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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

1 Sep	Thomas Martin	1974	23 Sep	Harold Barnfield	1992
	Freda Butler	2010		Mary Louise Harris	1975
2 Sep	Ida Mawdsley	1998		Edith Jubb	1992
	Mabel Ethel Shaw	1988		Peter Barratt	2011
4 Sep	Eric Clegg	1993	24 Sep	Harry Mitchell Lister	1929
5 Sep	Betty Denby	1963		George Ronald Scott	1979
	Ruth Sutton	1997	26 Sep	Mary Williams	2012
	Norman Dawson	1985	28 Sep	Alma Cuttle	1985
7 Sep	George Sayce	1985		Mary Jane Higgins	2005
	Mary Sidebottom	1987		Raymond Peter Redfern	2007
8 Sep	Harold Thwaites	1957		Janet MacKenzie	2014
9 Sep	William Grimshaw	1974	29 Sep	Harry Rawsterne	2009
10 Sep	Boris Buckley	2006	30 Sep	Reginald Aldred	1998
19 Sep	Joseph Alun Davies	2012			
21 Sep	Joseph Wynne Bithell	2013			
	Arthur Shaw Castle	1995			



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



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.

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

6 August

Nancie Mae Powell, Lord Street, Stalybridge

20 August

Skye Beresford-Platt, Richmond Close, Stalybridge
Farris Tait Beresford, Richmond Close, Stalybridge
Phillipa Marie Brough, Hawkstone Avenue, Droylsden

Weddings

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

19 August

David James McManus to Bethany Anne Hirst

26 August

Richard Andrew Harrop to Laura Jane James

27 August

Alex Stuart Welsh to Kirsty Anne Mirfin

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

22 August

Joyce Taylor Greenwood (aged 97 years) Mottram Old Road, Stalybridge

24 August

Colin Nicholson (aged 57 years) Mornington Crescent, Derby

FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS

Dear All

My wife is renowned amongst family and close friends for her 'diaries' and is often called upon to search diligently through them for confirmation of the date of some important event or celebration.



An entry for Sunday 10th September 1967 states that the Morning Service in our church that day, was the first service of the United Parishes of Old and New St. George. The previous Sunday had seen the final service in the Old Church and their congregation now had to adapt to worship in a different building.

I know that not 'all' the regular worshippers at the Old Church transferred to our current building and some found a spiritual home elsewhere. I also know that a good number did make the transition to the 'New Church' and stayed for the remainder of their worshipping lives – most of them, sadly, no longer with us.

It must have been extremely difficult for them to relinquish the much loved building in which some of them had been baptised, brought up, married and seen their own children through the same process. The move was mirrored more recently by congregation members from All Saints' Church in Micklehurst, who joined us after their building was closed. Those who came from Old St. George's, and indeed those who have joined us from Mickelhurst, seemed to settle comfortably within their new environment and soon became an integral part of the worship and life of the church. Many held the offices such as Treasurer and Churchwarden over the ensuing years.

I was, at the time of the parish merger, only in my late teens and so probably didn't fully appreciate just how devastating the closure of their church must have been. The current state of the Church of England sees this sort of event becoming more common as congregations struggle to maintain old and crumbling buildings (with holes appearing in the roof!!!!!!) and finally needing to address the issue of just how much longer they can carry on.

I sincerely hope that this situation doesn't need to be addressed at St. George's for a very long time to come. We have a faithful worshipping community with steady numbers attending each week and have recently seen some growth in the numbers in our Junior

Church which is a great cause for celebration. However, in the main, we are an older congregation and need to encourage younger families to come and join us.

Our Mission Action Planning Group has now started work on this task and we hope to build ways of making this happen.

On the 24th of this month we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival Service and 'Back to Church' Sunday. Please do think really hard if there is anyone who you, personally, could invite to this particular service. It might be someone who used to attend or someone who is completely new to church worship – all are welcome. Just think – if we each invited just one person, then the congregation would be twice as big!

Fifty years ago, I witnessed the joining of our two parishes – my prayer is that, in 2067, centenary celebrations will be being enjoyed by a large and flourishing St. George's congregation that we, in our time, have helped to build.

With my best wishes to you all
Philip

Little Reawnd
by Samuel Hill,

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Church up o' thi Hill
Lancashire Poet

Noan far fro' this clod ther stands an owd church
Th' yard wo's are grown hoary and grey,
Loike a stern sentinel up on his perch
Guardin' the realms of decay.
I wurn't yersterday 'ut th' foundations wur laid,
Wi' that bed o' hard rock for sil;
Theer theawsands o' th' owd un's han' knelt, sung, an' prayed,
I' that Little Reawnd Church up o' th' Hill.

Aw've known that owd church sin' fost aw knew owt;
Within th' seawnd of it bell aw wur born;

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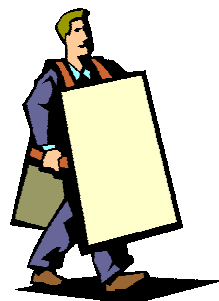
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T read th' owd inscriptions so worn.
When th' gates han' been fast, an nob'dy's bin nee,
When th' booside's bin quiet an' still,
Aw've linger't, and ponder't, and wonder't, quite frce,
By that Little Reawnd Church up o' th' Hill.

Ther's lots o' owd folk at aw knew sleepin' theer,
' Neath th' shadow o' th' sacred owd pile;
Ther'n restin' till doom's-day, witheaut any fear;
Ther's some on'em rested a while.
Ther waitin' till th' day when ther'll be a big sheawt,
When Gabriel's trumpet shall trill -,
That reckonin' – day 'ut they tell'n us abeaut
I' that Little Reawnd Church up o' th' Hill.

Th' owd shepherd, ut watches o'er th' flock 'ut goes theer,
Aw've known him o' th' days o' mi life,
Loike an old pilot, his boat he can steer –
It's seldom ther's bother or strife.
He's noan quite as nimble as he'd use't to be,
But he goes to his work wi a will;
Long may his owd face be seen beamin' an free,
I' that Little Reawnd Church up o' th' Hill.

Every Whit-Friday aw look for th' owd brid
When aw goo watchin' th' scholars I' th' tawn;
He's one o' th' old stagers, fast nearin' "the strid" –
Th' owd mower keeps switchin' um deawn.
Aw loike watchin' th' scholars, ther's no deaught o' that;
Sweet feelin's it seems to instil,
For it's grand just to see 'um com' marchin' full bat
Fro' that little Reawnd Church up o' th' Hill.

Aw conno' do mich wi' a romancing tale,
An' yo' munna' be hard on mi rhyme;
Aw loike for t' yer those 'ut weather 't loife's gale
Tell things 'ut wur wanst on a time.
Aw'm preawd o' th' owd landmark, it's seldom aw miss
To let my porr een ha' ther fill –
Aw look up fro' th' bridge, wi' a feelin o bliss,
At that little Reawnd Church up o' th' Hill.

Sam Hill used to live at 78, Hamilton Street, Stalybridge.

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offer on tinned peas at the moment!

CHURCH FINANCES

August 2017 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
23 July 2017	Trinity 6	£33.83	£303.55	£337.38	
30 July 2017	Trinity 7	£58.00	£405.27	£463.27	
06 Aug 2017	Trinity 8	£54.01	£386.00	£440.01	
13 Aug 2017	Trinity 9	£55.03	£298.50	£353.53	
20 Aug 2017	Trinity 10	£37.00	£323.00	£360.00	
27 Aug 2017	Trinity 11	£34.35	£432.86	£467.21	
	Standing Orders etc		£864.00	£864.00	
Monthly Total		£272.22	£3013.18	£3285.40	-£180.60

* 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 August 2017 and September 2017 will be shown in the October 2017 Magazine.

1st Prize	£25
2nd Prize	£15
3rd Prize	£10

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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Going off to Uni

This month thousands of young people will be preparing themselves for the exciting prospect of going off to what they all call 'Uni'. Parents, grandparents and godparents will enjoy a mixture of pride and apprehension. This is a major step in life: leaving home, making new friends, study without compulsion and the heady gift of 'freedom'. Amazingly, the vast majority of students survive it and love it.



As a parent to survive there are a few basic rules that it is well to adopt and ignoring them can be highly counter-productive. Firstly, don't get too involved in the choice of university. Modern students are a savvy bunch. They actually talk to their teachers, and they know their way around the internet and social media. It's highly likely that they will correctly identify the 'right' course and place for themselves.

Secondly, be available (on the end of a phone) but leave them space to make the odd silly mistake. Make sure they carry on their person the number of a reliable taxi service, for that occasion when they find themselves in the early hours and far from their digs. Thirdly, don't worry about their being 'lonely'. The average student makes a friend or two in the first ten minutes of arriving in their digs – and sometimes it's for life! Look forward to their coming home for the odd weekend, probably with some washing, but don't regret it when they go back. In fact, enjoy the experience at second-hand. And lastly, there's a lot to be said for a little daily prayer for them.

Prayer for a new student

We hold you, at university,
at the heart of every prayer,
And we ask our God who loves you
Just to hold you in His care.

May He make His presence known
To you in every way He can
And may you know His blessing
As you grow within His plan.

Where your life journeying will lead you
In the future is not clear,
But we pray that God will guard you
From all danger and all fear.

by Millie Carver

Readings and Psalms for September 2017

Sun 3rd	12th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1-8; Romans 12.9-end; Matthew 16.21-end
Tues 5 th	10.30 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end; Psalm 27.1-8; Luke 4.31-37
Sun 10th	13th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 Ezekiel 33.7-11; Matthew 18.15-20 10.30 Ezekiel 33.7-11; Psalm 119.33-40; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20
Tues 12 th	10.30 Colossians 2.6-15; Psalm 8; Luke 6.12-19
Sun 17th	14th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.1-13; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35
Tues 19 th	10.30 1 Timothy 3.1-13; Psalm 101; Luke 7.11-17
Sun 24th	Harvest Thanksgiving and Back to Church Sunday 8.30 Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Luke 12.16-30 10.30 Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Luke 12.16-30 Worship For All
Tues 26 ^h	10.30 Ezra 6.7-8,12,14-20; Psalm 124; Luke 8.19-21

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August Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Amazed. 4, Others. 8, Peter. 9, Zebedee. 10, Accuser. 11, Endue. 12, Scripture. 17, Shrub. 19, Abashed. 21, Foolish. 22, Upset. 23, Loathe. 24, Lesser.

DOWN: 1, Appeal. 2, Attacks. 3, Earns. 5, Tableau. 6, Ended. 7, Shekel. 9, Zarephath. 13, Rubbish. 14, Ephesus. 15, Useful. 16, Editor. 18, Rhoda. 20, Abuse.

September brings many changes

Facing that first Day

No matter how old we are, we can probably remember our first day at school – being left at the door, meeting children we did not know, separated from the adults we did know and had trusted since the day we were born.

But on the other hand, there was the excitement: a big step along the road of life, new friends to make, another adult to become important in our lives. Yes, quite a lot to handle when you're rising five!



And that's what hundreds of thousands of children are going to experience this month. Parents may have prepared them for it, and they may in a slightly apprehensive way be looking forward to it, but it must feel to the five year old like a massive step into the unknown. Not much less is the anxiety of mum, who leaves her precious child, proudly resplendent in their new school uniform, in the Reception class-room. Will he or she suddenly panic, and cry for that familiar parental cuddle? Will they feel abandoned in an alien setting? Will they like the teacher?

Of course we'll be praying for them, and we know that like millions of others before them they will very probably eventually decide that their school-days were the best of their lives. But end of class can't come soon enough for mum on that first day! How wonderful when they come running out, laughing and excited, clutching a piece of paper with some obscure crayon marks on it – written evidence of their first day's education.

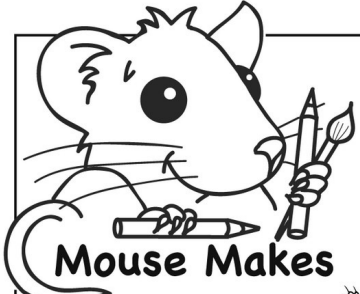
BIG School

September is an important month for many 11-year olds. After six years in a cosy Primary, they will be off to 'Big School'. Most children have enjoyed school, making friends, feeling at home, comfortable with lessons and teachers. They probably knew the name of every child in the school.

But now they know it will be different. Of course, it's exciting to move on, proudly trying on the new uniform and working out which of your friends are going to the same school. But the anticipation will be tempered with a little apprehension. What's it like being in a school of perhaps over a thousand students, and maybe a hundred teachers? Parents may have a few anxieties, too. The teenage experience lies ahead: the sulks, the hormones, the moods, the highs and lows of awakening sexuality. How will they cope, and how will we?

The great thing for the parents is that every single one of them has actually experienced it themselves. This is not uncharted territory, and we survived it, and can remember how it felt – and how our own parents dealt with it. We shall discover, as they did, that it's not easy being mum or dad to a teenager, but we also know that out of those turbulent years will emerge a new, grown-up relationship that is life-long and life-enhancing.

Children's Page



Mouse Makes

Can you find these harvest words in the hay bales?

HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
PRAISE • GOD • BLESSED
SEEDS • SOW • LAND
PLOUGH • SCATTER
SOIL • GROW
CROPS • REAP

WHEAT • **RAISIN** • **ROCK**
APPLE • **PEAR** • **SEED**
URGP • **BLESS** • **EDU**
TORL • **BLESS** • **EDU**
UBOUR • **OR** • **YEP** • **OG**
MOW • **MOUSE** • **ER** • **TA**
NUTS • **SGR** • **APES** • **R**
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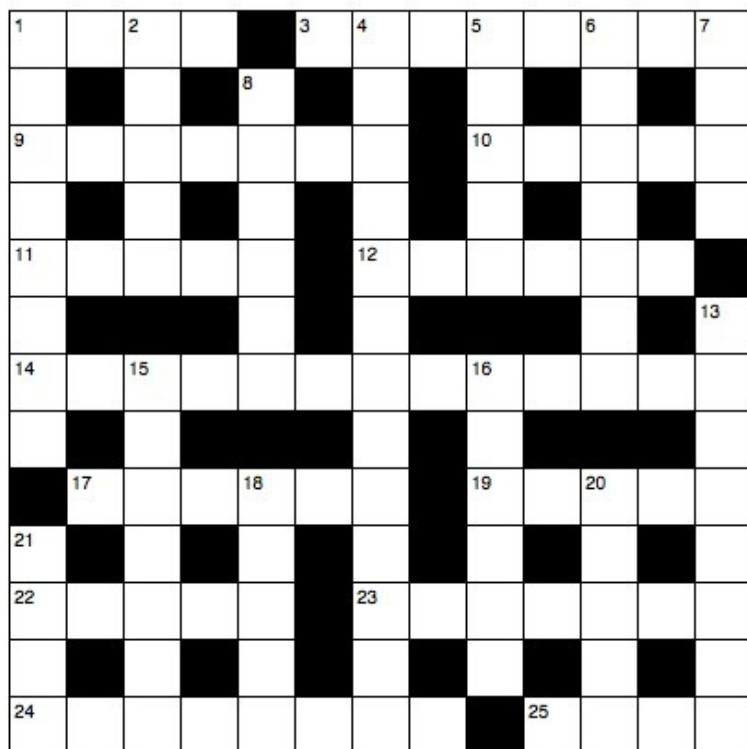
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May all the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you!
The land has produced its harvest,
God, our God has blessed us.
God has blessed us, may all people
everywhere honour him.
Psalm 67:5-7



September Crossword



Across

1 'A
later
someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4), 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8), 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4), 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5), 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5), 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2), 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5), 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6), 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3), 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5), 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7), 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8), 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8), 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5), 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6), 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5), 6 Of the Muslim faith (7) 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4), 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6), 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8), 15 CIA char (anag.) (7), 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6), 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5), 20 Episcopal headwear (5), 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

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Some dates for your diary - September 2017

Sat	2nd	2.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sun	3rd	12th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 17	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	5th		No Service of Holy Communion
		7.45p.m.	Social and Fund Raising Group Meets
Sat	9th	3.30p.m.	Wedding
Sun	10th	13th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 18	
		8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Mon	11th	7.30p.m.	Mission Action Planning Meeting
Tues	12th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	14th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
		7.30p.m.	Deanery Synod Meeting
Sat	16th	7.30p.m.	Race Night
Sun	17th	14th Sunday after Trinity - Proper 19	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Tues	19th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		7.45p.m.	Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thurs	21st	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	23rd	1.00p.m.	Wedding
Sun	24th	Harvest Festival and Back To Church Sunday	
		8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Worship For All
Tues	26th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Thurs	28th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice

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Saint of the Month

3 September
Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome,
Teacher of the Faith, 604

Known as the Father of the medieval papacy, Gregory's list of achievements is lengthy. As well as being an accomplished law student, Gregory founded monasteries, contributed finance to many works, reformed the church leadership in Rome, set out liturgical reform and organized missionaries to the Anglo-Saxons.

Gregory was born in 540 to an aristocratic family of piety and scholarship that had already produced two popes. Brought up in the climate of cultural renewal, Gregory studied grammar, dialectic and rhetoric. He was made Prefect of Rome in 572 where he honed the administrative and political skills which would equip him for his later roles. He entered the monastic life in 574, establishing and endowing six monasteries on his family land, and one in Rome itself. In 579 he was sent to Constantinople where he stayed until 586. It was during this period that he wrote his best theological commentaries.

On his return to Rome, Gregory acted as adviser and secretary to Pelagius II, whom he succeeded as Pope in 590. Gregory discovered Rome in a miserable state devoid of real leadership, not only in the Church, but also in the wider city. In 592–3 the Italian peninsula was under threat from the Lombards, and rather than allow the invaders to deal with an inadequate state leadership Gregory took over the responsibility from state control, organizing bread supplies and providing for the city's defence. Such was his administrative ability and leadership that by the end of the sixth century, and with the Lombards repelled, the whole peninsula came under papal rule.

One of Gregory's projects was the sending of missionaries to the Anglo-Saxons and he commissioned both Augustine and Mellitus. The enormous numbers of letters that he wrote to these two missionaries meant that his influence was felt even after his death.

Gregory's period as Pope marks the transition from the ancient world of imperial Rome to a medieval Christendom united by the Roman Catholic Church. The reach and extent of papal authority increased dramatically. As Europe entered the Middle Ages it was as a Christian civilization, not only united by the Catholic Church, but to a great extent led by its supreme ruler – the Pope in Rome.

Despite the great changes that occurred during his life, Gregory is recorded as a man of humility and peace and his preferred title as Pope was the

'servant of the servants of God'. He was unafraid to stand for Christian truth in a changing and challenging world and challenged those in his charge to do so also.

If a preacher does not denounce the wicked, he himself will be reckoned guilty. For only one who is not afraid to say what they rightly feel and does not blush to do so ought to be a defender of the truth. The preacher is . . . a physician, who does not blush to prescribe the medicines.

Gregory the Great, Ezekiel I.xi.22; I.x.17

Back to Church Sunday 2017 - Sunday 24th 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?

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