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July 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

Jul 1	Kenneth Gee	2008	Jul 19	Hilda Saville	1986
Jul 4	Norman Carter	1966		James Arthur Wright	2009
	Leonard Haigh	1976	Jul 25	Joseph Jones Davies	1949
	Doris Hotchkiss	2013		Constance Marshall	2002
Jul 5	Jason James Brander	2007	Jul 26	Joseph Sidney Holt	1954
Jul 6	Derek Arthur Castle	2003		Dorothy Thomson	2003
	Kathleen Hague	2007		Arlene Lesley Lancake	2006
Jul 7	Denis Ireson	1980	Jul 27	John Whalley	1970
July 8	Barbara Partington	2013		Beatrice Buckley	1992
Jul 11	Florence Reynolds	1997	Jul 28	Robert Docherty	2008
	Lily Margaret Stanley	2004	Jul 29	Matthew Gordon Wood	1981
Jul 12	Robert Smyth	2004	Jul 30	Alan Jackson	1988
Jul 13	Andrew Liepins	1981		Minnie Millin	1994
Jul 15	Fred Holt	1951		Alice Connor	2007
	Mary Emma Grimshaw	1975	Jul 31	Clara Cope	1961
	David Fred Harding	2006		Marjorie Tetlow	2000
Jul 16	Margaret Mary Noonan	1997		Florence Cooper	2002
Jul 17	Lorraine Whalley	2008			



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

Weddings

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

27 June

Thomas Christopher Hallows and Deborah Louise Hughes

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

31 May

Patricia Mary Dore (age 80 years) Droomer Drive, Windermere
Cumbria

Interment of ashes

2 June

Kenneth Bradshaw (age 83 years) Dewsnap Lane, Dukinfield

18 June

Ethel Barber (age 79 years) Hazelhurst Road, Stalybridge

21 June

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

Interment of ashes

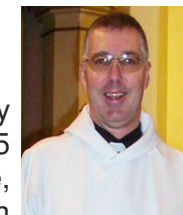
22 June

Jean Thistleton (age 64 years) Daisy Hill Road, Mossley

29 June

Marjorie Lofthouse (age 83 years) Kingsfield Care Home, Ashton-under-Lyne

Dear Friends



As I write this, we have just come to the end of a truly wonderful weekend at church. In celebration of 175 years of the building which stands on the present site, we held a Heritage Day on Saturday at which Baptism, Marriage and Burial registers from both Old and New St. George were on view, with the older ones coming from the Archives at Manchester Central Library. There was a steady stream of people throughout the day and, as well as looking up their family history, they enjoyed the display of a large collection of photographs on the walls around the church. It is hoped that, maybe, there is some way of condensing all the photos on to disc as a permanent reminder of this great event. The evening concert with Tameside Community Voices and guest soloists played to a packed and extremely appreciative audience. Sunday's Celebration Eucharist with the Bishop of Middleton was a happy and joyous occasion and the weekend rounded off with a Songs of Praise evening. I want to thank everyone who contributed in any way to making the weekend such a marvellous success – some people were there for the whole weekend, doing their utmost to help.

July, for many people, marks the start of the holiday season. Schools finish for their long summer break and, hopefully, there will be some summer-like weather for us all to enjoy. Gone, now, are the traditional Wakes Week holidays when the factories, mills and manufacturing industries would all close down and their entire workforce would be on holiday – many of them heading off on 'Charras' to the seaside. Stalybridge Wakes (nicknamed the Umbrella Wakes - for obvious reasons) used to begin on the third Saturday in July. I decided to do a bit of 'Googling' about Wakes weeks and their origins and came up with the following information.

The **Wakes Week** is a holiday period in parts of England and Scotland. Originally a religious celebration or feast, the tradition of the wakes week developed into a secular holiday, particularly in the north west of England during the Industrial Revolution. In Scotland each city has a "trades fortnight" - two weeks in the summer when tradesmen take their holidays.

Although a strong tradition during the 19th and 20th Centuries, the observance of the holiday has almost disappeared in recent times

due to the decline of the manufacturing industries in the United Kingdom and the standardisation of school holidays across England.

Every church at its consecration was given the name of a patron saint, and either the day of its consecration or the saint's feast day became the church's festival. Church services began at sunset on Saturday and the night of prayer was called a vigil, eve or, due to the late hour "wake", from the Old English waecan. Each village had a wake with quasi-religious celebrations such as rushbearing (still celebrated today in the Saddleworth area) followed by church services then sports, games, dancing and drinking. As wakes became more secular, the more boisterous entertainments were moved from the Sunday to Saturday and the Monday was reserved for public entertainments such as bands, games and funfairs.

During the Industrial Revolution, the tradition of the Wakes was adapted into a regular summer holiday particularly, but not exclusively, in the north of England and industrialised areas of the Midlands, where each locality nominated a Wakes Week during which the local factories, collieries and other industries closed for a week. The Wakes holiday started as an unpaid holiday when the mills and factories closed down for maintenance.

Each town in Lancashire took the holiday on a different week in the summer, so that from June to September, one town was on holiday each week. In 1906 an agreement on unpaid holidays was reached which became the pattern for the wakes holidays in Lancashire mill towns. This was implemented in 1907 and guaranteed twelve days annual holiday including Bank Holidays — this was increased to fifteen days in 1915.

There was a long-held belief amongst the working classes of the north of England in the benefits of bathing in the sea during the months of August and September, as there was said to be "physic in the sea". The expansion of the railway network led Blackpool to become a seaside resort catering mainly for the Lancashire working classes. Southport catered for the slightly better off and Morecambe attracted visitors from the West Riding textile towns. The railway link to Blackpool from the mill town of Oldham was completed in 1846 and in the peak year of 1860

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more than 23,000 holidaymakers travelled on special trains to the resort during wakes week from that town alone.

In the last quarter of the 19th century, trips increased from day trips to full weeks away and 'Wakes Saving' or 'Going-Off' clubs became popular. The saving clubs were a feature of the industrial north until paid holidays became a reality in the 1940s and 1950s.

The tradition has now disappeared in most of the UK due to the decline of traditional manufacturing industries and schools objecting to the holidays at crucial exam times. It was common for local authorities to allocate a one week school holiday to coincide with Wakes Week in lieu of holiday time elsewhere in the year, but schools began to discontinue the Wakes Week holiday after the introduction of the National Curriculum and the standardisation of school holidays across England. Councils no longer have a statutory power to set dates for public holidays following the introduction of the Employment Act 1989.

We all need to take 'time out' from our busy routines for both bodily and spiritual refreshment and to (mis)quote a line or two from the song 'Stalybridge Wakes' made popular by the Fivepenny Piece. "Whether you're away or stop a'whoam – may you all enjoy your Wakes".

Philip

A Very Big 'Thank You' To all my friends in the family of St George's. Thank you all for your prayers, encouragement, good wishes, help, flowers and cards etc.

I have now completed my 1st year of treatment for breast cancer, and I am clear, and just have to have tablets and yearly check ups.

Thank you just doesn't seem enough, but all I can say ,

Love Rose

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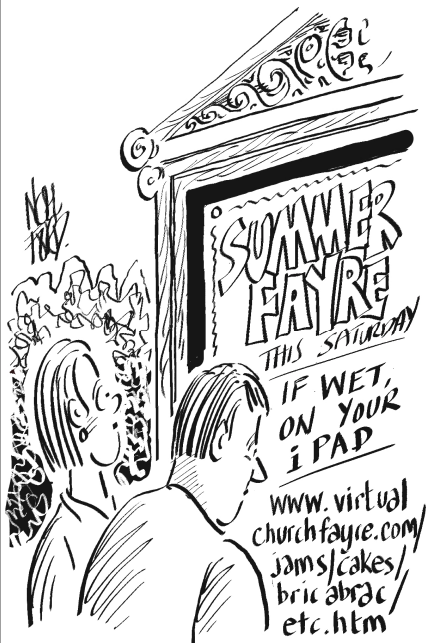
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CHURCH FINANCES

June 2015 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
31 May 2015	Trinity Sunday	£67.11	£298.00	£365.11	
7 June 2015	Trinity 1	£76.60	£265.50	£342.10	
14 June 2015	Trinity 2	£231.70	£457.50	£689.20	
21 June 2015	Feast of the Dedication	£173.12	£764.50	£937.62	
28 June 2015	Trinity 4				
Standing Orders etc.			£864.00	£864.00	
Monthly Total				£3198.03	-£1202.97

** 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 June are:

1st Prize	£30	107	Ann Winstanley
2nd Prize	£15	106	Heather Lees
3rd Prize	£ 5	77	Jake/Janet Meredith

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.

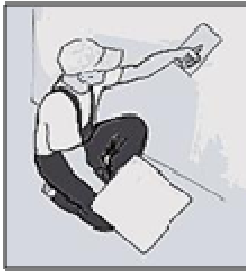
If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

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June Crossword Solution

Across 1 Care ,3 Paradise, 8 Null, 9 Profaned , 11 Legalistic, 14 Closed, 15 Stores , 17 Missionary, 20 Covenant, 21 Thai, 22 Trade-off, 23 Eden

Down 1 Conflict , 2 Religion , 4 Arrest , 5 Affliction , 6 Iona , 7 Eddy , 10 Allegiance , 12 Preached , 13 Assyrian , 16 A son of , 18 Scot, 19 DVLA



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Readings and Psalms for July 2015

Sun 5 th	5th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Ezekiel 2.1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13
Tues 7 th	10.30 Genesis 32.22-end; Psalm 17.1-8; Matthew 9.32-end
Sun 12 th	6th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 Amos 7.7-15; Mark 6.14-29 10.30 Amos 7.7-15; Psalm 85.8-end; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29
Tues 14 th	10.30 Exodus 2.1-15; Psalm 69.1-2,31-end; Matthew 11.20 - 24
Sun 19 th	7th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Jeremiah 23.1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2.11-end; Mark 6.30-34,53-end Worship For All
Tues 21 st	10.30 Exodus 14.21-15.1; Psalm 105.37-44; Matthew 12.46- end
Sun 26 th	8th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 2 Kings 4.42-end; John 6.1-21 10.30 2 Kings 4.42-end; Psalm 145.10-19; Ephesians 3.14-end; John 6.1-21
Tues 28 th	10.30 Exodus 33.7-11,34.5-9,28; Psalm 103.8-12; Matthew 13.36-43

Wanted—plastic carton tops and bottle tops

We've been asked by our Mums and Tots group if we can help them to collect plastic carton and bottle tops for charity .

If you have any plastic tops please leave them in the kitchen at church and we will see that they get to the right person.

Many thanks

Rose



Saint of the Month

6 July Thomas More, Scholar, Reformation Martyr, 1535

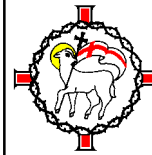
Thomas More (1478 – 1535)

The accounts of Thomas More's happy home life at Chelsea, recorded after his death by his son-in-law Will Roper, the growth in More's popularity following his canonization by Pope Pius XI in 1935 and Robert Bolt's 1960 play *A Man for All Seasons*, with its widely popular film version, have left a delightful but anachronistic picture of an enlightened twentieth-century family man trapped in the political bear garden that was Tudor England.

The real Thomas More was born in London in 1478, the son of a judge, and educated at Oxford and Lincoln's Inn. Called to the Bar in 1501, elected to Parliament in 1504 and appointed under-sheriff of London in 1510, the young More was left a widower with four small children. He subsequently married Alice Middleton, a widow, to provide his children with a mother. An articulate Renaissance humanist, More's best known work was *Utopia* (1516), a satirical account of life on the fictitious island of Utopia where conditions there are contrasted favourably with those of contemporary English society. Encountering the growing force of the Reformation, More had no sympathy with either the Reformers or their beliefs. He endorsed the burning of heretics and conducted an acrimonious pamphlet war with William Tyndale.

More came to the attention of Henry VIII and the two men became friends, the king greatly valuing More's company, conversation and advice. More's rise in the royal favour was indicated by his becoming a member of the Privy Council in 1518 and being knighted in 1521. Two years later he became Speaker of the House of Commons and in 1529 Lord Chancellor, the first layman to hold the post. His fortunes changed, however, when he refused to support Henry's divorce from Catherine of Aragon, his religious principles making him unwilling to support any defiance of the Pope. He resigned from the Chancellorship in 1532 and withdrew from public life at great personal financial cost.

But a private life did not exempt More from the requirements of the 1534 Act of Succession and he refused to take the accompanying oath since it would have involved a rejection of papal authority. After a trial at Westminster Hall, More was condemned to death and was beheaded on Tower Hill on 6 July 1535, declaring himself on the scaffold to be 'the King's good servant, but God's first'.



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH 175th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Well folks, we're half way through our fantastic year of celebration! How is the coin collecting going? (You should have 88 coins by now!) As you may remember we launched the idea of collecting one coin every other day for each of the 175 years which St George's has been here for the worship of Our Lord, for community events and meetings and to host your memorable occasions, putting aside one coin every other day throughout 2015.

We received pledges for over £2,000 worth of coins. Many of you have already completed the task and have handed in your collection of coins—A HUGE THANK YOU!!!! If you never got round to completing the form, it's not too late to start collecting!

It is entirely up to you what denomination of coins you collect e.g.

175 ten pences = £17.50; 175 fifty pences = £87.50; dare we say 175 £2 coins = £350!!

YES I would like to wish St George's a very Happy Birthday by pledging:-

	Denomination	Total	Please tick
175	£2.00	£350	
175	£1.00	£175	
175	50p	£87.50	
175	20p	£35	
175	10p	£17.50	
175	5p	£8.75	
175	2p	£3.50	
175	1p	£1.75	
175	Assorted	?????	

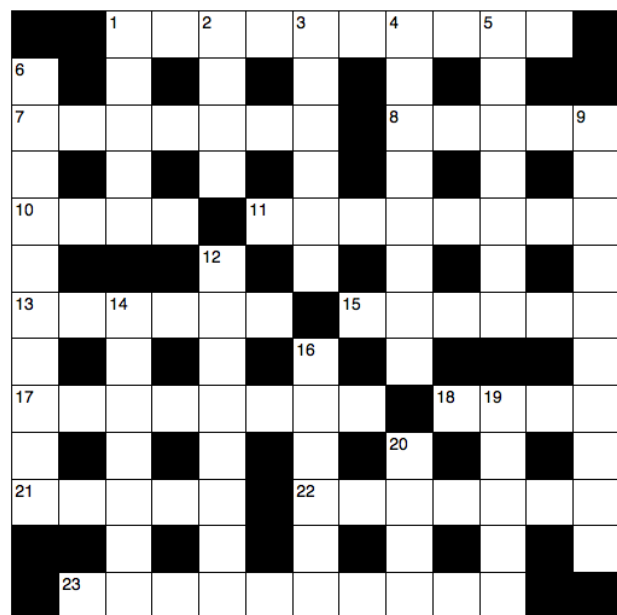
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Organisation (if applicable)

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July Crossword



Across

1. Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10), 7. Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7), 8. 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5), 10. Girl's name (4), 11. Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8), 13. The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1–6) (6), 15. 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6), 17. Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8), 18. Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4), 21. Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5), 22. Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7), 23. Last book of the Bible (10)

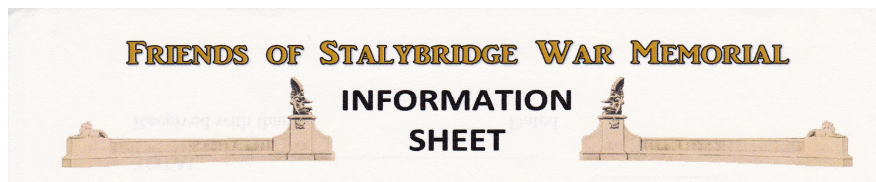
Down

1. The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5), 2. 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4), 3. Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6), 4. Milled it (anag.) (3-5), 5. Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7), 6. Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10), 9. Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10), 12. Abusive outburst (8), 14. Are loud (anag.) (7), 16. Printing errors (6), 19. 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5), 20. Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

Some dates for your diary - July 2015

Thu	2nd	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	4th	2.30p.m.	Wedding
Sun	5th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2
Tue	7th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thu	9th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
		7.30p.m.	An Open Deanery Synod at St. Martin's, Droylsden with Bishop David
Sat	11th	1.00p.m.	Stalybridge Trail Quiz
		2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sun	12th	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tue	14th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thu	16th	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	18th	4.00p.m.	Wedding Blessing
Sun	19th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church Prize Giving followed with A Picnic in The Park
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2
		2.00p.m.	Deanery Eucharist at St Michael's, A-U-L with Bishop David
Tue	21st	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thu	23rd	9.30a.m.	Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs
Sat	25th	3.00p.m.	Wedding Blessing
		8.00p.m.	Quiz in the Lounge
Sun	26th	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 1

For more information please go to our website www.stg.org.uk



1. ORIGINAL MEMORIAL TO THE FALLEN OF THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918

In 1919 it was decided to erect a War Memorial in Stalybridge Town Centre at an estimated cost of £4,200. Within a few weeks following a public appeal, £6,000 was subscribed. Subsequently, the surplus money was generally devoted to the education of the children of those killed in the war. It recorded the names and regiments of 628 Stalybridge servicemen who gave their lives.

The design and sculpture of the Memorial was by an eminent London sculptor and native of Stalybridge, Ferdinand Victor Blundstone. The lettering and construction was undertaken by Messrs. William Kirkpatrick & Company Limited, Trafford Park, Manchester.

The Memorial was unveiled and dedicated on November 6th 1921. Nearly 24,000 people attended the unveiling, a figure nearly equal to the post war population of Stalybridge.

2. EXTENSION INCORPORATING NAMES FROM WORLD WAR II 1939 - 1945

The extension to honour all those from Stalybridge who were killed in WW2 was unveiled and dedicated on St. George's Day 23rd April 1950. 126 names were recorded on the extension.

The cost of the WW2 extension was £2,400 and was unveiling by Mrs. Gertrude Monday, who sadly lost her husband in WW1 and her son in WW2. Between 3000-4000 attended the unveiling ceremony.

3. THE MISSING MEN OF STALYBRIDGE

A number of additional names have been added over the years bringing the current total from both wars to 790. However, whilst researching her family history, Stalybridge author Kate Booth identified 300 men who had been killed in WW1 but their names had not been recorded on the Stalybridge War Memorial. Various reasons are given for the omissions, but the majority are mainly due to families having to register the names themselves, which in reality meant that if there were no relatives or they had moved away, the names were not recorded.

Kate Booth wrote a book listing all 300 missing names. On 21st July 2007 Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council unveiled a 'Book

of Remembrance' commemorating all the names and placed it on display in the Stalybridge Civic Hall.

4. FRIENDS OF STALYBRIDGE WAR MEMORIAL

In 2014 a small group led by The Royal British Legion was formed to raise approximately £100,000 to design and build an extension adjacent to the current memorial to accommodate the 300 missing names. This roughly equates to £300 a name. Lord Pendry of Stalybridge agreed to be Patron of the group and Mr. Charles Meredith MBE JP, President. Because the existing War Memorial is a Grade II* Listed Building, nothing can be attached to it, therefore, a separate structure in a similar style and material will have to be created.

Donations to 'Friends of Stalybridge War Memorial' (FOSWM).

Further information can be obtained from the Chairman, Peter Edwards
Tel: 0161 366 6184 (W) or the Secretary.

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Oops - Many apologies!

In our June magazine an incorrect date was shown for the

Ladies Day

This event will take place on **Saturday 1st August**
between 2pm - 4pm

not 1st September as previously shown
A traditional afternoon tea and 'bubbly' will be served.

Ladies will be encouraged to wear hats or fascinators.

Tickets will available from Alicia Harris

More details to follow soon.

This event was very successful last year so please book your
place early.