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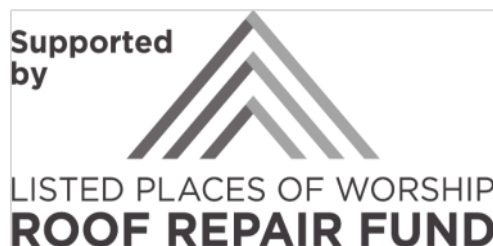
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St George's Church Stalybridge



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Worship

Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (4 th Sunday only)
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

Jun 2	Hilda Beswick	1977	Jun 17	Sidney Cooper	1970
	Pauline Margaret Turnbull	1995	Jun 18	Margaret Parkinson	1897
	Mollie Dorothy Darbyshire	2011		Renee Birch Hawley	2002
Jun 3	Marjorie Lofthouse	2015		Monica Ann Press	2005
Jun 4	Mary Alice Priestley	1985		Christopher Robert	2012
	Leonard Broadbent	1969		Pierce	
	Harry Bullock	2009	Jun 19	Colin Wilson	2016
Jun 6	Alfred Christian	1966	Jun 20	Linty James	1975
Jun 6	John Ambrose Stephens	1979		Hilda Wilson	1984
	Thomas Smith	1987		Mary Tonge	1989
Jun 7	Minnie Jones	1987		Dorothy Horner	2007
	William Webster	2002	Jun 23	Edward Cooper	1983
	Dinah Hannah Dale	1984	Jun 24	Edith Spencer	1995
Jun 8	Norman Radcliffe	1984		Hilda Holt	1979
	Thomas Booth	2000	Jun 25	Dennis Greenwood	1982
	Leslie Adnett	2012		Louise Pulm	2010
Jun 9	John Ollerenshaw	2013	Jun 26	Jack Williams	1998
	Judith Dalton	2014	Jun 27	Edith Olive Hughes	1980
Jun 11	Gladney Swift	1950		Andrew Christopher	1990
	Edward Jones	1985		Taylor	
Jun 12	Mona Coogan	1992		Charlotte Molly Ingham	2008
	Frank Prescott	1987	Jun 28	Mary Stephens Carter	1983
Jun 14	Gordon Alfred Trudgeon	2002	Jun 30	Ann Humphries	1963
Jun 15	Lily Hardy Cooke	1979			
	Eva Jones	1996			
	John Edwin Ratcliffe	2007			
	Tessa Ruth Louise	2006			
	Meldrum O'Reagan				

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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



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 May

Elodie Rose Slack, Warwick Close, Dukinfield

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You can start again!

'You will give me added years of life, as rich and full as those of many generations, all packed into one.' Psalm 61.6

A man out walking in the early Spring saw a bird's nest lying on the ground. It had been destroyed by a storm. He thought sadly of the time and work it must have taken to build it, but suddenly his thoughts were interrupted by a bird singing. When he looked up into the tree, he saw a wonderful sight: the little bird was busy building another nest!

You can't go back. You can't rewrite the past! But you don't have to wallow in regret or remorse. Your experiences have made you the person you are today and, if you're still breathing, then you can start your life over again, beginning right now! David blew it – his mistakes were bigger than most people's, but he decided not to be a prisoner of his past. He prayed: 'You will give me added years of life as rich and as full of those of many generations, all packed into one.' Psalm 61.6.

Get your eyes off the rear view mirror! All of us have things we wish we had done differently – or hadn't done at all. What is past is past. Put it under the forgiveness of a merciful God and move on. Your best days are ahead if you can accept this promise and move on it.

Word for Today

SILVER JUBILEE AND GETTING THE JOB DONE



Dear Friends,

On the 27th June, 1993 I was ordained priest in the Parish Church of St. Luke, Heywood, alongside Martin Rogers and Philip Barratt. Philip was ordained into full-time ministry, whilst Martin and I were ordained as Local Ordained Ministers, as we were then known. This meant that we continued in our full-time secular employment – Martin as a Prison Officer and me as an Industrial Chemist and we fulfilled our parish roles in the evenings and at weekends.

Philip Barratt is now a Residentiary Canon of Bangor Cathedral (and formerly the Canon Precentor of Manchester Cathedral) whilst Martin continues in his role as an Ordained Local Minister in Collyhurst. As most of you will know, in 2013 I transferred to full time ministry. I send my very best wishes and congratulations to both of them – and to all the others who celebrate their silver jubilee of priesthood this year. There are many people, some of them sadly no longer with us, who played a very big part in bringing me to this point and I am extremely grateful to each and every one of them.

To mark this momentous occasion (well – for me it is!) there is to be a Festal Evensong service at 6p.m. on Sunday 24th June. This is also our church's Anniversary Sunday and our Director of Music and our Choir have been working very hard to make it a wonderful celebration. Prior to the service – at 4.15p.m. – there will be a Sparkling Strawberry Cream Tea with Prosecco and I hope that as many of you as are able will come along and join in.

The church needs priests – of course it does – but ministry belongs to all of us – we are all called, in some way, to further the gospel and to get the job done, irrespective of role or position.

We recently visited the Well Dressings in Tissington in Derbyshire. On arrival at the village, we were directed into a field that was being used as a car park. In the field was a gentleman who was directing the traffic in the manner of one who directs aircraft to their parking stand at an airport. The arm signals were extremely professional and we asked him, jokingly, if he worked at an airport. He replied with equal good humour, that it was his day off and that he had been reprimanded for not getting the cars exactly in line as they should be. Later in the day, we learned that our car park attendant was, in fact, the Lord of the Manor (Tissington Hall), doing what he could to help the villagers in their task of coping with a large influx of visitors wanting to see the wonderful creations of the Well Dressings.

Status didn't matter – the job needed doing and he was doing it.

There is a quite well-known story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

It is all about taking responsibility for a task that you know needs doing. People are sometimes afraid of 'stepping on someone else's toes' or thinking that they will be seen as muscling in. We are all in this together and there are so many initiatives within the Church of England and this Diocese at the moment that it is quite hard to keep up.

Communication is the key to making easy working relationships and giving mutual encouragement as much within the life of the church as it is with life as a whole.

We are very fortunate that Gail Willington is currently undergoing training as an Authorised Lay Minister and will be licensed at the end of September. Gail brings with her a wealth of experience in many different fields and has already done a lot of work in helping lay the foundations for some of these initiatives. She will be writing the lead article in next month's parish magazine where, I'm sure, she will enlighten us further. Please keep Gail in your prayers as she undertakes all that the training now and the role in future will entail and offer her as much support as you can.

With grateful thanks for all the love and care you have shown to me over the last twenty-five years as a priest and through all the years previous to my ordination. A blessing, indeed.

Philip

P.S. For catering purposes - if you are intending to come along to the Sparkling Strawberry Tea on the 24th June then please would you let me or one of the Wardens know (contact details on front cover of this magazine) or sign the list which is on the notice board in the Church lounge. Many thanks.

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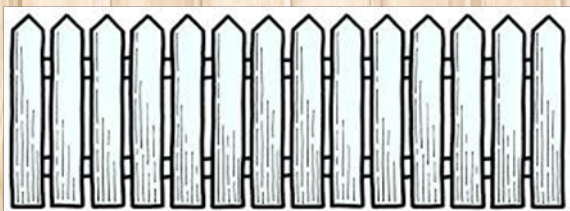
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Confirmation 2018

Niamh and Joseph, two of our Junior Church members who are preparing for confirmation later this month, have submitted the following poems on the theme of 'God Is'

God the Creator

God is good, God is kind,
God is everywhere I find.

He is there when I am being good,
But also there when I'm not so good.
He is there when I am being naughty,
At my side to try and guide me.

God is good, God is kind
God is everywhere I find,

To push me in the right direction,
He stops me making bad decisions.

God is good, God is kind
God is everywhere I find.

Niamh

God is

Great
A shepherd
The Messiah
A mother
The father
The Holy Spirit
The Chosen One
The Word
Amazing
Caring
Loving
The Saviour
The King of Kings
The world
The care taker
An angel
Everything
The helper
Forgiving
Extraordinary.

Joseph

GOD

He cares deeply about everyone
He will forgive you.
He watches over me and everyone every day
He is The Father.

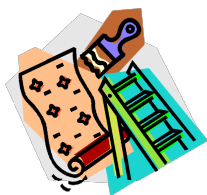
He is the shepherd,
watching and caring for his sheep,
like a mother loving her children,
a story teller to help people learn.

Even if I've been bad he will forgive me.
He always tries to see the good in people
Even if they are evil.
God loves everyone.

Joseph

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CHURCH FINANCES

May 2018 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
22 Apr 2018	4 th Sunday of Easter Celebrating St George	£57.90	£393.50	£451.40	
29 Apr 2018	5 th Sunday of Easter	£64.00	£336.55	£400.55	
06 May 2018	6 th Sunday of Easter	£74.10	£368.00	£442.10	
13 May 2018	7 th Sunday of Easter	£88.90	£409.50	£498.40	
20 May 2018	Pentecost	£48.86	£369.10	£417.96	
27 May 2018	Trinity Sunday	£	£	£	
	Standing Orders etc		£952.00	£952.00	
	Monthly Total	£333.76	£2828.65	£3162.41	-£303.59

* 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 May 2018 are:

1st Prize	£25	17	Alicia Harris
2nd Prize	£15	19	Caroline Hansell
3rd Prize	£10	12	David McManus

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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Ladies! ...
time to get your glad rags on
St George's is holding a

Ladies' Day

with a
Traditional Afternoon Tea and 'bubbly'
on Saturday 11th August 2018
2pm - 4pm

Cost is £10 including a glass of 'fizz'
Ladies will be encouraged to wear hats or fascinators.

The list is now available in the church lounge.
Last year's event was very successful and numbers are limited to
40 and when that number is reached the list will be taken down so
get your name down quickly before it's too late.

* We have had an indication that some of the gentlemen in the
congregation would like to help in serving tea and coffee on the
day. If this is still the case please let Alicia or Karen know—you will
be most welcome!

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Readings and Psalms for June 2018

Sun 3rd	1st Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Deuteronomy 5.12-15; Psalm 81.1-10; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12; Mark 2.26-3.6
Tues 5th	10.30 2 Peter 3.11-15a,17-end; Psalm 90.1-4,10,14,16; Mark 12.13-17
Sun 10th	2nd Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Genesis 3.8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1: Mark 3.20-end
Tues 12th	10.30 1 Kings 17.7-16; Psalm 4; Matthew 5.13-16
Sun 17th	3rd Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Ezekiel 17.22-end; Psalm 92.1-4,12-end; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17; Mark 4.26-34
Tues 19th	10.30 1 Kings 21.17-end; Psalm 51.1-9; Matthew 5.43-end
Sun 24th	4th Sunday after Trinity - Feast of Dedication 8.30 Genesis 28.11-18; John 10.22-29 10.30 Genesis 28.11-18; John 10.22-29 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 26th	10.30 2 Kings 19.9b-11,14-21,31-36; Psalm 48.1-2,8-end; Matthew 7.6,12-14

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A prayer for the lonely and lost

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for loving us. So many people feel lonely and isolated and unloved today.
In a culture that values 'i' above all things, help us to look beyond our *i*-phones and
i-pads and *selfies*. Help us to see with your eyes, to love with your heart; to reach
out to the lost and lonely and marginalised with your compassion. Help us to reflect
your Kingdom values and, by the way we live, enable your love to be experienced by
all who so need you.
In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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Tuesday 5pm & 7pm
St Matthew's Church Hall, Dean St
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Thursday 7.30pm
West Hill School,
Technology Block

Saturday
7.30am, 9.30am & 11.30am
The Bridge Inn, Town Centre

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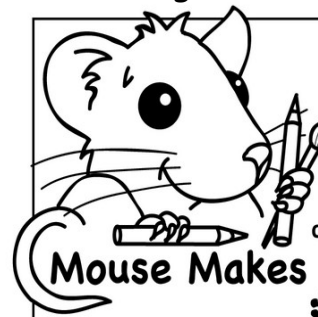


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Children's Page



Which animal did Noah
let out of the ark first?

Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals
came out of the River Nile?

Exodus 8:6

What insects did John
eat in the wilderness?

Matthew 3:4

Which animal can
we learn from?

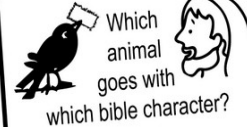
Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the
Holy Spirit appear as?

Luke 3:22

Which animal did
Jesus ride on?

Matthew 21:7



LAMB	HOLY SPIRIT
LIONS	BALAAM
LOCUSTS	JESUS
DOVE	JONAH
RAVENS	PAUL
BIG FISH	SOLOMON
DONKEY	DANIEL
BEES	ELIJAH
SNAKE	JOHN
PEACOCK	SAMSON

DID YOU KNOW?



Four of the miracles
Jesus performed
were to do with fish.

1. Feeding of the 5000
Matthew 14:15-21
2. The coin in the
fish's mouth
Matthew 17:24-27
3. When Jesus called
His first disciples
Luke 5:4-11
4. At the Sea of Galilee
after Jesus'
resurrection
John 21:4-11



DID YOU KNOW?

There are
four animals that are
small but the Bible says
are extremely wise...
the **ANT**, the **HYRAX**,
the **LOCUST** and
the **LIZARD**.

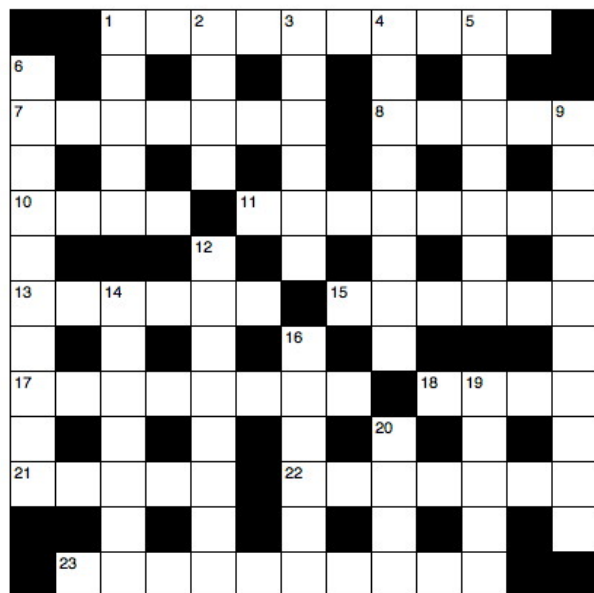
Look up
Proverbs 30:24-28
to find out why.

DOG CAME LAMB GA
PLIZARD OVE QNN
FQPEACOCK GOAT
IURAVENUSXDTF
SABULLKSHEEP R
HISNAKETEOEIO
LIONHYRAXRGG

Find the animals
in the word search

SHEEP • GOAT • LION • LAMB
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LOCUST • QUAIL • HYRAX
CAMEL • DEER • FISH • FROG
GNAT • PEACOCK
ANT • OX • LIZARD
DOG • PIG • BULL

June Crossword



Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34)(6)
 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
 18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25)(4)
 21 'As for man, his days are like—, he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
 22 Or I live (anag.) (7)
 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4)(10)

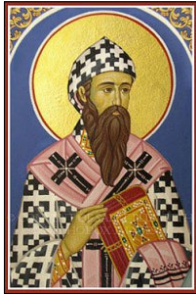
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- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19)(8)
 14 Aceturn (anag.) (7)
 16 Discharge (Acts 21:3)(6)
 19 'All these— come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation 19:7)(4)

Some dates for your diary - June 2018

Sat	2nd	9.30a.m. - 3.30p.m.	Archdeaconry Day - Waterhead Academy
Sun	3rd	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Mon	4th	7.30p.m.	Mission Action Planning Meeting
Tues	5th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
		7.30p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thurs	7th	9.00a.m.	No activities School Holiday
		7.30p.m.	No activities School Holiday
Sun	10th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	12th		No Service of Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
Thurs	14th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	17th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Mon	18th	7.30p.m.	Confirmation Class
Tues	19th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
		7.45p.m.	Parochial Church Council
Thurs	21st	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	23rd	2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sun	24th	FEAST OF THE CONSECRATION OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH	
		REVD PHILIP BRIERLEY 25th ORDINATION OF PRIESTING ANNIVERSARY	
		8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30pm.	Worship For All
		4.15p.m.	Sparkling Strawberry Cream Tea in the Lounge
		6.00p.m.	Choral Evensong
Mon	25th	7.30p.m.	Confirmation Class
Tues	26th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.	Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery
Thurs	28th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
		7.30p.m.	Confirmation Service at St. George's Mossley

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Saint of the Month
27 June - Cyril,
Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444

Cyril was the nephew of the powerful Bishop of Alexandria. Alexandria was a culturally diverse city steeped in tradition and when Cyril succeeded his uncle as bishop it was the second city of the Roman Empire.

Cyril was a distinctive and able theologian believed by some to have been the most distinguished theologian of the Alexandrian theological tradition. He systematized earlier theology on the person of Christ and the doctrine of the Trinity. He wrote eloquently and precisely, and preached persuasively. He is regarded as a defender of orthodoxy and remembered as the guiding force behind the Third Ecumenical Council at Ephesus in 431. However, he was also arrogant, intransigent, outspoken and harsh in relations both with pagans outside of the Church and with heretics within it. These tendencies were to be a source of both strength and of conflict in Cyril's life and ministry.

Cyril's major theological argument was with Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople. Nestorius thought that there were two distinct persons in Christ: God and humanity, joined only by a loose union of wills. In Cyril's view this invalidated the Incarnation. He preferred to speak of a single nature in Christ, resulting from the union of divinity and humanity.

Rivalry between Alexandria and Constantinople was intense. The rising power and influence of Constantinople was threatening to eclipse the position of Alexandria, and this tension intensified the argument between Cyril and Nestorius. Cyril was a vicious opponent, politically astute and uncompromising. The motivation for his attacks on Nestorius was a concern for the doctrine of salvation. Nestorius, in turn, was known to have desired to be orthodox and affirm the unity of Christ, but to have been unable to fully commit to this position while retaining his own integrity.

The dispute between the two was harsh, loud and lengthy, and the theological argument was often eclipsed by the clash of personalities, politics and civic rivalries. Although ultimately victorious, Cyril himself was accused of being imprecise in his theology and after his death some of his pronouncements were a source of contention.

For Scripture says not that the Word united himself to the person of a man, but that he was made flesh. That means nothing else than that he partook of flesh and blood like us. He made our body his own, not ceasing to be God.

Letter 4

Cyril established the term *theotokos* (God-bearer) as a title for Mary the mother of Jesus, and maintained the doctrine of the Incarnation for the future of the Church. It is for this that he is commemorated rather than for his political manoeuvrings. He is a reminder that even when the stakes are high the furnace of debate is not the best place to judge one another.

1918 was the final year of the Great War. This year, Canon David Winter is looking back on highlights of those critical 12 months, when the very shape of modern world history was being hammered out on the battlefields.



Diary of a Momentous Year: June 1918

An interesting piece from the archives of the Church Times a few weeks ago vividly illustrates the way the war on the western front changed in 1918. For years the Church Army, like the Salvation Army, had run what they called 'huts', close behind the trenches, where soldiers could find on their free time a meal and hot drinks, comfortable seats and company, offering emotional and spiritual support.

These 'huts' were very popular with the troops, and for years most of them remained in place, indicating how static the whole conflict was. But in one month, April 1918, the Church Army lost 57 of them, as German advances overtook their positions. In most cases the land was recaptured, but the huts needed rebuilding. The war had changed. It was no longer a static battle of soldiers with rifles and bayonets charging batteries of machine guns, but an increasingly fluid conflict involving tanks and aircraft.

Although at first the Allied generals were slow to recognise it, the new style of war suited them best. Over the years they had built a formidable war machine, involving thousands of tanks and tens of thousands of aircraft, with tactics to match. Not only that, but the arrival of the Americans in large numbers, added to the vast number of troops from the Empire (now the Commonwealth) meant that casualties could be replaced in the Allied ranks. The Germans and their Austro-Hungarian allies had no such source of fresh manpower, turning instead to younger and older men to fill the depleted ranks.

The German generals were aware of the situation, and desperate to make inroads before it was too late, in the hope of achieving a relatively 'neutral' peace agreement in due course. On June 9th the German General Ludendorff launched a major offensive in Flanders. Like so many, it gained several miles, but cost many lives and eventually petered out.

There would be several more such attempts, some of which threatened to succeed, but in fact the eventual outcome was becoming clear. The German people were disillusioned with the Kaiser. Their troops were exhausted. The civilian population were restless. There would be, as we shall see, battles to come, but there would barely be time to rebuild those huts.

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