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February 2016

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

1 Feb	Ernest Albert Whitehead	2000	19 Feb	James Harrison Rowbottom	1963
2 Feb	Vera Hadfield	2005	20 Feb	John Sedgwick	1964
	Carl Stephen Morrison	2013		Clara Brown	2009
4 Feb	Mary Priestley	1994		Nellie Allcock	2011
	Margaret Longmate	2011		Sylvia Wilson	2014
	Peter Andrew Diamond	2013	22 Feb	Frederick James Eldridge	1989
6 Feb	James Howarth	1993		Joan Wykes	2001
	Albert Livsey	1993	24 Feb	Mary Theresa Brierley	2004
	Norman Thomas Quest	2015	25 Feb	Philip Grocott	1975
7 Feb	Annie Howard	1981		Harry Nuttall	1992
	Adam Constantine	2004		Leslie Barber	2006
8 Feb	Edith Harriet Turner	1991	26 Feb	Herbert Newton	1971
	David Brian Bardsley	2011		George Henry Maddock	1983
9 Feb	Ada Alice Cooper	1970		Edward Cooper	1986
	Rose Pamela Gudgeon	2010		Francis Frederick Lawes	1999
10 Feb	Donald Joseph Sidebottom	1992		Lucy Wilson	2011
	Colin Birch	2001	27 Feb	Edith Lees	2014
11 Feb	Harold Lee	1961		Winifred Ada Christian	1968
	Iris Wilson	1975		Maud Green	1986
	Ada Stephenson	1983		Clara Wardle	1987
	Mary Skelton	2012		Elsie Violet Shaw	2000
12 Feb	Mary Pollitt	1987		Jessie Birch	2011
14 Feb	John Devlin	1973	28 Feb	Samuel Terence	1990
				Broadbent	
15 Feb	John Edward Chadwick	2015		Robert Fowden	1982
16 Feb	Kenneth Shaw	2003		Elsie Hopwood	2006
17 Feb	Gertrude Fitchett	1984	29 Feb	Agnes Goodwin	1996
18 Feb	Annie Revell	1986		Ollerenshaw	

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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

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

7 January

Ronald Clifford Marsh (age 93 years) Rose Terrace, Stalybridge

8 January

Margaret Jackson (age 86 years) Coniston Drive, Stalybridge

18 January

Edith Whiteley (age 81 years) Staley House, Huddersfield Road, 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.

200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for January 2016 are:

1st Prize	£25	49	Rod Mellor
2nd Prize	£15	10	Michael Davies
3rd Prize	£10	44	Sheila Finan

The cost is £12 per year per number and payment for 2016 is now due. There are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome.

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

Dear Friends,



This year, no sooner have we celebrated the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, otherwise known as Candlemas (2 February), that Lent is upon us with Ash Wednesday falling on 10 February (my birthday!!). Easter Sunday falls on 27 March, which is almost as early as it can be.

The date of the feast is based on the lunar calendar, where Easter is scheduled to fall on the Sunday that follows the first full moon, on or after 21 March, which is the date of the Vernal (Spring) Equinox. Therefore, in Western Christianity, Easter will always fall between 22 March and 25 April.

All of this was fixed at a council of Christian bishops, convened by the Roman Emperor Constantine I in AD 325, the First Council of Nicea, in order to make decisions about several Christian topics. The decision was taken at this council that Easter Day should fall on the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, and that it should always fall on a Sunday to represent the day of Christ's Resurrection. The paschal full moon was chosen as a basis, coinciding as it does with the date of Passover in the Jewish calendar, but this can occur on different dates in different time zones. Hence, Easter would be the Sunday following Passover.

You may have seen in the press recently that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is currently working with other Christian churches to agree on a fixed date for Easter. Following a meeting in Canterbury with other bishops from all over the Anglican Communion, he is holding talks with church leaders from the Roman Catholic, Coptic and Orthodox churches. In the UK, an Act of Parliament passed in 1928, allowed for Easter Sunday to be fixed on the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April. However, this was never implemented and Easter has remained variable, determined by the moon's cycle.

I wonder what your thoughts are about stabilising the date?

All this, of course, means that Lent will be upon us very quickly. On Ash Wednesday we will be holding our traditional service of Holy Communion in the evening at 8.00pm, with the imposition of ashes and I invite all our congregation, and anyone else who is reading this article, to come along to this service, to begin our Lenten observance. It would be good to see all members who regularly

attend our church on a Sunday at this service. We all need to practice a bit of reflection, self-examination, self denial and penitence in preparation for the great Feast Day of Easter

Our church services during Lent are simpler without any *Gloria in Excelsis* and the church will be bare of flowers on the reredos behind the high altar. On the fourth Sunday in Lent, we celebrate Mothering Sunday, when we are allowed a day of relief from the rigours of strict observance. During the sixteenth century, people returned to their 'mother church' the main church or cathedral of the area, for a service. Anyone who did this was said to have gone "a-mothering". In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented by conflicting working hours, and servants were not given free days on other occasions.

Children and young people who were "in service" as household servants, were given a day off on that date so they could visit their families (or, originally, return to their "mother" church). The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers. It is a day geared to families and we invite all children to bring along their parents and grandparents to our service on that day.

During Lent we will, as usual, be holding a series of weekly meetings, looking at a particular book, to direct our thoughts towards what Lent and Easter mean specifically for us. The first meeting will be on Monday 15 February at 8.00pm in the church lounge. I do hope that you can take some time out from this busy life and come and join in what is usually a very thought provoking and lively discussion group.

With my very best wishes for a meaningful Lent.

Philip

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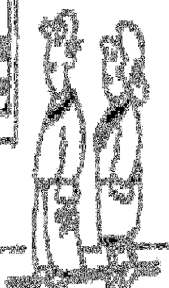
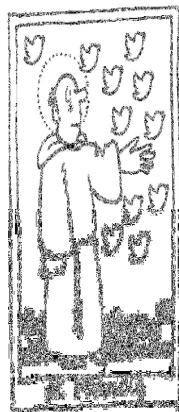
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CHURCH FINANCES

Cost of running St George's in 2015

	Yearly	Per Month	Per Week	Per day
Parish Share	£23,829	£1,986	£458	£65
Utilities and Insurance	£10,151	£846	£195	£28
Salaries, wages and other payments	£3,991	£333	£77	£11
Church maintenance and repairs	£23,990	£1,999	£461	£66
Churchyard maintenance	£2,886	£240	£56	£8
Administration costs	£1,267	£106	£24	£3
Upkeep of Services and Worship	£1,726	£144	£33	£5
Fees	£8,749	£729	£168	£24
Fund Raising costs	£1,141	£95	£22	£3
Miscellaneous expenses	£100	£8	£2	£1
Expenses	£591	£49	£11	£2
Flowers	£73	£6	£1	£1
Charities	£716	£60	£14	£2

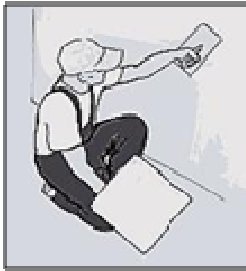
TOTAL **£79,210** **£6,601** **£1,522** **£219**

Please remember that the work of the Church will not be able to continue without your support. If you are able to Gift-Aid any of your donations and weekly Offertory collection the Church will be able to claim 25% of your giving from HM Revenue and customs without it affecting you, so long as you pay UK Income Tax.

January 2016 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
27 Dec 2015	Christmas 1	£88.50	£316.00	£404.50	
3 Jan 2016	Epiphany	£81.96	£369.50	£451.46	
10 Jan 2016	Baptism of Christ	£74.86	£265.20	£340.06	
17 Jan 2016	Epiphany 2	£38.82	£388.50	£427.32	
24 Jan 2016	Epiphany 3	£80.80	£179.50	£260.30	
31 Jan 2016	Epiphany 4				
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
	Monthly Total	£364.94	£2382.70	£2747.64	-£1653.36

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Readings and Psalms for February 2016

Tues 2 nd	Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) 10.30 Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24.7-end; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40
Sun 7 th	Sunday next before Lent 10.30 Exodus 34.29-end; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36
Tues 9 th	10.30 1 Kings 8.22-23,27-30; Psalm 84.1-10; Mark 7.1-13
Wed 10 th	Ash Wednesday 20.00 Isaiah 58.1-12; Psalm 51.1-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; John 8.1-11
Sun 14 th	1st Sunday of Lent 8.30 Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Luke 4.1-13 10.30 Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1,2,9-end; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13
Tues 16 th	10.30 Isaiah 55.10-11; Psalm 34.4-6,21-22; Matthew 6.7-15
Sun 21 st	2nd Sunday of Lent 10.30 Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-end
Tues 23 rd	10.30 Isaiah 1.10,16-20; Psalm 50.8,16-end; Matthew 23.1-12
Sun 28 th	3rd Sunday of Lent 8.30 Isaiah 55.1-9; Luke 13.1-9 10.30 Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

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January Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Godlessness. 9, Egotism. 10, After. 11, Eat. 13, Sort. 16, Plan. 17, Escape. 18, Odds. 20, Idem. 21, No fear. 22, Idle. 23, Abet. 25, Ail. 28, Eaves. 29, Achieve. 30, Grasshopper.

DOWN: 2, Odour. 3, Lair. 4, Same. 5, Neat. 6, Settled. 7, Gershonites. 8, Grandmother. 12, Apples. 14, TES. 15, Octopi. 19, Deliver. 20, Ira. 24, Breve. 25, As is. 26, Lash. 27, Whip.

Bishop Mark

Invites parishes from the Rochdale and Manchester Archdeaconries to the

2016 Lenten

Quiet Day



Leading into Passiontide

Saturday, 12th March 10am — 3.00pm

Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas :

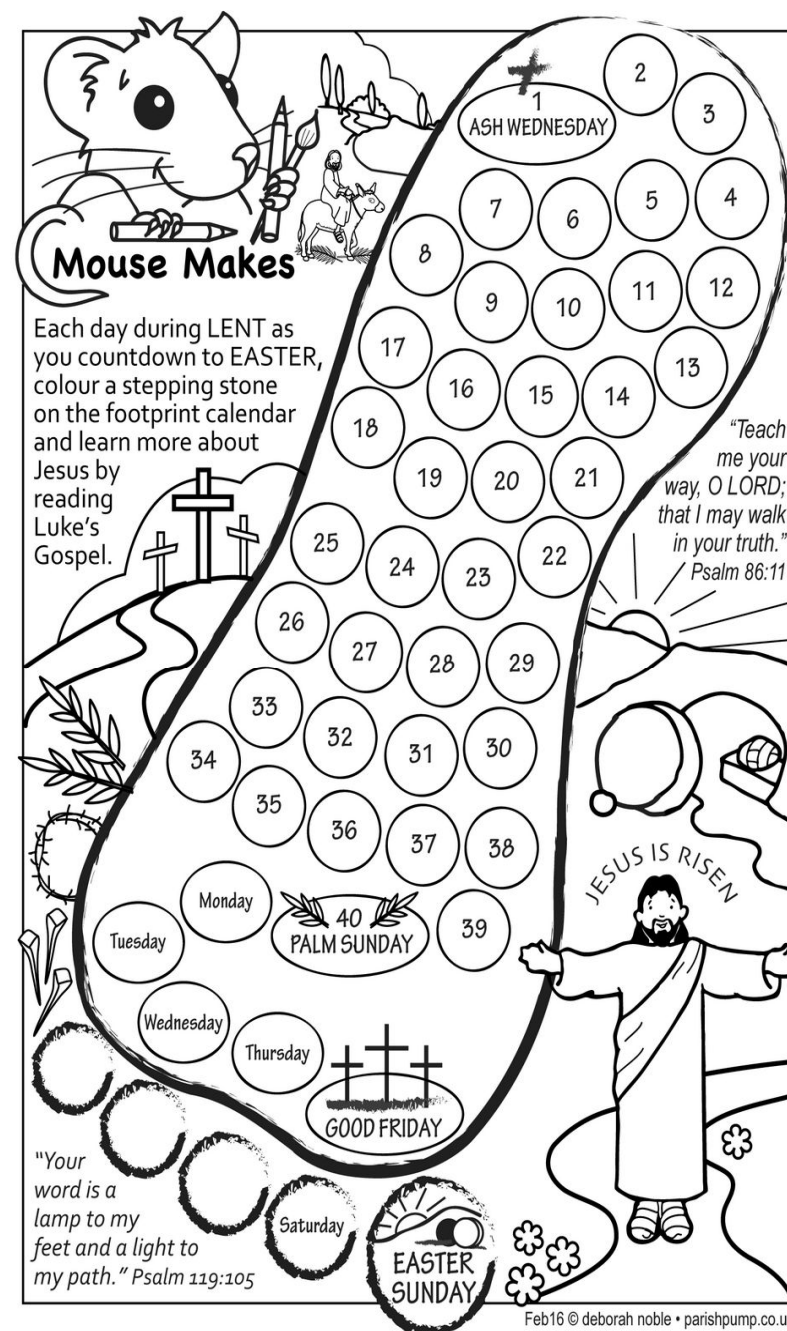
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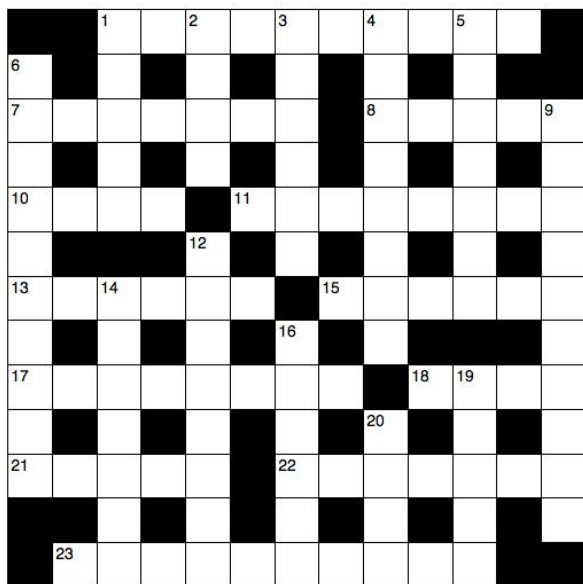
Eucharist: Bishop Mark

Please bring a packed lunch — drinks provided

Children's Page



February Crossword



Across

- 1 Success or wealth (Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
 7 Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)
 8 Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
 10 Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
 11 Much in evidence after weddings (8)
 13 Condense (Job 36:27) (6)
 15 Breakwater (6)
 17 Give a tan (anag.) (8)
 18 More usually now called Pentecost, — Sunday (4)
 21 After living for 365 years, it was said of him that 'he walked with God' (Genesis 5:23–24) (5)
 22 Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)
 23 For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

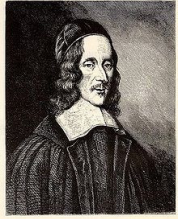
Down

- 1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)
 2 Roman poet from first century BC (4)
 3 So rapt (anag.) (6)
 4 Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)
 5 Paul's 'fellow worker', to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)
 6 God's foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)
 9 Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)
 12 'The Lord... has given the — of Israel to David and his descendants for ever' (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)
 14 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my — ' (Luke 1:46–47) (7)
 16 The central element in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)
 19 'On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of — will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18) (5)
 20 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)

Some dates for your diary - February 2016

- Tues 2nd 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 Thurs 4th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun 7th Sunday Next Before Lent
 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist with Baptism & Junior Church
 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
 Tues 9th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Wed 10th ASH WEDNESDAY
 8.00p.m. Holy Communion Service with ashing
 Thurs 11th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun 14th First Sunday of Lent
 8.30a.m. Holy Communion
 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
 Mon 15th 8.00p.m. Lent Course in Lounge
 Tues 16th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 7.30p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
 Thurs 18th School Holiday
 Sat 20th 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sun 21st Second Sunday of Lent
 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2
 Mon 22nd 8.00p.m. Lent Course in Lounge
 Tues 23rd 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
 2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery
 7.45p.m. Social and Fund raising Meeting
 Wed 24th 7.30p.m. Deanery Synod
 Thurs 25th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun 28th Third Sunday of Lent
 8.30a.m. Holy Communion
 10.30a.m. Worship For All
 Mon 29th 8.00p.m. Lent Course in Lounge

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



Saint of the Month

27 February

George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633

Born at Montgomery in Wales in 1593, George Herbert was educated at Westminster School and Trinity College, Cambridge. His original intention was to enter the Anglican ministry but this was overwhelmed by academic achievement and easy entry into the world of politics. He was elected a Fellow of Trinity and in 1618 he was appointed Reader in Rhetoric at Cambridge. Then in 1620 he was elected Public Orator of the university. In 1624 Herbert was elected to Parliament as MP for Montgomery. This brought him to the attention of King James I, who granted him an annual allowance and seemed likely to make him an ambassador. However, in 1625 the king died and Herbert, resolving to 'lose himself in an humble way' turned back from worldly ambition to his long-delayed vocation to ministry. Ordained deacon in 1626, he was priested four years later when he was presented to the living of Bemerton near Salisbury.

Though Herbert was suffering from tuberculosis and only lived for a further three years, he threw himself with vigour into the life of his parish, where he became known as 'Holy Mr. Herbert' because of his spiritual, pastoral and liturgical diligence. His book, *A Priest to the Temple, or the Country Parson*, was an attempt to share his insights of rural ministry with others. But privately he was a prolific writer of poetry and left his poems to his friend Nicholas Ferrar, to publish if he thought them suitable.

They appeared as *The Temple* in 1633. Herbert's poems, characterised by a precision of language and written as if to be read aloud, explore and celebrate the ways of God's love as he had discovered them from personal experience. Herbert was an unambiguously Christian and, some would say, a quintessentially Anglican poet. He wrote no secular verse and his poems are personal and intimate without being sickly, often revealing his own spiritual struggles and the strength and solace he found in the practical work of ministry.

Several of his poems, such as *Let all the world in every corner sing*, *Teach me, my God and King* and *King of glory*, *King of peace*, were later set to music and remain popular as hymns today. One example of his use of biblical themes in his poetry is *Redemption*:

Having been tenant long to a rich Lord,
Not thriving, I resolved to be bold,

And make a suit unto him, to afford
A new small-rented lease, and cancell th'old.
In heaven at his manour I him sought
They told me there, that he was lately gone
About some land, which he had dearly bought

Long since on earth, to take possession.
I straight returned, and knowing his great birth
Sought him accordingly in great resorts;
In cities, theatres, gardens, parks, and courts:
At length I heard a ragged noise and mirth
Of thieves and murderers: there I him espied
Who straight, *Your suit is granted* said, & died.

The Original

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