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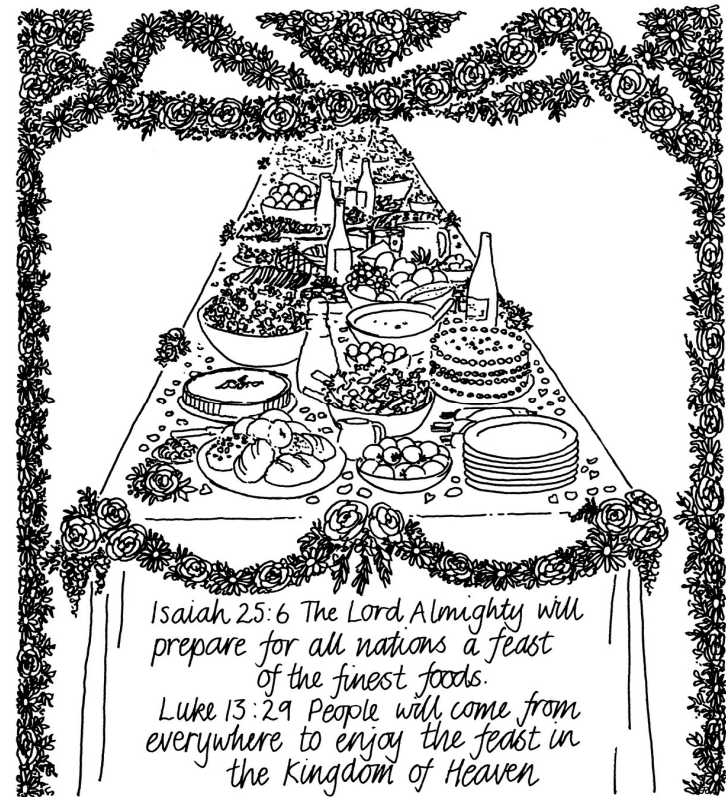
St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



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Isaiah 25:6 The Lord Almighty will
prepare for all nations a feast
of the finest foods.

Luke 13:29 People will come from
everywhere to enjoy the feast in
the Kingdom of Heaven

September 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

1 Sep	Thomas Martin	1974	21 Sep	Joseph Wynne Bithell	2013
	Freda Butler	2010	23 Sep	Harold Barnfield	1992
2 Sep	Ida Mawdsley	1998		Mary Louise Harris	1975
	Mabel Ethel Shaw	1988		Edith Jubb	1992
4 Sep	Eric Clegg	1993		Peter Barratt	2011
5 Sep	Betty Denby	1963	24 Sep	Harry Mitchell Lister	1929
	Ruth Sutton	1997		George Ronald Scott	1979
7 Sep	George Sayce	1985	26 Sep	Mary Williams	2012
	Mary Sidebottom	1987	28 Sep	Alma Cuttle	1985
8 Sep	Harold Thwaites	1957		Mary Jane Higgins	2005
9 Sep	William Grimshaw	1974		Raymond Peter Redfern	2007
10 Sep	Boris Buckley	2006		Janet MacKenzie	2014
19 Sep	Joseph Alun Davies	2012	29 Sep	Harry Rawsterne	2009
			30 Sep	Reginald Aldred	1998



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

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

26 July

Isla Sophie Williams, Cravenwood, Ashton-under-Lyne

16 August

Cameron Jack Hardisty, Church Walk, Stalybridge

Abigail, Karen Louise Clemit, School Crescent, Stalybridge

30 August

Ellouise Jade Wright, Hanover Street, Stalybridge

Jamie Tyler Wright, Hanover Street, Stalybridge

Weddings

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

8 August

Christopher James Brayshaw and Natalie Emma Healey

22 August

Paul John Hampson and Semone Claire Travis

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

4 August

Pauline Rose Byrne (age 71 years) Prospect Road, Dukinfield

12 August

Joyce Perrin (age 77 years) Hart Court, Mossley

At St George's Mossley

14 August

John Hulme (age 74 years) Demesne Drive, Stalybridge

19 August

Doreen May Winifred Tomlin (age 80 years) Quarry Clough, Stalybridge

Margaret Butterworth (age 83 years) Sunnyside Care Home, formerly of Holyoake Street, Droylsden

25 August

Robert Lewis (age 84 years) Castle Hall Court, Stalybridge

Interment of ashes

27 August

John Kenney (age 86 years) Buckton Vale Mews, Carrbrook,

Meanderings around East Sussex and Kent



At the end of July, Irene and I spent a very relaxing week down in a little rural village called Beckley, five miles northwest of Rye in East Sussex. We stayed in a beautiful cottage, which was originally part of the stables for the (now non-working) farm where the owners lived – and no, it didn't smell of horses! At night no street lamps, and being blessed with good weather and clear skies, meant you could see millions of stars, such a marked contrast to where we live. One evening, as we arrived back from a day out and were in conversation with the owners, there was a thundering noise approaching fast. We turned to see five young deer running along, past the entrance. That's something you don't see in our part of Stalybridge!

We used this holiday as an opportunity to visit some of the numerous National Trust places in that area. The National Trust do a great job in preserving the heritage of this country and the places around Beckley are known for their association with many famous people – the actress Ellen Terry at Smallhythe Place; the poet, gardening writer and architect Vita Sackville-West at Sissinghurst, and more besides. All these places, of course, are in 1066 country, so named after William the Conqueror's invasion of England. Besides visiting these, we also went to Batemans, home of the author Rudyard Kipling who lived there from 1902 until his death in 1936. He was born in Mumbai, India on 30 December 1865. He was one of the late Victorian poets and a great story teller, writing books including *The Man Who Would Be King*; *Mowgli's Brothers*; *Riki Tiki Tavi*; *The Jungle Book* (well known to those who are in the uniformed organisations); *Just So Stories*; *If*; and *Puck Of Pook's Hill* from which I've taken an extract below:

A Smugglers' Song

Sung by a smuggler, advising people to look the other way when the contraband is run through the town.

*If you wake at midnight, and hear a horse's feet,
Don't go drawing back the blind, or looking in the street,
Them that asks no questions isn't told a lie.
Watch the wall, my darling, while the Gentlemen go by!*

*Five-and-twenty ponies,
Trotting through the dark—
Brandy for the Parson,
'Baccy for the Clerk;
Laces for a lady; letters for a spy,
And watch the wall, my darling, while the Gentlemen go by!*

I knew some of the words from my schooldays, but not all, and whilst, of course, I don't condone smuggling of any kind, the idea of Brandy for the Parson quite appealed to me!

The village of Beckley stands just a few miles from the border of Kent, the Garden of England, with oast houses and windmills standing proudly against the blue sky. Before the advent of supermarkets, most of our fruit and vegetables came from Britain, and especially from Kent. We're now in the month of September, and on Sunday the 27th of this month, at the 10.30am service, we celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving. Not only do we have the traditional fruit and vegetables on display, but there will be tins of soups and other non perishable items for distribution. We would welcome any donations that you could make to the harvest, and afterwards, these will be going to those less fortunate than ourselves. Do please come along to the service, and give thanks to God for all that he has given us and continues to do so. This is also Back to Church Sunday, so I invite you to bring a friend who used to come to church, but now no longer does, for whatever reason. The service will then be followed with a Bring and Share Lunch, to which you are all invited. Please bring along some food to share if you can. Some people prefer to give a cash donation and that is fine – but the most important thing is that you join with us in our Harvest Thanksgiving.

In the evening of Saturday 26th September, at 8.00pm in the lounge, there will be another quiz, and again, you will be most welcome. On the following Saturday, 3rd October, Lynn and John Moon have organised another Walking Treasure Hunt, around Mossley. Last year's event was well attended and great fun, so if you would like to take part, please add your names to the list in the lounge. The cost is £2.50 per person, and we will finish up at the Fair Trade afternoon tea in church which runs from 2.00-4.00 pm.

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*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above.
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all His love.*

Philip

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175th Anniversary Celebrations

**A Stroll around Mossley—Walking Treasure Hunt—
3rd October 2015**

Continuing our 175th Anniversary Celebrations and following last year's successful 'Stroll around Stalybridge' Walking Treasure Hunt we are moving to pastures new—albeit not too far away.

The event will start at 12.30pm and completed answer sheets are to be handed in by 2.00pm. If you need transport to get to Mossley and back to St George's later, this can be arranged.

The Treasure Hunt will coincide with the Fair Trade Afternoon Tea Event which will be running that afternoon at St George's and it is here that all entries will be marked and the prize giving held.

The cost, as last year, will be £5.00 per team of , ideally, 2 people so we have as many teams as possible taking part—(so £2.50 per person). All monies raised will go to Church Funds.

We need your help

Alicia is kindly making items for the '175 Stall' at the Christmas Fair however she is running out of buttons!

If you have any buttons that you would like to donate they will be gratefully received. They can be of any size, shape or colour. It doesn't matter if you have 1 or 1000, every little helps!

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"Finally, we're still waiting for someone
from last week's Parent & Toddler Group
to come and claim this lost property..."

CHURCH FINANCES

July 2015 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
28 June 2015	Trinity 4	£80.91	£151.50	£232.41	
5 July 2015	Trinity 5	£50.34	£456.50	£506.84	
12 July 2015	Trinity 6	£56.50	£370.50	£427.00	
19 July 2015	Trinity 7	£68.54	£425.50	£494.04	
26 July 2015	Trinity 8	£85.00	£210.50	£295.50	
Standing Orders etc.			£864.00	£864.00	
Monthly Total				£2819.79	-£1581.21

August 2015 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
2 August 2015	Trinity 9	£72.45	£216.50	£288.95	
9 August 2015	Trinity 10	£44.58	£371.50	£416.08	
16 August 2015	Trinity 11	£69.89	£403.50	£473.39	
23 August 2015	Trinity 12	£71.21	£589.50	£660.71	
30 August 2015	Trinity 13	£88.50	£236.50	£320.00	
Standing Orders etc.			£864.00	£864.00	
Monthly Total				£3,023.13	-£1377.87

*** Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £4,401 per month**

200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for August are:

1st Prize	£30	44	Sheila Finan
2nd Prize	£15	39	Norma Rawsthorne
3rd Prize	£ 5	33	Janet Vidler

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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Readings and Psalms for September 2015

Sun 6 th	14th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Isaiah 35.4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2.1-10,14-17; Mark 7.24-end
Tues 8 th	10.30 Colossians 2.6-15; Psalm 8; Luke 6.12-19
Sun 13 th	15th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 Isaiah 50.4-9a; Mark 8.27-end 10.30 Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 116.1-8; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-end
Tues 15 th	10.30 1 Timothy 3.1-13; Psalm 101; Luke 7.11-17
Sun 20 th	16th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Wisdom of Solomon 1.16-2.1,12-22; Psalm 54; James 3.13-4.3,7-8a; Mark 9.30-37
Tues 22 nd	10.30 Ezra 6.7-8,12,14-20; Psalm 124; Luke 8.19-21
Sun 27 th	17th Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving and Back to Church Sunday 8.30 Joel 2.21-27; Matthew 6.25-33 10.30 Joel 2.21-27; Matthew 6.25-33 Worship For All
Tues 29 th	10.30 Genesis 28.10-17; Psalm 103.19-end; Revelation 12.7 -12; John 1.47-end

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September Prayer

Loving Father,
Please help us with all the new things September brings: a new school
year, new stages of life, with children moving on or out, new challenges
for many as summer gives way to autumn. Help us in this season of
change to know the constant reality of Jesus. Thank you for the new life
He freely offers to all who turn to Him.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.



Operation Christmas Child launches search for everyone who has ever packed a Shoebox

As part of this year's Operation Christmas Child campaign, the charity Samaritan's Purse is launching a nation-wide search for anyone who has ever packed a shoebox with them. It wants to hear from them.

Samaritan's Purse UK Executive Director Simon Barrington explains: "Where and when did they pack it? What they included, was there something particularly special they remember about their experience? We want to hear their stories of the impact it's had on them and why they got involved."

In the two decades since Operation Christmas Child began, 124 million children who have received shoebox gifts in Jesus' name. "It's a great way for all of us to make a difference in a child's life, to share God's love, to let them know they are not forgotten."

Samaritan's Purse plans to capture and share stories and photographs of everyone who's ever been involved, and to bring to life online and through social media, what Operation Christmas Child has meant to so many people.

There is also encouragement for everyone who has ever done a shoebox to get involved in this year's campaign: "Last year we were able to distribute more than 10 million shoebox gifts to children all over the world, some of whom live in the darkest of places. This year we want to reach a million more precious children with a simple shoebox gift. With your help and prayers, we will."

Tell us your story and help us to find everyone who has ever packed a shoebox! Go to www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/yourshoeboxstory

What goes into the box is fun, what comes out is eternal

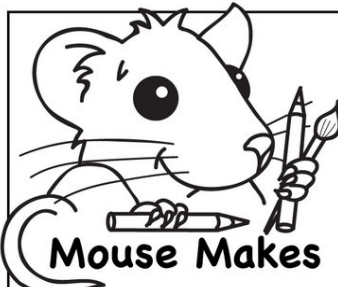
*** Don't forget - it's nearly time to start filling boxes for this year's appeal**

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Satisfying

Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.

Children's Page

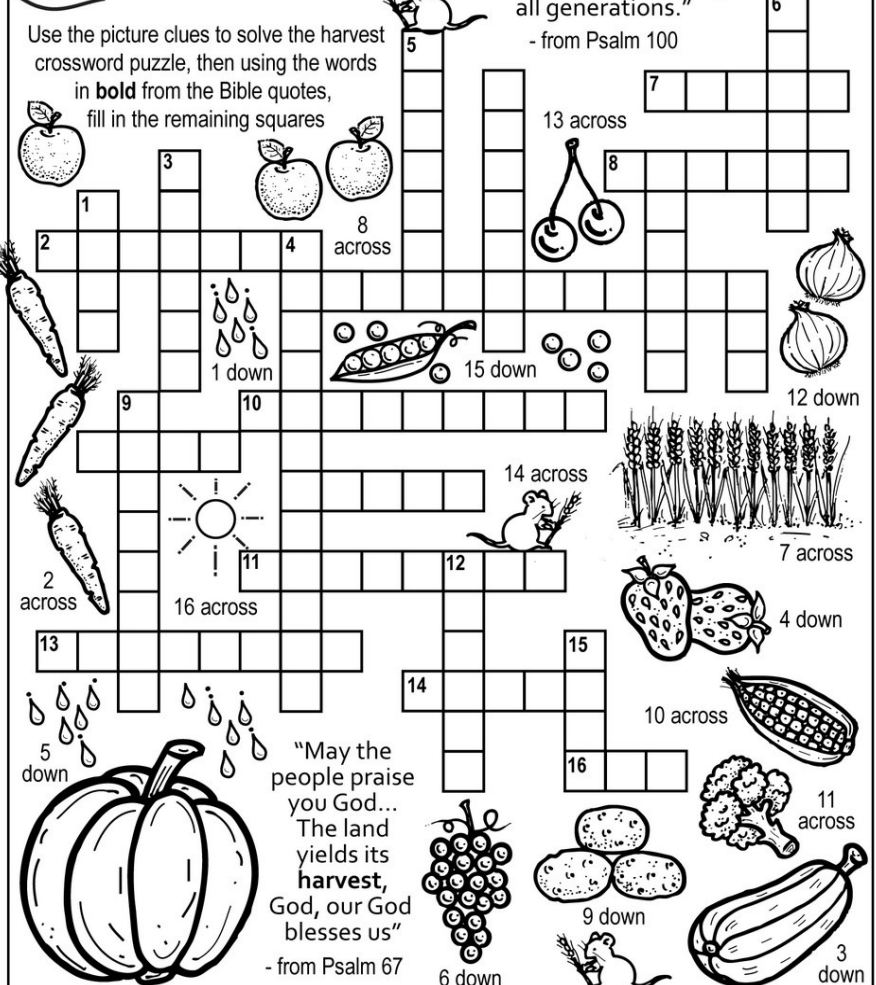


Mouse Makes

Use the picture clues to solve the harvest crossword puzzle, then using the words in **bold** from the Bible quotes, fill in the remaining squares

HARVEST PRAISE

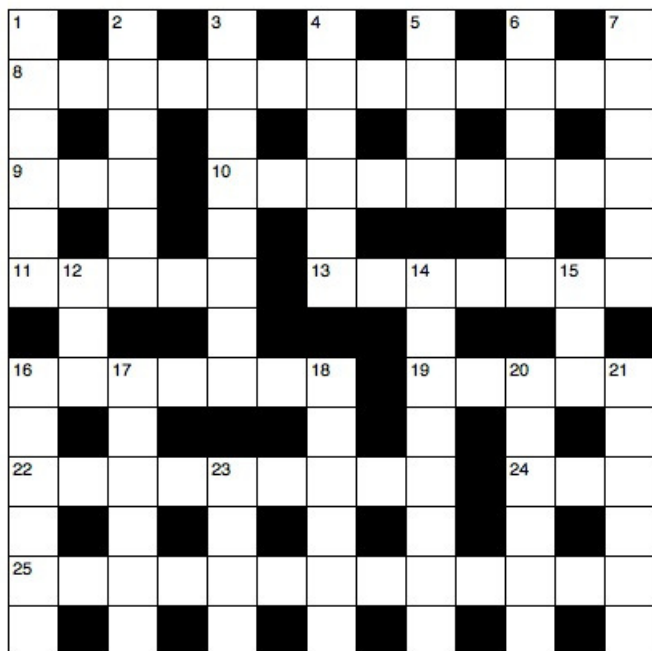
"Shout out praises to the **Lord** all the **earth**!
Worship the Lord with joy! ...
Acknowledge that the Lord is **God** ...
... Enter His gates with **thanksgiving**
and His courts with praise!
Give Him thanks! **Praise** His name.
For the Lord is good, His loyal love endures
and He is faithful through
all generations."
- from Psalm 100



1 down: rain
2 across: carrot
3 down: apple
4 across: apple
5 down: mouse
6 down: grapes
7 across: wheat
8 across: apple
9 down: carrot
10 across: corn
11 across: sun
12 down: onion
13 across: pea
14 across: mouse
15 down: strawberry
16 across: pumpkin
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2 across: carrot
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"May the people praise you God...
The land yields its **harvest**,
God, our God blesses us"
- from Psalm 67

September Crossword



Across

8. Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6), **9.** One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3), **10.** Uncomfortable (3,2,4) **11.** ‘Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —’ (Malachi 1:3) (5), **13.** Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7), **16.** ‘Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger’ (John 8:6) (7), **19.** Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5), **22.** Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9), **24** and **2 Down** ‘Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the —’ (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6), **25.** There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

1. Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6), **2.** See 24 Across, **3.** Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8), **4.** Lo, mash (anag.) (6), **5.** The Bible’s shortest verse: ‘Jesus —’ (John 11:35) (4), **6.** ‘Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?’ (Isaiah 49:15) (6), **7.** Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6), **12.** ‘Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem’ (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3), **14.** Second city of Cyprus (8), **15.** United Nations Association (1,1,1), **16.** One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6), **17.** Braved (anag.) (6), **18.** — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6), **20.** ‘Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight’ (Isaiah 5:21) (6), **21.** ‘Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God’ (Romans 8:39) (6), **23.** What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

Some dates for your diary - September 2015

Tues	1st	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		7.30p.m.	Fairs and Fund Raising Meeting - all welcome
Thur	3rd	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Deanery Synod at The Church of the Epiphany (St Andrew’s Droylsden)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	5th	2.00p.m.	Wedding
Sun	6th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 1
Tues	8th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		7.30p.m.	Parochial Church Council Meeting
Sat	12th	4.00p.m.	Wedding
Sun	13th	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tues	15th		No Holy Communion
Sat	19th	10.00a.m.	Private Party in the Lounge
Sun	20th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tues	22nd		No Holy Communion
Wed	23rd	6.00p.m.	Beetle Drive
Sat	26th	10.00a.m.	Decorating Church for Harvest
Sun	27th	Harvest & Back to Church Sunday	
		8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Harvest - Worship For All
		12.00p.m.	Bring and Share Lunch
Tues	29th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion

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

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August Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, John. 3, And James. 8, Near. 9, Omission. 11, Theocratic. 14, Asleep. 15, By-path. 17, Stalingrad. 20, Backbone. 21, Baca. 22, Whose eye. 23, Seth.

DOWN: 1, Jonathan. 2, Heavenly. 4, No meat. 5, Justifying. 6, Maid. 7, Sins. 10, Acceptable. 12, Marriage. 13, Shadrach. 16, Plenty. 18, A bow. 19, ECHO



Saint of the Month

**17 September Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen,
Visionary, 1179**

Hildegard was the tenth child to be born to a noble family in the Nahe valley, in the Rhineland. From early childhood Hildegard was the recipient of supernatural visions and experiences. At the age of eight she was put by her parents into the care of Jutta, a female recluse who lived close to a Benedictine Monastery at Diessenberg. Seven years after, at the age of 15, Hildegard took vows and became a nun in the monastic community that had gathered around Jutta. On Jutta's death in 1136, Hildegard herself became the abbess.

As well as a visionary and mystic, Hildegard was a remarkable woman who excelled in many areas. She was not a nun removed from the world and enveloped by mystery. She was versatile and energetic, producing varied works and affecting others wherever she went. Hildegard corresponded with many people, including royalty. She saw herself as standing in the prophetic tradition and was not afraid to castigate or reprimand. She wrote musical compositions including hymns, chants and songs. Her theological works include commentaries on creeds and Gospels, and on the Rule of St Benedict. Hildegard's medical handbooks and books about nature are remarkable for their content and conclusions. She also wrote a play.

Between 1141 and 1151 Hildegard began to receive visions and, with the approval of the Archbishop of Mainz, recorded some of them. The collection of her visions is called her *Scivias* and contained 26 visions. Hildegard writes on the nature of man, and the Last Judgement. *Scivias* includes a collection of dramatic songs.

The community grew too large for their premises and moved to Rupertsberg, near Bingen. From this base Hildegard travelled throughout Rhineland and founded a daughter house at Eibingen.

Hildegard was concerned that the writings about her visions be approved. Pope Eugenius gave her the necessary permission and, as her writings spread, so did her fame. The mystical

quality of her writings, and the nature of her music have led to Hildegard being appropriated by many people, not all of whom recognise the theological and spiritual base to her life. Hildegard was, above all else, a woman devoted to God, whose visions and writings sprang out of a desire for him.

O how precious is the maidenhood of this virgin, she of the shut door whose womb the holy Godhead filled with His fire so that a flower bloomed in her and the son of God from that secret place went forth like the dawn.

Thus the sweet seed, who was that Son, through the shut door of her womb unlocked paradise.

And the Son of God from that secret place went forth like the dawn.

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AN INVITATION

**Why YOU are SO welcome to come Back to Church with us on
27th September...**

The big message of the Christian faith is that whoever you are and whatever you've done, you are welcome at Jesus' table. No, more than this, God is actually looking for you. God thinks that his party is incomplete until you've arrived. That's why the shepherd in the story goes looking for the one lost sheep, and then rejoices when that sheep is found. God rejoices when we come to his table.

He doesn't mind whether you're ready or not. God just wants to welcome you in. You don't need to sign on the dotted line; you don't need to have a huge faith; you just need to accept the invitation.

Happily, many of you will be coming back to church this month for precisely that reason. You have been invited back to church and you have said yes. The church consists of people who have turned up, not just people who have signed up. Thank you for turning up on Sunday 27 September. You are very welcome!