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May 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.

Why Pentecost makes Christ accessible

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house. (Acts 2:2)

Christianity is more than a fading memory scrapbook. The day of Pentecost came, to make our Lord accessible, even to the newest follower!

Imagine the late Nelson Mandela arriving at Heathrow Airport. On stepping onto the tarmac a group of admirers and friends wave to him excitedly from the airport roof. But instead of lingering with them, he only waves briefly, and is immediately whisked away. Yet any disappointment among his friends is tempered later, when they see Mandela in a major TV programme addressing himself not only to them but to an entire nation. His removal from them had been essential if he was to have been made available to many millions more.

During Jesus' earthly ministry, no more than a limited number of people could be near enough to hear him, let alone speak to him or touch him. His Ascension – followed by Pentecost – was to change everything to a global dimension. Earlier he had reassured his disciples, "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you....It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go I will send him to you....(John 14:18; 16:7). To have the Holy Spirit is to have the very presence of Jesus in your life.

The mystery of Pentecost. The coming of Christ's Spirit – 'the Counsellor' – reminded people of a wind (unseen, yet powerful in its effects) – and of prophecies such as Ezekiel 37:9. Christians have always loved these vivid descriptions of the Holy Spirit – wind, fire, oil, water, a dove.

The sovereignty of Pentecost. 'The wind blows where it wills' said Jesus to Nicodemus (John 3:8). So was the Spirit's working in Acts 2 – suddenly there were new believers swept into the Church of Jesus Christ – from lands all around the Mediterranean basin. Don't say the Gospel can't work in certain places and people. It has! It does.

The energy of Pentecost. At the start of Acts 2, there were about 120 believers in the church. By the end of the day they had ballooned by over 2,000 percent. And today? Why, to take the statistics of Africa alone, for every little African baby being born today, there will be two Africans becoming followers of Jesus. Pentecost is a phenomenon worldwide!



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

26 April

Lucas Edward Flood, Aldergate Grove, Ashton-under-Lyne

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

2 April

Florence Elizabeth Jones (age 92 years) Bourne House, Ashton-under-Lyne

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	Moy 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

SHAKEN BUT MOST DEFINITELY STIRRED



We have just returned from a post Easter Holiday in Cyprus. After a full six months without any Sundays or time off, it was a much needed break. A complete change of routine, some lovely warm spring sunshine, the beautiful wild flowers, meals in the friendly tavernas, it has all been a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

The timing of our holiday meant that, this year, we enjoyed two Easters. The Greek Orthodox Church celebrated their Easter Festival the weekend after ours. Their custom on Good Friday evening is for everyone to enter the church and venerate the Epitaphios (where we get the word Epitaph from) – a flower decorated structure containing an icon of the crucified Christ. Each person receives a flower, the Epitaphios is then carried outside, and everyone joins in a small procession around the immediate area. People pass under the Epitaphios as a way of blessing themselves.

On Easter Eve the ritual begins with a bonfire on which is burnt an effigy of Judas Iscariot. Fireworks are lit and the liturgy, which goes on for many hours, begins. The service is relayed on speakers outside, because the churches are overflowing and there are hundreds of people outside as well, each bearing a candle. At midnight, as the priest declares it to be Easter Day, the candles are lit – one from another and people greet each other with the phrase Christos Anesti (Christ is Risen). The Greek Orthodox Easter is celebrated far more than is Christmas, with large family gatherings taking place in the villages, and each community is decorated with coloured lights strung across the streets, saying “Kalo Pascha” (Happy Easter) and statues of large candles, eggs, hens and rabbits are to be seen along the roadside.

Our holiday, though, was not without incident. Whilst we were there, Cyprus suffered their worst earthquake for twenty years. When there is a great rumbling noise and literally everything around you is shaking violently, it is an extremely disturbing experience. During May we move from this current Easter season, through Ascensiontide to Pentecost – and an experience that must

have been infinitely more disturbing for the first disciples. Gathered together in a room they, too, heard an almighty noise before what seemed to be tongues of flame appeared on each of their heads. Each was given the gift of being able to be understood by everyone around them, whatever their nationality and this coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples is recognised as being the birth of the church as they went out from that place to spread the good news of Christ.

The tradition in our area is to have a procession into the town on Whit Sunday. What a marvellous sight it would be if our numbers were even half of those who processed in Cyprus. I suspect they may not be – but it is still uplifting to maintain this tradition and to meet with the other Stalybridge churches in a united act of worship in the town and I hope that as many of you as are able, will join with us. We will be leaving church around 2.00 p.m. and the service will begin in Armentieres Square at 2.30 p.m. Please do come along if you can.

My prayer this Pentecost is that we will all be shaken, not by an earthquake, but stirred into being more active witnesses to the Gospel of Christ.

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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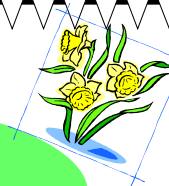


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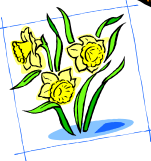


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Home Bake - Bottle Stall**

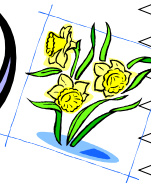
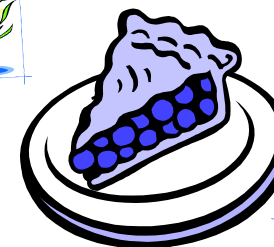


Saturday 16th May 2015

11.00 am—2.00 pm



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Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

CHURCH FINANCES

March/April 2015 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
29 Mar 2015	Palm Sunday	£30.20	£231.50	£261.70	
5 Apr 2015	Easter Day	£67.52	£919.50	£987.02	
12 Apr 2015	Easter 1	£47.00	£154.50	£201.50	
19 Apr 2015	Easter 2	£29.40	£361.50	£390.90	
26 Apr 2015	Easter 3	£101.04	£359.50	£460.54	
Standing Orders etc.			£864.00	£864.00	
Monthly Total				£3165.66	-£1,235.34

** 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 April are:

1st Prize	£30	17	Alicia Harris
2nd Prize	£15	97	Freda Taylor
3rd Prize	£ 5	87	Christine Crabtree

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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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.



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Readings and Psalms for May 2015

Sun 3 rd	5th Sunday of Easter 10.30 Acts 8.26-end; Psalm 22.25-end; 1 John 4.7-end; John 15.1-8
Tues 5 th	10.30 Acts 14.19-end; Psalm 145.10-end; John 14.27-end
Sun 10 th	6th Sunday of Easter 8.30 Acts 10.44-end; John 15.9-17 10.30 Acts 10.44-end; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17
Tues 12 th	10.30 Acts 16.22-34; Psalm 138; John 16.5-11
Thurs 14 th	Ascension Day 20.00 Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1.15-end; Luke 24.44-end
Sun 17 th	7th Sunday of Easter 10.30 Acts 1.15-17,21-end; Psalm 1; 1 John 5.9-13; John
Tues 19 th	10.30 Acts 20.17-27; Psalm 68.9,10,18,19; John 17.1-11
Sun 24 th	Pentecost - Whit Sunday 8.30 Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15 10.30 Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26,27; 16.4b-15 Worship For All 14.30 Stalybridge Churches Together United Act of Witness
Tues 26 th	10.30 Ecclesiasticus 35.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; Mark 10.28-31
Sun 31 st	Trinity Sunday 10.30 Isaiah 6.1-8; John 3.1-17 BCP Holy Communion

AN "EGGCELLENT" RESULT!

A big, big thank you to everyone who knitted, bought or sold St George's Easter Chicks this year. We were able to raise a record breaking £488.00 towards the new pew runners. A wonderful effort by all concerned. The "Chick" Team.



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Not only St George's is celebrating it's 175th Anniversary!

Did you know that at the same time as St George's was starting out so was the penny post?

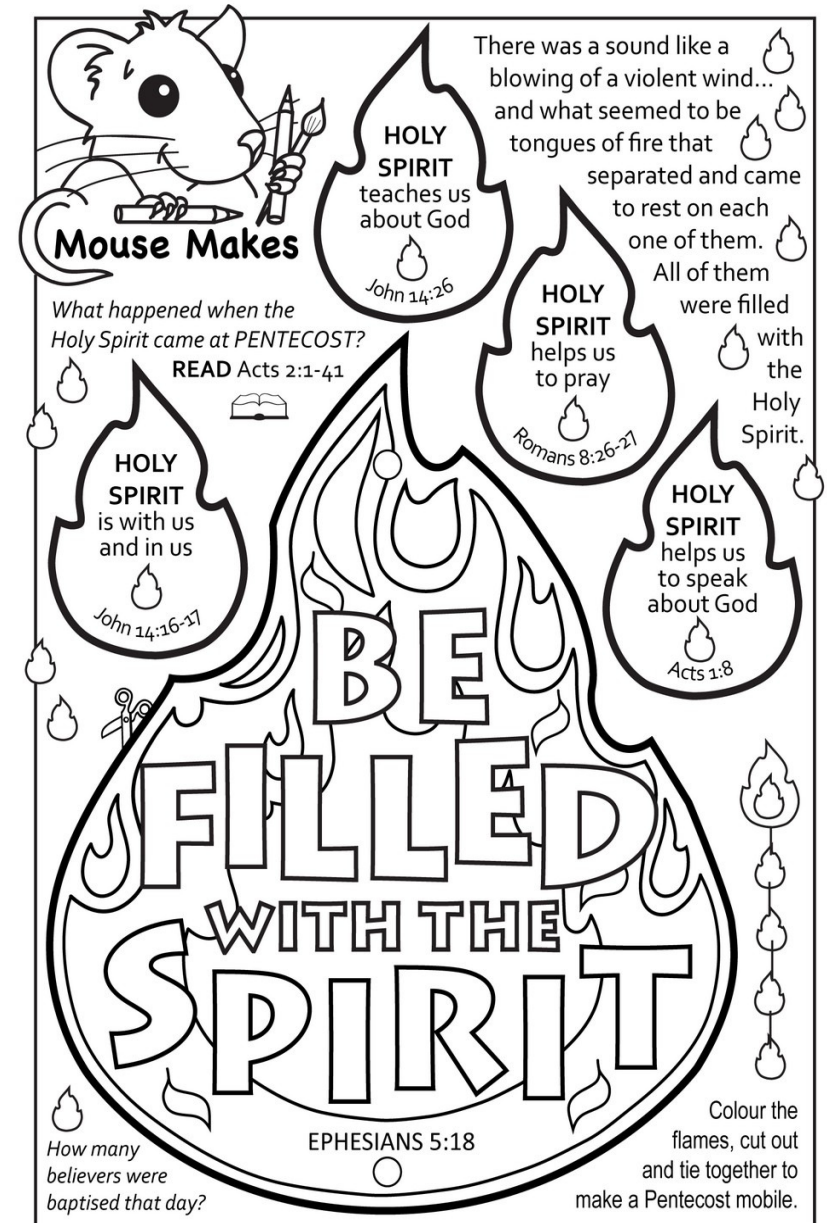
In January 1840 the penny post was established throughout the UK and, as we know from Dickens and other novelists, letters flowed freely to and fro several times a day. It was a golden age of communication.

Sadly, this facility has now disappeared: recently the Royal Mail reported that it is struggling to deliver to every house just once a day for a price of 62p - over 150 times more than in 1840 (1p = 2½ old pennies). That's not quite as bad as it seems, of course: a penny in 1840 would be equivalent to about 35p now.

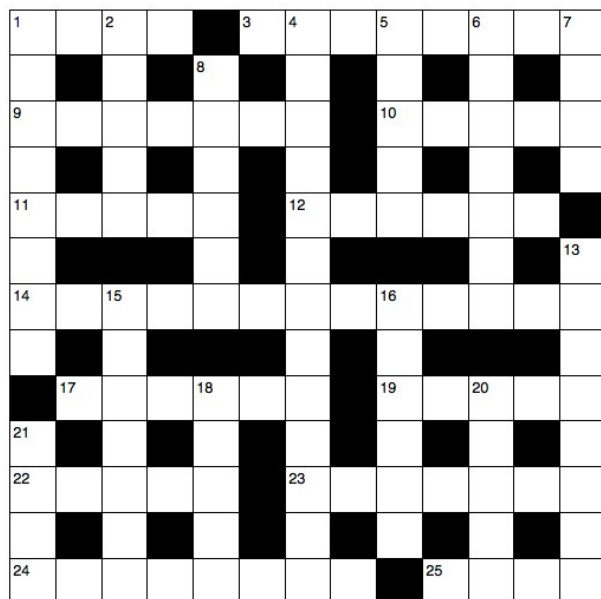
Never mind; we now have another golden age of communication, featuring the mobile phone. Mobiles are as ubiquitous nowadays as the penny post was in 1840, and it is hard to believe that it was only 30 years ago that the first mobile phone call was made in the UK – by comedian Ernie Wise, who called Vodafone's head office in Newbury from St Katharine Docks in London on New Year's Day, 1985.

Quick off the mark as always, it was in the same month (just over a fortnight later) that British Telecom officially retired the much-missed iconic red telephone box. Maybe a bit too quick off the mark, because there are still vast tracts of Britain without a reliable mobile phone signal. Not so golden after all.

Children's page



May Crossword



Across

1. 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4), 3. 'I — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4), 9. According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7), 10. Group of eight (5), 11. The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5), 12. — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6), 14. Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9), 17. 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6), 19. Attend to (3,2), 22. Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5), 23. Tea rite (anag.) (7), 24. Rule of sovereign (8), 25. Test (anag.) (4)

Down

1. The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8), 2. 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5), 4. 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5), 5. Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5), 6. Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7), 7. Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4), 8. Minister of religion (6), 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8), 15. 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4), 16. Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6), 18. 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5), 20. Establish by law (5), 21. Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4).

Some dates for your diary - May 2015

Sun 3rd 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 3

Tues 5th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion

Thurs 7th 7.00a.m. to 10.00p.m. Polling Day

Sat 9th 8.30a.m. to 4.00p.m. Grand Draw Ticket selling at Tesco

Sun 10th 8.30a.m. Holy Communion

10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church

Tues 12th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion

Wed 13th 7.30p.m. Deanery Synod (St John, Roughtown)

Thurs 14th ASCENSION DAY

9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs

**8.00p.m. Holy Communion Service with Hymns for
The Ascension of Our Lord**

Sat 16th 11.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Spring Fair & Plant Sale

Sun 17th 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church

12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2

Tues 19th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion

8.00p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting

**Wed 20th 7.30p.m. Archdeacon's Visitation at St. Michael & All Angels,
Ashton u Lyne for all PCC members and Sidespeople**

Thurs 21st 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs

7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice

Sun 24th PENTECOST - Whit Sunday

8.30a.m. Holy Communion

10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist

1.30p.m. Assemble at Church

1.45p.m. Walk to Stalybridge

2.30p.m. United Act of Witness

Tues 26th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion

Sun 31st TRINITY SUNDAY

10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist BCP & Junior Church



Saint of the Month

**20 May Alcuin of York,
Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804**

Alcuin was born of noble parentage about 735, probably in or near York. He was educated at York Cathedral School by Aelbert, a former pupil of Bede. Alcuin, a highly able pupil, soon attracted the special attention of Aelbert, who took his pupil on several visits to the Continent. When, in 767, Aelbert became Archbishop of York, Alcuin, who had been ordained deacon, succeeded him as master of the school, work he continued for the next 15 years, attracting numerous students and enriching the already valuable library. In common with many effective teachers, it was Alcuin's gift to be able to inspire those he taught with his own enthusiasm for learning. Not surprisingly, the school attracted talented students from far and wide. Returning from a visit to Rome in 781, he met Charlemagne, then King of the Franks, who persuaded Alcuin to relocate to his court in Aachen as master of the palace school, in effect his minister of education.

Alcuin was responsible for the process of establishing a primary school in every town and village and, because the clergy would be the teachers, in ensuring higher standards of literacy and education amongst both parish priests and ordinands. He established scriptoria for the copying and preservation of ancient manuscripts, thus preserving the writings of many classical authors that might otherwise have been lost. He is also credited with inventing cursive script ('joined-up writing') as an aid to speedier copying.

To Alcuin belongs much of the credit for the revision and organisation of the Latin liturgy, the preservation of many of the ancient prayers, and the development of plainchant. He wrote nine biblical commentaries and was responsible for a revision of the Latin Bible, the Vulgate. He was a foremost opponent of the Adoptionist heresy and an advocate of the doctrine of the joint procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son, though the widespread acceptance of this doctrine by the Western

Church only hastened the split with the East.

In 796, when Alcuin was over 60 and anxious to retire from public life, Charlemagne appointed him Abbot of St Martin's at Tours (at some point in his busy life he had probably entered the Benedictine order). Here, in his declining years, he built up a model monastic school as he had previously done at York and Aachen. He died in May 804.

Some of Alcuin's quotes:

'Oh how sweet life was when we sat quietly ... midst all these books.'

'Remember to care for the soul more than the body, since the former remains, the latter perishes.'

'And do not listen to those who keep saying, 'The voice of the people is the voice of God,' because the tumult of the crowd is always close to madness.'

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Put together a Memory Book

Do you have grandchildren? Then why not spend some time putting together a sort of scrapbook of memories to pass on to them? Things you might include could be: where you lived when you were a child; what your school was like, what games you most enjoyed, who your best buddies were, what pets you had, what your first job was, and how you met your partner. What was your first car, and where was your first home as an adult? Add a selection of photographs that you have from the past. Websites like www.blurb.co.uk has lots of ideas to help you create your memory book.