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**November 2018**

# St George's Church Stalybridge



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## Worship Sunday

10.30 a.m.	Sung Communion and Junior Church (4 <sup>th</sup> 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 Nov	Norman Clinton Ridgway	1991	16 Nov	Alice Whalley	1998
2 Nov	Roy Worsnip	1972	18 Nov	Olive Bowden	1993
3 Nov	Samuel Currie	2010		Florence Wilson	2006
4 Nov	Susan Ann Mann	2006		Winifred Sarah Nield	2011
5 Nov	Furness James Hall	2006		Edward Broadhurst	2013
	Eric Gregson Eastwood	2009	20 Nov	Jonathan Ratcliffe	1917
	Beryl Gertrude Wykes	2017		Kenneth Cyril La	1982
6 Nov	Fanny Seaton	1927		Touche	
	Sydney Dring	1981		Brian Hitchon	1984
	Doreen Berry	1988	21 Nov	Edith Haigh	1993
	Dennis Holt	1994		John Patrick Higgins	1952
	Catherine Tetlow	2008	22 Nov	Stanley Brierley	1991
7 Nov	Leslie Percy Butterworth	2015	23 Nov	Doris May Brayshaw	2002
8 Nov	Norman Andrew	1986	24 Nov	Gary Lee Hughes	1985
9 Nov	Edward Priestley	1989		Phyllis Watson	2013
	Grace Barber	2008	26 Nov	Julian William Parkhurst	2014
10 Nov	Roland Wilson	1984	27 Nov	Kathleen Irene	1994
	Clifford Thomas John	1994		Humphries	
	Jessie Dennis	2005	28 Nov	Gwilym Samuel Rees	1974
	Harold Mellor	1986		Paul James Smyth	1983
13 Nov	Walter Raymond Skelton	1998		Andrew John Philip	2001
	Lucy Louise Yvonne	2011		Beckwith	
	Taylor			Joan Entwistle	2005
14 Nov	Zoie Vidler	2003			
	Michael S Oliver	2003			

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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*

#### **28 October**

Alfie James Wilson, Buckton vale Road, Carrbrook, Stalybridge  
Jenson James Reed, Norman Road, Stalybridge  
Alfie Ryan Hafford, Longridge Avenue, Stalybridge  
Isabella Faith Murphy, Church Street, Stalybridge  
Bobby Murphy-Mangan, Watergrove Road, Dukinfield

### Weddings

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

#### **27 October**

Paul Bradford Dickinson to Jayne Ann Panter

### Funerals

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*

#### **19 October**

Gladys Spencer (aged 83 years) Grosvenor House Square, 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.

### Friends

Life is a little hectic at the moment and Reader training is occupying much of my time. Our first assignment is due to be submitted and for it, we have had to design an Act of Worship as a group project. As we are all at the beginning of our learning we are hoping the 'marker' will go easy on us!



Besides designing the act of worship the task has taught me many things. It has shown me how four people who don't know each other very well and from different church traditions, can work well together in a fair and respectful way, valuing each other's contributions and having fun along the way. Over many cups of tea and Mr Kipling's 'fondant fancies' (nearly our team name), we have descended upon each other's houses to plan and to discuss what we have learned so far and plough carefully through uncharted territory.

There is no doubt that Church's need each other and a team approach is both necessary and possible. As we prepare, here at St George's to steer into unfamiliar waters following Philip's retirement next year, we need a 'team approach' to help us arrive smoothly and safely wherever the journey takes us.

We may have to design our acts of worship in a slightly different way but that is a matter for all of us, not just the powers that be and those of us who are on committees. Every member of our congregation is a participating passenger and without you the boat would sink. Our working together may include working with people we don't know very well, it may mean that some things will be done differently and we may be asked to take a new direction. But some things will not change.

St Georges has its own unique identity, its tradition, and its amazing people – those who act as wardens, who make up a strong PCC, our dedicated musical director and choir, our junior church and their leaders, those who clean, who mow, who negotiate, who balance the books, who fundraise, who serve, who make lots of tea and fondant fancies and those who participate in our worship – in other words, all of us!

So, as changes come our way, we are 'good together' and we will be, as we always are, gracious, willing, receptive, fair, respectful, valuing each other's contributions and having fun along the way.

God is ever our guide and over everything else we know we are in His safe hands.

Acts 4:32, "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common".

In the early church every aspect of life was offered back to God as a sacrifice. They met together for specific times and in specific places and the people of Israel prayed at daily times.

We see in the New Testament, Christians met at scheduled times in the temple, Acts 3:1, sees Peter and John going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon and in Acts 10:9, we see Peter going up on the roof to pray at 12 noon.

Sunday, the first day of the week or the 'Lords day', began to be emphasised as the key time to gather together to break bread (Acts 20:7), and gathered worship began to be a priority. Still today, as Christians, we hold this time dear knowing that we are the 'set apart' people of God meeting in His sacred temple.

However, our Christian life should not be split into sections nor reserved for a particular day. Everything we do and whenever we do it is important to God and our worship on Sunday should set us up for the coming week. Once we leave the church building on Sunday we take with us God's heart for our everyday lives, for our broken world – because, his kingdom come and his will be done, at Morrison's, on the bus, cooking the evening meal, at our workplace, in the park with the children, at the football match... As it is in heaven!

Let us remember that we are sent out from church to worship God through the seemingly ordinary things that we do with His strength, in His ways and for His glory.

Have a blessed week – every week!

Amen.

*Gail*

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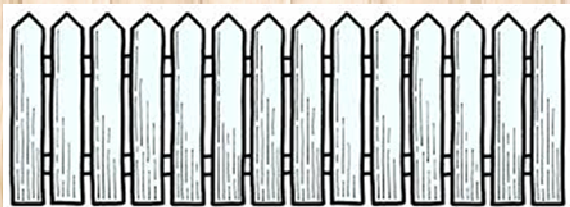
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## CHURCH FINANCES

### October 2018 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
30 Sep 2018	Harvest Thanksgiving & Back to Church Sunday	£133.56	£545.96	£679.52	
07 Oct 2018	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	£81.66	£317.00	£398.66	
14 Oct 2018	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	£62.50	£267.82	£330.32	
21 Oct 2018	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	£86.30	£746.00	£832.30	
28 Oct 2018	Simon & Jude, Apostles	£49.83	£350.02	£399.85	
	Standing Orders etc		£952.00	£952.00	
	<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>£413.85</b>	<b>£3,178.80</b>	<b>£3,592.65</b>	<b>-</b>

\* 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 October 2018 are:

1st Prize	£25	6	Rose Hayward
2nd Prize	£15	42	Tom Youngson
3rd Prize	£10	43	Eileen Youngson

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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Orders are now being taken so if you would like one, (or more!), please put your name on the list in the lounge or contact Rose on 0161 303 1731.

The cost is £3.99 and last orders will be taken on Sunday 11th November 2018.

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### Operation Christmas Child 2018

Operation Christmas Child is now in full swing and there are prepared boxes available in the Church lounge for you to fill with goodies to help make Christmas a happy time for children in deprived parts of the world. The boxes are ready made up and have suggestions on what type of things to include so please try and help.

If you need any further information please see George Vernon or Paul Roberts at Church.

## Readings and Psalms for November 2018

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All Saint's Day</b> 10.30 Wisdom 3.1-9; Psalm 24.1-6; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44 3.00 Lamentations 3.17-26,31-33; Psalm 27.1-6,16-17; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 6.37-40
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Philippians 2.5-11; Psalm 22.22-27; Luke 14.15-24
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3rd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday</b> 10.30 Jonah 3.1-5,10; Psalm 62.5-end; Hebrews 9.24-end; Mark 1.14-20
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Titus 2.1-8; Psalm 37.3-5,30-32; Luke 17.7-10
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b> 10.30 Daniel 12.1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10.11-14(15-18) 19-25; Mark 13.1-8
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Revelation 3.1-6,14-end; Psalm 15; Luke 19.1-10
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christ the King</b> 10.30 Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Revelation 14.14-19; Psalm 96; Luke 21.5-11

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### October Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Lawyer. 4, Balsam. 8, Caleb. 9, Jehoram. 10, Sparrow. 11, Exile. 12, Excellent. 17, Act in. 19, Endemic. 21, Slavery. 22, Galal. 23, Silent. 24, Tarsus.

DOWN: 1, Locust. 2, Welfare. 3, Ember. 5, Athlete. 6, Sarai. 7, Member. 9, Jewellery. 13, Condemn. 14, Temples. 15, Causes. 16, Scales. 18, Trail. 20, Dogma.

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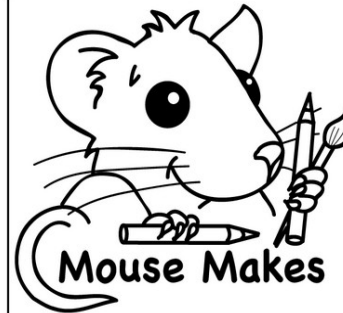
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### Children's Page



**Remember** the words Jesus said:  
*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*  
 Colossians 3:25

**Remember** all the commandments of the Lord and obey them  
 Colossians 3:25

Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said,  
 "This is my body which I am giving for you, do this to **remember me.**"  
 Luke 22:19

Jesus said:  
 "No one can have greater love than to give his life for his friends."  
 John 15:13

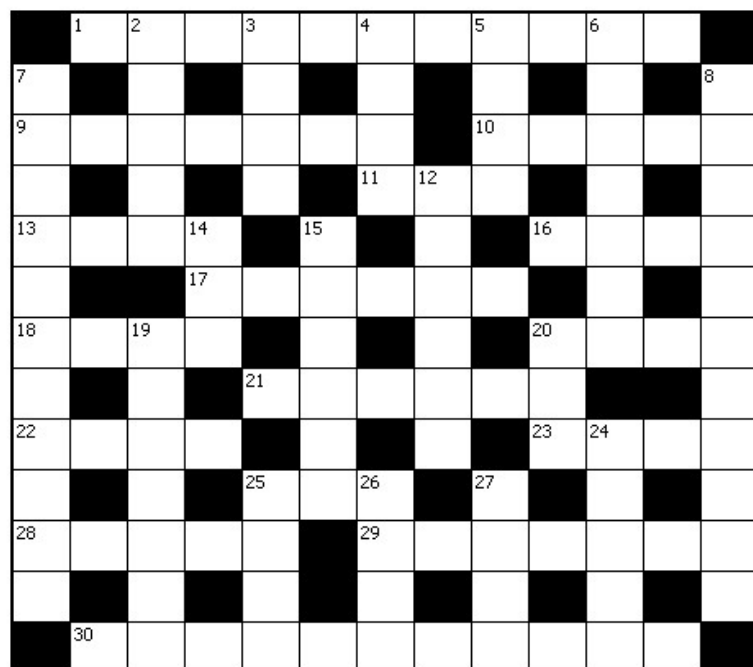
**Remember to keep** the Sabbath day Holy  
 Exodus 20:8

Cut out, colour and keep these cards to help you to remember God's words to us.

**Remember** what you are taught, and listen carefully to words of knowledge.  
 Proverbs 23:12



## November Crossword



### Across

1 and 20 Down Lord of all ..., Lord of all..., whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy (11,3), 9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: Why are you ... your fellow Hebrew? (Exodus 2:13) (7), 10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline ... (2,3), 11 At even ... the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay (3), 13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4), 16 Do not leave Jerusalem, but ... for the gift my Father promised (Acts 1:4) (4), 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6), 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: We ust ...God rather than men! (Acts 5:29) (4), 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, ... Eareckson Tada (4), 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6), 22 Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat ... (Matthew 13:2) (2,2), 23 Infectious tropical disease (4), 25 Tree (3), 28 No fear of me should ... you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you(Job 33:7) (5), 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7), 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

### Down

2 O Jerusalem, how ... I have longed to gather your children together (Matthew 23:37) (5), 3 Way out (4), 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4), 5 Done (anag.) (4), 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7), 7 Concerning the study of God (11), 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11), 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6), 14 Frozen (3), 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6), 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7), 20 See 1 Across, 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5), 25 Time (anag.) (4), 26 Lists choice of meals (4), 27 For the wages of sin is death, but the ... of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23) (4)

## Some dates for your diary - November 2018

Thurs	1st	9.00a.m.	Half Term - NO Activities
		7.30p.m.	Half Term - NO Activities
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS' - ALL SOULS' SUNDAY</b>	
		<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist &amp; Junior Church</b>
		<b>3.00p.m.</b>	<b>All Souls' Day Remembrance Service</b>
Tues	6th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
Thurs	8th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	10th	7.30p.m.	Greenfield Brass Band Concert
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Centenary of the End of WW1</b>	
		<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance &amp; Junior Church</b>
Tues	13th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
Thurs	15th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	17th	8.00p.m.	Quiz
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist &amp; Junior Church</b>
		<b>12.30p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b>
Tues	20th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		1.00p.m.- 3.00p.m.	Come Together Café
		7.45p.m.	Parochial Church Council
Thurs	22nd	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	24th	11.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. Christmas Fair with Santa in his Grotto	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b>	
		<b>10.30a.m.</b>	<b>Worship For All</b>
Mon	26th	7.30p.m.	Deanery Synod at St Mary, Droylsden
Tues	27th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		2.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.	Councillor Adrian Pearce - Surgery
Thurs	29th	9.00a.m.	Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs)
		7.30p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice

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## Saint of the Month 9 November Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440

Margery lived from 1373 to c.1440. She was the daughter of a prosperous businessman in Kings Lynn, and was married to John Kempe. They had 14 children.

Margery lacked a formal education. She never learnt to write, and all her books were dictated to others. She was not a recluse, neither was she a submissive wife. She was highly emotional, could be incredibly rude (especially to senior male clerics), and would emotionally engage with the liturgy, all of which led to a distrust of her actions from established clergy, and a search for any heretical element in her sayings.

Margery experienced depression, possibly connected with the birth of her first child, and it was this depression that initiated a life of spiritual experience. Locked away in a room, forcibly restrained on the orders of her spiritual director, and suffering from depression, Margery saw a vision of Jesus, who said to her, 'Daughter, why have you forsaken me, and I never forsook you?'

This convinced her that both her guilt and fear were misplaced, and brought her into a personal and intimate relationship with Christ.

In 1436 Margery wrote *The Book of Margery Kempe*. It is essentially a spiritual autobiography. It is honest, but with a dubious historical chronology. It is not a diary. The book was written down by someone else, and edited, after much persuasion by a priest. Extracts of it were published in the sixteenth century, in a carefully edited edition. The discovery of the complete manuscript in 1934 led to a re-evaluation of the book and of Margery herself.

Margery is honest. She reveals her love of clothes, her envy of other people, her lack of scruples and her fantasies. Yet she is also honest in her dealings with her relationship with Christ. She finds in Christ a fulfilment she could find nowhere else, and this fulfilment leads her on a journey of gradual transformation.

Remembered initially as a mystic, Margery is now known to be a more complex and challenging character. Her achievements, despite all her failings, have often been met with puzzlement, or even hostility. At times overcome by joy, at others too honest for comfort, Margery is the embodiment of an honest soul on a quest for God.

Then said the Archbishop to her, 'You shall swear that you shall neither teach nor challenge the people in my diocese.'

'No sir I shall not swear' she said, 'for I shall speak of God and reprove those who swear great oaths wheresoever I go . . . for God almighty forbids not, sir, that we should speak of him . . . and therefore sir, I think that the gospel gives me leave to speak of God.'

'Ah, sir', said the clerks, 'here we know well that she has a devil within her, for she speaks of the gospel.' *The Book of Margery Kempe, Ch. 52*

1918 was the final year of the Great War and Canon David Winter has been looking back on highlights of those critical 11 months, when the very shape of modern world history was being hammered out on the battlefields. This is the last article in the series.



THE GREAT WAR  
1914 - 1918

## Diary of Momentous Year – November 2018 – when the boys came home.

By Autumn 1918 it was obvious that the war was coming to an end, Germany was clearly beaten, but no one had actually won. The front line was more or less as it had been for years, but after Amiens the Germans knew that this was a conflict they could never win. High level discussions took place, while in Britain the public mood was surprisingly optimistic. 'There's a silver lining', the songs said. 'Keep the home fires burning till the boys come home'. When an 'Armistice' was announced, there was euphoria. No more killing, the guns silenced. Peace at last!

'Armistice' was a new word for most people – not a peace treaty or settlement (that would follow a conference in Paris the following January), but simply a laying down of arms, but for many that was enough for now. 'No more killing', they declared. Most of the boys did come home, but tens of thousands didn't. We have tended to judge the first World War by the numbers involved – and they are appalling, but each casualty was also someone's personal loss, as I learnt in my first parish.

It was a rural village near Oxford. Each month I took Communion to an elderly woman known to everyone as Kim. She was in her nineties and had been a teenager during the Great War. Her two brothers were serving on the Western Front. A few days before the Armistice the post office motor-cyclist delivered the telegram they had been dreading, one of the boys had been killed in action. A week or so later, after the fighting had stopped, the same messenger returned, with the same message about her other brother. As she told me of it, 70 years after the event, her eyes filled with tears. That was the true price of war, and when I share the silence on Remembrance Day it is her and those two young men I think of, not the million others from many nations who fell in that terrible conflict.

My father enlisted to join in 'the war to end all wars'. It didn't, of course. Twenty-one years later it all started again. War doesn't end wars. True peace does.

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