, I think, need to take time to encourage them to return to St George's when they come along with their families for the baptisms. That would be a real boost to the worshipping life of St George's.

For the first time we combined the Christingle Service with the Junior Church Nativity and held it within the context of the main morning service. It was an experiment which proved to be a wonderful occasion and the church was full with many non-regular attenders and a large number of children. The Junior Church excelled themselves with a very professional performance and the whole service was truly uplifting.

The PCC will be looking at how we might build a Mission Action Plan. Each church is required to look at how it could develop better strategies for mission and how to encourage church growth. There are now three sub-committees of the PCC - one to look at our worship, a second to look at pastoral care and the third to deal with social and fund raising events.

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Each of these sub-committees would welcome those who are not elected members of the PCC to attend any or all of their meetings.

Following the ingress of water on the north side of the building earlier in the year, repairs and re-decoration were carried out and the new carpet, for which we had been planning for some time, was finally laid at the turn of the year. Before too long, this will be complemented by new padded pew runners, paid for by sponsorship, donations and one large anonymous donation. The internal fabric of our building is now in excellent order as we begin this Anniversary year.

We now look forward to a year of great celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the consecration of the New St. George's building. We hope to hold a social event every month and the highlight of the year will be the Anniversary weekend itself. This will be an open weekend where old parish registers will be on display, there will be an Anniversary concert and Bishop Mark will celebrate and preach and join us for a Bring and Share Lunch. The weekend will culminate in a Songs of Praise evening.

I conclude, as I began, with grateful thanks to God for all the blessings and benefits He has bestowed on us over the past year.

Thanks be to God.

Philip

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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

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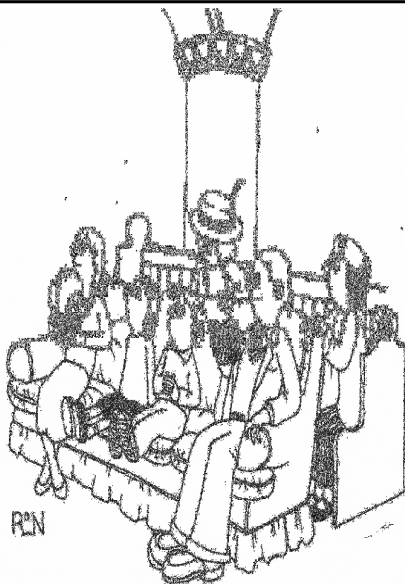
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CHURCH FINANCES

March 2015 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
1 Mar 2015	Lent 2	£56.57	£214.00	£270.57	
8 Mar 2015	Lent 3	£48.79	£325.00	£373.79	
15 Mar 2015	Mothering Sunday	£59.55	£304.00	£364.05	
22 Mar 2015	Lent 5	£45.08	£204.50	£249.58	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
Monthly Total				£2121.99	-£2279.01

** 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 March are:

1st Prize	£30	80	Elanor Walker
2nd Prize	£15	82	Joan Sykes
3rd Prize	£ 5	104	Mavis Russell

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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March Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Planet. 4, Rugged. 7, True. 8, Augustus. 9, Attitude. 13, Bed. 16, Participation. 17, War. 19, Hillside. 24, Baldhead. 25, Bede. 26, Census. 27, Arisen.
DOWN: 1, Path. 2, Adulterer. 3, Tract. 4, Rigid. 5, Gust. 6, Exude. 10, Irish. 11, Uriel. 12, Esau's. 13, Blindness. 14, Deny. 15, Spew. 18, Awake. 20, Ideas. 21, Lydia. 22, Odes. 23, Lean



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Readings and Psalms for April 2015

HOLY WEEK

Wed 1st 20.00 Stations of the Cross

Thurs 2nd **Maundy Thursday**

20.00 Exodus 12.1-4,11-14; Psalm 116.1,10-end;
1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17,31b-35

Fri 3rd **Good Friday**

10.30 Isaiah 52.13-end of 53; Psalm 22.1-11; Hebrews 10.16
-25; John 18.1-end of 19

Sun 4th **Easter Day**

8.30 Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18

**10.30 Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.1
-11; John 20.1-18**

18.00 Ezekiel 37.1-14; Luke 24.13-35
BCP Holy Communion

Tues 7th 10.30 Acts 2.36-41; Psalm 33.4-5,18-end; John 20.11-18

Sun 12th **2nd Sunday of Easter**

**10.30 Acts 4.32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John
20.19-end**

Tues 14th 10.30 Acts 4.32-end; Psalm 93; John 3.7-15

Sun 19th **3rd Sunday of Easter**

10.30 Acts 3.12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3.1-7; Luke 24.36b-

Tues 21st 10.30 Acts 7.51-8.1; Psalm 31.1-5,16; John 6.30-35

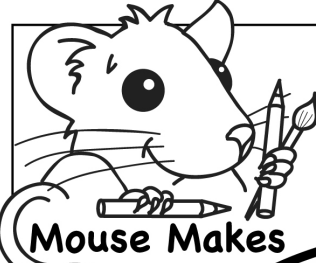
Sun 26th **4th Sunday of Easter**

8.30 Acts 4.5-12; John 10.11-18

**10.30 Acts 4.5-12; John 10.11-18
Worship For All**

Tues 28th 10.30 Acts 11.19-26; Psalm 87; John 10.22-30

Children's page

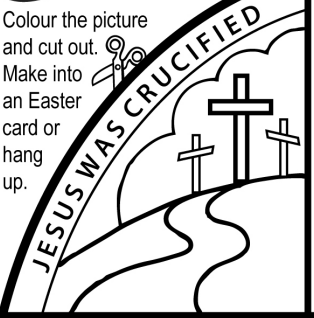
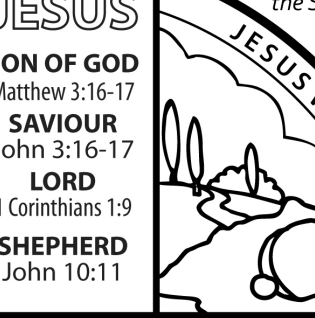
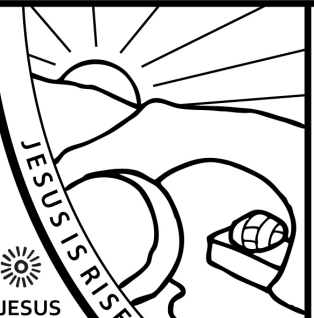
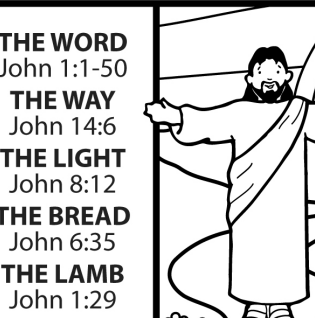


Mouse Makes

Colour the picture and cut out. Make into an Easter card or hang up.

Jesus said to Martha,
"I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies like anyone else, shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in me and shall never perish. Do you believe this Martha?"

"Yes, Lord," she said "I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one we have so long awaited."
 Matthew 11:25

<p>JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED</p> 	<p>JESUS SON OF GOD Matthew 3:16-17 SAVIOUR John 3:16-17 LORD 1 Corinthians 1:9 SHEPHERD John 10:11</p>	<p>JESUS WAS BURIED</p> 	<p>JESUS IS WITH US</p>	<p>JESUS IS RISEN</p>  <p>JESUS IS ALIVE! Read the Easter story in Luke 22-24</p>	<p>JESUS IS ALIVE</p>  <p>Jesus said: <i>"I am the resurrection"</i> Read Matthew 11:14-44</p>
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THE RESULTS ARE IN!

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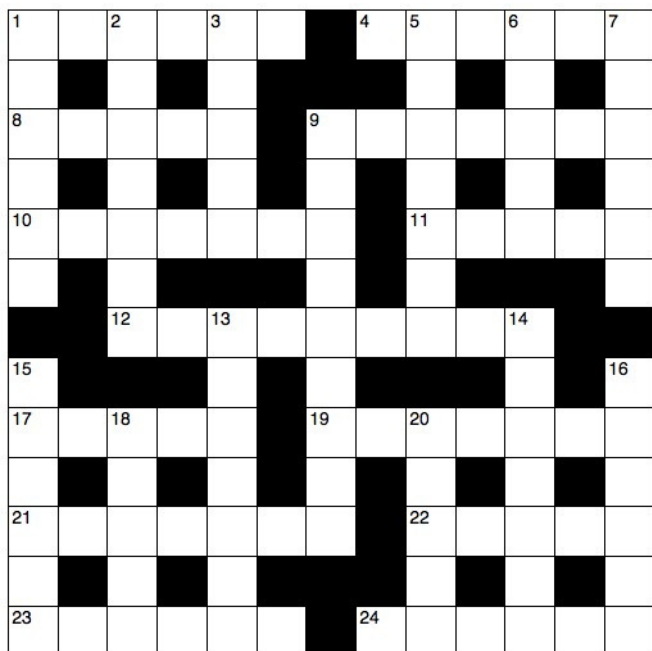
Friday 20th March 8.00 pm

A bottle of wine was awarded to Martyn Corcoran for the highest score and 175th Anniversary Church pens to Team Karen for having the highest average score.

Well Done everybody

TEAM HELEN		TEAM HEATHER		TEAM KAREN		TEAM SANDRA		TEAM ROD	
HELEN	64	HEATHER	63	KAREN	75	SANDRA	49	ROD	110
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IRENE	79	SCOTT	104	MARTYN	167	DUNCAN	71	JACKIE	31
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JOHN	89	DAVID	66	ETHAN	82	GRAHAM	107	DEREK	57
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April Crossword



Across

1 Relating to the whole universe (6), 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6), 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3), 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7), 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7), 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5), 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9), 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5), 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7), 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7), 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5), 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6), 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6), 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7), 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5), 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3), 6 11 Across is certainly this (5), 7 He reps (anag.) (6), 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9), 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7), 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7), 15 The human mind or soul (6), 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6), 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5), 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Some dates for your diary - April 2015

HOLY WEEK

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	Summer Time Begins 6.30a.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
Tues	7th	No Morning Service	
Sun	12th	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	14th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Sun	19th	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
Tues	21st	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion 8.00p.m. PCC Meeting
Thurs	23rd	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	25th	2.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea 8.00p.m. Quiz Night
Sun	26th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30a.m. Holy Communion 10.30a.m. Eucharist and Holy Baptism
Tues	28th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	30th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice

* Please note there will be no service of Holy Communion at 8.30a.m. on Sunday 12th April.

Saint of the Month
27 April
Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894



Christina Rossetti, the youngest member of a remarkable artistic Anglo-Italian family, was born in London in 1830. A devout Anglican from an evangelical background, Christina and her sister became greatly influenced by the Tractarians and her sister Maria eventually entered the sisterhood of All Saints', Margaret Street.

Some of Christina's earliest work, written under the pseudonym 'Ellen Alleyne', was published in *The Germ*, the organ of the pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. Her poetry reflected her Christian faith and also a pervading sense of melancholy, both strong facets of her character. She also wrote fantasy poems and pieces for children, for example her 1862 work, *Goblin Market*. But this can also be interpreted as a religious allegory with themes of temptation, sin and redemption clearly apparent.

She gave up the prospect of marriage for religious reasons. She broke off her engagement to James Collinson in 1850 when he became a Roman Catholic and in 1866 she turned down a proposal from James Bagot Cayley. Not surprisingly the themes of renunciation of earthly love and the habitual Victorian concern with death are also recurring themes, particularly in her later poetry. Her poetry is recognized by critics as having a high degree of technical perfection and encompasses a wide range of styles and forms. Two Christmas carols, *In the bleak mid-winter* and *Love came down at Christmas*, remain popular today and are in many hymn books. At one point she was considered as a possible successor to Tennyson as Poet Laureate.

When her father's failing health and eyesight forced him into retirement in 1853, Christina and her mother attempted to support the family by starting their own school, but it was a short-lived venture. Her brother Dante's breakdown in 1872 and death ten years later affected her deeply. She herself suffered from chronic ill-health in later life and became something of a recluse. She developed cancer in 1891 and died three years later. Shortly before her death she published the poem '*None other Lamb*', later put to music as a hymn:

None other Lamb; none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other hiding-place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns low,
Only my heart's desire cries out in me,
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to Thee.

Lord, Thou art life, though I be dead,
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be:
Nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head,
Nor Home, but Thee.

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The Gospel

You are writing a Gospel,
a chapter a day,
by deeds that you do
by the words that you say.

People read what you write,
whether faithless or true,
and say, "What is this Gospel
according to you?"

People read and admire
the Gospel of Christ,
with it's love so unfailing and true,
but what do they say and what do they think
of the Gospel according to you?

It's a wonderful story,
Christ's Gospel of love,
and it shows that His love is divine:
I hope that its content will be there again
in the story of your life and mine.

You are writing each day a letter to others,
take care that the writing is true -
It's the only Gospel that some others will read,
That Gospel according to you.

(Author unknown)