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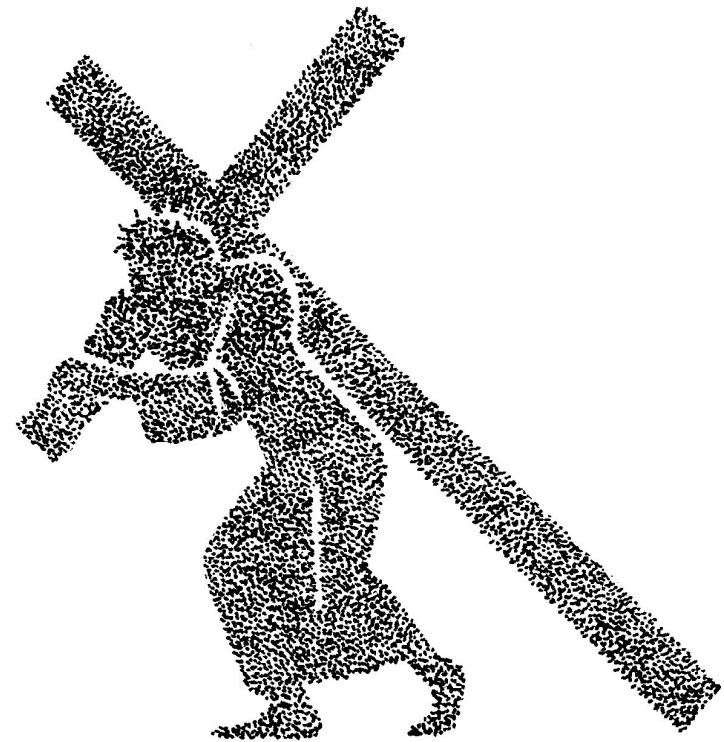
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Worship

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 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			

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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

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

7 February

Eliza Alice Zoe Parker, Marsh Lane, New Mills, High Peak
Noah Nathaniel Jones, The Travellers Call Inn, Wakefield Road, Stalybridge
Leo James Henry Martin, Beechwood Lane, Heyrod, Stalybridge

21 February

Scarlett Jade Riley, Croft Street, Stalybridge
Alec Joe Alan Phillips-Hunter, Inverness Road, Dukinfield

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

9 February

Mary Noughton (age 92 years) Crescent Road, Dukinfield
Interment of ashes
Margaret Jackson (age 86 years) Coniston Drive, Stalybridge
Interment of ashes

28 February

Margaret Butterworth (age 83 years) Holyoake Street, Droylsden
Leslie Percy Butterworth (age 86 years) Holyoake Street, Droylsden
Interment of ashes



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.

Jar

of
Grace



Thank you to everyone who gave to the 'Jar of Grace' appeal. A fantastic £258.61 was raised in 2015 and has now been sent to UNICEF.
Thank you once again, Kathleen

Dear Friends



We are now well into Lent, and last month I wrote about the season and Mothering Sunday celebrations. As we journey on through Lent, we arrive at Passion Sunday (13 March) where, in some churches, especially in the Roman Catholic tradition, the crucifixes and other images are covered with veils. We don't do that at St George's. Passion Sunday is then followed by Palm Sunday (20 March) and the liturgical calendar focuses on our Lord's triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Holy Week, the Last Supper, His arrest and trial and then His crucifixion on Good Friday.

At St George's, during the Holy Communion service on Palm Sunday, palms will be blessed and those attending are invited to take one home to remind themselves of our Lord's passion and crucifixion. There will be a number of palms left over for those not able to be with us, and you are welcome to come along to church to collect one.

During Holy Week, we will again be holding various special services in church to enter more deeply into our Lord's passion. There are details elsewhere in the magazine of the week's events, but I just want to write a few words about each one.

On Monday 21 March at 8.00 pm we will be holding our traditional Agapé in the church lounge. For those who have not been to one of these, the service is more relaxed than normal, and those present enjoy a simple meal, where hymns are sung unaccompanied. The evening culminates in Holy Communion. The word Agapé is Greek in origin, and goes back to at least the year 100 AD and corresponds to the highest form of love, or charity, which the Apostle Paul wrote about in his first letter to the church in Corinth (1 Corinthians 13). It is a simple service and one which I warmly commend.

On Wednesday, we hold a service that focuses on the Stations of the Cross. If you have ever been fortunate enough to visit Jerusalem and have walked the Via Dolorosa (literally the Way of Sorrows) you will know that, at various points along the route, which our Lord was forced to take when carrying his cross, there are a number of stations where He fell, and others where He encountered the women of Jerusalem, and was helped by Simon of Cyrene. During this service, which begins at 8.00 pm, we act out the stages of the route as we walk around the church, with prayers at each of the stations.

Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the end. Within the act of worship, there are different emphases that can be discerned: the Epistle stresses the institution of our Lord's Supper, and with it the theme of redemption, prefiguring the Eucharist on Easter Day. The Gospel gives us the theme of love and service, and is demonstrated by the washing of feet.

It is this action from which the word Maundy is derived, from the first words of the traditional anthem, 'Mandatum novum do vobis' ('A new commandment I give you that you should love one another' John 13.34).

There follows the stripping of the altars and removal of the furnishings within church, to convey a sense of dereliction and emptiness as we begin to share in Christ's desolation and abandonment on the cross. All that remains is a simple wooden cross and a candle which sets the scene for a silent vigil.

Once again, you are most warmly invited to this heart moving service.

On Good Friday, the liturgy brings us to the foot of the Cross, where we spend an hour in devotion to our Lord. The service itself contains a number of silences, a significant part of the devotions. There are many people who do not like the bareness and feeling of emptiness of Good Friday, and choose to stay away from church on that day. However, if there was no Good Friday, there would be no resurrection on Easter Day. The two are inextricably linked. I do urge you to attend the church service then on this day.

The great day of Easter dawns with our early morning service at the top of Ridge Hill at 6.45 a.m. We gather with other Christians to celebrate the glorious resurrection of the Son as the sun rises, but come well wrapped up, as this is the day the clocks go forward and it can be quite chilly up on the top.

At 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion with hymns begins our day of worship in church before the main service of Easter Day which is at 10.30 a.m. We process the Paschal Candle into the nave, which represents Christ, the Light of the World. The hymns and music reflect the joy and gladness of our Lord's resurrection and the service reaches its climax in the celebration of Holy Communion.

On the evening of Easter Day at 6.00 p.m. we will hold a celebration of Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer and all are warmly invited.

May I wish you all a very blessed, joyful and happy Easter.

Philip

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*My sermon today comes from
Apps Chapter 1 beginning at verse 2...*

CHURCH FINANCES

January 2016 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
31 Jan 2016	Epiphany 4	£85.96	£322.50	£408.46	
7 Feb 2016	Sunday next before Lent	£102.26	£387.30	£489.56	
14 Feb 2016	Lent 1	£60.25	£278.50	£338.75	
21 Feb 2016	Lent 2	£65.68	£301.58	£367.26	
28 Feb 2016					
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
	Monthly Total	£314.15	£2153.88	£2468.03	-£1932.97

* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £4,401.00 per month

200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for January 2016 are:

1st Prize	£25	1	David Hansell
2nd Prize	£15	85	Joan Vickers
3rd Prize	£10	72	Brian Reynolds

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.

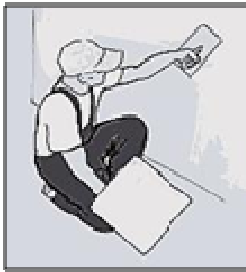
If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

Charity Donations

Each year we donate a percentage of our income from offerings to a number of charities: local, national and international. Following the Charity Meeting on Tuesday 16 February, which was then confirmed at the following PCC meeting, it was decided that £131.61 will go to each of the following charities:

The Tameside Hospital McMillan Cancer Centre (local charity)
Saint Mungo's (national charity)
British Red Cross (international charity)
£131.61 will be kept aside for emergency donations.

Thank you to everyone that attended the meeting and everyone who has given throughout the year enabling us to help these worthy causes



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Readings and Psalms for March 2016

Tues 1 st	10.30	Song of the Three 2.11-20; psalm 25.3-10; Matthew 18.21-end
Sun 6 th		4th Sunday of Lent - <i>Mothering Sunday</i>
	10.30	Exodus 2.1-10; Luke 2.33-35 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 8 th	10.30	Ezekiel 47.1-9,12; Psalm 46.1-8; John 5.1-3,5-16
Sun 13 th		5th Sunday of Lent
	8.30	Isaiah 43.16-21; John 12.1-8
	10.30	Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8
Tues 15 th	10.30	Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 102.1-3,16-23; John 8.21-30
Sun 20 th		Palm Sunday
	10.30	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14-end of 23 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i>
Tues 22 nd	10.30	Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 71.1-14; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; John 12.20-36
Thurs 24 th		Maundy Thursday
	20.00	Exodus 12.1-4; Psalm 116.1,10-end; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17,31b-35
Fri 25 th		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 27 th		Easter Day
	8.30	Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18
	10.30	Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2,14-24; 1 Corinthians 15.19-26; John 20.1-18
	18.00	1 Corinthians 15.1-11; John 20.19-23
Tues 29 th	10.30	Acts 2.36-41; Psalm 33.4-5,18-end; John 20.1-18

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Don't forget to put your clocks forward!
British Summer Time starts at 2am on Sunday 27th March



Services for Holy Week

Sun	20th	PALM SUNDAY
	10.30a.m.	Liturgy of the Palms - Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Wed	23rd	8.00p.m. Stations of the Cross
Thurs	24th	MAUNDY THURSDAY
	8.00p.m.	Sung Communion of the Last Supper - Stripping of the Altars - followed by Vigil
Fri	25th	GOOD FRIDAY
	10.30a.m.	The Service of The Cross
Sun	27th	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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The Original Real Easter Egg



We are now taking orders for Fairtrade Easter Eggs, don't forget Easter Sunday this year is early on 27th March! This is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate egg to explain the meaning of Easter. Inside is a beautifully illustrated Easter story in the shape of a cross, a milk chocolate egg (125g) and a Fairtrade milk chocolate bar (25g).

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If you would like to order one (or more) please see Rose Hayward or ring her on 303 1731.

Children's Page

Mouse Makes

Each big egg tells a part of the Easter story. Colour them in then look up the bible verses.

Easter Story Eggs

John 12:1-8
Jesus anointed
1

Matthew 21:1-11
Into Jerusalem
2

Mark 14:11
Jesus betrayed
3

Mark 14:12-26
The last supper
4

Mark 14:32-41
Jesus prays
5

Mark 14:43-50
Jesus is arrested
6

Mark 12:66-72
Peter's denial
7

Jesus said:
"I am the resurrection and the life"
John 11:25

Mark 15:1-15
Jesus and Pilate
8

Mark 15:16-20
Jesus is mocked
9

Mark 15:21-39
Jesus is killed
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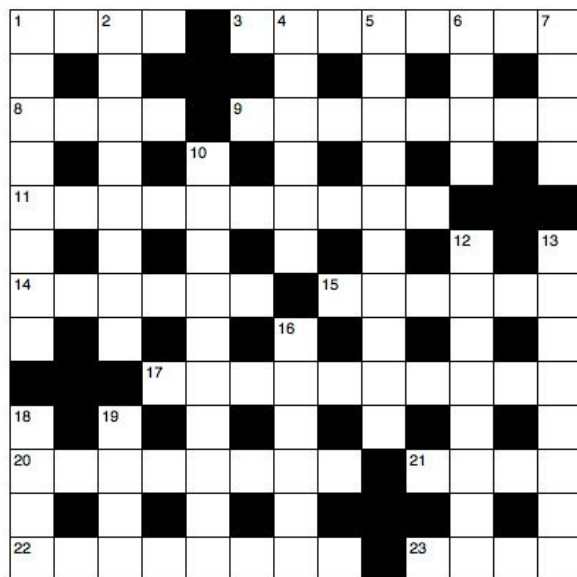
Matthew 27:57-65
Jesus is buried
11

Jesus said:
"I will come and get you so that you can always be with me" John 14:3

Luke 24:1-53
Jesus is alive!
12

Cut out the big eggs. Glue onto card and use them for a bible story Easter egg hunt.

March Crossword



Across

- 1 Made from _____ the fruit of the vine,
symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on — —' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
8 Seep (4)
9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
14 'A city on a hill — be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12-13) (6)
17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)
20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)
21 Sail (anag.) (4) 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)
23 Eye sore (4)

Down

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)
18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)

Some dates for your diary - March 2016

- Tues 1st 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Thurs 3rd 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri 4th 2.15pm Women's World Day Of Prayer Service at St George's
Sun 6th 4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday
10.30a.m. Worship For All & Junior Church
12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 1
Mon 7th 8.00p.m. Lent Study Group in the lounge
Tues 8th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Thurs 10th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat 12th 10.00a.m. to 3.00p.m. Bishop Mark's Lenten Quiet Day
at St Barnabas, Albert Street, Beswick M11 3UT
2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sun 13th 8.30a.m. Holy Communion
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Mon 14th 8.00p.m. Lent Study Group in the lounge
Tues 15th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
7.30p.m. Vestry Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Thurs 17th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat 19th 8.00p.m. Quiz Night - "Quingo"
Sun 20th 12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 4
Mon 21st 8.00p.m. Agape Meal
Tues 22nd 10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Sat 26th 3.30p.m. Wedding
Tues 29th 10.30a.m. No Holy Communion Service
2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery
Thurs 31st 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun 0 - 5yrs

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



Saint of the Month

21 March

**Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury,
Reformation Martyr, 1556**

Born in Aslockton in Nottinghamshire, in 1489, Cranmer was educated at Jesus College, Cambridge. He became a Fellow and was ordained in 1523, receiving his doctorate in divinity in 1526.

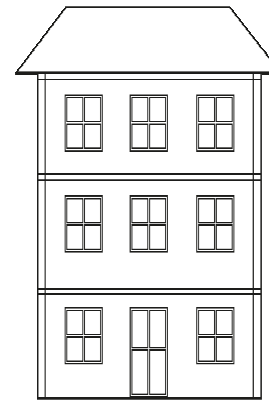
As a Cambridge don Cranmer came to the king's notice in 1529 when he was investigating ways forward in the matter of the proposed royal divorce. His rise was rapid. He was appointed Archdeacon of Taunton, made a royal chaplain, and given a post in the household of Sir Thomas Boleyn, father of Anne. In 1530 Cranmer accompanied Boleyn on an embassy to Rome and in 1532 he himself became ambassador to the court of the Emperor Charles V. His divergence from traditional orthodoxy was already apparent by his marriage to a niece of the Lutheran theologian Osiander despite the rule of clerical celibacy.

Returning to England to become Archbishop of Canterbury, he was in a dangerous position. Henry VIII was fickle and capricious and Cranmer was fortunate to survive where many did not. Yet Henry seemed to have a genuine affection for his honest but hesitant archbishop, even if he did (apparently in jest) describe him as the 'greatest heretic in Kent' in 1543. Four years later Henry died with Cranmer at his bedside and during the brief reign of Edward VI the archbishop now had an opportunity to put into practice his reform of the English Church.

He edited the *Homilies* (1547) and wrote those on salvation, good works, faith, and the reading of Scripture. He compiled the two Prayer Books of 1549 and 1552, and wrote the original 42 Articles of Religion (1552). But the young king's death brought Cranmer's phase of the English Reformation to a premature end. He was imprisoned first in the Tower then in the Bocardo prison in Oxford. Under great physical and mental pressure he several times recanted of his deviations from Roman doctrine. But at the last he re-found his courage and repudiated all his recantations before he was burned at the stake on 21 March 1556.

In later years it would become apparent that the seed Cranmer had sown had taken deep root and his 1552 Prayer Book (as amended in 1559 and 1662) clearly demonstrated his gift for both rhythmical fluency and memorable phrase. It was to become a lasting treasure of the English language and Cranmer's principle of liturgical worship in contemporary English has become a defining element of the Anglican Church.

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DOLL'S HOUSE

If you have been in church recently you can't have failed to notice the beautiful doll's house displayed at the back, it is every little (and big) girl's dream with lovely furniture and even electric lights!

This house is the result of many, many years of hard work and dedication by a gentleman who thought his creative days were cut short by an accident but who refused to give up.

Below is a short article he sent accompanying the doll's house which he has donated to St George's for us to raise funds for church. This is a very generous gift both in terms of value and his time spent and we are currently looking for the best way to do this. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

'Some years ago I had an accident which has left me disabled in as much as I'm confined to a wheelchair with only the use of my left hand where I was previously right handed. I started going to a local day care centre for the disabled but there was little encouragement from them as they told me that I wouldn't be able to do very much due to my disability. As I've always been an active person I wasn't prepared to sit around waiting for God to call me and I decided to set myself the challenge of building a doll's house (if only to prove to myself that I could still do something worthwhile).

It's taken me approx. 16 years to build, due to my health, but with the help of friends and family doing the jobs I can no longer do, it's now finished and I feel very pleased with the outcome.

I hope that this doll's house will help to inspire other people not to give up but to set themselves a challenge, that like me, with God's help and friends and family they too might achieve the impossible'.

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February Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Prosperity. 7, Raisins. 8, Admit. 10, View. 11, Confetti. 13, Distil. 15, Groyne. 17, Navigate. 18, Whit. 21, Enoch. 22, Trodden. 23, Prophetess.

DOWN: 1, Pride. 2, Ovid. 3, Pastor. 4, Reaffirm. 5, Timothy. 6, Providence. 9, Tridentine. 12, Kingship. 14, Saviour. 16, Statue. 19, Hades. 20, Rome.