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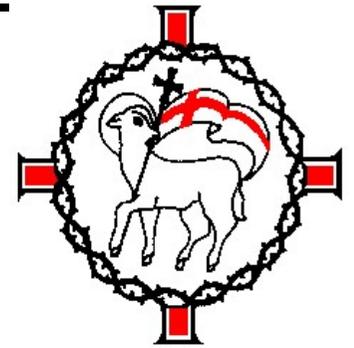
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	support	

Shine as a light to the world Mt 5:16

June 2020



## WORDS AND MUSIC

Hello everyone,

It's lovely to get updates via our St. George's magazine now we're all locked-in (as I write this near the end of May.) Such unexpected changes came not that long after the splendid weekend when we had our Seniors Party on the Saturday and Penny's Installation on the Sunday. It's good to read how much support the church is able to give in a variety of ways - interesting to read one thing hasn't changed ...the churchyard grass is still growing and needs more volunteers to mow.

My grandson sent me a book "Poem for the Day" and suggested I could learn one a day which made me laugh as I can't even remember what day it is. What I do find helpful is remembering the words of many hymns, so now I start each morning with one from my schooldays over 70 years ago-"New every morning is the Love." with the words:

"The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask"

Plus to end the day a verse from another favourite which has long been my prayer:

"Drop Thy still dews of quietness 'til all our strivings cease, Take from our souls the strain and stress and let our ordered life confess the beauty of Thy peace."

I wonder if anyone else finds the words of a particular hymn helpful just now.



Meantime I share my garden with a blackbird 🙏 who sings much better than me.

Love and ++++++ from Doreen

"Have courage for the great sorrows of life, and patience for the small ones. And when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake."

*Victor Hugo, writer*



### The Vicar writes...

As June begins things are changing and, pray God, it seems improving. Even so, we continue in uncertain times and with a degree of trauma in which we need to continue to prayerfully and care-fully support one another. There is naturally fear and uncertainty about the next steps - life will continue to be quite different for the foreseeable future. In all these changes, God is constant, God is with us and we remain God's church - seeking to love, pray and support each other.

The cycle of the church year continues. Whitsun has come and gone, without the traditional Whit Walks but by the grace of God the gift of the Holy Spirit continues to fall upon us, giving us gifts to use in God's service and strengthening us and renewing us day by day - even on the days when it doesn't feel like it at all.

The Thursday after Pentecost marks the day when we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist - the body and blood of Christ in bread and wine and the body of Christ, the church of God. This year that is both a challenge and a sadness - for we have not been able to receive holy communion, nor worship with each other. We have had to think in different ways about what it means to be the body of Christ until we can meet again as a community. We have been united in prayer and in friendship.

The words of St Teresa of Avila are perhaps more pertinent now than ever: "*Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*"

We are the body of Christ - wherever we may be, in all that we do. You continue to do God's work! We continue to be nourished spiritually and in God's word and fellowship in the ways we can. God is with us, in us and around us. Christ's body the church is alive and active - and in Christ there is always hope and new life.

With love and prayers,



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### **Parish E-Newsletter**

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***A huge thank you to everyone who is making sure that the life and ministry of St George's Church is continuing, albeit in different ways during this time.***



We are continuing to collect for **Tameside East Foodbank** (who are currently operating centrally from St John's Church Centre, Dukinfield.) If you'd like to contribute with items, do be in touch with Rev Penny.

We are doing our best to communicate with as many people as possible, by telephone, email, social media, post and running errands. Volunteers are helping Penny to phone around church members and others who would like contact, so that we can keep in touch. ***Please do be in touch if you would like to speak with someone, or you know someone who would (with their permission) or if there is anything we can do to help.***

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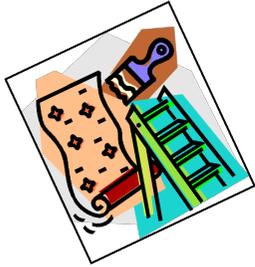
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Found this recipe and I love it and just wanted to share.



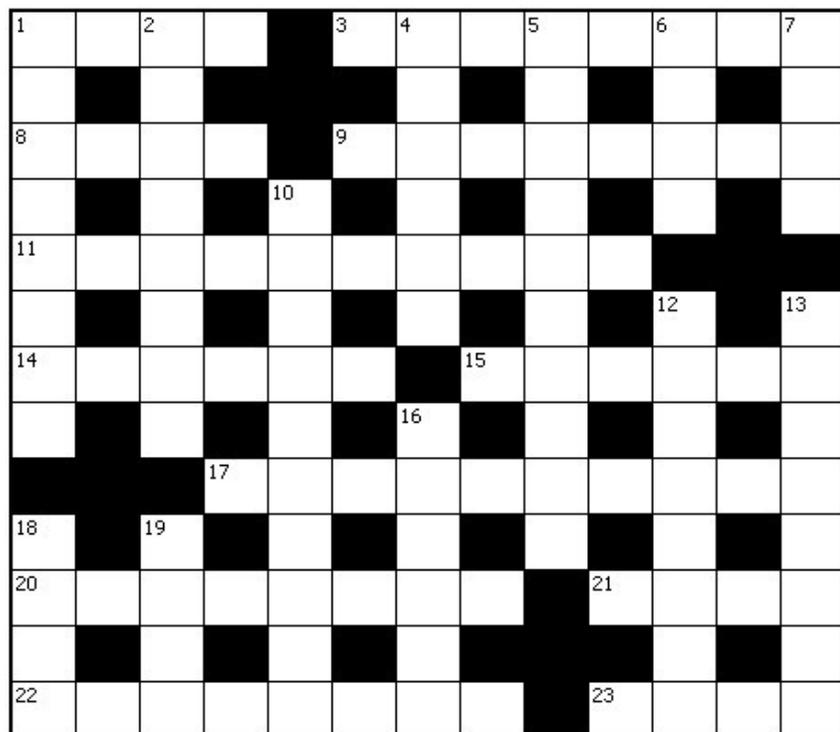
CHICKEN AND CHICKPEA CURRY (servings for 2 meals)

1 tablespoon oil or frylight  
1 onion, peeled and chopped  
2 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed  
1 tablespoon medium curry powder  
1 tablespoon cornflour or flour  
2 large chicken breasts, cubed  
1/2 pint chicken stock  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
small can chickpeas, drained ( 210 gms) (Tesco)  
2 tomatoes, chopped  
salt/black pepper.  
Rice- I used Basmati or Pilau is fine

METHOD Heat oil in large pan and saute onion, garlic, curry powder and flour for about 5 mins, add chicken, saute till chicken is sealed, about 3 mins, slowly add stock and lemon juice and bring to boil, reduce heat to slow simmer and add chickpeas and tomatoes and season to taste. Cover with lid and simmer slowly for about 15 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Adjust amount of liquid to how thick you like your curry and ENJOY !!!!

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## June Crossword



### Across

1 See 23 Across, 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8), 8 Invalid (4), 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8), 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10), 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6), 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6), 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10), 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8), 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4), 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3), 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

### Down

1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8), 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8), 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6), 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10), 6 St Columba's burial place (4), 7 Swirling current of water (4), 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10), 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8), 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8), 16 'There is still — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2), 18 David Livingstone was one (4), 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

## Readings and Psalms for June 2020

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 Peter 3. 11–15a, 17-end; Psalm 90.1-4,10,14,16; Mark 12.13-17

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> **Trinity Sunday**

**Isaiah 40.12-17,27-end; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-end; Matthew 28.16-end**

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> 1 Kings 17.7-16; Psalm 4; Matthew 5.13-16

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> **1st Sunday after Trinity**

**Exodus 19.2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35-10.8**

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> 1 Kings 21.17-end; Psalm 51.1-9; Matthew 5.43-end

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> **2nd Sunday after Trinity - Feast of Dedication**

**1 Kings 8.22-30; Matthew 21.12-16**

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 2 Kings 19.9b-11,14-21,31-36; Psalm 48.1-2,8-end; Matthew 7.6,12-14

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> **3rd Sunday after Trinity**

**Jeremiah 28.5-9; Psalm 89.1-4,15-18; Romans 6.12-end; Matthew 10.40-end**

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Amos 3.1-8;4.11-12; Psalm 5.8-end; Matthew 8.23-27

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### May Crossword Solution

**ACROSS:** 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.

**DOWN:** 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.



## ***Paws for thought***

Last month I confessed to you the difficulty that I have with flies. Since then they have continued to drive me mad and I still haven't caught one.

However, I wouldn't want you to think ill of me, as I'm generally a very loving and careful soul. I have learnt a lot about respect for other creatures (apart from woodpigeons, black cats and flies). I'm even quite happy now to let the squirrels do as they wish in the garden and I quite like watching them, (even though they are a bit naughty and eat our plants!)

When I was little, I hated spiders. They would run across the floor in front of me, taunting me. I would chase them and ask them to leave, but they didn't listen, even when I barked. Sometimes, there was only one solution – and that (I'm ashamed to say) was to splat them with my paw.

Nowadays I am a reformed character. I simply watch the spiders and let them be. Sometimes I follow them closely with my nose but its only to say hello. Humans have a saying that we "live and learn". Its true for dogs too. Spiders have become my friends and do you know the best thing?!

***They even take care of the flies!!!***

With love to you all,

**Buddy**



## **In Lockdown Life**

**I**t's life we've never known before,  
**N**o hugs or loved ones through our door.

**L**ots of washing – cleaning too,  
**LO**r simply wondering “What To Do?”

**C**hurches closed – but there's a plus,  
**K**nowing God is here with us.

**D**o a jigsaw – ease the stress,

**O**h my hair is such a mess!!

**W**orking from home takes so much room,

**N**ow who has learned to master Zoom?

**L**ove in action – food on steps,

**I**nspiring acts of selflessness.

**F**or all that's good - give thanks and pray,

**E**verything **WILL** be o.k.

**‘Commit thy way unto the LORD;  
trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.’  
Psalm 37.5**

I’ve just heard from a dearly loved friend who’s had some bad news which has serious implications for her and her family’s future. I’ve prayed so long about their situation and now it seems there may be even darker and more difficult days ahead for them all.

I feel sad and disappointed and very guilty that I do.

When we pray ‘Thy will be done’ what right do we have to feel a sense of loss when things don’t go as we had hoped? I’ve had a painful half hour but have been blessed with this memory and hope it may stay with you and help if you ever find yourself in a similar situation.

Some years ago my youngest sister was in hospital following her second unsuccessful major operation. We had just been given the news that she probably only had a few weeks to live. As I sat holding her hand and praying with her, she gave me a penetrating look and said, “I’m disappointed you know”.

Now I didn’t know anyone with a deeper faith in Jesus and I was lost for what to say to her. At that very moment we heard someone crying bitterly and my sister sent me off to look for them. On the main ward I found a heartbroken girl who had miscarried her first baby. When I told my sister she said, “Hurry up, go and tell her all about Jesus, how he loves her and wants to comfort her and tell her that if she trusts him, He will bless her.” The young woman’s name was Greer, an unusual name. I gently told her all that my sister had said and asked would she like us to pray for her, which we did. I said to my sister, “Now, what were you saying about being disappointed?” She gave me a lovely sheepish grin! She went home to her Saviour three weeks later, a beautiful soul at peace.

However ----- the story doesn’t end there!

Ten years later my niece met a young woman out with her new-born baby daughter; the young woman’s name was Greer. By some sensitive questioning at their next meeting we discovered that she was the girl we had prayed for and she said that in all her years of waiting she had never forgotten when she was at her lowest point, the person who comforted her, prayed for her, and gave her hope.

What wonderful proof that our Father knows our suffering, hears our

**Equipment for the Journey**

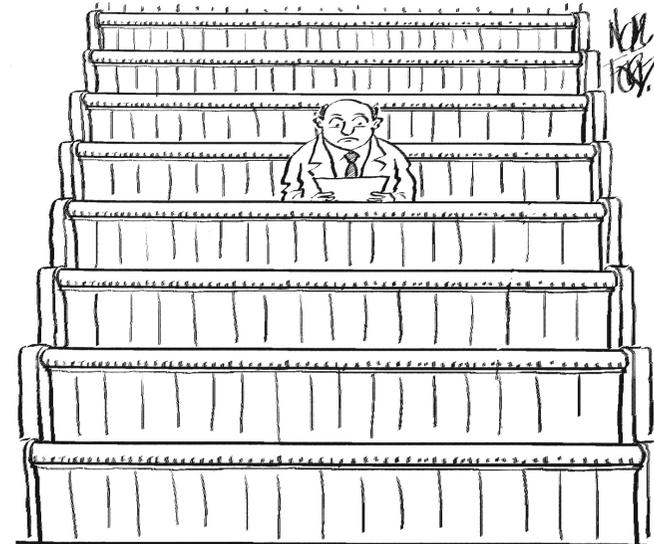
In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, preparing for a hazardous journey,  
Sir Walter Raleigh wrote:-

‘Give me my scallop – shell of quiet,  
My staff of faith to walk upon,  
My script of joy, immortal diet,  
My bottle of salvation,  
My gown of glory, hope’s true guage;  
And thus I’ll take my pilgrimage.’

Here’s a little tongue in cheek look at what our list of essentials might include now, 500 years later!

My mobile phone so that I may,  
Google earth to find my way,  
My credit card and cash to pay,  
My factor 30 and insect spray.  
My little pack of medicines patent,  
To combat sickness lying latent.  
While I’m away, Good Lord defend me,

Lest friends forget ++++++ and then unfriend  
me.



With the congregation social distancing because of coronavirus, it suddenly dawned on Roy that he wouldn’t be able to get away with just miming to the hymns this week!