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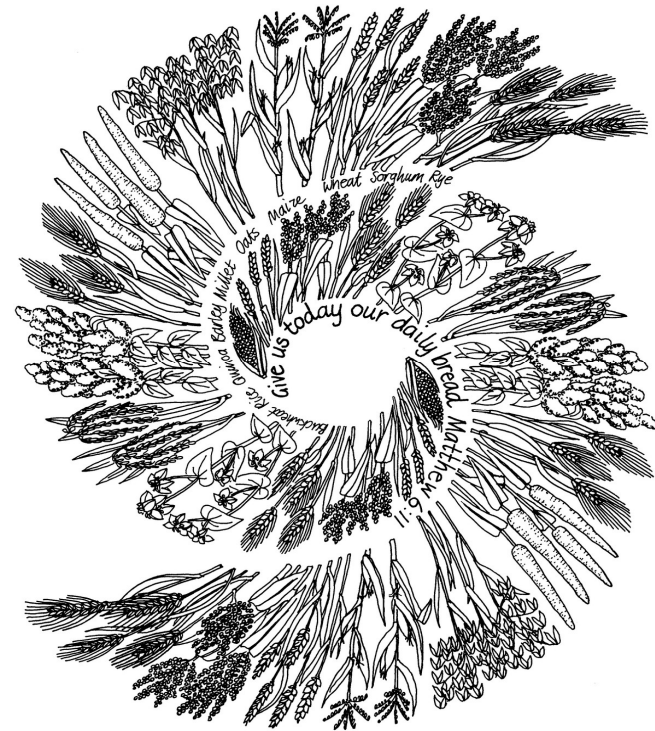
# St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



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 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



September 2016



## From the Registers

### Baptisms

*We welcome into the Lord's family*

#### **7 August**

Darcey Rose Frances Murphy, Church Street, Stalybridge  
Poppy Lucy Butler, Chester Avenue, Stalybridge

#### **21 August**

Esmee Rose Watts, Astley Grove, Stalybridge  
Robyn Anna Lawes, Alt Road, Ashton-under-Lyne

### Weddings

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

#### **27 August**

Ben Andrew Waller and Nicola Jane Callan

### Funerals

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*

#### **1 August**

Kenneth Banks (aged 91 years) Stoneyfield, Stalybridge

#### **2 August**

David Paul Kershaw (aged 47 years) Springs Lane, Stalybridge

#### **3 August**

Walter Nelson (aged 94 years) Stalybridge  
*At St Paul, Stalybridge*

#### **7 August**

Maureen Bebbington (aged 76 years) Wells Court, Adelaide, Australia  
*Memorial Service*

Dear Friends

Michael, our son, recently attended the Formula 1 British Grand Prix at Silverstone, a yearly ritual for him. For the third year running, the race was won by Lewis Hamilton and he is on track to win a fourth World Championship, a unique achievement for a British driver. His joy on winning was immense and in euphoric scenes, he mingled with adoring fans by crowd-surfing over their heads in a moment of pure joy.



Formula 1 is all about being the fastest, a challenge of man and machine against their rivals, although this is an infinitely difficult task to achieve. Building the car, setting it up perfectly for each race and then the drive itself, require the skills and dedication of everyone in the team.

The driver is, of course, an integral part of this organisation, but relies totally on the team's support. Alongside that support which comes from the professionals, is that given by the fans, the crowd in the stand, who lift a driver and boost him on to achieve his potential, which can mean the difference between success and failure. For everything to run as well as possible is a true team effort.

The British Grand Prix for Michael is a highlight of the summer, where thoughts naturally turn to holidays. Personally, I prefer the peace of the British seaside or countryside, or an ocean cruise rather than watching deafening cars whizzing past at breakneck speed.

The success of an ocean cruise, like Formula 1, depends entirely on teamwork. The Captain or Master is in overall control but cannot function efficiently without each and every crew member fulfilling their role.

The Formula 1 driver and the Master, in their respective roles, may be the focal point, but their reliance on others is essential if anything positive is to be achieved. No matter how small or insignificant a particular role may seem, it is vital to the smooth running of any operation.

This month marks an important step in the life of St George's and for me, personally, as I am to be inducted as Incumbent, or Vicar, of the parish on Sunday 11th September at 3.00p.m. It may seem strange to be holding such a service and indeed many are asking

just what is the difference, following my licensing as Priest-in-Charge, back in March 2013.

The reality of the situation is that on a day-to-day basis nothing changes very much at all. As I mentioned in my article in the May magazine, the difference is a legal change. The benefice is no longer in 'Suspension' (this is an ecclesiastical term which gives more freedom in merging parishes into a team or making other changes) and, therefore, the person in charge is designated as Incumbent (Vicar) rather than Priest-in-Charge.

When the role changes then legalities mean that we are required to hold a service of licensing which will be similar to the one we held three and a half years ago. I hope that, as many of you as possible, will be able to come along on 11 September to share in this special service, not just for me, but for the whole parish.

The Vicar, the Formula 1 driver, the Ship's Master all need the support of a team in order to function. We are indebted at St. George's to our faithful teams – of maintenance workers, gardeners, cleaners, the lady who washes the altar linen, caterers and coffee makers, lesson readers, washing up, choir, servers, PCC members, sidespeople and those who lead the intercessions, fund raisers, junior church leaders, magazine and pew sheet ladies, the organist and the wardens (I truly hope I haven't left anyone out). At this point may I, on behalf of all of us, express grateful thanks to Alan Smith who has worked tirelessly on all the details, paperwork and arrangements for the now completed repairs to the guttering and south wall? It looks wonderful and hopefully will remain watertight for a good many years to come. Huge thanks also to Brian Reynolds for all the time he has taken in organising the repairs and replacement of parts of the heating system so that our building is warm and welcoming.

Week by week we all meet together to worship and glorify God. Each a vital member of "the team" that is God's church in this place. I pray that team will grow stronger in the months and years ahead.

With my very best wishes to you all

*Philip*

**THE JOY OF ORDINARY** *David Winter muses on the church*

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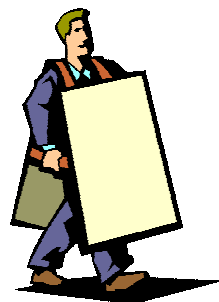
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## NEW VICAR

The licensing of our new Vicar will take place on Sunday 11th September at 3.00p.m. Philip's title will change on that day from Priest-in-Charge to Vicar (or Incumbent).

Because there are certain legal differences in the two roles, there has to be a full licensing service which will follow the same pattern as when he was licensed in March 2013.

We really hope that as many of you who are able will come along and support him in this important step.

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For those who attend to such ecclesiastical details, the Church is now in what it calls the 'Ordinary Season'. It doesn't mean it's going to be bland, boring or predictable in church at the moment (or at any rate, no more than usual), but that following Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, there are no great festivals of the faith to celebrate until we get to Advent, and that's not till the end of November. For a few months, we can forget the high days and holidays and simply concentrate on, well, being 'ordinary'.

Personally, I find that rather encouraging. All my life I've been a person who enjoys the ordinary. Even on holidays which I've enjoyed, I've secretly looked forward to getting home and picking up the familiar routine. The dictionary defines 'ordinary' as 'with no distinctive features, normal, usual'. Well, I think everyday, ordinary, normal, usual life still includes plenty of 'distinctive features' – surprises, too.

To me an impressive feature of the biblical gospels is how normal and ordinary most of it seems. Yes, there are those mighty acts of power which we call miracles, but the setting of them is about as 'ordinary' as you could get: a cattle-shed, a lakeside, a fishing boat, a garden, a little girl's bedroom, a wedding party.

It's in the rich raw world of the ordinary that God does wonderful things, just as it's in the routine of daily life that kind words are spoken, the sick healed, the sad comforted. I'm sometimes more aware of God in these 'ordinary' settings than in the extraordinary splendour of a great cathedral. Long live the 'ordinary'!

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"It's Mrs Filby with her hard-as-concrete home-made rock cakes for the Harvest Festival. Let's pretend we're not in."

## CHURCH FINANCES

### July 2016 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
31 July 2016	Trinity 10	£56.10	£289.21	£345.31	
07 Aug 2016	Trinity 11	£38.88	£411.93	£450.81	
14 Aug 2016	Trinity 12	£40.00	£190.50	£230.50	
21 Aug 2016	Trinity 13	£24.75	£462.50	£487.25	
28 Aug 2016	Trinity 14	£58.40	£289.50	£347.90	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
<b>Monthly Total</b>			<b>£2,725.77</b>		<b>-£3,875.23</b>

\* Assuming £13 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £6,601.00 per month

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### 200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for August 2016 are:

1st Prize	£25	105	Michael Davies
2nd Prize	£15	67	Ann Hanson
3rd Prize	£10	94	Samuel Winstanley

The cost is £12 per year per number. 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.

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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

## Smile—Lines .....

### Church Notices that didn't quite make it...

A talk on drugs will be given at the next Mothers' Union meeting. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy Sale.

A sudden gust of wind took all who were at the ceremony by surprise. Hats were blown off and copies of the vicar's speech and other rubbish were scattered over the site.

The Rector is on holiday this month. Local clergy will be celebrating with us all the Sundays that he is away.

Don't allow anxiety to kill you. Let the church help.

Don't miss the Young Wives' Victorian evening next month. It will be a fun night and some of the women will wear clothes.

### Not all

Dear Minister: I know that God loves everyone but He has never met my sister. Love Peter (aged 7)

#### Bible sense

Being married to a woman who reads her Bible can have its drawbacks. When a man protested to his wife that wiping dishes was not a man's job, his wife replied simply: "2 Kings 21:13", and handed him a tea towel. Later he looked it up: 'And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.'

#### Hearing is not believing

A wise schoolteacher sent this note to all parents on the first day of school: 'If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he or she says happens at home.'

## Readings and Psalms for September 2016

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>15th Sunday after Trinity</b> 10.30 Deuteronomy 30.15-end; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33
Tues 6 <sup>h</sup>	10.30 1 Corinthians 6.1-11; Psalm 149.1-5; Luke 6.12-19
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>16th Sunday after Trinity</b> 8.30 Exodus 32.7-14; Luke 15.1-10 10.30 Exodus 32.7-14; Psalm 51.1-11; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 1 Corinthians 12.12-14,27-end; Psalm 100; Luke 7.11-17
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>17th Sunday after Trinity</b> 10.30 Amos 8.4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Proverbs 21.1-6,10-13; Psalm 119.1-8; Luke 8.19-21
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Harvest Thanksgiving and Back to Church Sunday</b> 8.30 Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35 10.30 Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35 <b>Worship For All</b>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Job 3.1-3,11-17,20-23; Psalm 88.14-19; Luke 9.51-56

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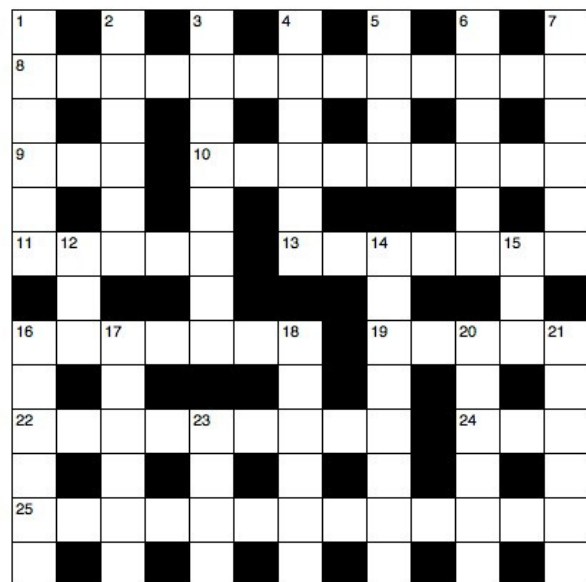
### St George's Bake Off

Following Philip's Licensing service on 11th September we will be having tea and cake for everyone present. If you feel able to bake a cake or some buns for this event, please put your name on the list in the lounge or let Irene know on 338 2368 by Tuesday 6th September





## 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 2016

Thurs	1st	7.30p.m.	Deanery Synod at St. James, Ashton
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>15th Sunday after Trinity-Proper 18</b>	
		<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
		<b>12.30p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Baptism x 2</b>
Tues	6th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	8th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	10th	10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m.	Heritage Open Day and Fair Trade Tea
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>16th Sunday After Trinity- Proper 19</b>	
		<b>8.30a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
		<b>3.00p.m.</b>	<b>Revd Philip Brierley’s Licensing as Incumbent of St. George’s</b>
Tues	13th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	15th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>17th Sunday After Trinity- Proper 20</b>	
		<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
		<b>12.30p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Baptism x 2</b>
Tues	20th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		7.45p.m.	Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thurs	22nd	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	24th	7.30p.m.	Murder Mystery Evening
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>Harvest Festival and Back to Church Sunday</b>	
		<b>8.30a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Harvest - Worship For All followed by Bring and Share Lunch</b>
Tues	27th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	29th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice

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**Saint of the Month**  
**26 September**  
**Wilson Carlile,**  
**Founder of the Church Army, 1942**

Wilson Carlile was born in Brixton, London in 1847 and had a patchy education owing to the chronic back trouble from which he suffered all his life. But he excelled at languages and music. He was highly successful in business until recession and serious illness combined to end his career at the age of 31. A breakdown followed which was in turn followed by his conversion. He later commented:

I have seen the crucified and risen Lord as truly as if He had made Himself visible to my bodily sight. That is for me the conclusive evidence of His existence. He touched my heart, and old desires and hopes left it. In their place came the new thought that I might serve Him and His poor and suffering brethren.

Initially he offered his services to the Americans Moody and Sankey, at that time holding a mission in London. He accompanied Sankey on the harmonium, learned a great deal about methods of evangelism and was inspired to become an evangelist himself. Consequently he was confirmed into the Church of England and then entered the London College of Divinity to train for his ordination in 1880. He served his curacy at St Mary Abbots in Kensington but the lack of contact between the Church and the working classes was a cause of real concern to him and he began outdoor preaching in order to reach those who would not come to church.

Carlile left Kensington in order to work in a slum mission, and from 1882 began the process of uniting local Anglican parish missions into a national organization, which in keeping with the popular use of military terminology in church life at that time took the title 'Church Army'. A training college for men was founded in 1884 followed by one for women three years later. After some initial hesitancy the Church of England incorporated the Church Army into its structures and in due course the office of Evangelist was founded for Church Army officers and sisters. The Church Army's work included evangelism and social and moral welfare work and this was supplemented by

work among the troops during the First World War. Carlile was careful to ensure that the Church Army always worked within official church structures. He remained honorary chief secretary until his retirement in 1926, having been made a prebendary (or canon) of St Paul's Cathedral in 1906. He died in 1942.

**Back to Church**  
**Sunday 25th**

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**Sunday 2016 -**  
**September**

Back to Church Sunday has a lot to celebrate. It is reckoned that more than 260,000 people have returned to church since its national launch in 2004.

Back to Church Sunday's key to success has been to help ordinary Christians in ordinary churches unlock the potential of a personal invitation. It really is the simplest and shortest step in evangelism: to simply invite someone we already know to come to church with us.

And - it works. No wonder Back to Church Sunday has become passionate in helping churches across the country grow by encouraging local church members to invite their families, friends and neighbours to church.

Nationally, Back to Church Sunday has had a significant impact. Not only do tens of thousands of people 'come back' to church on one Sunday in September, but it also sees many go on to become members of their local churches.

Please take part this year and bring someone you know  
**Back to Church?**

**Cucumber**

A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church. A slightly puzzled mother complied. Later she asked what it had been used for. 'Sorry, mum,' he confessed. 'I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer.'

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