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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 <u>stgeorge.wardens@yahoo.com</u>. 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





From the Wardens

September is that time of year when we get back to school after the summer break, along with our other routines. As disciples (lit: *learners*) we are all called to learn from Jesus and live like Him. God wants us to make a difference as disciples in our school and workplace, family and friends. As Paul writes:

'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.' (Colossians 3:17).

'WHATEVER you do': God is at work in every aspect of our lives. He can use whatever we do to make a difference to those around. Do we believe this? Our lives shouldn't be like an orange, segmented into the sacred and secular, but more like an apple, in which the whole is available to God.

'Whatever YOU do': God wants to use us to share God's love with the people around us, wherever we spend time. We can trust Him for the resources we need hour by hour, day by day, year by year. What do we need from Him?

'Whatever you DO': Our work is for God alone, as a response to God's love for us. How does this perspective make a difference when what we do seems hard, unrewarding, or unappreciated by others?

A man standing on a train platform was asked one day: 'Who are you?' He replied, 'I am a Christian thinly disguised as an accountant.' If we were asked the same question I wonder what we would say. As disciples of Jesus Christ, our identity is rooted in God and His call upon our lives. For each of us, September represents going back to school with Jesus, to learn how we can live for Him.

Service Details

<u>Sundays</u> 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.

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.

No intinction (dipping wafers)

Prayer for September

Father,

September – a month of new starts for many. We pray for all starting school, university or college, or moving into a new class or job.

We pray for the new Prime Minister to prove to a person of integrity, dedicated to working for the good of all.

We especially ask you to help those struggling with the rising cost of living who don't know how they are going to make ends meet.

Have mercy on this nation, Lord and bring us back to Your ways.

Thank You for Jesus and that through trusting in Him we can know You, as Father and God of truth, mercy and compassion.

Thank You that You never give up on us. You will help us if we turn to You, In Jesus name,

The parish meal is back! This year it takes place at Stamford Golf Club on Sunday 16th October. The is a menu and list available in the church lounge for you to make your selections.

Payments will be due by Sunday 24th September. Hope you can make it!

September is a time when we begin the celebration of harvest, and the rhythms of the seasons that lead up to it. But, as this Summer shows, the seasons have been disturbed. So our harvest celebrations this year must be tempered with a humble awareness of the part we've played in upsetting the rhythms of creation."

The Rhythms of Creation The rhythms of creation -The never-ceasing beat Of seasons in rotation As cold gives way to heat: We know, when it is raining The sun will dry the rain And when the moon is waning It soon will wax again. The farmer drills his acres When springtime rains shall fall Then gathers wheat for bakers As sunflowers grow tall; In spring, the fruit trees, blooming Attract the busy bees: As autumn clouds are looming We pick from loaded trees. The Lord, our Great Creator Allowed us, by His grace To be the regulator Of earthly time and space But mankind has been greedy In burning coal and oil So farmers now are seeding

The rhythms of creation Are wand'ring from their beat Increasing suffocation, Of fire, flood, and heat. Lord, teach us new behaviour to spend, with care, our days: Dear loving Lord and Saviour

In dry and desert soil.



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

If you don't already receive the e-newsletter and would like to, please email the wardens on stgeorge.wardens@yahoo.com send your email address by text or WhatsApp to the wardens or sign up via our church Facebook page or website.



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Readings : Sun 4 th		Ilms for September 2022		
Sun 4	12th Su 10.30	nday after Trinity Deuteronomy 30.15-end; Psalm 1; Philemon1-21; Luke 14.25-33		
Tues 6 th	10.30	No service		
Sun 11 th	13th Sui 10.30	nday after Trinity Exodus 32.7-14; Psalm 51.1-11; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10		
Tues 13 th	10.30	No service		
Sun 18 th	14th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Amos 8.4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13			
Tues 20 th	10.30	No service		
Sun 25 th	15th Sui 10.30	nday after Trinity—Harvest Thanksgiving Philippians 4.4-9; John 6. 25-35 <i>Worship for All</i>		
Tues 27 th	10.30	No service		

Just a reminder that we are still accepting donations for The Swan Project at Tameside Hospital. The project is looking for charitable donations of hotel toiletries for families who are having to stay with their loved ones and for patients themselves, drawstring toiletry bags, crocheted blankets, items for memory boxes, Small knitted hearts, Small crocheted blankets, Balsa wood angels, holding crosses and hearts. Any donations can be brought to church and given to either Rose or Alicia.



We are also collecting used postage stamps for Willow Wood Hospice. Please bring these to church and give to Rose.

Thank you



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Some dates for your diary - September 2022

Thurs	1st	1.00 p.m 3.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	2nd	1.30 pm 3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sat	3rd	2.00 pm—4.00 pm	Ladies Day Afternoon Tea
Sun	4th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	5th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	8th	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	11th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		12.00 noon	Social and Fundraising meeting
Mon	12th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	15th	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	16th	1.30 pm 3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	18th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	19th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	22nd	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	24th	7.30 pm	Quiz Night
Sun	25th	10.30 a.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving
		12.00 noon	Harvest Sunday Lunch
Mon	26th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	29th	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

For more information please gotto ourtwebsite www.stg.org.uk

200 Club

July Winners

1st prize £25 no 31 Andrew Watkins; 2nd prize £15 no 3 Ivan Foster; 3rd prize £10 no 80 Eleanor Walker

August Winners

1st prize £25 no 31 Andrew Watkins; 2nd prize £15 no 25 Judith Fairbrother; 3rd prize £10 no 3 Ivan Foster

Christian Basics: Why Belong to the Church?



We were reminded recently, by one of our visiting

clergy, Canon James Burns, that church attendance figures are in decline, and the reason being, a lack of faith.

Many people are struggling to connect with church today following the pandemic. However, we should *hot give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing* '(Hebrews 10:25). The church is not simply a building or services, but a shared friendship with Jesus, as the New Testament makes clear.

1. The Family of God

The church is a community united by their love for God and readiness to sharing this love with others: *a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light '*1) Peter 2:9). It is in the life of the church that people can connect with God's love.

2. The Body of Christ

The church is also Christ's body on earth, *The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ* 1) Cor 12:12). We all have a unique contribution to make, using our different gifts, experience and passion. However, beware of those attitudes that stop us representing Christ: *inferiority, 'I have nothing to offer'*, or *superiority, 'I don t need you'*

3. A Holy Temple

In the Old Testament the temple, was God's home on earth; now the church has become His home: *In Him the whole building is joined together … in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.* (Ephesians 1: 21,22). Church is a place where people can be loved, accepted and welcomed home. Is this our experience of church and what changes would make it more as God intends?

Don't forget: 'The local church is the hope of the world '(Bill Hybels).

Happy Birthday to Hadrian's Wall

It was 1900 years ago, from 13th September 122 to 128, that Hadrian's Wall was built in northern England. It ran for nearly 80 miles from coast to coast and marked the northern limit of the Roman Empire. The Roman Emperor, Hadrian, wanted to separate the Romans from 'the barbarians'.

In pre-Christian England the Picts – from Scotland, or Caledonia – were a real threat, often raiding Roman territories, using what we would call guerrilla warfare to steal cattle and capture slaves in a province far from the centre of the empire. But the Wall also served to encourage trading with those outside, and enable the Romans to tax anyone who entered their territory.

Hadrian had a mixed reputation as Emperor. Described by historian Edward Gibbon as one of the "five good emperors", he was regarded by many as a benevolent dictator but by others as remote (he did spend a great deal of time away from Rome) and authoritarian, sometimes generous and sometimes cruel. He was certainly ambitious.

He was responsible for putting down the Bar Kokhba revolt in Judea (132-136) in an almost genocidal way. More than half a million Jews perished, and many more died of starvation or disease. This is a critical event in the history of the Jewish people.

Today the Wall remains the largest surviving archaeological feature from Roman Britain, and an amazing feat of engineering through difficult country – though only 10 per cent of it remains still visible. It is sometimes mistakenly thought to mark the English-Scottish border, but in fact most of Northumberland – an English county – is north of the wall.



Wordsearch – The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13.24-30)

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject – it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So, when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world – there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

Kingdom Heaven Good Seed Field

Sleeping Grain Weeds Enemy Servants

Master Sow Gather Reap Root

Let Grow Together Harvest Bundles

Barn Burned



Children's Page



September Crossword



Across

1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6),

4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6), 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4), 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8), 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8), 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to - according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3), 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13), 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3), 19 Mock(Luke14:29)(8), 24 Disgrace (Psalm44:13)(8), 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4)(4), 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome(6), 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

Down

1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4), 2 'My lord the king, let the - – on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4), 3 O raid (anag.) (5), 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5), 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4), 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5), 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5), 11 Do ten(anag.)(5), 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5), 13 Capable of being used(1Kings7:36)(9), 14 'Each one should — his own actions' (Galatians6:4)(4), 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4), 18 'But I am afraid that just -- was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3), 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts (5), 21 One of the four sons of Asher(Genesis46:17)(5), 22 Be distressed(Proverbs24:19)(4)





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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.



If your group or organisation needs storage space, please have a chat with Rose.

Maintenance Team

If you would like to be a part of the maintenance team please have a chat with either Ted or Ian, or simply call into Church on a Tuesday morning. It doesn't matter if you are a longstanding member, or a newbie, your help is valued. Likewise if you are not able to help on a regular basis, any time you can give will be appreciated







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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

3rd July Ariella-Grace Stuckey-Baxter Vincent Henry Wilde

10th July Mabel Francesca McMullin

31st July Samuel Taylor Isla Royle David McCan

7th August Marhliya Elsie-Rose Rukundo Oliver Ryan Ashton



Wordsearch Solution



From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Sep	Thomas Martin	1974	22 Sep	Graham Brown	1936
	Freda Butler	2010	23 Sep	Harold Barnfield	1992
2 Sep	Ida Mawdsley	1998		Mary Louise Harris	1975
	Mabel Ethel Shaw	1988		Edith Jubb	1992
4 Sep	Eric Clegg	1993		Peter Barratt	2011
5 Sep	Betty Denby	1963	24 Sep	Harry Mitchell Lister	1929
	Ruth Sutton	1997		George Ronald Scott	1979
	Norman Dawson	1985	26 Sep	Mary Williams	2012
7 Sep	George Sayce	1985	28 Sep	Alma Cuttle	1985
	Mary Sidebottom	1987		Mary Jane Higgins	2005
8 Sep	Harold Thwaites	1957		Raymond Peter Redfern	2007
9 Sep	William Grimshaw	1974		Janet MacKenzie	2014
10 Sep	Boris Buckley	2006	29 Sep	Harry Rawsterne	2009
12 Sep	Graham Brown	2021	30 Sep	Reginald Aldred	1998
19 Sep	Joseph Alun Davies	2012			
21 Sep	Joseph Wynne Bithell	2013			
	Arthur Shaw Castle	1995			



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 $\pounds 10$ per entry

TAMESIDE (S.A.S) GROUP Stroke Awareness Support Group

Affiliated to the Stroke Association

We are a social group for all who have survived a stroke, their families, friends and carer.

We meet on:

Wednesday

10.30 am till 12.30 pm

at The Pavilion, Dukinfield Park

Our aim is to enjoy life, no matter what and have fun and socialise.

Our message is: **DON'T STOP BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, OURS IS OPEN.** We look forward to new members and volunteers to join us. Come in for a brew and a chat. **Don't be shy...Give us a try!**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION

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