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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 Philip or one of the Wardens.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone Philip (Vicar) 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		Mary 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
	Robin Edward Morris	2016		Joan Lindley	1983
Apr 10	Walter Bramall	1977		Doreen Lilian Pritchard	2009
	Minnie Talbot	1984		Graham Webster	2009
	Freda Mary Day	1987	Apr 25	John Jepson Thomas	1991
Apr 12	Jacqueline Ruth	1987	Apr 25	Alice Ann Walton	1998
	Gillaspy		Apr 26	Elsie Beatrice Dugdale	1974
	Andrea Louise Johnson	2004		Beatrice Isabella Brien	1985
Apr 14	Helen Shaw	1996		Harry Blackburn	2003
Apr 15	Ernest Norris	1965	Apr 27	John Kenyon	2001
	Joseph Parry	2007	Apr 28	Ada Broadbent	1962
	Alice Banks	2009	Apr 29	Laura Wright	2007
Apr 16	Joseph Shaw	1961			
	Emily Spencer	1990			



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 Philip.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

19 March

Toby George Forrester, Waggon Road, Mossley

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

23 February

Walter Aves (aged 95 years) Oakwood House, Millbrook, formerly of Ridge Hill Lane, Stalybridge

Interment of cremated remains

2 March

Joan Winifred Collins (aged 90 years) Clarence Street, Stalybridge

15 March

Joan Winifred Collins

Scattering of cremated remains

16 March

Kenneth John Dodd (aged 83 years) Church Walk, Stalybridge

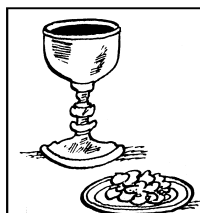
28 March

Bessie Street (aged 92 years) Low Wood Road, Denton

30 March

Bessie Street

Interment of cremated remains



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 for any Sunday this year.

“THE GREATEST DAY OF ALL THE YEAR”

Dear Friends,



Mid-Lent is passed and Easter's near
The greatest day of all the year.
When Jesus, whom men thought had died,
Rose with his body glorified.
And if you find believing hard
The primroses in your churchyard
And modern science too will show
That all things change the while they grow
And we who change in Time will be
Still more changed in Eternity.

So says John Betjeman in one of his numerous poems and no Christian would argue with that fact! The church celebrates its most important festival in the middle of this month, at a time when new growth and new life can be seen all around us. Buds and flowers in gardens, blossom on trees, lambs in fields and greenery replacing the dullness of winter. It is a time of hope and a time of change and growth, as we at St. George's, now embark on our Mission Action Plan which I mentioned in the February magazine. In addition to the parish initiative, the Ashton Deanery (of which we are a part) has been chosen as one of four pilot deaneries to work on Mission Action Planning as a Deanery project and I, together with two members of our church choir, recently attended a Sunday afternoon session on ways of achieving this. We already have a small group of people who have expressed interest in taking things forward by input of ideas, but we do need as much help as possible with this. The vision is where we would like to see our church in five, ten, twenty years time, and just how we go about getting there. Can you help? I know you can.

Our Holy Week and Easter services will follow a similar pattern to previous years and I hope that as many of you as possible will try to come along to some or even all of them.

Monday 10th:	10.30a.m. Chrism Service and Renewal of vows at Manchester Cathedral
	8.00p.m. Agape (A simple meal, chat, fellowship and Act of Worship)
Tuesday 11th:	10.30a.m. Holy Communion
Wednesday 12th:	8.00p.m. Stations of the Cross
Thursday 13th:	8.00p.m. Last Supper and Stripping of the

Altars followed by vigil
 Friday 14th: 10.30a.m. Service of the Cross
 Easter Day: 6.00a.m. Sunrise Service on Ridge Hill
 8.30a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns
 10.30a.m. Parish Communion for Easter
 Day
 6.00p.m. 1662 Holy Communion

I hope you all enjoy a blessed Easter and a time of new hope and growth in your own lives.

Best wishes
 Philip

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Everything is becoming LESS but still our hope in God is - Endless.

In fact I am "Speechless" because Salvation remains "Priceless!!"

If you don't share this, I'm wordless!

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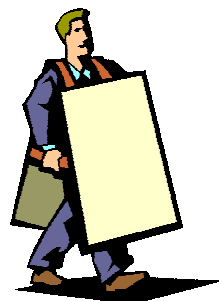
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The U, in Jesus

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, U'll see that it's true,
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why he came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died,
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew
And this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention,

"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all—Just like I love U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.

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*...I wish that was my Sunday attendance figures
- but it's actually the age profile of my congregation!*

CHURCH FINANCES

February/March 2017 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
26 Feb 2017	Sunday next before Lent	£50.45	£393.50	£443.95	
05 Mar 2017	Lent 1	£78.23	£256.00	£334.23	
12 Mar 2017	Lent 2	£61.15	£518.00	£579.15	
19 Mar 2017	Lent 3	£46.50	£356.01	£402.51	
26 Mar 2017	Mothering Sunday	£67.58	£301.07	£368.65	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
	Monthly Total	£303.91	£2,688.58	£2,992.49	-£473.51

* Assuming £10 per adult per week needed for running the church this means we need £3,466 per month

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200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for March 2017 are:

1st Prize	£25	51	Graham Taylor
2nd Prize	£15	63	G/J Vernon
3rd Prize	£10	19	Caroline Hansell

The cost is £12 per year per number and 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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Smile Lines

The following are actual call centre conversations....

Wrong number

Customer: 'I've been ringing you on 0700 2300 for two days. Why didn't you answer?'

Travel agent: 'Where did you get that number from, sir?'

Customer: 'It's there on the door to your Travel Centre'.

Operator: 'Sir, they are our opening hours'

Jack

Caller to Samsung Electronics: 'Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about'.

Caller: 'On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I think you mean the telephone point on the wall'.

Clue

Caller to RAC Motoring Services: 'Does your European Breakdown Policy cover me when I am travelling in Australia?'

Operator: 'Doesn't the product give you a clue?'

Fish bar

Caller to Directory Enquiries: 'I'd like the number of the Argoed Fish Bar in Cardiff.'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, there's no listing. Is the spelling correct?'

Caller: 'Well, it used to be called the Bargoes Fish Bar but the 'B' fell off'.

Breath

On another occasion, a man making heavy breathing sounds from a phonebox told a worried operator: 'I haven't got a pen, so I'm steaming up the window to write the number on'.

Right-click

Tech Support: 'I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop'.

Customer: 'OK'.

Tech Support: 'Did you get a pop-up menu?'

Customer: 'No'.

Tech Support: 'OK. Right-click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?'

Customer: 'No'.

Tech Support: 'OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?'

Customer: 'Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'.

Readings and Psalms for April 2017

Sun 5 th	5th Sunday of Lent
10.30	Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8.6-11; John 11.1-45
Tues 4 th	10.30 Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 102.1-3,16-23; John 8.21-30
Sun 9 th	Palm Sunday
8.30	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Matthew 26.14-end of 27
10.30	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14-end 27 <i>Liturgy of the palms</i>
Tues 11 th	10.30 Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 71.1-14; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; John 12.20-36
Wed 12 th	20.00 Stations of the Cross
Thurs 13 th	Maundy Thursday
20.00	Exodus 12.1-4,11-14; Psalm 116.1,10-end; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17,31b-35
Fri 14 th	Good Friday
10.30	Isaiah 52.13-end of 53; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10.16-25; John 18.1-end of 19
Sun 16 th	Easter Day
10.30	Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.14-24; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18
18.00	Song of Solomon 3.2-5;8.6,7; John 20.11-18 BCP Communion
Sun 23 rd	2nd Sunday of Easter - <i>Celebrating St George</i>
8.30	Acts 2.14a,22-32; John 20.19-end
10.30	Acts 2.14a,22-32; John 20.19-end <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 25 th	10.30 Proverbs 15.28-end; Psalm 119.9-16; Ephesians 4.7-16; Mark 13.5-13
Sun 30 th	3rd Sunday of Easter
10.30	Acts 2.14a,36-41; Psalm 116.1-3,10-end; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35

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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

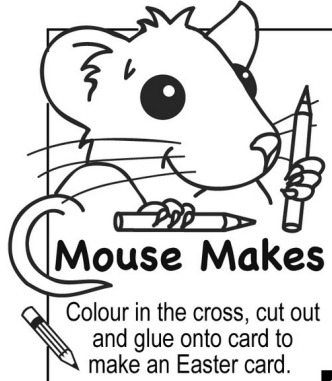
Sun	9th	PALM SUNDAY
		8.30a.m. Holy Communion
		10.30a.m. Liturgy of the Palms—Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Wed	12th	8.00p.m. Stations of the Cross
Thurs	13th	MAUNDY THURSDAY
		8.00 p.m. Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper - Stripping of the Altars - followed by Vigil
Fri	14th	GOOD FRIDAY
		10.30a.m. The Service of the Cross
Sun	15th	EASTER DAY
		6.00 a.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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Charity Giving


At our Charities Meeting on Tuesday 21 February 2017, it was agreed that the 1.5% of our planned giving and open plate would be donated to charity again. The charities that were agreed upon were:
Local charity—Stalybridge Street Pastors, which helps those who find themselves in a vulnerable position at night.
National charity—Bloodwise, which funds research into a variety of blood cancers
International charity—Embrace, which helps to tackle poverty and injustice in the Middle East.
Disaster Fund—we usually keep back some money to help with any unexpected crisis or disaster. However, it was decided to send some money to the **South Sudan disaster fund** as this money is needed immediately.

A total of £140.28 will be sent to each of these causes. Thank you to everyone who has given throughout the year, your money will go to help those who need it in the wider community.



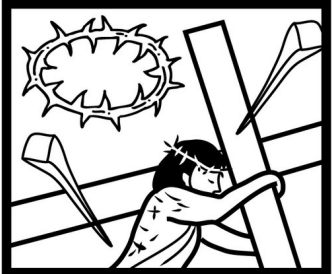
Mouse Makes

Colour in the cross, cut out and glue onto card to make an Easter card.




HAPPY EASTER
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JESUS IS ALIVE!

Read the Easter story in Luke 22-24

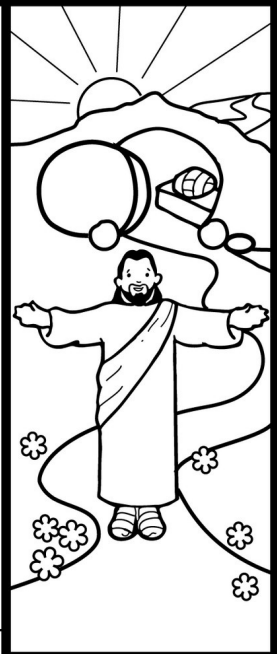


"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life."
 John 3:16



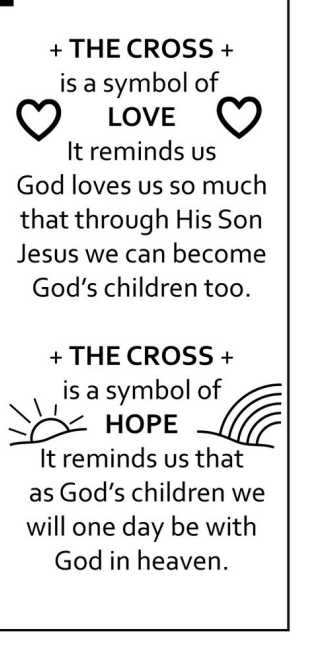
+ THE CROSS +
 is a symbol of **DEATH**

It reminds us how God's Son, Jesus, was put to death by being nailed to a cross.



+ THE CROSS +
 is a symbol of **LOVE**

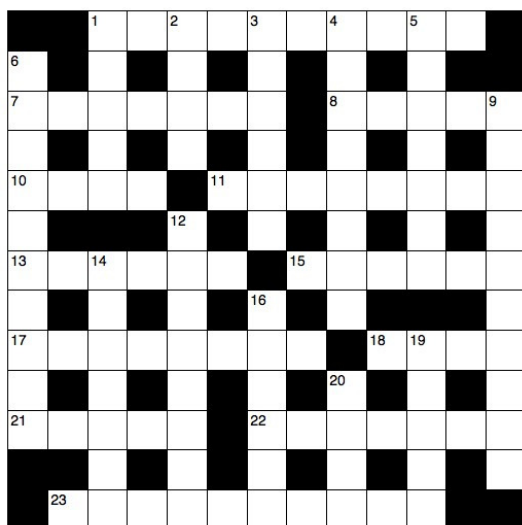
It reminds us God loves us so much that through His Son Jesus we can become God's children too.



+ THE CROSS +
 is a symbol of **HOPE**

It reminds us that as God's children we will one day be with God in heaven.

April Crossword



Across

- 1 'You are a chosen people, a royal — ' (1 Peter 2:9) (10)
 7 Exact copy (Joshua 22:28) (7)
 8 Jesus' first words to Jairus's daughter, 'My child, — — ' (Luke 8:54) (3,2)
 10 Idol made by the Israelites while Moses was on Mount Sinai (Exodus 32:4) (4)
 11 Role allotted to Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 42:6) (8)
 13 'Lord, when did we — — hungry and feed you?' (Matthew 25:37) (3,3)
 15 'Though seeing, they do — —; though hearing, they do not hear or understand' (Matthew 13:13) (3,3)
 17 Happening (1 Kings 21:1) (8)
 18 'Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the — of Christ' (Philippians 3:7) (4)
 21 National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (1,1,1,1,1)
 22 Stamp on (Amos 2:7) (7)
 23 Liable to rot (1 Corinthians 15:42) (10)

Down

- 1 Of the pope (5)
 2 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything — — ' (Psalm 24:1) (2,2)
 3 Hebrew word for the kind of peace that Jesus promised (6)
 4 Member of a 16th-century Protestant reform movement in France (8)
 5 Sing out (anag.) (7)
 6 Ceremonial column of people on the move (1 Samuel 10:5) (10)
 9 One of the things love always does (1 Corinthians 13:7) (10)
 12 Esther's cousin who foiled a plot to assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:7, 22) (8)
 14 See cape (anag.) (7)
 16 'No one can — them out of my hand' (John 10:28) (6)
 19 Often mistakenly identified as the fruit that led to the first sin (Joel 1:12) (5)
 20 'He was led like a — to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7) (4)

Some dates for your diary - April 2017

Sun 2nd Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide Begins
10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
12.30p.m. Holy Baptism

Mon 3rd 7.45p.m. Lent Study Group

Tues 4th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion

Thurs School Holiday

HOLY WEEK BEGINS - SEE OPPOSITE FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

Sun 9th Palm Sunday

Mon 10th 8.00p.m. Agape Meal

Tues 11th 10.30a.m. Holy Communion

Wed 12th 8.00p.m. Stations of the Cross

Thurs 13th MAUNDY THURSDAY

Fri 14th GOOD FRIDAY

Sat 15th 3.00p.m. Wedding

Sun 16th EASTER DAY

Tues 18th No Morning Service

7.45p.m. Parochial Church Council

Thurs 20th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)

7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice

Sat 22nd 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Fair Trade Afternoon Tea

Sun 23rd 8.30a.m. No Service of Holy Communion

10.30a.m. Worship For All

Tues 25th No Morning Service

Wed 26th 7.30p.m. Deanery Mission & Pastoral Committee at St Mary's, Droylsden

Thurs 27th 9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)

7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice

Sat 29th 8.00p.m. Quiz in the Lounge

Sun 30th 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church

12.30p.m. Holy Baptism

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www.stg.org.uk**



Saint of the Month 24 April, Mellitus, Bishop of London, First Bishop at St Paul's 624

Mellitus, born of a noble family, was first a monk, and then abbot of a monastic community at Rome. He led the second group of monks sent by Pope Gregory the Great to evangelize Britain in 601. This group was sent to support the work of Augustine of Canterbury, who had been given the responsibility for the mission to the Anglo-Saxons earlier in 597. Mellitus was consecrated by Augustine in 604/5 as the first Bishop of the East Saxons and was based in London.

After an inauspicious start, Augustine's and Mellitus' missionary activity was modified by Gregory the Great. He instructed Mellitus to use the old Saxon temples as places of Christian worship. He was only to cleanse the temples and to remove the Saxon idols, not completely destroy them. As a result the Saxon temples became Christian places of worship, and old Saxon feast days were re-directed towards Christian celebrations. Bede reports that the Pope declared 'If the people are allowed some worldly pleasures . . . they will more readily come to desire the joys of the Spirit'. This instruction to Mellitus radically altered missionary endeavour throughout the Saxon regions, and had a profound effect on the spread of the gospel.

At the end of the sixth century Britain was a collection of independent Anglo-Saxon kingdoms – the Heptarchy. The southern parts of Britain were receptive to the particular form of Christianity spread by the Church of Rome. The rest of the country was more responsive to Celtic Christian influence. In spite of their similarities, political emphasis and difficult relationships led to division. Two key areas of Britain, Kent and East Anglia, proved to be a stronghold for the Roman interpretation of Christianity, yet it was with these areas that Mellitus was to encounter difficulty.

In 604 Mellitus was involved in a dispute with new kings of both Kent and the East Saxons who once enthroned ceased practising Roman Christianity and reverted to paganism instead. However, they both still demanded that Mellitus perform the Eucharist for them. This was unacceptable to Mellitus, and he refused. Accordingly he was

banished from their kingdoms and he fled to Gaul (modern day France and its nearer neighbours) in 616. He returned in 619 and in the same year became the third Archbishop of Canterbury.

A staunch follower of Roman Christianity, Mellitus attempted to secure the dominance of this interpretation of the faith in southern Britain, and stood against syncretism in the face of great pressure.

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March Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.