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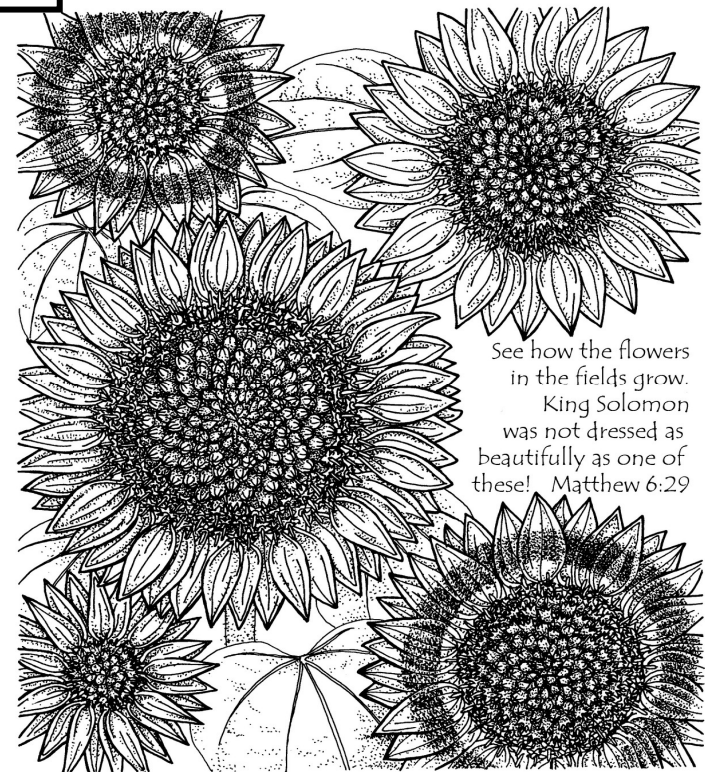
St George's Parish Church Stalybridge



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 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



See how the flowers
in the fields grow.
King Solomon
was not dressed as
beautifully as one of
these! Matthew 6:29

July 2017

St George's Church Stalybridge



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Worship

Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)
10.30 a.m.	Sung Communion and Junior Church (4 th Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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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

Jul 1	Kenneth Gee	2008	Jul 17	Lorraine Whalley	2008
Jul 2	John Benson	2015	Jul 19	Hilda Saville	1986
Jul 4	Norman Carter	1966		James Arthur Wright	2009
	Leonard Haigh	1976	Jul 25	Joseph Jones Davies	1949
	Doris Hotchkiss	2013		Constance Marshall	2002
Jul 5	Jason James Brander	2007	Jul 26	Joseph Sidney Holt	1954
Jul 6	Derek Arthur Castle	2003		Dorothy Thomson	2003
	Kathleen Hague	2007		Arlene Lesley Lancake	2006
Jul 7	Denis Ireson	1980	Jul 27	John Whalley	1970
July 8	Barbara Partington	2013		Beatrice Buckley	1992
Jul 11	Florence Reynolds	1997	Jul 28	Robert Docherty	2008
	Lily Margaret Stanley	2004	Jul 29	Matthew Gordon Wood	1981
Jul 12	Robert Smyth	2004	Jul 30	Alan Jackson	1988
	Eric Leigh	2010		Minnie Millin	1994
	Harold Kershaw	2016		Alice Connor	2007
Jul 13	Andrew Liepins	1981	Jul 31	Clara Cope	1961
Jul 15	Fred Holt	1951		Marjorie Tetlow	2000
	Mary Emma Grimshaw	1975		Florence Cooper	2002
	David Fred Harding	2006			
Jul 16	Margaret Mary Noonan	1997			

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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 Philip.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

18 June

Jade Leanne Worthington, Windermere Road, Stalybridge
Phoebe Mae Horrocks, Cambridge Street, Stalybridge
Callum James Field, Springs Lane, Stalybridge
Raigan Paul Gallagher, Springs Lane, Stalybridge

Weddings

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

24 June

Ashley McMullin to Rachel Louise Cotton

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

1 June

Lawrence Clayton (aged 73 years) Borrowdale Terrace,
Stalybridge

29 June

James Walker (aged 74 years) Stephens Road, Stalybridge



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.

Dear All

Over the last few months we have all been horrified, dismayed and hardly able to believe what has been happening, let alone offer any understanding or explanation of the recent events.



Cliches and platitudes help no-one and we can only offer our support and prayer for all those so grievously affected in so many different ways. Please pray for them all and for a change of heart in all those who would inflict devastation on others. As the Litany Service says: "Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers and turn their hearts."

In the face of so much tragedy, this month's article is meant, not to ignore the happenings, but for a brief moment to contemplate the holiday season which is upon us – and which for many will be so very difficult this year. Hopefully, the words will bring a smile to any who are reading this and who are suffering.

THE TOURISTS' PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Look down on your humble tourists who travel this earth mailing postcards, walking around in drip-dry underwear, carrying armfuls of souvenirs.

We beseech you that our plane is on time, that we receive our very own baggage at each stop, that our overweight baggage goes unnoticed, and that the customs officials are always understanding.

We pray that our telephones work, and that there is no mail waiting from our children causing us to cancel the rest of the trip.

Lead us to good inexpensive restaurants where the wine is included in the price of the meal and the coffee is not as strong as the drink.

Give us strength to visit museums and cathedrals, but if we skip historic sights to take a nap, have mercy on us for our flesh is weak.

Keep our husbands from looking at the local ladies and from making fools of themselves in the nightclubs, and please do not forgive them, for they know what they do.

Protect our wives from bargains they cannot afford. Lead them not into temptation, for they know not what they do.

And when the trip is over, grant us the favour of finding someone who will look at our photographs and watch the video.

We ask this in the name of the airline, the hotel and the holy rep.

Amen.

THE TOURISTS' 10 COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt not expect to find things as thou would at home, for thou hast left home to find new things.
2. Thou shalt not let other tourists get on thy nerves, for thou hast paid good money to have a good time.
3. Thou shalt not take anything too seriously, for a carefree mind is the beginning of a new holiday.
4. Remember thy passport and know where it is at all times, for a voyager without a passport is a traveller without a country.
5. Blessed is the man who can understand the exchange rate in any currency, for lo he shall not be cheated.
6. Blessed is the man who can say thank you in any language, for it shall be more to him than any tips.
7. Thou shalt not judge the people of one country by the one person with whom thou hast encountered trouble.
8. Thou shalt not worry, for he that worrieth hath no pleasure, and few things are permanent.
9. Thou shalt, when in a foreign land, do as the locals do, or if in difficulty, thou shalt use a good sense of friendliness.
10. Remember thou art a guest in every country, and he that treateth their house with respect will be an honoured guest.

With my best wishes to you all

Philip

PS have a good holiday and rest and relaxation wherever you go, even if you stay at home.

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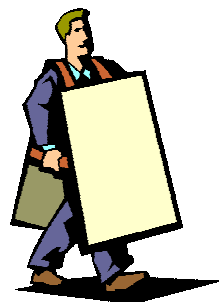
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St George's is holding
a
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Traditional
2017
aged to wear hats or fascinators.
It was very successful so you won't want to
- keep the date free! More details to follow.
Booking is essential for catering purposes and the
list will be put up in the church lounge soon.

**Postponed until further notice
watch out for more details**

Have a break this summer, not a break-in!

Are you going away ++++++ soon?
No one wants to return from holiday
to find that burglars have visited them while they were away. So here
are some tips to bear in mind before you go:

- cancel the milk and newspapers
- consider leaving any valuables (jewellery, computers) with family or friends
- cut the lawn before you go
- ask a neighbour to make sure no post is sticking out of the front door
- lock your garage and shed, and make sure no tools are left out
- make sure your house building and contents insurance is up to date
- try to leave your home looking as if it is still occupied
- consider using automatic timer switches for lights
- don't write your home address on your luggage labels – just a phone number will do
- before you leave, spend a few minutes calmly rechecking everything, and turn on the burglar alarm

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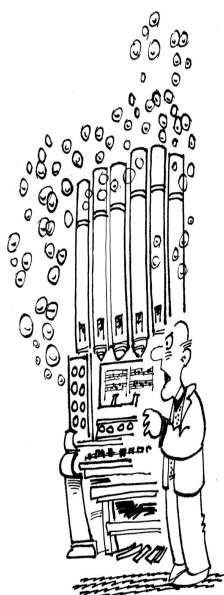
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foot related problems.

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For the last time! - Which member of the Junior Choir
put bubble mixture in the organ-blower?!

CHURCH FINANCES

June 2017 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
28 May 2017	Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension)	£51.89	£458.90	£510.79	
04 June 2017	Pentecost Whit Sunday	£48.80	£166.17	£214.97	
11 June 2017	Trinity Sunday	£70.90	£206.00	£276.90	
18 June 2017	1st Sunday after Trinity	£61.19	£547.50	£608.69	
25 June 2017	Feast of Dedication	£	£	£	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
	Monthly Total	£232.78	£2,242.57	£2,475.35	-£990.65

* 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 June 2017 are:

1st Prize	£25	70	Kathleen Gough
2nd Prize	£15	110	Beryl Shepherd
3rd Prize	£10	94	Samuel Winstanley

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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The Little Hut

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened - everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me?" he cried.

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It's easy to get discouraged sometimes when things appear to be going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God. For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

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The Five Pound Note

A torn and ragged five-pound note discovered that it was about to be retired from circulation. As it slowly moved along the conveyor belt to the shredder, it became acquainted and struck up a conversation with a fifty-pound note that was meeting the same fate.

The fifty began reminiscing about its travels all over the country. Life has been good," the fifty exclaimed. "Why, I've been to London, the finest restaurants in Paris, political fund raisers, and just returned from a cruise on the Caribbean."

"Wow," said the five-pound note, "you're fortunate to have been able to visit all those places."

So where all have you been in your lifetime, my little friend," says the fifty?"

"Well, I've been to .. the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Anglican Church, the Congregational Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Lutheran Church, the Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church, the Assembly of God Church, the Brethren Church, the Quaker Church, the Pentecostal Church, the Charismatic Church, the Church of Christ..."

"Excuse me," says the fifty, "but what's a Church"?

Readings and Psalms for July 2017

Sun 2nd	3rd Sunday after Trinity
10.30	Jeremiah 28.5-9; Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18; Romans 6.12-end; Matthew 10.40-end
Tues 4 th	10.30 Genesis 19.15-29; Psalm 26; Matthew 8.23-27
Sun 9th	4th Sunday after Trinity
8.30	Zechariah 9.9-12; Matthew 11.16-19,25-end
10.30	Zechariah 9.9-12; Psalm 145.8-15; Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19,25-end
Tues 11 th	10.30 Genesis 32.22-end; Psalm 17.1-8; Matthew 9.32-end
Sun 16th	5th Sunday after Trinity
10.30	Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
Tues 18 th	10.30 Exodus 2.1-15; Psalm 69.1-2,31-end
Sun 23rd	6th Sunday after Trinity
8.30	Wisdom 12.13,16-19; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
10.30	Wisdom 12.13,16-19; Psalm 86.11-end; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
Tues 25 th	10.30 Jeremiah 45.1-5; Psalm 126; Acts 11.27-12.2; Matthew 20.20-28
Sun 30th	7th Sunday after Trinity
10.30	1 Kings 3.5-12; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 8.26-end; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

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June Crossword Solution

ACROSS:

8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

DOWN:

1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

Are you off on holiday later this month?

Are we there yet?

Are you off on holiday by car soon? Then beware: car journeys become too long for hot, bothered children after precisely two hours and 37 minutes. That is when you are likely to hear 'Are we there yet?' 14 minutes later, arguments break out in the back seat.

This is the finding of recent research by the Highways Agency, who feels sorry for parents preparing for the long summer getaway by car. It suggests that parents travelling with children might wish to consider planning to stop for a break about two hours into the trip, to help young passengers cope with the boredom, and to keep family peace alive. **So**

Beat back seat boredom

Do you have a long holiday drive with the family ahead of you? Here are some games to play to keep the tedium at bay....

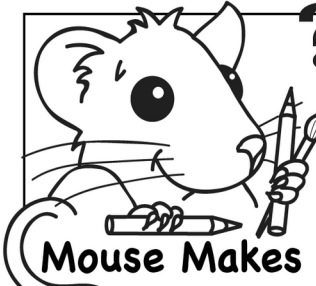
Car Snooker This game starts when someone spots (or 'pots') a red car, which gives them a score of one point. Then someone needs to spot a car of one of the following colours: yellow (two points), green (three points), brown/rust/orange (four points), blue (five points), purple-pink or rose (six points) or black (seven points).

Someone then has to spot another red car, and so the process is repeated until 15 red cars and all the other coloured cars have been spotted. Hopefully, by then, you will have arrived!

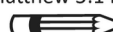
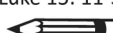



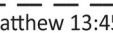
Just You You play a favourite song from a CD, and someone sings along for a few minutes. Then someone else turns down the volume, and the singer has to keep on going for 10 to 20 seconds. Then the volume is turned back up, and the person is awarded marks out of ten for how accurately the singer has kept to the time and tune. Of course, if your children can't sing, this may only add to the stress of the trip....


Yellow Mini (or Cheese on Wheels) The basic version of this game simply requires players to spot yellow minis (or else a car of any make and colouring that you choose instead). The one who spots the most, wins. Only one player in the car can claim to have spotted an individual car, and does this by calling out 'yellow mini'. Or – you can play the version where any yellow car counts for one point, and any mini counts for one point, and a yellow mini counts for two points....

Happy Holidays!!!




Mouse Makes

What should not be hidden under a bowl?
Matthew 5:14-15

Who was welcomed back?
Luke 15: 11-32

What ate the seeds that fell on the path?
Matthew 13:3-23

What was lost?
Matthew 18:12-13

What did the wise man build his house on?
Matthew 7:24-27

What is the kingdom of heaven like?
Matthew 13:45-46




DID YOU KNOW?
Jesus often used simple stories called **parables** to teach people about God, His Kingdom and about how God would like us to live.
In His parables Jesus used objects and pictures of the world around Him to help people to understand.



MIXED UP PARABLES


Which parable picture word goes with which?

NARROW	GOATS
SHEEP	GATE
WHEAT	BRANCHES
MUSTARD	COIN
LOST	TREASURE
GOOD	WEEDS
VINE	SON
HIDDEN	SAMARITAN
PRODIGAL	SHEEP
LOST	SEED

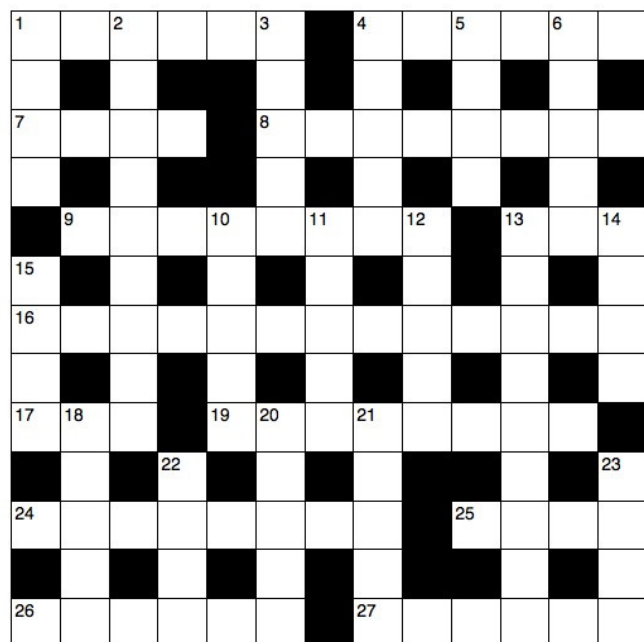
Find the parable pictures in the word search

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PARABLE • WHEAT • WEEDS
SEED • TREASURE • GATE
HOUSE • ROCK • SAND
PEARL • COIN • FIG • TREE
SHEEP • GOATS • WINE
TAX COLLECTOR
LAMP • PHARISEE
SHEPHERD • SAMARITAN



July Crossword



Across

1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6), 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6), 7 'Praise the Lord, O my —' (Psalm 103:1) (4), 8 See 5 Down, 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8), 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3), 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13), 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3), 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8), 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3), 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4), 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6), 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down

1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4), 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9), 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5), 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2), 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards —' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8), 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5), 10 Trout (anag.) (5), 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5), 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5), 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9), 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4), 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4), 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5), 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5), 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5), 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4), 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

Some dates for your diary - July 2017

Sun	2nd	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Mon	3rd	6.00p.m.	Confirmation Class
Tues	4th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		7.45p.m.	Mission Action Planning Meeting
Thurs	6th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	8th	12 noon	Walking Mystery Trail
		2.00pm to 4pm	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sun	9th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		3.00p.m.	Confirmation Service at Christ Church, Ashton
Tues	11th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	13th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	16th	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church Prizegiving
		12.00p.m.	Junior Church Party
Tues	18th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	20th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	23rd	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tues	25th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	27th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	29th	2.30p.m.	Wedding of Andrew David Clarke & Poppy Elizabeth Carr
		8.00p.m.	Quiz in lounge
Sun	30th	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism

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Saint of the Month
18 July
Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of
the Church of England, Founder of the
Community of St Andrew, 1883



The 2004/5 edition of *Crockford's Clerical Directory* has less than a page and a half devoted to the 55 remaining members of the order of deaconesses. Yet from 1861 until 1986, when women were first ordained to the diaconate in the Church of England, the role of deaconess was the highest clerical role to which they could be admitted.

The Lutherans had been the first denomination to revive the order of deaconesses, a deaconess institution being founded at Kaiserwerth by Pastor T. Fliedner in 1836. In 1858 the recently revived Convocation of Canterbury discussed a revival of the order in England.

Elizabeth Catherine Ferard was descended from an old Huguenot family and had been awaiting an appropriate opportunity to serve God in the Church of England. After the death of her mother in 1858 she went to Germany to stay for several months in the Kaiserwerth institution. She worked in the orphan house, learned nursing skills and commented, 'I again heard of the continual spreading of the Deaconess work in every direction except in England, and more than ever wished we could have something of the kind in England, where the materials for it are so abundant, could we but found a Deaconess House on the right principles without falling on the stumbling block of Romanism.'

Returning to England, Elizabeth was to demonstrate that she had the singleness of purpose and strength of mind to put her vision into practice. She initially worked for a short time with the Community of All Hallows at Ditchingham in Suffolk. Then, in 1861, she took the step of faith and offered herself to begin the deaconess order in England. She and two other like-minded women began the Community of St Andrew at a house in Burton Crescent, King's Cross under a common rule of life dedicated to worship and to works of mercy. On St Andrew's Day 1861 the Community merged (though kept its own identity) with the new Deaconesses' Institution and the following July Bishop Tait of London admitted Elizabeth as the first deaconess in the Church of

England.

The new order began to flourish as more dioceses began to admit women to the order, though some disliked the concept of sisterhoods and preferred the parochial model pioneered by Isabella Gilmore in Rochester diocese. The growth of the work in London resulted in a move from King's Cross to larger premises in Westbourne Park. The same year Elizabeth's health failed and she resigned her leadership role. But she lived for a further ten years, dying on Easter Sunday 1883.

God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes,
Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,
And all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes,
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,
But though the gold became heavier each day,
The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black,
I wanted to find out why,
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole,
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God, and mused,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be!"
He smiled a gentle smile and said,
"My child, they're all here with me."

I asked God, why He gave me the boxes,
Why the gold and the black with the hole?
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,
The black is for you to let go."