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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



A note from the Wardens

You will have noticed that we continue to be blessed by visiting clergy to take our services, they have all commented on how welcoming the congregation are and how much they enjoy visiting us.

The fundraising group are working really hard to come up with ideas for fundraising and social events. If you have any ideas but are unable to come to meetings, please let Chris Crabtree know, or send an email to Val at pewsheet@yahoo.com.

The monthly quizzes have resumed and we hope to hold a Race night in the near future. We are holding our Christmas Fair on 26th November – it is great that we have been able to start our fairs again after the disruption of Covid.

The harvest festival was a great success and it was lovely to see some new faces. We enjoyed a lovely bring and share lunch after the service – special thanks to Sylvia for the delicious soup!

Both Gillian and Val would really like to thank you for all the support everyone is giving us throughout the difficult period without a Vicar. We couldn't do it without you.

Gillian and Val

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Christmas Fair

We are holding our Christmas Fair on 26th November, 11am -2pm.

We are also continuing to run a virtual Fair, which is held entirely on Facebook, and will run from mid-October up to Christmas.

Hopefully having both in-person and virtual fairs will enable everyone to shop in the way they prefer.

There are two types of stalls:

Church stalls – where all profits are donated to Church funds

Vendor stalls – where stall holders pay a fee but keep all the profits.

These can either be in person, virtual or both.

Church stalls are obviously free, vendor stalls cost £10 for either virtual or in person, or if you would like both, the cost is £15.

If you would like to have a stall, please have a chat with Chris Crabtree.

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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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)

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HELP OUR CHILDREN GROW!

Could you spare a couple of hours a month? St Stephen's Church of England school in Audenshaw is looking for two Foundation School Governors. No experience is necessary – just a willingness to help shape the lives of our young people. The school teaches children from Reception to Year 6, with only around 200 pupils it is a small, family friendly school. If you feel you can help or would like further information please contact Sarah Dentith on 07743859108.



URGENT!!

I write this having just returned from the September PCC meeting which left us all in a state of shock! Michael's excellent accounting skills cannot hide the fact that we are in dire need of an injection of giving! Our income so far to date this year is £31,661 – excellent you may think; until you see our expenditure so far this year is £42,912. **A deficit of £11,251!**

It gets worse! Our contract for gas is due for renewal. Costs for the year to August 2022 was £5840. The projected cost for the contract for the coming year is **£15,652**. The electricity contract is due for renewal in the new year. These increased costs come on top of our obligation to our Parish Share which we have managed to pay the diocese each year. For that we must be thankful.

It upsets everyone that our worship of the Lord somehow comes at a cost. This should not be so but unfortunately it is the way of the world. As a PCC we are looking at ways to try to save money and also raise funds via fundraising events now that Covid restrictions have lifted, however, this is not going to be the only answer. Our giving needs to increase and be more consistent. Did you know that you can make your contributions by standing order through your bank? This is much more cost effective for us and means that you don't have to worry about having the cash on a Sunday. See Michael for the bank details. You are in control of your payments and they are completely confidential. Are you a tax payer? We can claim back the tax you pay on your contributions through Gift Aid. See Joan or Michael for details.

We realise that everyone is suffering these astronomical rises in costs and the economic situation is a worry for us all. All we ask is that we all prayerfully review our giving then we can face whatever the future holds **BUT ONLY IF YOU ARE ABLE!**

We pray that by God's grace we may be able to withstand these troubled times.

Chris Crabtree

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

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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 and Psalms for October 2022

Sun 2nd	16th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.30	Habakkuk 1.1-4;2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10
Tues 4th	10.30	No service
Sun 9th	17th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.30	2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19
Tues 11th	10.30	No service
Sun 16th	18th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.30	Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5;
Tues 18th	10.30	No service
Sun 23rd	Last Sunday after Trinity - Bible Sunday	
	10.30	Isaiah 45.22-end; Luke 4.16-24 <i>Worship for All</i>
Tues 25th	10.30	No service
Sun 30th	All Saints' Day	
	10.30	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1.11-end;
	3.00	Wisdom 3.1-9; Psalm 27.1-6,16-end; John 6.37-40

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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.

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Some dates for your diary - October 2022

Sun	2nd	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	3rd	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	6th	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	7th	1.30p.m.—3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	9th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	10th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	13th	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	16th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		1.00p.m.	Parish Meal at Stamford Golf Club
Mon	17th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Thurs	20th	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	21st	1.30 pm. - 3.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	23rd	10.30 a.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving
Thurs	27th	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	30th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns

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

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200 Club

September Winners

1st prize no 83 Julia Davies; 2nd prize £15 no 59 Alex Pickup;
3rd prize £10 no 64 Dorothy Dawson

Reflecting on Queen Elizabeth II's death

by Canon Paul Hardingham



'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service' (21st birthday broadcast, 21 April 1947).

We have all been shocked and saddened by the recent death of Queen Elizabeth II. For most of us, we've never known another monarch and we're used to the stability of her presence.

Much has been said about her humility, servant heart and commitment to duty over the 75 years of her reign. The secret of the Queen's consistency of character and service was her Christian Faith: *'To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example'* (2002). It is clear that she drew strength from her faith, seeking to live according to the teachings of the Bible.

However, the Queen recognised her need for forgiveness, which she found through her personal relationship with Jesus Christ: *'Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person, neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are), but a Saviour, with the power to forgive.'* (2011).

We can truly give thanks for the Queen's commitment to serving God and the nation throughout her life. She has been a great example of what Paul says about Christian living: *'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.'* (Colossians 3:17). Let's make her our example!

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ELIZABETH AND CHARLES



It was a shock - as death can be,
Though recently 'twas plain to see
Her looking frail - and stooped - and old,
(Still sharp of mind, though, we are told!).

A life of duty - so well spent
With dignity - which proved she meant
That vow she made at twenty-one -
And never failed to act upon
With grace and charm and winning smile
The role fulfilled in perfect style.
Wit and wisdom - keeping schtum
(Just like any other mum!)
Sustained by faith throughout her reign
Now with "her rock" she will remain.

Hard shoes to fill - that's oh so true,
This time would come as Charles well knew.
No chance to grieve like others can
(Control emotion - "be a man!!").
Tour the realm - hear speeches made
The burden on him duly laid.
He's pledged to serve till life is done,
Uphold traditions – build upon.
And though well trained – five decades spent
Preparing for this great event,
Let's not forget what it will mean
Succeeding 'mum' - our gracious Queen.
The task is great - a mighty thing
The Queen is dead. God save the King

*Irene Brierley
September 2022*

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Friends

Having just watched the news I wondered what issue somebody is going to bring up next and complain about—things are not being fixed fast enough, cheap enough, intolerance of others, being discriminated against, and on it goes. Yes, there are many things wrong in our society, but we have to also look at things from our own, or others perspective.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your purse and spare change in a dish somewhere, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of at least 500 million people in the world. If you can attend a church service without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not. If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or touch them on the shoulder, you are Blessed because you can offer a healing touch. If you can read this, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

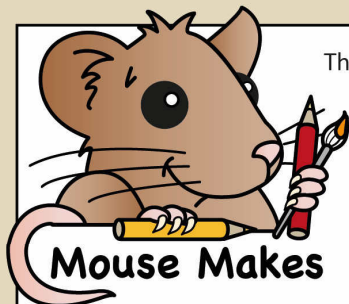
We have many things for which we should all be grateful. But we must not forget others and help however we can.

'Borrowed' from Jennifer Lisle, Congregational Church

September Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Labour. 4, Autumn. 7, Stay. 8, Darkness. 9, Reasoned. 13, Act. 16, Presbyterians. 17, Sat. 19, Ridicule. 24, Reproach. 25, Abib. 26, Celtic. 27, Intend.

DOWN: 1, Lose. 2, Blamerest. 3, Radio. 4, Agree. 5, Tend. 6, Music. 10, Sober. 11, Noted. 12, Doric. 13, Available. 14, Test. 15, Apes. 18, As Eve. 20, Isaac. 21, Ishvi. 22, Fret. 23, Ebed.



The New Testament has **four gospels**, **twenty one epistles** and the book of *Revelation*.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the *epistles*...



Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.

How many people does Paul send greetings to at the end of his letter to the Romans?

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The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter or message*

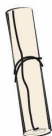
Which are the longest epistles?

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How many chapters do they have?

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DID YOU KNOW...?
At the time of the New Testament letters were written on scrolls



Which is the shortest epistle?

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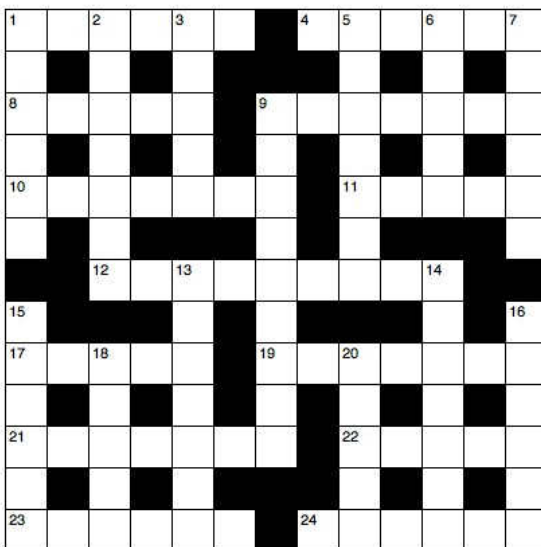
How many chapters does it have?

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October Crossword



Across

1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6), 4 As balm (anag.) (6), 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5), 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7), 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7), 11 Banishment(Jeremiah29:1)(5), 12 'And now I will show you the most — way'(1Corinthians12:31) (9), 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2), 19 Mice den(anag.)(7), 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7), 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5), 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6), 24 Paul's birthplace(Acts22:3) (6)

Down

1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6), 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7), 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5), 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7), 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5), 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6), 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9), 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7), 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7), 15 'If your hand — you to sin,cut it off'(Mark9:43)(6), 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts



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Please sign up to support us at
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Ridge Hill Lane WMC

Main room can be booked free of charge for various functions, subject to availability

Artistes regularly



All live sport shown on large screens

Pool tables

Children allowed under supervision

New members always welcome

Contact manager for further info on

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 long-standing 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

11th September

Kathryn Rebecca Troy



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Brunch with Santa

Santa is joining us again this year!

He had such a great time last year that he has agreed to join us for Brunch on 3rd December!

There are two sittings:

10-12 and 1-3

The cost is £5 per child and £2 per adult – this includes food for everyone and children will get a gift.

If you know anyone who would like to meet him, please let Val know.

Please put payment in an envelope, with your name, child's name and age (so Santa can give an appropriate gift), which sitting you would like, and contact details.

Thanks

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"Never mind, let's just be happy that Baz came to church in the first place."

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Oct	William Reynolds	1951	16 Oct	William Parkinson	1899
	Walter Meadowcroft	1980		Gillian Checkley	2007
2 Oct	Joseph Parkinson	1966		Mary Podmore	2020
	Minnie Duffin	2004	17 Oct	Albert Wood	1972
3 Oct	Harry Shaw	1986		Eveline Travis	2013
	Paul Thomas Sykes	1992	19 Oct	Harry Hamilton	1982
	Gladys Spencer	2018		Dorothy Turner	2006
4 Oct	Harry Lees	1984	20 Oct	Joan Brooker	1990
	Barbara Robinson	2007	21 Oct	Joan Vickers	2016
	Vera Redfern	2008		Katie Marie Mellor	2017
5 Oct	Gladys Worsnip	2002	22 Oct	Stuart Priestley	1968
6 Oct	Esther Wheal	1983	23 Oct	Sidney Moorcroft	1989
	James William Bailey	2014	25 Oct	Myfanwy Spencer	1985
8 Oct	Rev Eddie Fallows	2021		Muriel Grace Castle	2010
	Olivia Haigh	1988		Wendy Jane Brooker	1990
9 Oct	Ethel Stokes	1981	26 Oct	Dennis Selby	1981
	Alfred Benjamin Street	2007		Alice Kershaw Wood	1983
10 Oct	George Harry Garnett	1993	27 Oct	Paul Quarmby	2004
	Paulette Davenport	2009		Norrie Stewart	2007
11 Oct	Margaret Bates	1980	28 Oct	Ethel May Nuttall	2007
12 Oct	Alice Brierley	1985		Lily Burgess	2010
	Ellen Ridgway	2001	29 Oct	John McKee	1986
	Joan Pilling	2012		Kyle Richard Turner	1987
13 Oct	Doreen Kay	2004		Eric Lister Jones	1995
14 Oct	George Alan Wilson	2010		Edna Smyth	2004
15 Oct	Kenneth Stevenson	1994			
	Herbert Battersby	2009			

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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 inscription is £10 per entry

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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

Contact:

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