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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



@stgeorgestalybridge



Friends

Mothering Sunday this year fall on 19th March. It is a day of mixed emotions. For many it's a happy, joyous day, but for others it's one of pain and grief. A day to celebrate love, while acknowledging those who cannot have children or have lost them and those who have no relationship with their mother.

In the dying moments of His life, Jesus honored Mary His mother by showing her love and care. He entrusted His mother to John's protection: 'When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.' (John 19:26,27). While affirming the importance of mothers, Jesus reminds us that the love we show on Mothering Sunday is just a token of our continuous appreciation of them.

Jesus also creates a new way of being family, marking the beginnings of the church. In the past, people would go back to their 'mother' church on this Sunday, to acknowledge its importance in their lives. Jesus invites us into this new family of love and mutual belonging, where we can find a place, irrespective of our own family circumstances.

Church is not always an easy place to be, because we are shaped by our own experience of mothering. We may find it hard to give or receive love without ourselves getting in the way. However, God's help is available to change things, 'because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.' (Romans 5:5)

The mother of three difficult youngsters was asked whether she'd have children if she had it to do over again. 'Yes,' she replied. 'But not the same ones.'

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

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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!

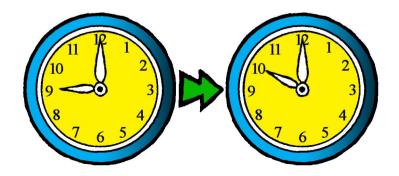
Holy Communion continues to be received standing and using the one-way system still in place in church. Please sanitise your hands before receiving. The chalice will be available for those who wish to receive it.

No intinction (dipping wafers)

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Don't forget ...

the clocks go forward one hour at 1 a.m. on Sunday 26th March 2023





Lent this year may have already started but it's not too late to join our Lent Course. This year's course will run for six weeks on Monday evenings from Monday 27th February at 7pm until 8pm in the Church lounge. The six sessions will study the booklet '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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Give to the DEC Turkey-Syria Appeal 2023

Devastating earthquakes have recently killed thousands of people in Turkey and Syria. Hundreds of buildings have been destroyed. Survivors are facing freezing conditions and need urgent aid. More than 50,000 people have been killed, and 17 million have been affected. They urgently need shelter, food and medical aid, or they will also die.

Please, if you can help, go to https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal and join the worldwide response to the suffering people of Turkey and Syria.

Prayer for the earthquake victims

Heavenly Father,

we look on with desperation at the events unfolding in Turkey and Syria and turn our faces towards you, our sovereign Lord.

Your profound and powerful love brings hope, even in the midst of the most devastating circumstances. While we feel distant and helpless, we know that you are present and able to bring transformation.

Draw near, Father God. Draw near to those who are grieving. Draw near to those who are working tirelessly to provide essential aid. Draw near to Jesus followers who are beacons of your love in the darkness. Draw near to those in critical roles providing co-ordination, logistical support, and life-saving medical treatment. Draw near to all those who need to know that you are *with* them.

We choose to trust in your unfailing love. Amen



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 March 2023

Sun 5th 2nd Sunday of Lent

10.30 Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5,13-17;

John 3.1-17

Tues 7th 10.30 No service

Sun 12th 3rd Sunday of Lent

10.30 Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-

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Tues 14th 10.30 No service

Sun 19th 4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

10.30 Exodus 2.1-10; Luke 2. 33-35

Tues 21st 10.30 No service

Sun 26th 5th Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins

10.30 Ezekiel 37.1-14: Psalm 130: Romans 8.6-11: John

11.1-45

Tues 28th 10.30 No service

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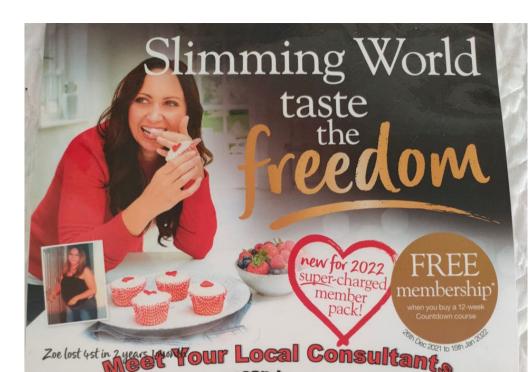
February Crossword Solution

ACROSS:

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

DOWN:

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.



Stalybridge Labour club Tuesday 6pm



Stalybridge Labour club Wednesday 9.30am

Marie



Stalybridge Reach Church Wednesday 5.00 pm 6.30 pm

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*At participating groups only. See our website for more information.

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Son	ne d	ates for your o	diary - March 2023
Wed		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
		2.00 p.m.	World day of Prayer at St. Peter's and St. Raphael's Church, off Castle Hall Close, Stalybridge SK15 2ED.
Sun	5th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	6th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		7.00 p.m.	Lent Course
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
Sun	12th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns for Mothering
			Sunday
Mon	13th	9 a.m 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
_		7.00 p.m.	Lent Course
Tues		6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
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			Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
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Fri	17th	11.30 a.iii - 1.30 p.iii.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736

Fri 17th 11.30 a.m - 1.30 p.m. Dementia Caté - please book places on 0771423573

Sun 19th 10.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist with hymns

Mon 20th 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Tiny Tots
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Lent Course

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

Sat 25th 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon Epilepsy Action Coffee Morning, St George's Church,

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

"BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COMF"

How many of you remember the film called Field of Dreams? Made in 1989 it starred Kevin Costner as a farmer in lowa who hears a voice telling him "If you build it, he will come". He goes on to build a baseball diamond on his land after which the ghosts of great players emerge from the crops to play baseball led by the famous Joe Jackson.

Our Dementia Café reminds me so much of this sentiment! We first started in January 2020, and no sooner had we opened, with very few guests, than we had to close again because of Covid.

Fast forward to September 2021, when we reopened. It was a very tenuous affair and our first opening had lots of volunteers – but no guests! And so it was until 15th October when our first guests joined us. Even then, it was quality versus quantity – but just look at us now!!

We have reached our capacity of 30 guests (including carers)! A fantastic achievement and I am so very proud of our Volunteers who make this possible. We now offer a hot lunch together with our famous brews. Every week we are entertained in some way – be it Animal Bingo, Table games (for the less mobile), skittles, Molkky, quizzes, music, Beetle Drives, concerts, Play Your Cards Right and much more!! The most important part of our meetings is the opportunity for the carers to interact with others in a similar situation, to share ideas, solve problems or just have a shoulder to cry on.

I still work hard to get grants and donations so that our work is self funding. Unfortunately, as we are at capacity, we now have a waiting list for new guests. Where possible, if guests know that they are unable to attend, I get guests off our "reserve" list for that week only. It was such a difficult decision to make, but the size of the room is the deciding factor from a Health and Safety point of view.

I have mixed feelings about our success — yes, we appear to be successful in helping all our guests and have much fun in doing so, but this is such a cruel disease and the fact that so many people are in need of our help is a very sad situation. As far as I am aware, we are the only Dementia Café in Stalybridge.

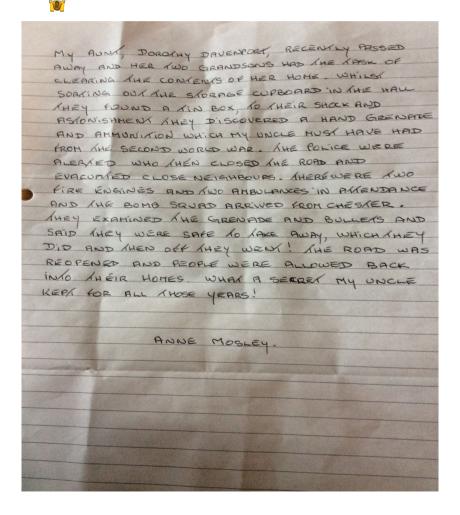
If you know of anyone who would benefit from our help, please ask them to contact me on 07714 235736 and they can join our waiting list.

Chris Crabtree

Gone but certainly not forgotten

We all hope that when we leave this world we will be remembered and leave behind fond memories of our being here, and we were all saddened by the recent passing, just before Christmas, of Dorothy Davenport, a long standing member of St George's congregation.

So, it was with some amusement that we read the letter below, recently received from Dorothy's niece. Dorothy certainly wouldn't have been forgotten anyway but this brings a whole new meaning to going out with a bang!



St George's Snippets

200 Club

February Winners

1st £25 prize no 90 Steve Fallows; 2nd prize £15 no 19 Caroline Hansell; 3rd prize £10 no 77 Phil Noonan

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. +++++++++++

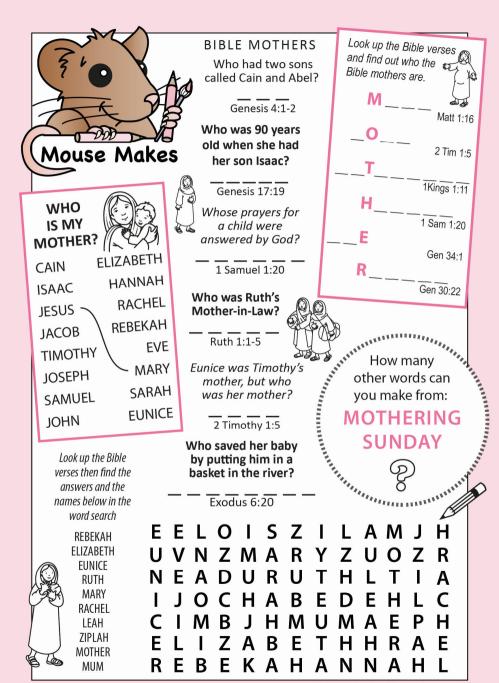


Just a reminder that we are still accepting donations for The Swan Project at Tameside Hospital. The project is looking for charitable donations of hotel toiletries for families who are having to stay with their loved ones and for patients themselves, drawstring toiletry bags, crocheted blankets, items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

Children's Page



March Crossword

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Across

1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11), 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7), 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5), 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3), 13 Mede (anag.) (4), 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4), 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6), 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4), 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4), 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3), 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4), 23 Edit (anag.) (4), 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3), 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5), 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4), 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

2 'That was why his parents said, "He is ——; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3), 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4, 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4), 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4), 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7), 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11), 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11), 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6), 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3), 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6), 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7), 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3), 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord —— ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3), 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4), 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4), 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)



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New members always welcome

Contact manager for further info on

07450352283

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



Did you know that we offer a Grave Tidy Service? The service runs from March—November and costs just £30 for the year. If you are interested please have a chat with Ian Cooke

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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

19 February

Frankie John Danson



25 February

Mark Shuttleworth & Hannah Sullivan



Smile Lines ...

What if biblical headlines were written by today's secular media

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On Red Sea crossing:

WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN LABOR STRIKE Pursuing environmentalists killed

On David vs. Goliath:

HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED CHAMPION Psychologist questions influence of rock

On Elijah on Mt. Carmel:

FIRE SENDS RELIGIOUS RIGHT EXTREMIST INTO FRENZY 400 killed

On the birth of Christ:

STABLE OCCUPIED, ANIMALS LEFT HOMELESS
Animal Rights activists enraged by insensitive couple

On feeding the 5,000:

PREACHER STEALS CHILD'S LUNCH
Disciples mystified at leader's callous behaviour

On healing the 10 lepers:

LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE RUINED 'Faith Healer' causes bankruptcy

On healing of the Gadarene demoniac:

MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES STAMPEDE Local farmer's investment lost

On raising Lazarus from the dead:

FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER RAISES A STINK Will reading now has to be delayed

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Mar	Thomas Cowman George Harry Hobson	1984 1984	13 Mar	William Bateman Donald Feetham	1978 1997
	Mary Bailey	1969		Beatrice Kelsall	1981
	Tom Bowden	1972		Christine Higgins	2010
	Joan Wheatley	1972	14 Mar	Frank Stones	1990
	Allen Marsden	1995	16 Mar	Daniel James Greenhalgh	2020
	Betty Curtis	2014	18 Mar	Thomas Williamson Thomson	1983
	Kenneth John Dodd	2017		Alma Nuttall	1991
2 Mar	George Jubb	1978		Roberto Luigi Pravisani	2005
	Gerard Postings	1996		David Rawsterne	2009
3 Mar	Tom Broadbent	1989	19 Mar	Thomas Green	1966
4 Mar	Jean Boyle (nee Smith)	2011	20 Mar	Ernest Sidebottom	1988
5 Mar	Dennis Harrison	1985	21 Mar	James Shenton	1964
	Rose Ann Quest	1991		John Duxbury	1985
6 Mar	James Wilkinson	1985		Regan Joseph Michael Tetlow	1988
	Albert Barber	1987		Frank Cooke Jackson	1993
	James Eric Hinchliffe	1999		Emmeline Elizabeth Heap	1997
	Barry Mutch	2008	23 Mar	Harold Moore	1996
	Ellen Johnson	2018		George James Crossland	2002
7 Mar	Henry Saxon	1977		James Wright	2001
	Sadie Shaw	1984		James Johnson	1984
	Jessie Mary Daly	1986		Ian Stuart Wharton	2014
8 Mar	Jane Norris	1969	24 Mar	Alice Hardon	1989
	Margaret Cawley	1985	26 Mar	Denis Patrick Daly	1984
9 Mar	Gordon Wheatley	1998		Samantha Jane Dunlop	1984
	Joseph Sharpe	2000		Edward Noah Clayton	1989
	Norman Nield	2005		Hilda Graham	2009
10 Mar	Lewis Dain Gudger	2014	27 Mar	Herbert Battersby	1965
	Rosemary Andrew	2017		Theresa Aldred	1999
11 Mar	Sarah Ann Allsop	1986		Mary Bardsley	1994
	Enid Longden	2014	28 Mar	Patricia Carter	2014
	Brian Jones	2008	29 Mar	William Spencer	2000
12 Mar	Herbert Bardsley	1981		Olive Stephenson	1985
	James Turner	1987		Bernard Joseph Walsh	2012
	Harold Webster	1987	30 Mar	Norman Stokes	1970
	Mabel Sweeney	1991		William Forde Clarke	2005
	Basil Kirk	1989		John William Arthur Dale	2008
	Mary Bailey	2014		Maureen Bebbington	2016
			31 Mar	Tom Grimes	1980
				Mark Press	1981



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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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

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.

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION

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