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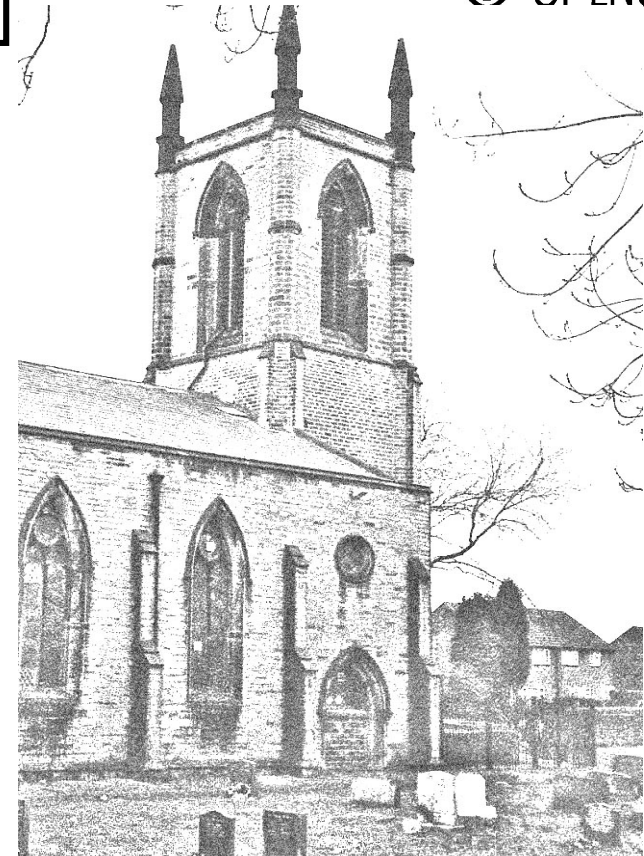
St George's Parish Church Stalybridge

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 THE CHURCH
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February 2020

St George's Church



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Worship

Sunday

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 one of the Wardens.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone the Warden, Derek Redeyoff on 0161 338 4779. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Feb	Ernest Albert Whitehead	2000	19 Feb	James Harrison Rowbottom	1963
2 Feb	Vera Hadfield	2005	20 Feb	John Sedgwick	1964
	Carl Stephen Morrison	2013		Clara Brown	2009
4 Feb	Mary Priestley	1994		Nellie Allcock	2011
	Margaret Longmate	2011		Sylvia Wilson	2014
	Peter Andrew Diamond	2013	22 Feb	Frederick James Eldridge	1989
6 Feb	James Howarth	1993		Joan Wykes	2001
	Albert Livsey	1993	24 Feb	Mary Theresa Brierley	2004
	Norman Thomas Quest	2015	25 Feb	Philip Grocott	1975
7 Feb	Annie Howard	1981		Harry Nuttall	1992
	Adam Constantine	2004		Leslie Barber	2006
8 Feb	Edith Harriet Turner	1991	26 Feb	Herbert Newton	1971
	David Brian Bardsley	2011		George Henry Maddock	1983
9 Feb	Ada Alice Cooper	1970		Edward Cooper	1986
	Rose Pamela Gudgeon	2010		Francis Frederick Lawes	1999
10 Feb	Donald Joseph Sidebottom	1992		Lucy Wilson	2011
	Colin Birch	2001		Edith Lees	2014
11 Feb	Harold Lee	1961	27 Feb	Winifred Ada Christian	1968
	Iris Wilson	1975		Maud Green	1986
	Ada Stephenson	1983		Clara Wardle	1987
	Mary Skelton	2012		Elsie Violet Shaw	2000
	Thomas Darraugh	2019		Jessie Birch	2011
12 Feb	Mary Pollitt	1987	28 Feb	Samuel Terence Broadbent	1990
14 Feb	John Devlin	1973		Robert Fowden	1982
15 Feb	John Edward Chadwick	2015		Elsie Hopwood	2006
	Yvonne Cooper	2019	29 Feb	Agnes Goodwin	1996
16 Feb	Kenneth Shaw	2003		Ollerenshaw	
17 Feb	Gertrude Fitchett	1984			
	George Hubert Morris	2015			
18 Feb	Annie Revell	1986			

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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.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

Smile Lines *Valentine's Day - it's supposed to be romantic isn't it?*

Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

Take me out

An elderly single woman died last month. She requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she explained: "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

Love in a bag

I asked my nephew whether he bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day, and he said he had bought her a belt and a bag. When I commented that I am sure she would appreciate them, he agreed: "Yes, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now."

Rice

A man who had been dating a girl for a number of years took her out to a Chinese restaurant. As they studied the menu he asked: 'How would you like your rice, fried or boiled?'

She looked at him sadly. 'Thrown.'

Know your spouse


While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace were told by the instructor that it was essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other.

He addressed Tom. 'For instance, can you name your wife's favourite flower?'

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, 'It's self-raising, isn't it?'

The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right here.

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	<p>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.</p>
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The Vicar writes

February begins with the feast of Candlemas. On this day, 40 days after Christmas we remember how Jesus was presented in the temple to the prophets Simeon and Anna. We recall the Song of Simeon (the Nunc Dimittis) and how Jesus is proclaimed by Simeon as the light to lighten the Gentiles. In many churches, candles are blessed as we remember that Christ is the light of the world and we are called to live in and to share that light.

Candlemas is a turning point as we move from Christmas towards Lent, it marks the next chapter, albeit a short one as Lent begins this year on 26th February. At Candlemas we look back to the joy of Christ's birth, we look ahead to the agony of Good Friday and we look forward to the glory of his resurrection at Easter – we see the unfolding of the story of God's love for us and the fulfilment of God's promise. Simeon had heard God's promise, he knew when he saw Jesus that salvation was near and so he faced the future, with confidence and peace.

This February marks the beginning of the next chapter in many ways as we get to know each other and as I get to know the parish. It's a time to take stock, to celebrate all that is good and to look towards God's future here in Stalybridge and in the life of the world, seeking ways that we can share the light of Christ in our generation.

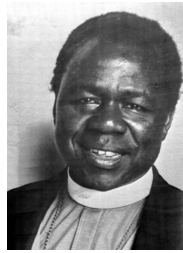
As we continue in all of the journeys that lie ahead, for us as a church and as individuals, we can be confident, like Simeon, that we do so in the light and peace of Christ.

With love and prayers

Penny

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Saint of the Month
17 February - Janani Luwum,
Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977



Born into a poor Christian family at Acholi in 1922, Luwum spent his youth as a goatherd, but gave this up when the opportunity arose to train as a teacher at Boroboro. Undergoing a conversion experience in 1948, he left teaching to study for the ministry at the new Buwalasi Theological College. He was ordained in 1955 and served as a parish priest for three years. He studied further in England at the London College of Divinity, and returned to Buwalasi as Principal for two years. In 1969 he was consecrated Bishop of northern Uganda. Five years later he became Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Bogo-Zaire. But primatial authority was to bring him into open confrontation with an anti-Christian state bent on destroying the Church.

In 1971, three years before Luwum became archbishop, the government of Milton Obote had been overthrown by the Ugandan army under General Idi Amin. Amin initiated a policy of repression which soon escalated into a reign of terror. In an example of what would become known in the 1990s as 'ethnic cleansing', over 50,000 Asians were expelled from Uganda and troops from tribes hostile to Amin's own were summarily shot. Amin, a Muslim, sought to convert to Islam by force and terror a population with one of the largest percentages of Christians (about 70 per cent) in Africa.

Early in 1977, a small revolt in the army was put down with few fatalities. But the increasingly paranoid Amin determined to stamp out all traces of dissent. His men killed thousands, including the entire population of former President Obote's home village. One bishop, Festo Kivengere, addressing a congregation including many government officials, accused the government of abusing the authority that God had entrusted to it. Amin responded by ordering a night-time raid on the archbishop's home, on the pretext of searching for hidden weapons. Showing considerable bravery, Luwum visited Amin to deliver personally a note of protest from the bishops at the arbitrary killings and the disappearances of many, particularly Christians. He never returned from the presidential palace and was later found dead, together with two Christian cabinet ministers, the three having ostensibly died in a car crash. Few in Uganda or abroad doubted that he had been murdered on the dictator's orders.

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The closing date for orders is Sunday 22nd March 2020.

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Parish Meal

We have a change in location for this years' Parish meal which will take place at **Oaklands Hall** (Hyde Masonic Hall) on **Sunday 29th March 2020 at 1.30pm**

The list for you to sign up and the menu are now available in the church lounge. *Please note that menu choices and payment in full is required by Sunday 1st March 2020.*

Please see Sarah Dentith (or Chris Crabtree) if you have any questions.

2-courses £17.50 – plus any supplement

3-courses £18.50 – plus any supplement

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CHURCH FINANCES cont.

January 2020 Weekly Giving

Date	Sunday	Open Plate	Envelopes	Total	Monthly Shortfall
05 Jan 2020	Epiphany	£60.60	£331.26	£391.86	
12 Jan 2020	1st Sunday of Epiphany	£109.85	£418.50	£528.35	
19 Jan 2020	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	£77.20	£284.13	£361.33	
26 Jan 2020	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	£42.20	£303.41	£345.61	
			£940.00	£940.00	
Monthly Total		£289.85	£2,277.30	£2,567.15	-£898.85

* 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 January 2020 are:

1st Prize	£25	15	Kathleen Redeyoff
2nd Prize	£15	54	Alicia Harris
3rd Prize	£10	107	Ann Winstanley

Subscriptions for 2020 are now due and should be paid to Rose Hayward as soon as possible.

The cost of the 200 Club 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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CHURCH FINANCES

200 CLUB END OF YEAR FIGURES Jan—Dec 2019

105 x £12	= £1,260.00
10 months	= <u>£ 10.00</u>
TOTAL	= £ 1,277.00
Prizes	= <u>£ 600.00</u>
TOTAL	= £ 677.00
Money in Building Society	= £ 43.84
TOTAL	= <u>£ 720.84</u>
To Church Funds	= £ 700.00
Balance	= £ 20.84

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FAIR TRADE 2019 END OF YEAR FIGURES

Fair Trade 2019 sales	= £1,041.90
10% profit to Church funds	= <u>£ 104.19</u>
Cash	= <u>£ 937.71</u>
Purchases	= £ 939.93
Less cash	= <u>£ 937.71</u>
Deficit	- <u>£ 2.22</u> written off

Cost of tea/coffee, sugar for the year	= £ 131.05
10% to Church	= <u>£ 104.19</u>
	- <u>£ 26.86</u> written off

Stock held	= £ 226.70
Out of date stock	= <u>£ 37.25</u>
Value of stock held	= £ 189.45

Thank you to all who support us to be a 'Fair Trade' Church.

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Readings and Psalms for February 2020

Sun 2nd		Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas	
	10.30		Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24.7-end; Hebrews 2.14-end; Luke 2.22-40
Tues 4 th	10.30		2 Samuel 18.9-10,14,24-25,30-19.3; Psalm 86.1-6; Mark 5.21-end
Sun 9th		3rd Sunday before Lent	
	10.30		Isaiah 58.1-9a; Psalm 112.1-9; 1 Corinthians 2.1-12; Matthew 5.13-20
Tues 11 th	10.30		1 Kings 8.22-23,27-30; Psalm 84.1-10; Mark 7.1-13
Sun 16th		2nd Sunday before Lent	
	10.30		Genesis 1.1-2.3; Psalm 136.1-9,23-end; Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-end
Tues 18 th	10.30		James 1.12-18; Psalm 94.12-18; Mark 8.14-21
Sun 23rd		Sunday next before Lent	
	10.30		Exodus 24.12-end; Matthew 17.1-9 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 25 th	10.30		James 4. 1-10; Psalm 55.7-9,24; Mark 9.30-37
Wed 26th		Ash Wednesday	
	20.00		Isaiah 58.1-12; Psalm 51.1-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; John 8.1-11

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January Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully. 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri. 22, Capitals. 23, USPG.

DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois. 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel. 18, BBFC. 19, Snap.

Monday 5 & 7pm
 St George's Church
 With Terri

Tuesday 5 & 7pm

Wednesday 9.30am & 12 noon
 ST Paul's Church
 With Cassandra

Wednesday
 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30
 Revive Church
 With Marie

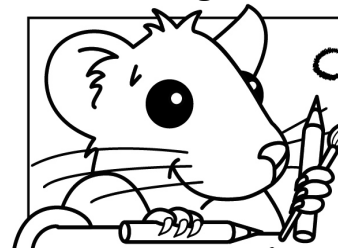
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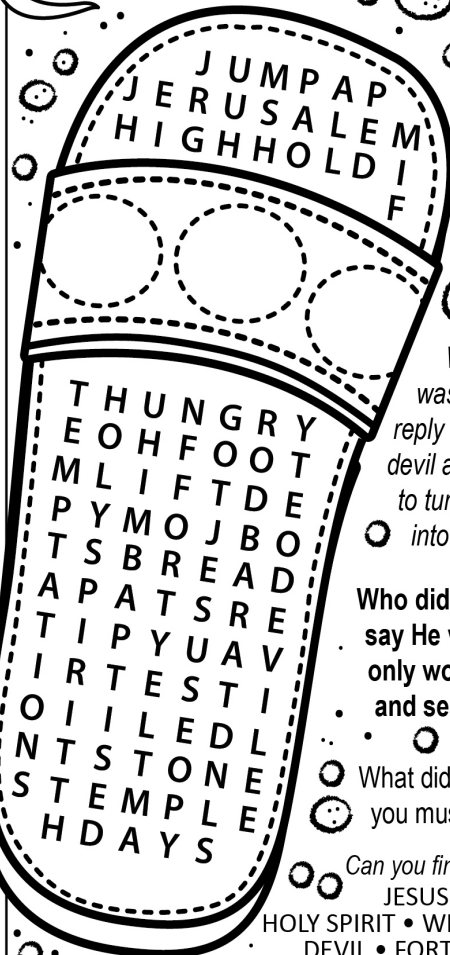
Children's Page



Mouse Makes

After Jesus was baptised He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness for forty days where he was tempted by the devil.

READ the story in Luke 4:1-13



What was Jesus' reply when the devil asked Him to turn a stone into bread?

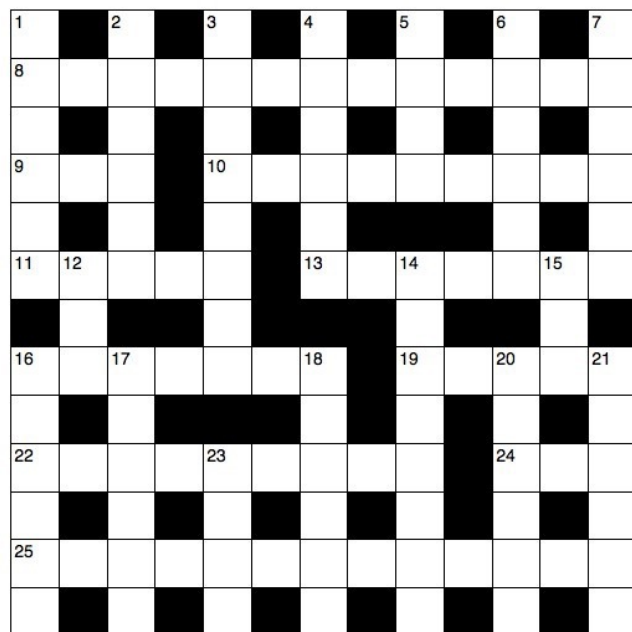
Who did Jesus say He would only worship and serve?

What did Jesus say you must not do?

Can you find these words in the word search?

- JESUS • BAPTISED • RIVER • JORDAN • LED
- HOLY SPIRIT • WILDERNESS • DESERT • TEMPTATIONS
- DEVIL • FORTY • DAYS • HUNGRY • ROCK • STONE
- BREAD • WRITTEN • SCRIPTURE • ALL • KINGDOMS • WORLD • GLORY
- WORSHIP • SERVE • GOD • ONLY • JERUSALEM • TEMPLE • HIGH • IF • SON
- JUMP • THROW • DOWN • ANGELS • HOLD • LIFT • FOOT • LORD • TEST

February Crossword



Across

8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8), 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9),
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2), 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7), 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7),
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5), 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14
 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7), 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1),
 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6), 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6), 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8), 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6),
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4), 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4), 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3), 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1), 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8), 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3), 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6), 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6), 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2), 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6), 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6), 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

Some dates for your diary - February 2020

Sun	2nd	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas) 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12:30 Baptisms
Tues	4th	9.00a.m. Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers Welcome) 10.30a.m. Holy Communion 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
Thurs	6th	9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	7th	2.00p.m. Cleaning Crew Meet (Volunteers Welcome)
Sun	9th	THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church 12:30 Baptisms
Tues	11th	9.00a.m. Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers Welcome) 10.30a.m. Holy Communion 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
Thurs	13th	9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	14th	1.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Dementia Café 3.00p.m. Cleaning Crew Meet (Volunteers Welcome)
Sun	16th	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 10.30a.m. Parish Eucharist & Junior Church
Tues	18th	9.00a.m. Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers Welcome) 10.30a.m. Holy Communion 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café 7.45p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thurs	20th	9.00a.m. Half Term Holiday For Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) 7.30p.m. Half Term Holiday For Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	21st	2.00p.m. Cleaning Crew Meet (Volunteers Welcome)
Sun	23rd	NEXT BEFORE LENT 10.30a.m. Worship For All 12:30 Baptisms
Tues	25th	9.00a.m. Maintenance Team Meet (volunteers Welcome) 10.30a.m. Holy Communion 1.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. Come Together Café
Wed	26th	ASH WEDNESDAY 8.00p.m. The Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist
Thurs	27th	9.00a.m. Time 4 Fun (0 to 5yrs) 7.30p.m. Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	28th	1.00p.m. to 3.00p.m. Dementia Café 3.00p.m. Cleaning Crew Meet (Volunteers Welcome)
Sat	29th	8pm Quiz

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

Church Ladies with Typewriters *they're back! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services!*

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. 'The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell? Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday .

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: " I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours. "



Paws for thought

Hello! I'm so excited to introduce myself to you – I'm Buddy, Penny's border terrier. I am three and a half years old, extremely friendly and adore people.

I've been a vicar's dog since I was 8 weeks old so have had lots of practice. I love to greeting people and receiving lots of attention. I'm not so good at sitting still for long or keeping quiet – I have a lot to say!

I have had my own page in the parish magazine since I was 3 months old – it's a great place for me to share my musings on parish life, and just occasionally to share some inside information on the vicar! In Newchurch an actual survey showed that people were far more interested in my letter than in the vicar's!!!

I now live with 2 vicars and they both have a St George's Church; ours in Stalybridge and David's in Mossley. (By coincidence they got married on 23rd April, St George's Day!) They have been telling me St George's story and I'm so pleased that wicked dragon is out of the way – I may be a bit noisy but I'm not really very brave! Good ol' St George!

I'm really looking forward to meeting you soon and to making lots of new friends here in Stalybridge!

Lots of love,
Buddy