

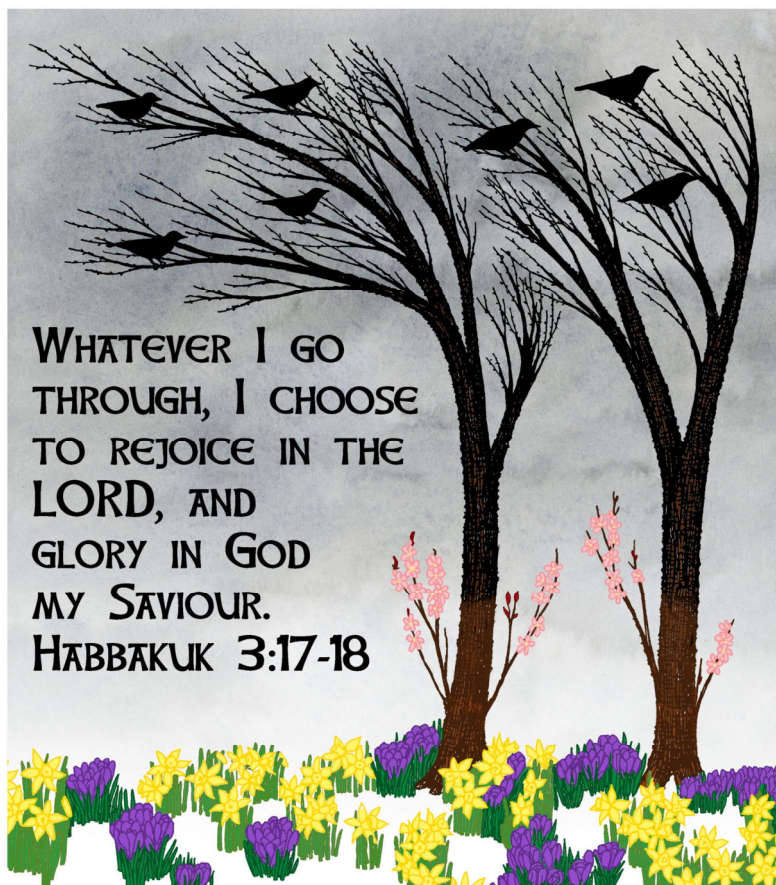
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February 2023

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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

Friends

Valentine's Day reminds us of the importance of expressing our love to those close to us. But how can we go beyond simply offering flowers and a card? Jesus says: *'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another'* (John 13:34). How can we express love like Jesus in our everyday relationships to our partner, children, neighbours or work colleagues?

Listening

We need to listen to others, just as Jesus did. He asked questions of people and waited for them to process their answer. According to James, *'everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry'* (James 1:19). How well do we listen to others? How often do we find ourselves already thinking of what we want to say before somebody's finished speaking? Listening takes time; don't rush it!

Touching

Jesus reached out to touch the untouchables in His world, including lepers, the sick and children. This was completely out of character for rabbis of His day. For us today, a warm handshake may be of value. Of course, it should always be an *appropriate* touch – helpful for the other person, not just for ourselves.

Speaking

Jesus' conversation was always full of grace and truth (John 1:14). Do we speak words of *grace*, by offering comfort, giving encouragement or expressing care and concern? However, we should also be ready to speak words of *truth*, in asking for forgiveness, seeking reconciliation or addressing conflict. As Paul urges us, don't avoid: *'speaking the truth in love'*.

Where is the challenge for us in expressing love this Valentine's Day?

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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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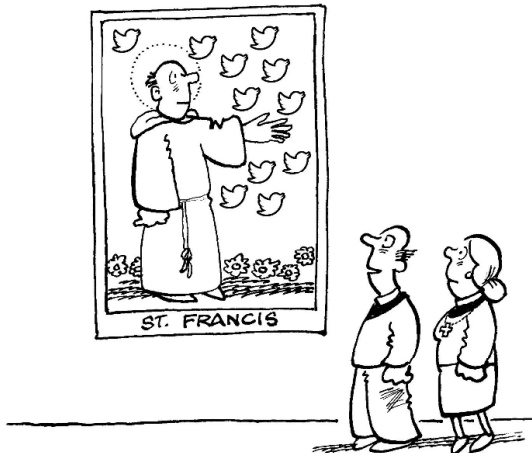
Changes to Covid 19 Measures

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)



*He's been updated. He's now the
patron saint of tweeting!*



Lent this year starts on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, and there will be a special service on this date starting at 8pm.

This year's lent course will start on the following Monday, 27th February, at 7pm until 8pm in the Church lounge. There will be six sessions and the study booklet is 'Jesus the I Am' by Margie Williamson. In the sessions we will be discovering the power of 'I AM'. We know that Jesus' work on the cross and his resurrection changed the world. Two thousand years later his work is still changing lives, one person at a time—thanks in part to His 'I AM' statements. These simple words have the power to change our life and the world today. Come and join us on this Lenten journey!

The course is open to all and if you would like more details please speak to Joyce Hansell

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A prayer for Lent

Dear Father in Heaven

In this month, when Lent begins, we remember Jesus' experience in the wilderness. The world today can seem like a wilderness. So many difficult, incomprehensible things going on. It is tempting to turn away in horror or denial, tempting to look out for ourselves, tempting to take the easy path, to pay attention to whatever the culture dangles before our eyes.

Lord, please help us. We need your word to guide us. We need your Holy Spirit to fill and strengthen us. Help us to give our attention and our worship only to you. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

Thank you, Father, for Jesus, who by his death and resurrection, opens the way to you. Help us to renew our trust in him and through him, to walk with you every day.

In his name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



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 February 2023

Sun 5th	3rd Sunday before Lent
	10.30 Isaiah 58.1-9a; Psalm 112.1-9; 1 Corinthians 2.1-12; Matthew 5.13-20
Tues 7 th	10.30 No service
Sun 12th	2nd Sunday before Lent
	10.30 Genesis 1.1-2.3; Psalm 136.1-9,23-end; Romans 8.18-25; Matthew 6.25-end
Tues 14 th	10.30 No service
Sun 19th	Sunday next before Lent
	10.30 Exodus 24.12-end; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1.16-end;
Tues 21 st	10.30 No service
Wed 22nd	Ash Wednesday
	20.00 Isaiah 58.1-12; Psalm 51.1-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-
Sun 26th	1st Sunday of Lent
	10.30 Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Matthew 4.1-11 <i>Worship for All</i>
	18.00 Advent Carol Service
Tues 28 th	10.30 No service

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January Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully. 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri. 22, Capitals. 23, USPG.

DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois. 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel. 18, BBFC. 19, Snap.

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Some dates for your diary - February 2023

Wed	1st	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	2nd	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	3rd	11.30a.m.—1.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	5th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	6th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	7th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
Wed	8th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	9th	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	11th	7.30 p.m.	Quiz Night
Sun	12th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	13th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	14th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
Wed	15th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	16th	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	17th	11.30 a.m - 1.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	19th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Thurs	23rd	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Sun	26th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	27th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		7.00 p.m.	Lent Course
Tues	28th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows

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

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IRENE'S CHRISTMAS CAROL QUIZ

- THE ANSWERS!

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: - **S**ilent **N**ight

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

1. Which English city has “dreaming spires”? **Oxford**
What was the first name of the gardener Capability Brown? **Lancelot**
In Imperial Measurements how many pints make a quart? **Two**
Which Ukrainian city features in a novel by Frederick Forsyth, later turned into a film? **Odessa**
In Fawlty Towers, from which city did Manuel come? **Barcelona**

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem

2. What is the first word in the Bible? **In**
Alfred Mosher Butts invented which popular game? **Scrabble**
W is the chemical symbol for which element? **Tungsten**
Which spice is derived from the crocus flower? **Saffron**

Carol: I Saw Three Ships

3. On a standard computer keyboard, which letter is below the letter “U”? **J**
What was Tennessee Williams’ real first name? **Thomas**
What is the name of the Greek fish roe dip, often pink in colour? **Taramasalata**
On which day of the week did Solomon Grundy get married? **Wednesday**

Carol: Joy To The World

4. Which food gave the Olympians their immortality? **Ambrosia**
What is the coloured part of the eye called? **Iris**
Which fruit is used to make the brandy Calvados? **Apple**
What is the longest river in North America? **Missouri**

Carol: Away in a Manger

5. Where did “Chippy” Minton live and work? **Trumpton**
What type of creature is a grayling? **Fish**
In the Bible who is Ruth’s mother-in-law? **Naomi**

Carol: The First Nowell

6. What word is always spelt incorrectly? **Incorrectly**
Acupuncture is a traditional medicine from which country? **China**
George Formby is associated with which musical instrument? **Ukulele**
Edward Smith was the captain of which ship? **Titanic**
What motorway links London and South Wales? **M4**
Which animal appears on the logo of clothes by Lacoste? **Crocodile**

Carol: It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

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

Carol: O Holy Night

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

Carol: Good King Wenceslas

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

Carol: The Holly And The Ivy

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

Carol: While Shepherds Watched

Well? How did you do?

It made you think didn't it!

But we hope you enjoyed it

St George's Snippets

200 Club

January Winners

1st prize £25 no 30 Pat Booth; 2nd prize £15 no 25 Judith Fairbrother;
3rd prize £10 no 96 Alison Powell

Thank you for your continued support of the 200 Club. It is now time to renew your annual subscriptions for 2023, if you haven't done so already. The cost is £12 per number you hold for the full year and there are still some numbers available. Please place the money or cheque in an envelope marked clearly on the outside with your name and '200 Club' and give it to Rose. Cheques should be made payable to 'St George's Church'.

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Jars of Grace

We are again collecting pennies or loose change for UNICEF. The idea is to put a set amount into a jar each day e.g. a penny a day will raise £3.65 per year, but you can do it any way you like, if you prefer to put loose change in on a regular basis that's fine, and you will be surprised at how quickly it mounts up. If you've already started—great! If not, it isn't too late, just find a jar and start collecting. Jars will be collected in June to coincide with our Church Anniversary. Thanks for your support.

Rose.

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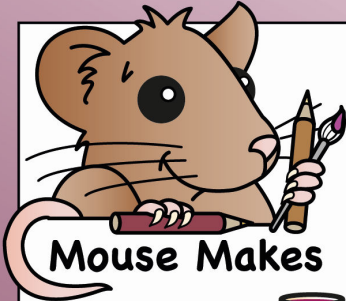


Just a reminder that we are still accepting donations for The Swan Project at Tameside Hospital. The project is looking for charitable donations of hotel toiletries for families who are having to stay with their loved ones and for patients themselves, drawstring toiletry bags, crocheted blankets, items 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.

Thank you

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What was the special meal Jesus was preparing to eat?

Matthew 26:18



What did Jesus take, bless and break?

Matthew 26:26

What did Jesus give thanks for and share?

Matthew 26:27



What did Jesus say this represented?

His -----
Matthew 26:26

What did Jesus say this represented?

His -----
Matthew 26:27-28

Jesus instructed his disciples to continue to break bread and share the cup "in



of me."

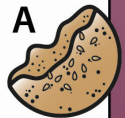
1 Corinthians 11:24-25



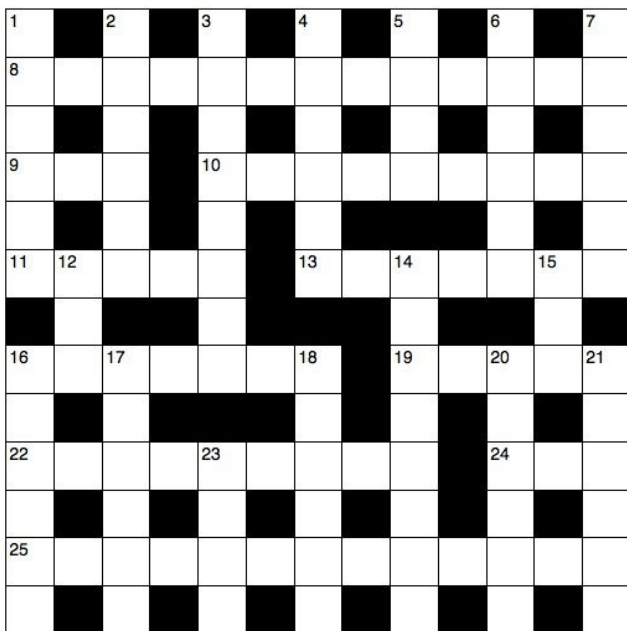
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Find the words from the questions too!



February Crossword



Across

8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8), 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3), 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9), 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2), 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7), 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7), 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5), 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7), 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25, How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6), 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6), 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8), 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6), 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4), 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4), 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3), 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1), 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8), 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3), 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6), 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6), 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2), 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6), 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6), 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases



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What's going on at St George's?

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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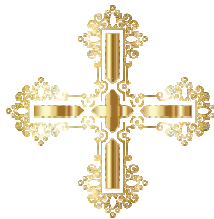
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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

15th January

Emilia Lily Pearce



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With Valentine's Day in mind...how do you define love?

A group of 4-to-8-year-olds was once asked: 'What does love mean?' The answers they gave were surprising for their depth of insight....

- "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toe-nails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8

- "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

- "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age 5

- "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your chips, without making them give you any of theirs." Chrissy - age 6

- "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4

- "Love is when mum makes coffee for my dad and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." Danny - age 7

- "Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mum and Dad are like that. They look gross when they kiss." Emily - age 8

- "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6 (We need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

"My mummy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." – Clare, aged 6

"Love is when mummy gives daddy the best piece of chicken." - Elaine - age 5

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day"
Mary Ann - age 4

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Feb	Ernest Albert Whitehead	2000	19 Feb	James Harrison Rowbottom	1963
2 Feb	Vera Hadfield	2005	20 Feb	John Sedgwick	1964
	Carl Stephen Morrison	2013		Clara Brown	2009
4 Feb	Mary Priestley	1994		Nellie Allcock	2011
	Margaret Longmate	2011		Sylvia Wilson	2014
	Peter Andrew Diamond	2013	22 Feb	Frederick James Eldridge	1989
6 Feb	James Howarth	1993		Joan Wykes	2001
	Albert Livsey	1993	24 Feb	Mary Theresa Brierley	2004
	Norman Thomas Quest	2015	25 Feb	Phillip Grocott	1975
7 Feb	Annie Howard	1981		Harry Nuttall	1992
	Adam Constantine	2004		Leslie Barber	2006
8 Feb	Edith Harriet Turner	1991	26 Feb	Herbert Newton	1971
	David Brian Bardsley	2011		George Henry Maddock	1983
9 Feb	Ada Alice Cooper	1970		Edward Cooper	1986
	Rose Pamela Gudgeon	2010		Francis Frederick Lawes	1999
10 Feb	Donald Joseph Sidebottom	1992		Lucy Wilson	2011
	Colin Birch	2001		Edith Lees	2014
11 Feb	Harold Lee	1961	27 Feb	Winifred Ada Christian	1968
	Iris Wilson	1975		Maud Green	1986
	Ada Stephenson	1983		Clara Wardle	1987
	Mary Skelton	2012		Elsie Violet Shaw	2000
	Thomas Darraugh	2019	28 Feb	Jessie Birch	2011
12 Feb	Mary Pollitt	1987		Samuel Terence Broadbent	1990
	Leslie Anne Moura	2020		Robert Fowden	1982
14 Feb	John Devlin	1973		Elsie Hopwood	2006
15 Feb	John Edward Chadwick	2015	29 Feb	Agnes Goodwin	1996
	Yvonne Cooper	2019		Ollerenshaw	
16 Feb	Kenneth Shaw	2003			
17 Feb	Gertrude Fitchett	1984			
	George Hubert Morris	2015			
18 Feb	Annie Revell	1986			

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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.

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Wednesday

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