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Psalm 8:3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what are people that You think of them, humans that you care for them?

Psalm 74:16 The day is Yours and Yours also the night. You established the sun and moon. You alone are the Lord, You made the heavens, the land and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. Nehemiah 9:6

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. Isaiah 40:28 The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.

April 2016

# St George's Church Stalybridge



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## Worship

### Sunday

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

10.30 a.m. Sung Communion and Junior Church (4<sup>th</sup> 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

Apr 3	Alan Wilson	1970	Apr 17	Bertha Stanley	1965
	Fred Peck	1977		Dennis Baxter	2001
	William Dawson	1982	Apr 18	Edith Smith	1988
	Joan Brocklehurst	1994		Ada Sayce	1989
Apr 4	Grace Lee	1975	Apr 19	Mary Elizabeth Parkinson	1944
Apr 5	Geoffrey Birch	2006		Doris Hibbert	1970
	Percy Dudleston	1979		Samuel Cook	1989
Apr 6	Herbert Brocklehurst	1975	Apr 20	Louis Bowler	1990
Apr 7	Ellen Ratcliffe	1937		Lena Schofield	1997
Apr 8	Alistair William Rose	1983		Mark Wright	1989
	Forbes		Apr 22	Mark Allen Cowley	2009
Apr 9	John (Jack) Ireson	1987	Apr 23	James Johnson	1984
	Kenneth Langton	2007		Jennie Cook	1995
	Howard Steven Fogg	2008	Apr 24	George Wardle	1997
Apr 10	Walter Bramall	1977		Joan Lindley	1983
	Minnie Talbot	1984		Doreen Lilian Pritchard	2009
	Freda Mary Day	1987		Graham Webster	2009
Apr 12	Jacqueline Ruth	1987	Apr 25	John Jepsen Thomas	1991
	Gillaspy			Alice Ann Walton	1998
	Andrea Louise Johnson	2004	Apr 26	Elsie Beatrice Dugdale	1974
Apr 14	Helen Shaw	1996		Beatrice Isabella Brien	1985
Apr 15	Ernest Norris	1965		Harry Blackburn	2003
	Joseph Parry	2007	Apr 27	John Kenyon	2001
	Alice Banks	2009	Apr 28	Ada Broadbent	1962
Apr 16	Joseph Shaw	1961	Apr 29	Laura Wright	2007
	Emily Spencer	1990			

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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



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*

#### **6 March**

Lilly Grace Lloyd-Roberts, Windermere Road, Stalybridge

#### **20 March**

Brian Mills, Cheetham Hill Road, Dukinfield  
Leanne Mills, Cheetham Hill Road, Dukinfield  
Logan Arthur Mills, Cheetham Hill Road, Dukinfield  
Jersey Marie Smith, Beechwood Lane, Heyrod, Stalybridge

### Weddings

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

#### **26 March**

Gregg Shuttleworth to Sarah Jane Sharkey

### Funerals

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*

#### **3 February**

Eileen Parkhouse (age 95 years) Blandford Court, Stalybridge  
(Omitted from March magazine)

#### **4 March**

Annie Buckley (age 89 years) Springs Lane, Stalybridge  
*Interment of ashes*

#### **8 March**

Brenda Anne Ellam (age 56 years) Cheetham Hill Road, Stalybridge  
*At St Paul's Stalybridge*

#### **9 March**

Keith Squire Shaw (age 75 years) Springs Lane, Stalybridge

#### **18 March**

Norman Stokes (age 93 years) Stamford Grove, Stalybridge

#### **29 March**

Lillie-Mae Sykes (age 2 hours) Matley Lane, Stalybridge

*Our lead article this month has been written by Alan Smith and gives a detailed account of the renovation work which commences this month. Many thanks to Alan for his extensive work on our behalf in the carrying out of this project.*

## OUR CHURCH ROOF PROJECT

This month will see the start of our long-awaited Roof and Gutter Renovation Project. After several years chasing funding to help repair our 175 year old Church fabric, we finally received a grant, early last year, of £87,800 from the 'Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund'. This money, together with about £6000 from our own Restoration Fund, was intended to pay for relining the gutters as the first stage of the repairs. Unfortunately, our church architect retired at this time, so the PCC had to appoint a new, suitably qualified architect to progress the project. His first task was to carry out our Quinquennial Inspection and also to prepare the detailed drawings and specifications needed to carry out the project. It proved necessary also, to involve the assistance of a timber consultant and a structural engineer to determine the full extent of the work needed. It turned out that the parapets were bowed and insecure, particularly on the south side, and there was some timber damage due to damp. The architect pointed out that, because of the additional parapet renovation work needed, and possible remedial work on purlins etc. the quotes may be higher than the grant allocation that we had been awarded. Where this had happened to other churches, the project had been broken down into logical phases, with the remaining work spread over several separate claims and this is what we decided to do. The breakdown of our work will be something like:

First phase – Renew south gutter, parapet and rainwater goods  
(work against current grant)

Later phases – Renew north gutter and re-slate north roof to ridge,  
Re-slate south roof to ridge.  
Re-slate sanctuary roof and repair both vestry roofs.  
Renovate tower parapet and roof lead

So what does this mean for St Georges? The work is due to start on 11<sup>th</sup> April, but we will be continuing with all of our usual activities throughout the whole of the ten weeks of the renovation work, including services, weddings etc., the uniform group activities and the tiny tots, as well as holding the Spring Fair on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

As to the work itself, outside there will be scaffolding along all the south side of the church, plus a contractor's cabin located next to the tower, tucked round the corner. Inside the church, there will be end to end scaffolding over all the south (Lady Chapel) side, including over the Vicar's vestry. The scaffolding will be screened off from floor to ceiling with white sheeting. There will also be screened-off scaffolding along the bar side of the upper hall, so we will not be able to use the area along that side.

The renovation project itself involves removing plaster from the top of the inside walls to get at the beam ends and repair/replace them. At the same time, the parapet will be dismantled, section by section, the gutter relined, then the parapet rebuilt and secured in place with rods. The bottom three courses of roof slates will be renovated at the same time. Finally, the rainwater downspouts will be replaced with bigger diameter pipes which will take twice the water flow of the existing ones, and the tops will be fitted with overflows. Drawings of the planned work are on display in the church lounge.

For Phase Two, we expect to do the same work to the north parapet, and for this we will have to apply for a further grant and also raise a further £6000 to make up our share of the cost. There is still a lot to do, but this is the start to make our church sound and water tight for the next 50 years.

Alan Smith

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there will be prayer in schools.

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## Readings and Psalms for April 2016

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2nd Sunday of Easter	10.30 Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 118.14-end; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Acts 4.32-end; Psalm 93; John 3.7-15	
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	3rd Sunday of Easter	8.30 Acts 9.1-6; John 21.1-19 10.30 Acts 9.1-6; Psalm 30; revelation 5.11-end; John 21.1-19
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Acts 7.51-8.1; Psalm 31.1-5,16; John 6.30-35	
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	4th Sunday of Easter	10.30 Acts 9.36-end; Psalm 23; Revelation 7.9-end; John 10.22-30
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Acts 11.19-26; Psalm 87; John 10.22-30	
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	5th Sunday of Easter <i>Celebrating St George</i>	8.30 Acts 11.1-18; John 13.31-35 10.30 Acts 11.1-18; John 13.31-35 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Acts 14.19-end; Psalm 145.10-end; John 14.27-end	

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Four freedoms:

The first is freedom of speech and expression – everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way, everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want... everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear... anywhere in the world. –

Franklin D Roosevelt

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...and when it comes to 'the peace' I want all  
those who want to stay in Europe to shake hands  
with all those who want to leave...

## CHURCH FINANCES

### March 2016 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
28 Feb 2016	Lent 3	£91.30	£359.50	£450.80	
6 Mar 2016	Mothering Sunday	£35.00	£290.50	£325.50	
13 Mar 2016	Passion Sunday	£62.04	£473.10	£535.14	
20 Mar 2016	Palm Sunday	£41.77	£374.40	£416.17	
27 Mar 2016	Easter Day	£284.42	£660.50	£944.92	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
<b>Monthly Total</b>				<b>£3085.73</b>	<b>-£3515.27</b>

\* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £6,601.00 per month

### 200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for January 2016 are:

1st Prize	£25	46	Nancy Neild
2nd Prize	£15	86	Ella Walker
3rd Prize	£10	71	Kathleen Child

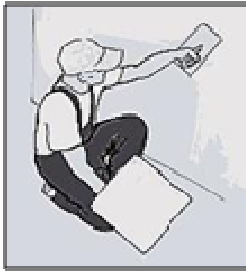
The cost is £12 per year per number and payment for 2016 is now due. There are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome.

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

### March Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Wine. 3, The alert. 8, Ooze. 9, Passover. 11, Garden Tomb. 14, Cannot. 15, Elisha. 17, Gethsemane. 20, Own house. 21, Lisa. 22, Flogging. 23, Styne.

DOWN: 1, Wrong act. 2, Nazarene. 4, Health. 5, Assemblies. 6, Envy. 7, Turn. 10, Before long. 12, Iscariot. 13, Take care. 16, The Son. 18, Loaf. 19, Unto.



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## The Journey—a cautionary tale

Fred and Hilda were given good advice, but they ignored it. They thought they knew better. Confidently, they drove off in their car without a map or any navigation system. Fred said he knew the way, and Hilda didn't pack any food or drink, assuming these could be bought later.

This couple were ill-prepared for their long journey and soon their holiday drive turned into a nightmare. Fred couldn't cope with the adverse road conditions and without any prior car maintenance checks the car began to overheat. Hilda was now hungry and thirsty.

As night fell the weather turned inclement and Fred confessed they were lost. The car ran out of fuel and they stopped in a damp and deserted place. Without a mobile phone between them they were stranded. Their journey had been a big mistake and they didn't know what to do.

Suddenly, a large van appeared and parked beside them. The driver stepped out, smiled and offered his assistance. He gave them something to eat, checked the car engine, put in petrol. Soon, Fred and Hilda's car was roadworthy once more.

This friendly man never once reprimanded Fred and Hilda for their lack of foresight. Instead, he made them feel at ease, safe and secure. "Where do we go from here?" asked Fred. The man smiled, "Come, my friends. I'm taking you home."

Sometimes in our lives, we can embark on a course of action for which we are ill-prepared. We may disregard sound advice and then, sooner or later, we end up in trouble. At these times we need a person who can rescue us. We need someone to set us on the right road again; someone who will support and encourage us.

Our lives are like a journey. Sometimes, we may think we can get

along without God. We may try to ignore his guidance. In our quest for independence we may lose our way and then have to admit our mistakes and confess our failings.

Sometimes our trouble and pain can be caused by our own deliberate fault

and in our hopeless condition we need someone greater than ourselves to come to our aid.

When Jesus draws alongside us the situation changes. He doesn't condemn us. He comes to save us. Jesus is the only one who can enter our lives to put things right. Jesus says to each one of us, "Come, follow Me. I'm taking you to My Home."

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Ladies .....time to get your glad rags on again  
St George's is holding  
a  
**Ladies Day**  
with a  
Traditional Afternoon Tea and 'bubbly'  
on Saturday 6th August  
2pm - 4pm

Ladies will be encouraged to wear hats or fascinators.

Last year's event was very successful so you won't want to miss this - keep the date free!

Booking is essential for catering purposes and the list will be put up in the church lounge in June.

Tickets will cost £10 and are available from Alicia Harris.

**Mouse Makes**

It rained and it rained, for forty days it rained until a great flood covered the earth. Only Noah and his family and two of every living creature were still alive, safe in the great ark that God had instructed Noah to build.

When the flood went down Noah came out of the ark, praised God and built an altar to the Lord.

**READ** Genesis 6 - 9

Why did God save Noah? What did God promise Noah?

**RAINBOW**

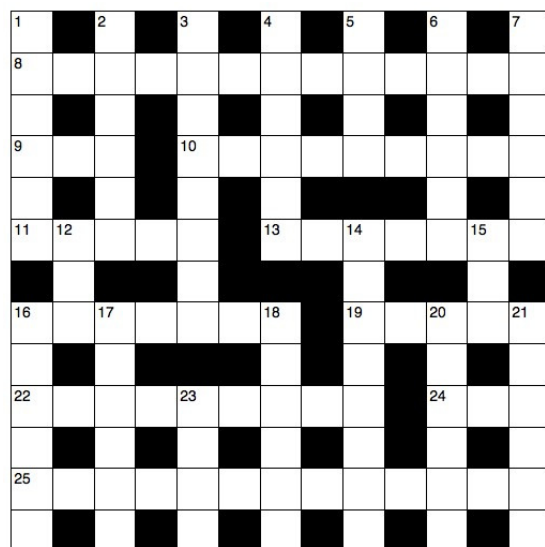
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## April Crossword



### ACROSS

- 8 'He poured out his \_\_\_\_\_ life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

### DOWN

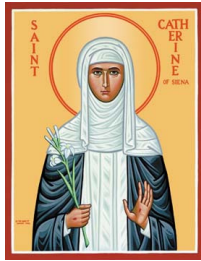
- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

## Some dates for your diary - April 2016

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|-------|------|--|
| Sun   | 3rd  | <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b><br>10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church<br>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 3                                    |
| Tues  | 5th  | 10.30a.m. No Holy Communion  |
| Thurs | 7th  | Time 4 Fun School Holiday  |
| Sun   | 10th | <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b><br>8.30a.m. There will be no 8.30am service<br>10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist                                      |
| Mon   | 11th | Work starts on South side Guttering  |
| Tues  | 12th | 10.30a.m. No Holy Communion  |
| Thurs | 14th | Time 4 Fun School Holiday  |
| Sat   | 16th | 11.30a.m. Wedding Blessing<br>2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Tea   |
| Sun   | 17th | <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b><br>10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist<br>12.30p.m. Holy Baptism x 2  |
| Tues  | 19th | 10.30a.m. Holy Communion<br>7.30p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting  |
| Thurs | 21st | 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)<br>7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice   |
| Sat   | 23rd | 7.30p.m. Race Night  |
| Sun   | 24th | <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b><br>8.30a.m. Holy Communion<br>10.30a.m. Worship For All<br>12.00noon - 4.00p.m. Charity Stall in Stamford Park |
| Tues  | 26th | 10.30a.m. Holy Communion<br>2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery  |
| Thurs | 28th | 9.30a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 - 5yrs)   |
- For more information please go to our website [www.stg.org.uk](http://www.stg.org.uk)**

### TUESDAY MORNING SERVICES

Because of Easter Holidays and the commencement of work on the roof and gutters, there will be no service of Holy Communion at 10.30a.m. on Tuesdays 29th March, 5th April and 12th April.  
The services will resume on Tuesday 19th April and we will try and see how that works with the ongoing repairs.



**Saint of the Month**  
**29 April Catherine of Siena,**  
**Teacher of the Faith, 1380**

Born at Siena in Italy in 1347, Catherine was the 23rd of 25 children. From an early age she was known to want to lead a life of prayer and penance, despite opposition from her parents and family. She refused marriage, and instead, opted for a life of solitude. She joined the

Dominican order as a Tertiary (lay volunteer) at the age of 16. She lived in solitude for three years, until she felt a call to leave her seclusion and care for the poor.

As Catherine became involved for caring for the sick, a diverse group of followers, both men and women, clerical and lay, gathered around her. This group soon became known for their desire for reform of the Church, their call for a life of total devotion to God, and their focus upon the crucified Christ. Unsurprisingly this group attracted criticism as well as praise wherever they went.

Catherine was a great correspondent, but had to dictate all her letters as she never learned to write herself. She wrote a 'Dialogue' in which explained her beliefs and expounded the sense of devotion to the crucified Christ, that so ordered her life. This work was dictated to others when she was in a state of prayer and ecstasy.

Eventually, as her calls for reform went unheeded, Catherine became more and more involved in the political life of the Church. She acted as a peacemaker between Church and State when relationships deteriorated. The schism of 1378, when rival popes were elected after the death of Gregory XI, saw Catherine attempting to intervene and bring clarity to the situation. She supported Urban as the genuine Pope, although she was not unafraid to challenge him on his more extreme and unbending attitudes to the Avignon papacy.

She died, of a stroke in 1380, before the papal split was resolved. Her devotion to Christ is evident throughout her 'Dialogue':

*The soul begins to lose fear, knowing that fear alone is not sufficient to give eternal life. And so the soul proceeds, with love, to know itself and God's goodness*

*within, and begins to take hope in God's mercy in which the heart feels joy. Sorrow for grief, mingled with the joy of hope in mercy, causes the eye to weep, and these tears issue from the very fountain of the heart.*

*The 'Dialogue' of St Catherine of Siena*

**Smile Lines**

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**Lost in**

**translation**

*When travelling abroad this year keep an eye out for those delightful translations into English that didn't quite make it...*

Danish airline: We take your bags and send them in all directions.

Heathrow: No electric people carrying vehicles past this point.

Japanese taxi: Safety first: please put on your seatbelt. Prepare for accident.

Kenyan maternity ward: No children allowed.

Beijing shop: Haircuts half price today. Only one per customer.

Swedish furrier: Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.

**Sure**

A caller rang directory enquiries and asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: 'Woven? Are you sure?'

Caller: 'Yes, of course. That's what it says on the label; Woven in Scotland.'

**New meanings**

Dogma - a puppy's mother

Polygon - a lost parrot

**Up or down?**

Is this apisdn umop or am I just standing on my head?