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For baptisms, marriages or funerals or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact the Wardens on 07553 258674 or stgeorge.wardens@yahoo.com.

*Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm
on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.*

*To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, please
contact Chris Crabtree on 07714235736 or*

Behind the Scenes ...The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

This is a slight mis-quote but a cynical wit once wrote "Hands off the Church of England (and the many committees) - it is the only thing that stands between us and true Christianity."

The much maligned Parochial Church Councils of parishes are, of course, amongst these committees. It is true to say that their routine business can, at times, seem tedious and repetitive, but there are many occasions where frank discussion can elicit flashes of (divine?) inspiration that develop into new ideas to pursue. PCC members need to be always ready to speak up and to challenge, where necessary, in order to bring important issues out into the open and find mutually agreeable solutions. Saying nothing in order to 'keep the peace or the status quo' is not helpful.

In the long history of the Church of England the Parochial Church Council is a relatively recent invention. Until they were first given status in 1919 the administration and finances of a parish were the legal responsibility of the incumbent and the churchwardens. Members of the congregation had little say in the running of the church, except in the election of wardens. Since then a number of Acts have defined the composition, function and rights and responsibilities of the PCC.

The Synodical Government Measure 1969 states clearly: "It shall be the duty of the incumbent and the Parochial Church Council to consult together on matters of general concern and importance in the parish". The PCC's function is to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting, within the parish, the whole mission of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. More specifically, the PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the Church buildings and fabric, the churchyard and, with the incumbent, decides how the church's finances are to be used.

The PCC is the formal employer of any workers who are paid by the Church. They have the right to be consulted about major changes to the forms of worship used and have representation in the appointment of a new incumbent. The PCC is also consulted about any pastoral schemes that would affect the parish.

Elections to the PCC take place each year at the Annual General Meeting. There are some roles which carry automatic membership. The holders of these posts don't need to be elected - they are 'ex-officio'. They include the incumbent, churchwardens,

between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

According to the Standing Orders for St. George's, our PCC should meet eight times per year in May, June, September, October, November, January, February and March with the Annual General Meeting taking place in April. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. For many years it was also traditional for the incumbent to host a Christmas party for the PCC as a thank-you for all their help and support throughout the year.

During the last two years Covid restrictions have resulted in fewer Church activities and there has been a change to the above pattern. The PCC have met less frequently (sometimes via Zoom when meeting in person wasn't permitted). Whether this pattern will continue when our new incumbent is appointed - with a relevant change to the Standing Orders - or whether we revert to the former arrangements remains to be seen.

The key to a successful PCC is partnership and co-operation in order that the very best for our parish can be aimed for and achieved.

Irene Brierley

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Service Details

Sundays

10.30am Parish Eucharist with hymns

***Baptisms, weddings and funerals continue
with no numerical restrictions***

*A full risk assessment is in place and regularly revised.
We continue stringent hygiene and social distancing procedures.*

**YOU MUST NOT ATTEND if you are unwell, self isolating
or showing any symptoms.**

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It's Back!



We are delighted to announce that the
Traditional Spring Fair

is back!

After a couple of years absence due to Covid, we feel that now is the time to bring the much loved fair back, we have some of the old favourites along with some new faces.

The fair will be at Church on Saturday 14th May starting at 11am and running through to 2pm and it would be wonderful to see you there!

We introduced a Virtual Fair during the pandemic, and this proved to be very popular, so we have therefore decided to run a virtual fair alongside the traditional fair. It is hoped that this will allow those unable to visit us on the day, to still take part.

This is the start of our opening up following this dreadful pandemic - but we need **YOUR** help! We will be holding a grand draw for a luxury hamper and more, and we are inviting cash donations in order to purchase the items to make up the hamper(s). We will be holding the usual Home Bake stall so baked goods would be most welcome. The Bottle Tombola will also feature but we need bottles!!

If you can donate any of these items, or if you would like to rent your own stall, need more information or would like to help on the day, please speak to Chris Crabtree or Janet Vidler.

MOST OF ALL WE NEED YOU!! Your support on the day is vital to raise funds for St George's but more importantly, to also have a much needed get together. Come and have a brew, lunch or a dabble on the raffle! There will be lots of stalls - come and see!!



PARISH EMAIL NEWSLETTER

To help us keep in touch we have a weekly email parish newsletter with bible readings and prayers for Sundays, information, updates, activities for Junior Church and announcements

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Readings and Psalms for May 2022

Sun 1st	3rd Sunday of Easter	
	10.30	Acts 9.1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5.11-end; John 21.1-19
Tues 3 rd	10.30	No service
Sun 8th	4th Sunday of Easter	
	10.30	Acts 9.36-end; Psalm 23; Revelation 7.9-end; John 10.22-30
Tues 10 th	10.30	No service
Sun 15th	5th Sunday of Easter	
	10.30	Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148.1-6; revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35
Tues 17 th	10.30	No service
Sun 22nd	6th Sunday of Easter	
	10.30	Acts 16.9-15; John 14.23-29 <i>Worship for All</i>
Tues 24 th	10.30	No service
Thurs 26th	Ascension Day	
	20.00	Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1.15-end; Luke
Sun 29th	7th Sunday of Easter	
	10.30	Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22.12-14,16-
Tues 31 st	10.30	No service

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Anxiety is an attempt to carry the burden of the future oneself; prayer is leaving it safely in the hands of God. – Anon

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Some dates for your diary - May 2022

Sun	1st	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	2nd	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	5th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	6th	1.30 pm. - 3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	8th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		12.00 p.m.	Annual Parochial Council Meeting
Mon	9th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	12th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sat	14th	11.00 a.m. - 2.00p.m.	Spring Fair
Sun	15th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	16th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	19th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	20th	1.30 pm. - 3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	22nd	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	23rd	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	26th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	29th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	30th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots

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

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200 Club

April Winners

1st prize £25 no 44 Sheila Finan; 2nd prize £15 no 112 Gary Walker;
3rd prize £10 no 111 Sean Billington

Have you ever wondered why the front of the altar has different colours at different times of the year? If so read on. The Revd Dr Jo White explains all!

The Meaning of Colours - part 1

In March, April and May this year the coloured frontal of the altar will have been changed many times – as will the colour of the priest's vestments.

Each colour – and there can be as many as six in a church's store – has a different meaning. They reflect the significance of that day or the season.

In March purple was used as a symbol of penitence, as we were in Lent and trying to prepare ourselves for Christ's final act of love for each of us.

Holy Week – the time of Christ's final journey – was denoted by the colour red. Red, the colour of blood, is used for feasts of martyrs as well as those for the Holy Spirit – when it more likely represents his flames of 'fire' which rested on those in the Upper Room.

Maundy Thursday, we switched to white for any Communion service, as this celebrates the remembrance of the first Communion with His apostles which He commanded us to continue.

Good Friday, and we were back to red or no frontal at all.

Then on Easter Sunday, the day of the greatest Christian Celebration, we entered to an altar bedecked in gold or the 'whitest' with the most elaborate decoration the church possesses.

'Plain' White will be used for the Easter Season signifying purity and Christ's triumph over death until Ascension Day on 26th May. This, being a special and more significant day in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, goes to gold again: then immediately back to white for the next ten days.

On the day of Pentecost itself, Whit Sunday, 5th June, the colour will be? Yes, you got it, red for flames of fire.

This month:

Watch out for the changing colours indicating the special meanings that day has in the life of the church. If you could choose a different colour for a different or even one of the same meanings, what would you choose and why? In June it will all change again, so we'll consider those next month.

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The story behind some of our favourite hymns

'Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son'

Here is a hymn that is so well known and loved that it has simply burst the bounds of Easter, and gets sung regularly at other times of the year. It has two stories behind it.

First, the music. The rousing music did not start out as a hymn, but instead was written by Handel for his opera 'Judas Maccabeus', first performed in 1746. Originally the words ran 'See the conquering hero comes', for Handel's opera tells the story (found in the Apocrypha) of the leader of the Jews, Judas Maccabeus, who led an army against the Syrians and restored worship at the Temple. With its triumphant refrain after each verse, the music is easy to learn and sing, and can be (and has been!) played to great effect either by the trumpets, on an organ in a large resonant church, or even on guitars (!).

Secondly, the words. They were not written until 1884, which was 138 years after the music. We owe them to the Revd Raymond Budry, a Swiss pastor from Lausanne. Ordained in the Free Evangelical Church in Vaud, he spent 35 years as the pastor of Vevey on Lake Geneva. Budry wrote the hymn in French ('A Toi La Gloire!') to console himself after the death of his first wife, and a year later (1885) it was published in *Chants Evangeliques*. Soon it found its way into English – translated by a Baptist minister from Kingston-upon-Thames, Richard Hoyle.

It is not clear who first had the happy idea of teaming *those* words with *that* music, but when they did, the hymn really took off. By 1904 it was being translated into other languages.

The theme of 'battle' is never far from this hymn, whether it was the battle of Judas Maccabeus, or the battle over sin which was won by Christ on the cross and in rising from the tomb. Easter, of course, marked the biggest victory over the biggest enemies of all time: sin and death.

What would Handel make of it, if he could know that his battle music had become one of the world's most popular and well-known Easter hymns? He was a devout man, working for the poor, praying twice each day, and attending St Paul's Cathedral. So, it seems pretty certain that he would be delighted.

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Georges Kitchen

Our community kitchen is now up and running and reaching many people within our community. We have had some good feedback from our customers and look forward to increasing our customer numbers in the new year.

However, as with all these things, we need volunteers, particularly cooks. If you are able to help in any way, either helping to prepare, cook or deliver the meals, or are able to help with the admin side of things, we would be incredibly grateful.

If you would like any more information, please contact georgeskitchen2021@gmail.com

You can also telephone or text: 07783 009157

Magazine Subscriptions

We are delighted that the magazine is now back on track and we hope that it is keeping you informed.

Thank you to those who have continued to make donations and supported us over what have been two very difficult years.

There will now be 10 editions produced each year – these will include a December/January edition and a July/August edition.

There has been a slight increase in cost to 50p per magazine and therefore, a subscription of £5 per year.

If you would like to advertise in our magazine the cost is: £20 for a quarter page, £30 for a half page and £45 for a full page.

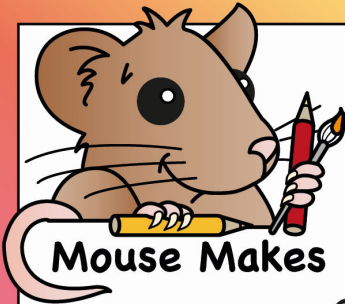
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if you have any further information. ++++++ questions or need any

April Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

DOWN: 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.



Mouse Makes

Jesus said,
*"This, then, is how
 you should pray:*
 Our

_____ in _____
 hallowed be your

 your

_____ come,
 your _____ be
 done, on
 _____ as it
 is in _____.
 Give us this day our
 daily _____.
 And

_____ us our _____,
 as we also have
 forgiven our debtors.
 And _____
 us not into
 temptation, but
 _____ us from the
 _____ one."

Read Matthew 6:9-13
 to fill in the words.

*"Give thanks to the
 Lord for He is good,
 His love endures
 forever"*
 Psalm 136:1



I praise you Lord for...



I thank you Lord for...



I pray for the Church and world

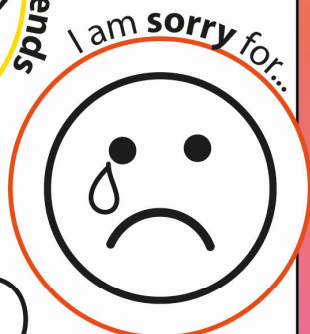


I pray for my family and friends

"Never stop praying."
 1 Thessalonians 5:17



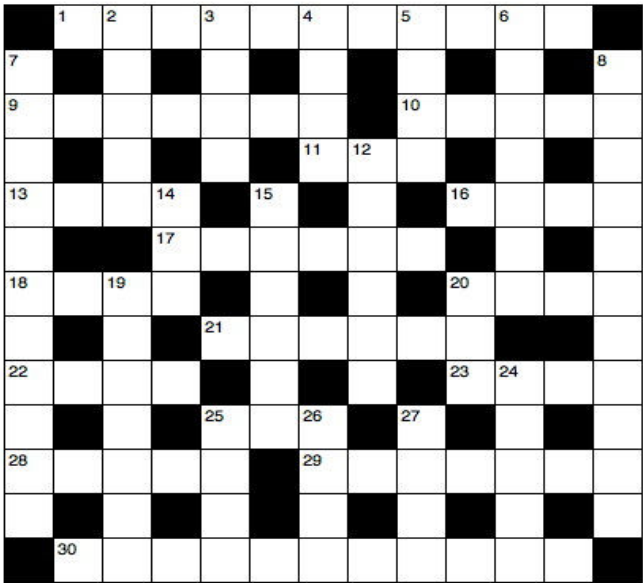
I ask for...



I am sorry for...

*"Do not be anxious about
 anything, but in every situation,
 by prayer and petition,
 with thanksgiving,
 present your requests to God."*
 Philippians 4:6

May Crossword



Across

1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11), 9 ‘The — are mantled with corn’ (Psalm 65:13) (7), 10 ‘Each man—a sword to his side’(Exodus32:27)(5), 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3), 13 Stagger(Isaiah 28:7)(4), 16 ‘Anyone,then,who knows the good he ought—and doesn’t do it, sins’ (James 4:17) (2,2), 17 Stir up or provoke(Acts13:50)(6), 18 Burden(Luke11:46)(4), 20 ‘As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us’ (Psalm 103:12) (4) 21 Sign(Luke23:38)(6), 22 ‘After that,Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples’ feet’ (John 13:5) (4), 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh’s dream (Genesis 41:23) (4), 25 Has(anag.) (3), 28 ‘This is the account of Shem,Ham and Japheth,—sons’ (Genesis 10:1) (5), 29 ‘I will...make them drunk,so that they...sleep for—and— awake’ (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3), 30 Paul said of him,‘he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains’ (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5), 3 ‘A bruised — he will not break’ (Matthew 12:20) (4), 4 ‘Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel’ (Luke 2:13) (4), 5 Slip (anag.) (4), 6 ‘Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life’ (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4), 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11) 8 ‘Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people’ (Galatians 6:10) (11), 12 Acquire (2Timothy2:10)(6), 14 Container cover(Numbers19:15)(3), 15 ‘He...became obedient to death,even death on—!’ (Philippians 2:8) (1,5), 19 Refrain(1Peter2:11)(7), 20 ‘She began to—his feet with her tears’(Luke7:38)(3), 24 One who worships Brahma,Vishnu or Shiva(5) 25 ‘Give to everyone who—you’(Luke6:30)(4), 26 ‘I lift up my eyes to the hills;where does my—come from?’ (Psalm 121:1) (4), 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken



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St George's News

Cleaning Team



We desperately need more volunteers for the cleaning team - you don't have to commit to every week, every bit of help will be welcomed. Please speak to Rose for details.



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YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!

For six or seven years now I have had the honour of being a Server at Eucharist services. I just wanted to take a few minutes to dispel the mystique about the role and invite others who may wish to serve to learn what it entails.



I see the role as one of a waitress at a dinner party. Laying the table, preparing the food, lighting the candles and ensuring that everything is to hand. The vicar is the host serving the food (appropriately the wafers are called 'The Host') and the Eucharist Assistants serving the wine. After the 'meal' it is our duty to clear away and clean the vessels.

The role is an honour and it is a pleasure to serve our church family with the most important meal in our lives – the sacrament, that of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Servers and Eucharist Assistants are authorised by the Bishop. Please consider if this is a role which you may wish to do. We will give you all the training needed and it would be a pleasure to welcome you!

Chris Crabtree

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Changes to Covid 19 Measures

Please continue to sanitise your hands on your way into the building. Due to a high number of Covid cases among our congregation, we are asking everyone to wear a face covering unless you are medically exempt. This is not a legal requirement, but we hope you will join us in keeping everyone safe. You are encouraged to ensure that you are well spaced around the church and not singing directly behind someone else. Please continue to leave your collection on the plate at the back of church. If you do not wish to share the peace physically, please wave the peace instead to indicate this! Holy Communion continues to be received standing and using the one-way system still in place in church. Please sanitise your hands before receiving. The chalice will be available for those who wish to receive it.

From Our Book of Remembrance

May 1	Stephen Mark Young	2009	May 17	William Henry Priestley	1950
	Kenneth Doggett	2013		Bessie Travis	1991
May 2	Annie Selby	1975		Richard Barratt	2006
	Derek Kay	2009	May 18	Abel Ollerenshaw	1967
May 4	Harry Wright	1981	May 19	Clarice Barber	1976
	Martha Keatting	1996		William Dale	1967
May 6	Evelyn Parkinson	1902	May 21	Gladys Lowe	1996
	William Cooper	1970	May 22	James Geoffrey Brayshaw	1970
	Martha Kinder	1987		George Henry Cope	1970
May 8	Agnes Winifred Barker	1979		David Alan Swift	2019
May 9	Alice Day	1966	May 23	John William Wadsworth	1987
May 11	Catherine Ann Nowel	1988		Agnes Waddington	2007
	Redeyoff			Myrtle Constance Prescott	2016
	Mary Miller(nee Higgins)	2010	May 24	William Grimshaw	1998
May 13	Florence Wilson	1986		Albert Hopwood	2012
	Wendy Rosemary Miles	2016	May 25	Tibor Volcsey	2008
May 15	May Blease	1999	May 26	Ian Peter Blake	2009
	Joyce Honan Jakeman	2004	May 28	Margaret Theodora Roberts	2017
	Mary Woolley	2008	May 29	Martha Cooper	1987
	Charles Swainson	2012	May 30	Pamela Chorley	1973
May 16	Eileen Buckley	1979		Raymond Herbert Russell	2013
	William Hamnett Tonge	2006	May 31	Harry Williamson	2010

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Funerals

1 April
Jean Hough



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 inscription is £10 per entry

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TAMESIDE (S.A.S) GROUP

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Affiliated to the Stroke Association

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