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December 2022 & January 2023

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*For baptisms, marriages or funerals please phone the Vicar on 07393 420763.  
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, or to have  
the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance,  
please contact the Vicar.*

## **A note from the wardens**

It is now coming to the end of a busy and eventful year. The year started with us knowing that Penny would soon be leaving – I think I speak for us all when I say we were full of trepidation.

However, we did not need to worry. Help came in the shape of our Church Family.

Many of you have stepped in and taken over roles that were previously empty. We have all welcomed new families into our Church Community and helped to spread the word that we can pull together. Many of us have been to events at Saint George's in Mossley, and welcomed our Mossley family to our own events.

Instead of standing still, we have grown in many areas. Our Tiny Tots group now meets on Thursday as well as Mondays. The Thursday Café has flourished and the Dementia Café is full each week – they even have their own WhatsApp group!

Junior Church is led by amazing leaders and the increase in confidence of the young people is obvious to us all.

The choir remains dedicated and we are lucky to have such talent amongst us.

We have been blessed with visiting clergy – who regularly say that they love coming to Saint George's as they are always made to feel so welcome.

All of this helps in the search for a new incumbent. There is no update on how the search is going – but please keep praying for the right person to come along.

Gillian and I would not have been able to do our job without you all helping as much as you have. The PCC has been incredibly supportive – we send thanks to you all.

As we look forward to a busy few weeks, we would like to thank each and every one of you for the support you give.

Sending prayers for a joyous and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Val and Gillian

## 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.**

#### **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)**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2021**



**10.30am Parish Communion with  
JUNIOR CHURCH NATIVITY & CHRISTINGLE  
6.00pm Nine Lesson and Carols**



# Saint George's Christmas Fair 2022

It was so good to get back to some semblance of normal for our Christmas Fair last month, after not meeting for the past two years. Tameside Community Voices entertained us wonderfully and got us in the mood with a wonderful collection of Christmas songs. There were lots of stalls – some old favourites and some new ones too! The café, always a firm favourite, did a roaring trade, with friends using the opportunity to catch up with each other. We were thrilled to welcome Christina, the Rose Queen from St George's, Mossley who organised a Toy Tombola. There was a raffle which was certainly GRAND with 27 prizes!! Julia held her usual household goods stall and Janet had a sweet tombola for the uniformed organisations. Michael once again held the bottle tombola for the choir but with numbers depleted because of illness, he and Gil did a sterling job! Guess the name of the Cat (Kathy) and the number of sweets in the jar (279) were meant to be stalls to keep the young ones entertained but lots of adults wanted a go too!! The cake stall had sold out by the time I got there!

We were supported by lots of independent stalls many of whom also took part in the "Virtual" fair. We are so fortunate to have this network of support, many of whom donated prizes to our raffle.

I couldn't believe how busy the Fair was considering the number of fairs held on the same day. Thankfully, it proves there is room for all of us.

The total amount raised is in excess of £1338.94 with the final figure not available at the time of writing this. A fantastic effort considering the economic situation at the moment! But more importantly than that is the opportunity for us to get together in fellowship and friendship.

Many thanks to everyone who came. God bless you all!

Chris Crabtree

If you would like to browse through the Christmas fair, you can still do so at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stgeorgesvirutalfair/>



Following on from the success of Breakfast With Santa in 2021, it was decided that this year we would have Brunch with Santa – with two sittings. Word had obviously got round, as within a week most of the places had gone. We now have over 40 very excited children and over 40 equally excited adults waiting to join the big man himself for Brunch.

Thanks to Santa and his busy elves for organising this event – you have made many children extremely happy.



## 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](mailto: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 December 2022

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**10.30 Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7,18-19; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12**

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 3rd Sunday of Advent**

**10.30 Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146.4-10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11**

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 4th Sunday of Advent - Holy Communion and Junior Church**

**10.30 Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-8,18-20; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-end**

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Bethlehem Mass**

**21.00 Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 98; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-20**

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

**10.30 Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14**

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### **200 Club Winners**

#### **November**

1st prize £25 no 8 June Leigh ; 2nd prize £15 no 78 Ted Longdon; 3rd prize £10 no 112 Gary Walker

Rose will be collecting the payments for 2023 after Christmas, these should be placed in an envelope clearly marked on the front with '200 Club' and your name.

### **November Crossword Solution**

**ACROSS:** 1, Hopefulness. 9, Hitting. 10, du Pre. 11, Ere. 13, Ozni. 16, Wait. 17, Climbs. 18, Obey. 20, Joni. 21, Cuckoo. 22, In it. 23, Yaws. 25, Elm. 28, Alarm. 29, Epistle. 30, Whitsuntide.  
**DOWN:** 2, Often. 3, Exit. 4, Urge. 5, Node. 6, Soprano. 7, Theological. 8, Westminster. 12, Rebuke. 14, Icy. 15, Ritual. 19, Epitaph. 20, Joy. 24, Acted. 25, Emit. 26, Menu. 27, Gift.

### **December Crossword Solution**

**ACROSS:** 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod.  
**DOWN:** 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

# Some dates for your diary - December 2022

## December

Thurs	1st	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	2nd	11.30 am.- 2.00 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sat	3rd	10.00 a.m. -2.00 p.m.	Brunch with Santa
Sun	4th	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
Wed	7th	7.00 p.m.	Stalybridge District Guides Christmas Service
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	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
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	11.30 pm.- 2.00 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	18th	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with Junior Church Nativity Worship for All</b>
		<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Nine Lessons and Carols</b>
Thurs	22nd	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	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
		4.00 p.m.	Christingle and Blessing of the Crib
		<b>9.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bethlehem Mass</b>
Sun	25th	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
		<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>

For more information please go to our website [www.stg.org.uk](http://www.stg.org.uk)



"The vicar's still miffed that one of the parents got £250 from You've Been Framed for their video of last year's nativity play."



*A note from Revd Gary Kennaugh on Advent*

Dear Church Family,

How fast has this term gone? It feels like yesterday that we were enjoying the sunshine of the summer, and now Christmas is round the corner.

Christmas is such a wonderful celebration and we have many things coming up that allow us to worship together in community, and invite friends and family along. However, there is a danger that with so much on we miss the beauty of Advent. We can often rush through the month and only stop when Christmas day comes. There are things to buy, people to see, nativities to watch, to do lists to tick off...but what about making time to pause? Can I encourage you to do just that during December? Pause. Stop. And just be.

During Advent we pray with churches around the world 'Come, Lord Jesus' as we cry out for His return, and celebrate His birth 2,000 years ago. Why not take some time to pray those words this month, and ask God to speak to you through them. Enjoy the waiting and ask the Lord to meet you there.

Our prayer for us all is that we would meet Jesus afresh this month as gathered church together, and scattered church throughout the week.

Come, Lord Jesus.

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**CHRISTMAS DAY - a poem by Megan Carter**

**C**arols sound throughout the land

**H**eralding a special birth

**R**ejoicing as from Heaven's realm

**I**mmanuel comes to bless the earth.

**S**o in the town of Bethlehem

**T**he Saviour Jesus gently lies,

**M**ary rocks the tiny child

**A**s angels serenade the skies.

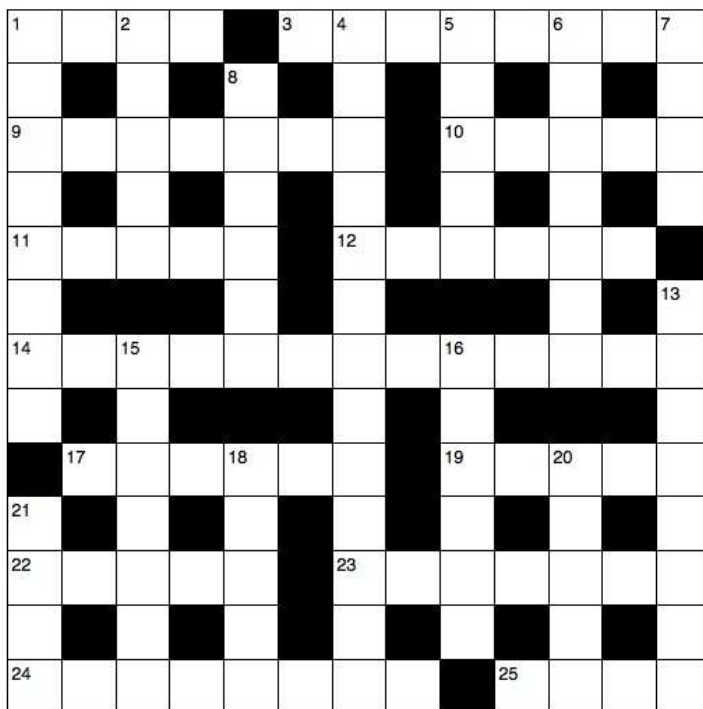
**S**hepherds told the awesome story

**D**ivinity will now reside

**A**s He who ruled in Heaven above

**Y**et Lord of all comes as a child.

## December Crossword



### Across

1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4), 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore'(Hebrews 13:13) (8), 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7), 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5), 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5), 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6), 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13), 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6), 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2), 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5), 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7), 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8), 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

### Down

1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5), 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3), 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13), 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5), 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7), 7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4), 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6), 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8), 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7), 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6), 18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5), 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5), 21 Son of

# Christmas Services



## **Toy Service**

Sunday 27th November at  
10.30am

## **Advent Carol Service**

Sunday 27th November at 6pm

## **Stalybridge District Guides**

### **Christmas Service**

Wednesday 7th December at  
7pm

## **Junior Church Nativity and Christingle**

Sunday 18th December at  
10.30am

## **Nine Lessons and Carols**

Sunday 18th December at 6pm

## **Blessing of the Crib**

Christmas Eve at 4pm

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## IRENE'S CHRISTMAS CAROL QUIZ

Firstly you need to find the one word answers to each question. The initial letters of each answer in a group are the initial letters of the title of a Christmas carol.

e.g. The ninth month of the year - **S** eptember

The capital city of Cyprus - **N** icosia

Carol: **Silent Night**

All the carols are well known, so you may be able to guess at some answers.

### Here we go:

1. Which English city has “dreaming spires”?

What was the first name of the gardener Capability Brown?

In Imperial Measurements how many pints make a quart?

Which Ukrainian city features in a novel by Frederick Forsyth, later turned into a film?

In Fawlty Towers, from which city did Manuel come?

Carol:

2. What is the first word in the Bible?

Alfred Mosher Butts invented which popular game?

W is the chemical symbol for which element?

Which spice is derived from the crocus flower?

Carol:

3. On a standard computer keyboard, which letter is below the letter “U”?

What was Tennessee Williams’ real first name?

What is the name of the Greek fish roe dip, often pink in colour?

On which day of the week did Solomon Grundy get married?

Carol:

4. Which food gave the Olympians their immortality?

What is the coloured part of the eye called?

Which fruit is used to make the brandy Calvados?

What is the longest river in North America?

Carol:

5. Where did “Chippy” Minton live and work?

What type of creature is a grayling?

In the Bible who is Ruth’s mother-in-law?

Carol:

6. What word is always spelt incorrectly?  
Acupuncture is a traditional medicine from which country?  
George Formby is associated with which musical instrument?  
Edward Smith was the captain of which ship?  
What motorway links London and South Wales?  
Which animal appears on the logo of clothes by Lacoste?

Carol:

7. What type of creature lives in a holt?  
All snowflakes are which shape?  
The Old Bailey was built on the site of which prison?

Carol:

8. Which territory was ceded to Britain by the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht?  
The tenge is the currency of which former republic?  
An oenophile is a lover of what?

Carol:

9. What is the maximum number of ways a batsman can be out in cricket?  
What was the first name of the French artist Matisse?  
In which month do Antipodeans commemorate ANZAC Day?  
What does the Fujita Scale measure?  
What nationality was Oscar Wilde?

Carol:

10. The Ring Cycle is a collection of operas by which composer?  
What is the second largest planet in the Solar System?  
What is the last state alphabetically in the U.S.A.?

Carol:

*Hope you enjoy doing the quiz. Answers will appear in the next issue of the magazine.*



## GIRLGUIDING AT ST GEORGE'S



In 1907 Lord Robert Baden-Powell founded the Boy Scout Movement, and very soon the girls wanted to join too by gate crashing the first Boy Scout Rally at Crystal Palace demanding "something for the girls". Lord Baden – Powell decided that there should be a Movement for girls and so in 1909 the Guide Association was formed.

In the early days there were calls from girls for new age groups to be set up. Brownies (originally called Rosebuds were set up for girls under eleven. A Senior Guide group for older girls came in 1916 now called Rangers. Guiding's youngest group Rainbows was formed in 1987.

The first mention of Girlguiding coming to Old St George's was in 1933. However, no records seemed to have been kept around this time, but Girl Guides certainly existed towards the end of that year and Brownies were formed a few years later.

In the late 1950s Guides and Brownies were to be found at New St George's and were known as the 5<sup>th</sup> Stalybridge (St George's) Units. These Units were very popular and began to grow in numbers. In the 1970s and 1980s St. George's Guides were very proud to have had seven Girl Guides who had achieved their Queen's Guide Award for their achievements. (This Award was the highest award they could receive in the Guide section) One or two of these girls are now Leaders in our present Units!.) Our waiting lists were rising especially for Brownies and so in 1985 we opened a second Brownie Unit known as the 11<sup>th</sup> Stalybridge (St George's) Unit and in 1988 we opened our 5<sup>th</sup> Stalybridge (St George's) Rainbow Unit. This was the first Rainbow Unit to be opened in Stalybridge. Sadly, very soon after this our 5<sup>th</sup> Brownie Unit had to close due to the lack of leaders.

Throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century Girlguiding continued to develop a programme which encouraged girls to challenge themselves. More than 100 years after Girlguiding began we continue to do amazing things. In 2018, a brand-new programme was launched for all members from Rainbows to Rangers. It was the biggest refresh of Badges and Awards that Girlguiding had ever seen. Led by the skills and passions of girls today six themes were created for our members to explore and over 800 new badges and Activities were introduced, proving that Girlguiding is still committed to listening to what girls need and delivering new and inspiring opportunities.

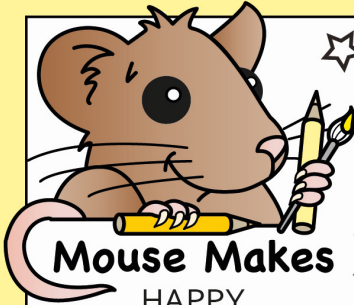
Guiding by Age Group Rainbows are aged 5 to 7yrs: Brownies are aged 7 to 10 years and Guides are aged 10 to 14 years. Anyone wishing to make enquiries about joining should go online and look up "Guiding". This is the only way we can accept new members these days.

5<sup>th</sup> Rainbows meet Tuesdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm. 11<sup>th</sup> Brownies meet Wednesdays 6.30pm to 7.45pm and 5<sup>th</sup> Guides meet Wednesdays 7.30pm to 8.30 pm.

At the present time all Units have places available as many girls never returned after the Covid outbreak when we were unable to meet. Please speak to any of the Unit Leaders if you wish to know any more information.

Julia Davies

# Children's Page



## Mouse Makes

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

Read the Christmas story in **Luke 2:1-21**.

Answer the questions, colour the picture and colour one star each day until Christmas.

Where was Mary's baby born?  
Why were Joseph and Mary there?

What did Mary dress her baby in?

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?

Why were the shepherds afraid?

What good news did the angel tell?

What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?

Who appeared praising God, what did they say?

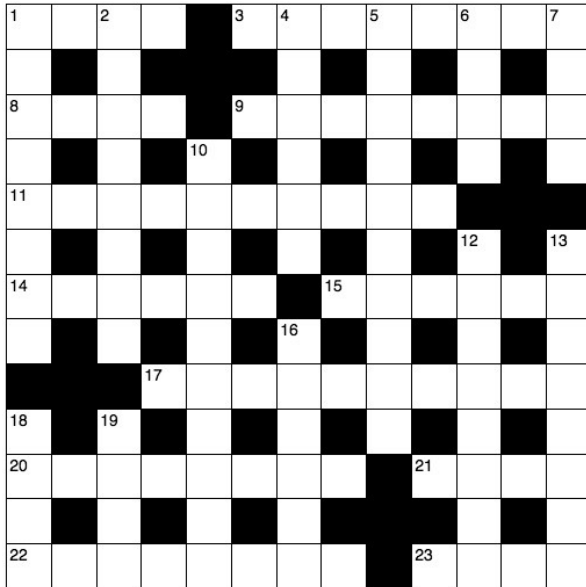
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# January Crossword



## Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
- 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
- 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2–4) (8)
- 11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
- 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

## Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
- 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
- 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
- 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
- 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
- 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
- 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
- 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
- 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)



## Readings and Psalms for January 2023

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 2nd Sunday of Christmas

10.30 Isaiah 63.7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2.10-end; Matthew 2.13-end

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Epiphany

10.30 Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.10-15; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10.30 Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-12; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 2rd Sunday of Epiphany

10.30 Isaiah 9.1-4; Matthew 4.12-23 *Worship for All*

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 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

God loves us; not because we are loveable but because He is love; not because he needs to receive but because He delights to give. - *C S Lewis*



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers



## DEMENTIA CAFÉ

The Dementia Café is going from strength to strength, so much so that we now have a waiting list! We are limited in numbers because of the size of the room (if only we had a lift to make the upstairs room accessible for all!) and I am conscious of the ratio of Volunteers to guests.

Recent television programmes have highlighted the importance of music for those living with Dementia and we find that is certainly the case. A recent visit from Tameside Community Voices had our guests singing along and dancing in the aisle – a joy to see! Our December programme includes Armchair Aerobics – always good for a giggle (and a singalong!) – and our Christmas party for which I have booked a fantastic vocalist!

We now provide a hot lunch, be it soup, corned beef hash or meat and potato pie, followed by cake (they love their chocolate cake!). We found that some of our guests had problems with accessible transport home as our meetings ended at 3.30pm but most taxi companies are committed to school contracts at this time. It meant that sometimes we were waiting for transport until 4.30pm which was very distressing for the guest. It is for this reason that we have altered our meeting times to **11.30–2.00pm** and this has worked wonderfully so far. Time for a brew and a chat on arrival, lunch is served at 12.15 and entertainment starts at 1.00pm.

None of this would be possible without our fantastic band of Volunteers who have all had some training in Dementia care, together with the grants which we have received in order to provide this service – The Big Local, Action Together, Dementia United and Tameside Rotary have all been really supportive of our cause and I can't thank them enough for their generous assistance! Other applications are in the pipeline, so fingers crossed!

I feel very privileged and humbled to lead this group of fantastic individuals who all have so much to offer! The love and support they share at our meetings is immense. Thank to each and every one of you!

If you know anyone who needs our help, then get in touch with me on 07714 235736

Chris Crabtree

# Some dates for your diary January 2023

<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
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	11.30 pm.- 2.00 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
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	7.00p.m.	Recipe Taster Night
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
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	11.30 pm.– 2.00p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b> <i>Worship for All</i>
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
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>

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-  [ALM Course Prospectus 2023.pdf](#)

You can also view the Diocesan Generosity and Thankfulness Newsletter here -

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There is lots of really useful information in all of these documents, so please feel free to share as widely as you wish amongst your PCCs and congregations.

Best wishes,

Liz Dent

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# Happy New Year?

As we go into a new year what is the one word that best sums up 2022 for you?

For its 'word of the year' in 2022, The Collins English Dictionary has chosen 'permacrisis' - meaning 'an extended period of instability and uncertainty'.

Considering the on-going pandemic, war in Europe, droughts, floods, famine and wildfires of climate change, political instability, and now a truly frightening cost-of-living crisis, 'permacrisis' is a good description!

No wonder if our Christmas celebrations and 'Happy New Year' hopes may be a bit muted this year. Many people are deeply worried about the future.



And yet as Christians, we have somewhere to turn, Someone to turn to, for comfort and for reassurance that we are not forsaken, and that we need not be overwhelmed by whatever 2023 may bring to us. God can be our strength, a trusted refuge in times of trouble.

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken. (Psalm 55:22)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5,6)

## From our December Book of Remembrance

1 Dec	Dean Stanley	1976	18 Dec	Martha Ireson	1937
2 Dec	Harriet Shenton	1976		Mary Lloyd	1999
	Harold Harrison Rowbottom	1988		Thelma Adnett	2005
	Harry Brayshaw	2001		Edith Brayshaw	2010
4 Dec	Ellen Wooley Lomas	1970	19 Dec	Jonas Ward	2000
7 Dec	Edgar Jones	1990	22 Dec	Jessie Wyld	1991
7 Dec	Moreen Branwood	1943		Gladys Jakeman	1999
9 Dec	Jack Fitchett	1951		Winifred Barnshaw	2005
10 Dec	Jane Anne Greenhalgh	1978	23 Dec	Emma Gudger	1962
	Malcolm James Donald	2008		James Stott	1983
	Walter Charles Aves	2016		Sarah Hannah Hague	1981
11 Dec	Neil Kershaw	2013		Dorothy Stott	2012
12 Dec	George Woolley Buckley	1990	24 Dec	Mona Jefferson	1988
	Joseph Kinder	1929		Audrey Fallows	2012
13 Dec	Frank Turner	1976		Sephen Karl Walsh	2019
	Raymond Stewart	2018	25 Dec	Frank Buckley	1974
14 Dec	Gertrude Barbara Fitchett	1938		James Reedy	1982
	Ernest Ives	1975		Derek Hibbert	1992
	Nora Grace Council	2008		David William Heap	1979
	Philip Edward Davenport	2010		Ivy Holt	2009
15 Dec	William Dyson Duckworth	2010		Marian Beatrice Ogden	2013
16 Dec	Eva Whittingham	1984	28 Dec	Emily Rosina Pendleton	1987
	John Hague	1968		Alfred Wilde	1988
	Minnie Press	1984		Thomas Holt	2009
	Edith Longden	2008		George Henry Burtoft	2010
	Nancy Nield	2019		Alan Oldham Miller	2011
17 Dec	Anthony John David Gough	1993	29 Dec	Joan Pickles	2006
	Bertha Barnfield	1998	31 Dec	Alice Shenton	1989
	Norman Quest	2001		Joseph Lees	2000
	William Hadfield	2012		John White	2008
				Madge Aves	2021

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## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

### Baptisms

#### 6th November

Jenson Tai McLeod

Erin Grace McLeod

#### 20th November

Benjamin George Halligan

### Interment of Ashes

#### 26th November

Jean Hough



## From our January Book of Remembrance

1 Jan	Ezekiel Lomas	1941	18 Jan	George William Catlow	2000
2 Jan	Edward Cooper	1980		Marian Hulme	2002
	Ernest Bramall	1982		Reginald Hewitt	2008
	Marjorie Day	1982	19 Jan	Mary Eastwood	1989
	David Cotton	2007	20 Jan	Raymond Jack Clarke	1983
3 Jan	Ivy Marshall	2006		Katherine Devlin	1988
4 Jan	William Parkinson	1943		Jean Ollerenshaw	2012
	Phyllis Peck	1981	21 Jan	Heather Alwyn Clarke	2012
	Barry Aldred	1999	22 Jan	Thomas Howard	1964
	Nellie Mellor	1977		Harry Walton	1967
5 Jan	Joseph Hibbert	1957		Eliza Emma Sidebottom	1988
	Hugh Shepley	1987	23 Jan	Jesslyn Tonge	1991
	Gertrude Sullivan	1998		Neil Hadfield	2011
6 Jan	Harry Walton	1988	24 Jan	Henry Howard	1981
	John Barratt	1996		Rhoda Hancock	1989
8 Jan	George Leonard Eakins	1981		Harold Spencer	1962
	James Norman Kelday	2000		Albert Marcel Hough	2017
	Fred Harris	1979	25 Jan	Agnes Smith	1975
9 Jan	Sarah Clews	1994		Carol Hyde	2010
	Susan Ann Maud Barnfield	1953		Joseph Middleton	2019
	Derek Greenwood	2019	26 Jan	Edith Emma Clinton	1987
10 Jan	Tom Sidebottom	1979		Nellie Wood	1987
11 Jan	Jesse Horsefield	1984		Eric James Chorlton	2001
	Drinda Jefferson	1990		Margaret Slack	2007
	Evelyn Barlow	2003	27 Jan	Fred Kay	1968
	James Watson	2014		Bridget Bower	1994
12 Jan	Ethel Battersby	1992		Ronald Bower	2000
13 Jan	Kathleen Thwaites	1992		Geoffrey Phillip Brown	1995
14 Jan	Robert Nicholson	1988		Abraham Newton	1983
	Eva Helen Ollerenshaw	1989		Veronica Quinn	1997
	Kyle Martin Cropper	2004	29 Jan	Fred Holt	1939
	Ramsden			Eddie Holden	1990
15 Jan	Norman Council	2014		Karen Jane Bradbury	2007
	James Ireson	1990		Mildred Bradshaw	2014
16 Jan	William Gudger	1963	30 Jan	Alice Saxon	1997
	Minnie Schofield	2012	31 Jan	Alice Ann Priestley	1955
17 Jan	David Lees	2011		John Robert Stanley	1990
18 Jan	William Frederick Ireson	1962		John Patrick Higgins	2006



## 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 the vicar or one of the wardens. The cost for the inscription is £10 per entry

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