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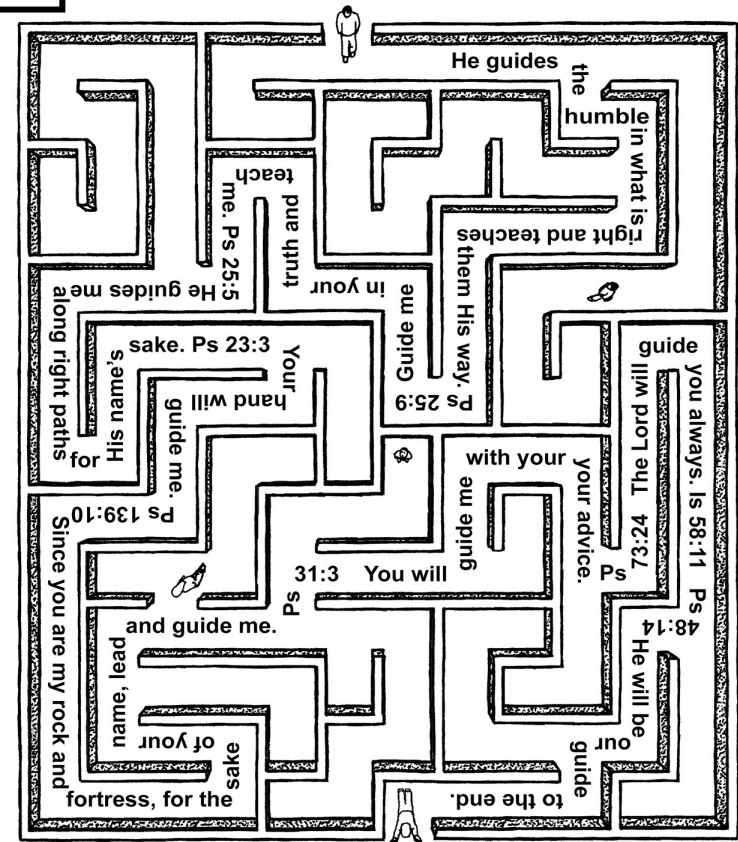
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Worship

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

1 Aug	Norman Wood	1956	16 Aug	Walker Ratcliffe	1938
	Jesse Brierley	2000		Colin Mark Press	1982
2 Aug	Patricia Anne Southerin	1991		Gertrude Ireson	1997
	John David Southerin	1991		Joan Etches	2016
3 Aug	Florence Newton	1982	17 Aug	Arthur Cottrill	1985
	Anthony Wray	1982	20 Aug	Fred Wrigley	1998
	Ellen Cooper	1996		Rose Kemp	2003
	Doreen May Winifred Tomlin	2015		Richard Arthur de Yarburgh-Bateson (6th Lord Deramore)	2006
4 Aug	William Smith	1990	21 Aug	Richard Grantham	1979
	Agnes Swindells	2013		Mary Maddock	1997
5 Aug	George Buckley	1956		Adele Ann Clifford	1981
	Thomas Hudson	1984	23 Aug	Jack Mitchell	1964
6 Aug	Norman Holt	1976		Wadsworth	
	Mary Turner	1998		Charles Horner	1997
	Margaret Butterworth	2015	24 Aug	John Darbyshire	2017
8 Aug	Olive Greenwood	1988	25 Aug	Florence May Gee	1975
	Esther Mary Osgood	2013		Ernest Lomas	1991
9 Aug	Elsie Andrews	1993		Harry Swindells	1994
	Ethel Rebecca Hirst	1989	26 Aug	Adam Kirk Gordon Tye	1988
	May Longden	2013		Frederick Cook	1998
10 Aug	Louis Vickers	1997	27 Aug	Martin James Sweeney	1966
11 Aug	Amanda Jane Sedgwick	1951		Joan Roberts	2001
	Joseph Parkinson	1958		Joan Cathrine Hartnett	2004
	Bernard Gudgeon	1987		Owen Bartley	2007
	Beatrice Newton	1990	29 Aug	Frank Charlesworth	1981
13 Aug	Vera Lydiate	1990		Marion Styán	1994
14 Aug	Edward Barlow	1975	30 Aug	Peter Steven Turnbull	1982
	Hugh Darbyshire	2006		Harold Davenport	1999
	Mildred Standing	2009		Mona Jones	2010
15 Aug	William Frederick Ireson	1942	31 Aug	John Cowman	1989
	Ellen Mawdsley	1985		Jean Cooper	2010
	Ann Dunn	2007		Diane Bardsley	1994
				William Beard Hadfield	2013

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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

1 July

Connie Louise Gorton, Groby Street, Stalybridge

15 July

Jenson William Simon, Lord Street, Stalybridge

Thomas Jay Walker, Church Walk, Stalybridge

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

8 July

Irene Richardson (aged 92 years) Kendal House, Ambleside, Stalybridge

Interment of ashes

12 July

Raymond Roberts (aged 87 years) Sand Street, Stalybridge

24 July

Madge Gwyneth Smith (aged 80 years) Buckingham Road, Stalybridge

26 July

John Stanley Buckley (aged 81 years) Stamford Grove, Stalybridge

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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 Friends,

***Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
You'll wish that summer could always be here***



I know I'm showing my age – that was a 1963 album by Nat King Cole.

As I write this article, we are entering another week of extremely high temperatures even for a British summer and we are having trouble remembering the last time it rained in these parts. Folk are hot, sticky and drained of energy. Given just how often we complain about how summers are 'not what they used to be' it seems that we are never satisfied. In fact, I have heard it said that we used to go abroad to get some hot and better weather. Currently, people are going abroad to get away from the heat! This may well have all changed by the time you are reading this and the weather will have returned to 'normal'.

The long daylight hours and hope for good weather sees an increase in wedding and baptism bookings at church over the summer months. People want to 'party' after the event and enjoy being outside wherever possible.

At St George's we're blessed by the fact that many people bring their children for baptism. Whether they just want to get "Our Charlie" done, or the fact that they want God to be present in their lives, doesn't matter – it's a first step on their way to acknowledging Jesus as our Saviour. In fact, whenever I go to visit the parents, I go through the service with them to let them know what they have to do and so on. As I go through each section, I explain each statement. The very first question asked in the service is "Will you pray for them" and I ask them what their prayer life is like. Do they say their prayers regularly, or only occasionally? A lot of them reply with the latter, but I tell them that's OK – they can now start on a proper relationship with God when they have their child baptised.

Of course, that is fine for those who bring their children for baptism and are not regular church attendees, but I wonder if the response of those who come to church Sunday by Sunday might be something similar. How often do you say your prayers? Is it every day, only on a Sunday or not even that often?

I have now put together a leaflet entitled 'An Aid to Praying' so that we can all benefit from prayer. It is divided into the days of the week with something different to pray for each day. On Sunday, we pray for the Universal Church; Monday is for those who work on land and sea, for those whose work is stressful and for the unemployed. Tuesday's prayers focus on the ill and those in need, while on Wednesday we pray for those who work in the social services. Thursday's prayers focus our attention on local government and education; on Friday for the Queen, Members of Parliament and those in the Armed Forces. Saturday brings us to the end of the week as we pray for those whom we love – our families and friends. Each day ends with a well-known prayer.

Of course, there are countless other things to pray for, but hopefully this may help you in some small way to focus daily on specific topics and then to develop your own way of praying.

You will find a copy of the leaflet in this month's magazine and it is my hope that they may be of use to you, that you may come closer to God through Jesus our Saviour.

With my good wishes to you all.

Philip



A summer holiday visiting old ruins was just the thing to put the vicar's leaky roof problems into perspective

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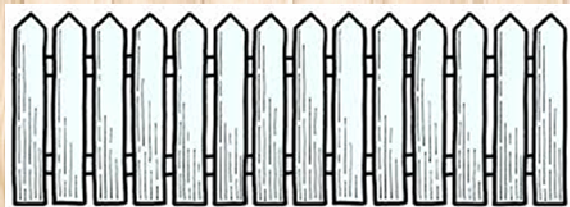
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REMEMBRANCE DAY

You will all remember the fabulous display of poppies at the Tower of London in 2014 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. I was reminded of it last year when I went to St George's Church in Stockport to attend a funeral. They had a fabulous display of 2,600 knitted poppies commemorating the fallen soldiers of Stockport – it was an impressive and emotive display.

I have had the idea of a similar display in our church this year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. We have discussed it at the Fundraising and Social group and have had the go ahead to do it. We are still in the planning stage as to where the display will be, ideally over the war memorial, however it is envisaged that the work on the roof will have started by then so we may have some convenient scaffolding to hang it from! What is definite at this stage is the need for POPPIES!! We need EVERYONE'S help! Knitted, crocheted, felt cut outs, whatever you can do! They will be attached to netting for the display which hopefully will be as emotive and thought provoking as the famous one at the Tower of London to remember our own fallen soldiers on this 100th Anniversary. Knitting patterns and templates are available at church.

Many thanks, Rose Hayward and the Fundraising Team.

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Come Together

Come Together is a group that meets each 1st and 3rd Tuesdays where we have a Sing for Pleasure time followed by a Bible Study fellowship.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays focus on craft/hobbies plus natter and sharing time.

Time: 1.00 – 3.00pm

It is open to everyone and free refreshments are included. We are already having a lovely time each week and would love to see more people if you are able to join us.

Thank you those who filled in the Time and Talents sheets and all the information has been collated and, in part, acted upon. However, if you feel that something you suggested hasn't been followed up then please mention it to Philip or anyone on the Mission Action Plan group. As our church is sponsored by the Heritage Lottery fund we are keen to use our wonderful building to its utmost and, with your help, we will.

'Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching' Hebrews 10:25

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CHURCH FINANCES

July 2018 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
24 Jun 2018	Anniversary & Godparent's Sunday	£63.63	£504.00	£567.63	
01 Jul 2018	5 th Sunday after Trinity	£81.00	£517.00	£598.00	
08 Jul 2018	6 th Sunday after Trinity	£32.50	£483.61	£516.11	
15 Jul 2018	7 th Sunday after Trinity	£68.00	£519.72	£587.72	
22 Jul 2018	8 th Sunday after Trinity	£42.40	£341.21	£383.61	
29 Jul 2018	9 th Sunday after Trinity				
	Standing Orders etc		£952.00	£952.00	
	Monthly Total	£287.53	£3,317.54	£3,605.07	

* 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 July 2018 are:

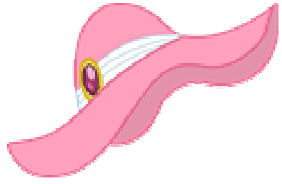
1st Prize	£25	49	Rod Mellor
2nd Prize	£15	29	Victoria Hayward
3rd Prize	£10	107	Ann Winstanley

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.

Apologies - June's 2nd prize winner in the 200 Club should have read Rachel Hansen not Rachel Hansell

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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.

Tickets will cost £10 and are available from Alicia Harris.

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Readings and Psalms for August 2018

- Sun 5th 10th Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 Exodus 16.2-4,9-15; Psalm 78.23-29; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35
- Tues 7th** 10.30 Jeremiah 30.1-2,12-15,18-22; Psalm 102.16-21; Matthew 14.22-end
- Sun 12th 11th Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 1 Kings 19.4-8; Psalm 34.1-8; Ephesians 4.25-5.2; John 6.35,41-51
- Tues 14th** 10.30 Ezekiel 2.8-3.4; Psalm 119.65-72; Matthew 18.1-5,10,12-14
- Sun 19th 12th Sunday after Trinity**
10.30 Proverbs 9.1-6; Psalm 34.9-14; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58
- Tues 21st** 10.30 Ezekiel 28.1-10; Psalm 107.1-3,40,43; Matthew 19.23-end
- Sun 26th 13th Sunday after Trinity**
8.30 Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18; John 6.56-69
10.30 Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18; Psalm 34.15-end; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69
- Tues 28th** 10.30 2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a,14-end; Psalm 98; Matthew 23.23-26

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July Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.
DOWN: 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

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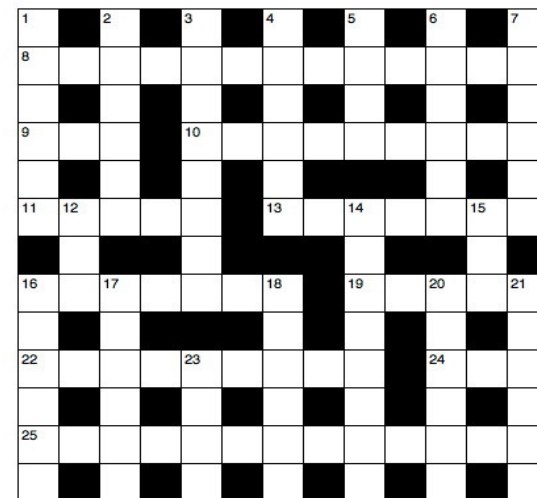
Work the whole together until everything is well mixed and bake gently for ever.

(Author unknown)

Gail

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August Crossword



Across

8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5), 9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1), 10 Single(1Corinthians7:27)(9), 11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5), 13 Treachery(2Kings11:14)(7), 16 Of India (anag.)(2,3,2), 19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the — ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5), 22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9), 24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3), 25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Down

1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6), 2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6), 3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings12:11) (8), 4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6), 5 Encourage Hebrews 10:24) (4), 6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6), 7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2), 12 Run(anag.)(3), 14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8), 15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm12:4) (3), 16 Earnings(1Corinthians16:2)(6), 17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that— you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4), 18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1)(6), 20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state(Daniel11:4)(6), 21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women,—to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6), 23 This month(abbrev.)(4)

Friends

Wedding Fever!

It is of course the height of the wedding season and we have weddings booked in at St Georges throughout the summer and beyond.

I got to reflecting upon marriage after completing a diocesan course about it and I realised that perhaps when we hear of a wedding, our minds focus more upon the dress, the flowers, the bridesmaids etc.; Perhaps we don't think first off, about how marriage is seen within the Bible because although lots of people are married in the Bible, there are no descriptions of any ceremonies. Jesus for example, attends a wedding in Cana which consists of a family party, but no 'ceremony' is described.

Marriage in the Bible simply consists of a man and woman, with the consent of the woman's father or guardian, living together and attempting procreation. No vows, no priest, no ritual, no prayer, no pronouncement, no license, no registration! This is of course quite different from how we define and enact marriage today.

Marriage as a legal institution, and as a religious ceremony, began as a result of the Reformation. I believe that the Catholic Church did not require marriages to be officiated by a priest until 1563, and the Anglican Church did not get around to making this requirement until 1753. Marrying in church, as well as being a serious decision and commitment, is meaningful, spiritual and personal. Sadly however, non-church weddings are popular in our times and with that in mind I wonder if, as a congregation, we could give some thought to:

- How a couple feel when they approach church for a wedding
- How we can make their day special
- How we can keep in touch and let the couple know we are hoping they will join us in the future.

Did you know according to an online survey, the most popular flower for a wedding bouquet is the 'Rose' – a long considered symbol of beauty and love with more than 3000 varieties being grown commercially? The rose has rivalled the classic flowers, lily of the valley, stephanotis and gardenia! The most popular wedding song in 2017 for the first dance was by Ed Sheeran, 'Thinking Out Loud' and the most popular church hymn was 'Amazing Grace'.

Of course every marriage needs the support of a community. Prayers are said in church a few weeks before the big day when the couple's banns are read out and so perhaps we can use these opportunities to focus both our private and our Church Sunday prayers for the couples who are to be married. In the church we believe that God is alive, loves us and answers our prayers. Prayer is our greatest gift to the couple.

I found this poem amongst my mother's belongings and I read it at my daughter's wedding. I hope you enjoy reading it perhaps with a cup of tea and a slice of that cake!

'A Good Wedding Cake'

4lb of love and a 1/2lb of sweet temper
1lb of butter of youth
1lb of blindness of faults
1lb of pounded wit
1lb of good humour
2lbs of sweet argument
1 pint of rippling laughter
1 wine glass of common sense
A dash of modesty

Some dates for your diary - August 2018

Thurs	2nd	9.00a.m.	School Holidays - No activities
		7.30p.m.	Holidays - No activities
Sun	5th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Tues	7th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
Thurs	9th	9.00a.m.	School Holidays - No activities
		7.30p.m.	Holidays - No activities
Sat	11th	2.00p.m.	Ladies Day Traditional Afternoon Tea
Sun	12th	10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism
Tues	14th	10.30a.m.	No Service of Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
Thurs	16th	9.00a.m.	School Holidays - No activities
		7.30p.m.	Holidays - No activities
Sun	19th	10.30.p.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism
Tues	21st	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
Thurs	23rd	9.00a.m.	School Holidays - No activities
		7.30p.m.	Holidays - No activities
Sat	25th	1.30p.m.	Wedding
Sun	26th	8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tues	28th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.	Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery
Thurs	30th	9.00a.m.	School Holidays - No activities
		7.30p.m.	Holidays - No activities

For more information please go to our website www.stg.org.uk

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Saint of the Month

**9 August Mary Sumner,
Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921**

Mary Heywood was born in 1828 at Swinton near Manchester. The family moved to Hope End in Herefordshire and Mary was educated at home by her parents. In 1848, she married a young curate, George Sumner, son of the Bishop of Winchester.

In 1851 George became Rector of Old Alresford in Hampshire. For many years busy bringing up her three children, Mary became more and more concerned about family life and the fact that mothers received no particular support from the Church. In 1876 she began holding 'Mothers' Union' meetings in the parish, aiming to unite mothers of all social classes in bringing up their children in the Christian faith. Baptism and parental example were its two basic principles. At first a purely parochial organisation, it eventually grew into an international concern, encouraging the ideal of a Christian home. This process began in 1885 when Mary made a speech at a conference in Portsmouth which gave rise to the Mothers' Union as a national organisation. It enjoyed remarkable and rapid growth and in time grew from an organisation in one parish to a world-wide society, today with over one million members, committed to supporting the family and based on five objects:

- To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding;
- To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church;
- To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service;
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children;
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Mary Sumner died in Winchester in 1921.

Mary Sumner's Prayer:

O Lord, fill us with thy Holy Spirit, that we may firmly believe in Jesus Christ, and love him with all our hearts. Wash our souls in his precious blood. Make us to hate sin and to be holy in thought, word and deed. Help us to be faithful wives and loving mothers. Bless us and all who belong to the Mothers' Union; unite us in love and prayer and teach us to train our children for heaven. Pour out thy Holy Spirit on our husbands and children. Make our homes, homes of peace and love and, may we so live on earth, that we may live with thee for ever in heaven; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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: August 1918 - the Battle of Amiens

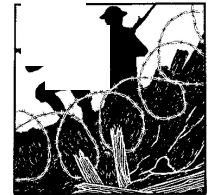
Many historians of the First World War consider that two battles in the summer of 1918 were the final turning points in the eventual outcome of the war and of the settlement which followed it.

The second Battle of Marne was in July, and the even more significant Battle of Amiens was in August, exactly a century ago this month. The Germans had launched an attack in the Amiens area, a strategic target in northern France near the Belgian border. The Allies were ready for it and responded with devastating force. Hundreds of tanks, soldiers from at least four nationalities, and – a new development in warfare – ground attack aircraft, drove the Germans out of the city.

In the first few hours of the battle the Allies took 17,000 prisoners of war. Commentators consider that at least some of them were German soldiers who had had enough of a war they were obviously going to lose. The city of Amiens and much territory beyond it were recaptured, but the impact of the victory was greater than territory taken. The whole balance of military strength had changed beyond dispute.

In 1946, a year after the second World War ended, my older brother invited me to join him on a visit to France. A family he had been billeted with in Amiens, as a member of the British liberating forces, had invited him to come and spend some time with them in more peaceful circumstances. At 16 I'd never been abroad, so gladly agreed to go. When we got off the train in Amiens I saw for the first time the consequences of what they called 'total war'. We picked our way past ruined buildings and homes in a city that had endured both invasion and four years of enemy occupation.

I had seen the after-effects of the Blitz in London, but this was worse. Even outside the city, the landscape bore all the scars of war. There were few trees, for instance, the long-term result of endless shelling over two wars. As M. Deladier, our host, pointed out, Amiens had been a battle-ground four times in his life (I guess he was about 60) – twice in the first World War and then twice in the Second. The experience helped me to appreciate what the people of northern France had gone through. No wonder in 1945 they were adamant that there should never again be war in Europe like this. The embattled city of Amiens, too often a scene of brutal warfare, reminds us of the preciousness of *peace*.



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