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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

In this Easter season, how does Philippians 2 help us to understand more about the cross?

Jesus' Example (v6-8)

'He did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage... And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross!'

Paul reminds us of how Jesus, although fully God from eternity, entered our world as a man to take on a life of service. *'He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.'* He completely surrendered Himself, by identifying with all the weakness, problems, and frailties of human life. This took Him to the cross, where He rescued us from the power of sin and death, so that we might know God's eternal life.

Our Response (v3-5)

Paul says that our relationships should reflect the same attitude as Jesus: *'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.'* We should look out for the needs of others before our own. This will transform our relationships at home and church. How practically can we develop a *cross attitude*?

God's Purpose (v9-11)

The resurrection demonstrates how God has exalted Jesus in triumph: *'Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name'* (v9). Our willingness to serve, like Jesus, will be rewarded by God, especially when we feel used or exploited.

'This is our God, The Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him, To bring our lives as a daily offering, Of worship to The Servant King' (Graham Kendrick)

You can do this at home, leading up to Easter!

Why not put a small cross in your front window as Lent draws to a close, and Easter Week approaches? You can use a Palm cross or a wooden one. A cross is a visible reminder of the death of Jesus, and the Christian meaning of Easter and Resurrection.

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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)

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Easter Prayer

Thank you, Father, that you raised Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Day and that He is alive now and forever. Thank you that whoever believes in Him and turns away from selfish living and towards you can be forgiven through His name. Thank you that Jesus is the same today as He was then and will always be.

Thank you for the Bible - your inspired, unchanging, and living Word to guide us. Help us to hold fast to Your teaching and not to be led astray. Your Word is truth. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord, that we might be Your faithful, fruitful Resurrection People.

In the name of our living Lord, Jesus.
Amen.

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Norma Banton of Silverfish Jewellery considers Easter. Silverfish make a wide variety of Christian-themed pendants and earrings. For more details, visit: <https://www.silverfishjewellery.co.uk>

Mystery of the Passion

"I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me though he were dead yet shall he live" John 11:25

It would have been hard on Good Friday for anyone to imagine the glory that was coming on Sunday morning. On Friday the situation seemed hopeless: Peter denied Christ three times; Judas committed suicide; the other disciples scattered in fear; Jesus prayed until His sweat became drops of blood; on the cross He cried out 'My God, My God why have you forsaken me?' The sky turned black as He died, the curtain in the temple was torn in two and Mary's heart was pierced.

All of this suffering bought our salvation, our healing, our peace and our eternal life. Because through His blood we are transformed into the sons and daughters of God!

The mystery of the 'passion of Christ' is almost incomprehensible, but whatever you are facing today I want to encourage you that Jesus has already paid the price for that....If we are sad 'Jesus wept', and He bought our joy. If we are sick, He purchased our healing. If we are troubled, He bought our peace. And for all the wrong things we have done, He bought our redemption from sin. We have been bought with a great price, and we are His.

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UK churches use lights and prayers to support Ukraine

Cathedrals were floodlit in the colours of the Ukrainian flag, candles were lit, and services, prayer vigils and other events were recently held across the country in churches to mark the first anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on 24th February.

Many of the Church of England's Cathedrals and churches held prayer vigils that included contributions from Ukrainian refugees.

In rural as well as urban areas, many parishes where families are still hosting Ukrainian refugees, opened their doors for prayer, reflection and music.

The Bishop of Bradford, Toby Howarth, said: "Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine one year ago has caused misery not only for Ukrainians, but has led to immense hardship for many others across the world."

Mary Gregory, Canon for Arts and Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, said: "The vigil gave us an opportunity to acknowledge the terrible pain and loss of the last year, to remember those who have died, and to pray

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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 April 2023

HOLY WEEK

Sun 2nd	Palm Sunday
10.30	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14-end of 27
Tues 4 th	10.30 No service
Thurs 6th	Maundy Thursday
20.00	Exodus 12.1-4,11-14; Psalm 116.1,10-end;
Fri 7th	Good Friday
10.30	Isaiah 52.13-end of 53; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10.16-25; John 18.1-end of 19
Sun 9th	Easter Day
10.30	Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.14-24; Colossians 3.1-4;
Tues 11 th	10.30 No service
Sun 16th	2nd Sunday of Easter
10.30	Acts 2.14a,22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John
Tues 18 th	10.30 No service
Sun 23rd	3rd Sunday of Easter - Celebrating St George
10.30	Acts 2.14a,36-41; Luke 24.13-35 <i>Worship For All</i>
Tues 25 th	10.30 No service
Sun 30th	4th Sunday of Easter
10.30	Acts 2.42-end; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-end; John 10.1-10

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
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6.30 pm



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Some dates for your diary - April 2023

Sat	1st	7.30 p.m.	Quiz
Sun	2nd	10.30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	3rd	7.00 p.m.	Lent Course
Thurs	6th	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities Maundy Thursday Eucharist
Fri	7th	10.30 a.m.	Good Friday—The Liturgy of the Cross
Sun	9th	10.30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Parish Eucharist with hymns
Thurs	13th	1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
Sun	16th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	17th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	18th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
Wed	19th	6.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Brownies Guides
Thurs	20th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m. 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Tiny Tots Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	21st	11.30 a.m - 1.30 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sat	22nd	7.30 p.m.	Brass Band Concert
Sun	23rd	10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	Parish Eucharist with hymns Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting
Mon	24th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Tiny Tots Ten-pin Bowling
Tues	25th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
Wed	26th	6.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Brownies Guides
Thurs	27th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m. 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Tiny Tots Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities 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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Did you know

... that you can hire the Church Lounge and the Upstairs Hall? The cost is £50 per session, morning, afternoon or evening per area. Downstairs includes the lounge, creche and kitchen or upstairs which includes the large hall and kitchenette.

If you would like more information please contact Janet Vidler on 0776 358 3278

Wordsearch for April

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with His disciples, He warned them He was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, and gave it to them; He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and His blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup of suffering might be removed from Him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. Because of Easter we can approach God through his Son, Jesus Christ. He has opened the gates to heaven for us!

Jesus
Ate
Last
Passover
Meal

Disciples
Warned
Betrayed
Bread
Blessed

Wine
Thanks
Drink
Covenant
Law

Old
New
Body
Blood
Gethsemane

Cup
Removed
Will
Easter
Approach
God



All in the month of April

It was:

150 years ago, on 4th April 1873 that the Kennel Club was founded in London.

100 years ago, on 15th April 1923 that insulin became generally available for the treatment of diabetes.

Also 100 years ago, on 26th April 1923 that Prince Albert, Duke of York (later King George VI) married Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (later Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother) at Westminster Abbey in London.

80 years ago, on 30th April 1943 that the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp was established in Germany.

75 years ago, on 7th April 1948 that the World Health Organization (WHO) was founded in Geneva, Switzerland.

70 years ago, on 16th April 1953 that Queen Elizabeth II launched the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was decommissioned in 1997.

50 years ago, on 4th April 1973 that the World Trade Centre in New York City was officially opened. It was destroyed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

Also 50 years ago, on 8th April 1973 that Pablo Picasso, Spanish artist died..

30 years ago, on 22nd April 1993 that Stephen Lawrence, an 18-year-old British teenager, was murdered in a racially motivated attack while waiting for a bus in Eltham, London.

30 years ago, on 29th April 1993 that Queen Elizabeth II announced that Buckingham Palace would open to the public for the first time, to raise funds to repair fire damage at Windsor Castle.

Also 30 years ago, on 30th April 1993 that CERN, the creators of the World Wide Web, announced that it could be used for free by anyone. That decision has shaped the modern world as we know it.

25 years ago, on 10th April 1998 that the Good Friday Agreement was signed in Northern Ireland.

20 years ago, on 9th April 2003 that US troops took control of Iraq's capital city, Baghdad.

and ... love them or hate them!

It was 60 years ago that Cadbury's made their first Crème Eggs: the Creme Egg is the best-selling confectionery item between New Year's Day and Easter in the UK, with annual sales of more than 200 million eggs, worth about £55 million.

St George's Snippets

200 Club

March Winners

1st prize £25 no 2 Jackie Mellor ; 2nd prize £15 no 58 Joan Catlow ; 3rd prize £10 no 92 Eric Hayward

There are still some numbers available for the 200 Club. The cost is £12 per number you hold for the full year. If you are interested please speak to Rose.

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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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Diary Dates

Many thanks to Margaret for running the Diary Dates competition again, the winning date was May 19th and Andrew Watkins was the lucky winner. A total of £265 was raised for Church Funds.

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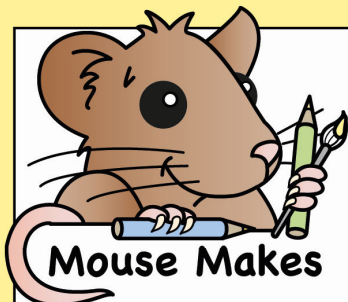


Just a reminder that we are still accepting donations for The Swan Project at Tameside Hospital. The project is looking for charitable donations of hotel toiletries for families who are having to stay with their loved ones and for patients themselves, drawstring toiletry bags, crocheted blankets, items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

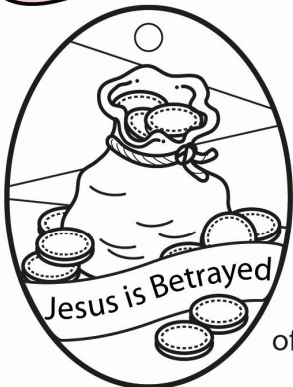
We are also collecting used postage stamps for Willow Wood Hospice. Please bring these to church and give to Rose.

Thank you

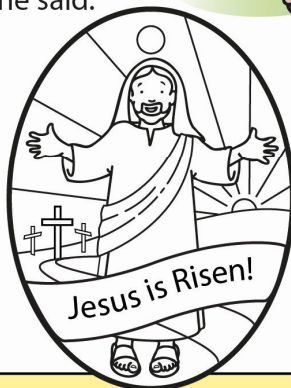
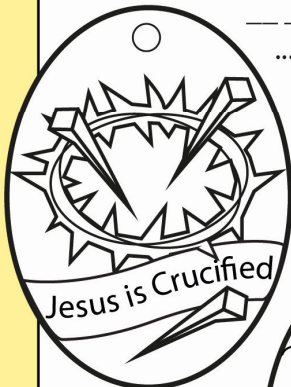
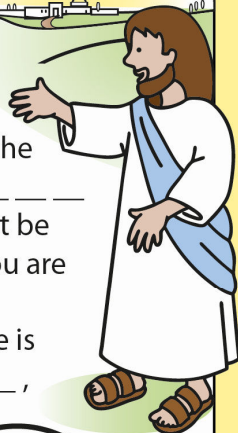
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HE IS RISEN!
 Read the story of
 The Resurrection in
 Matthew 28:1-20

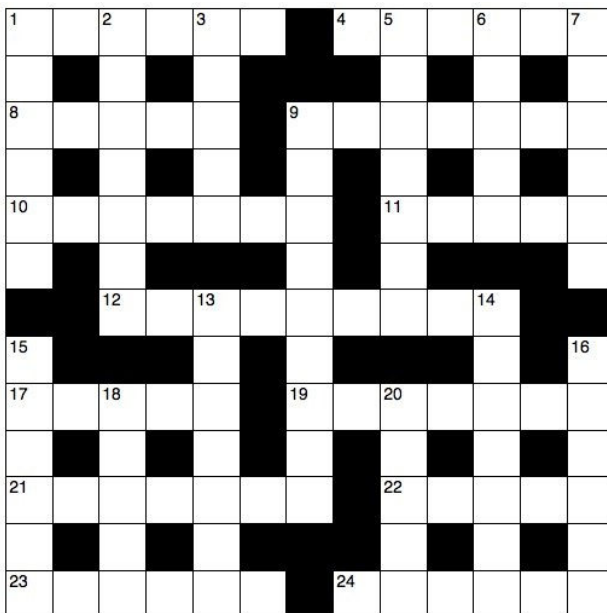


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 of the Lord came down from
 _____ and going to the
 _____ rolled back the
 ... the _____ said, "Do not be
 _____, for I know you are
 looking for Jesus who was
 _____, He is
 not here; he has _____,
 just as he said."



Glue this page onto
 card. Cut out the
 ovals then colour in.
 Punch a hole at the
 top and hang up
 for Easter

April Crossword



Across

1 Relating to the whole universe (6), 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6), 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3), 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7), 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7), 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5), 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9), 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5), 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7), 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7), 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5), 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6), 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6), 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7), 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5), 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3), 6 11 Across is certainly this (5), 7 He reps (anag.) (6), 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9), 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7), 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7), 15 The human mind or soul (6), 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war



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Artistes regularly



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Pool tables

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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



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Baptisms



5 March

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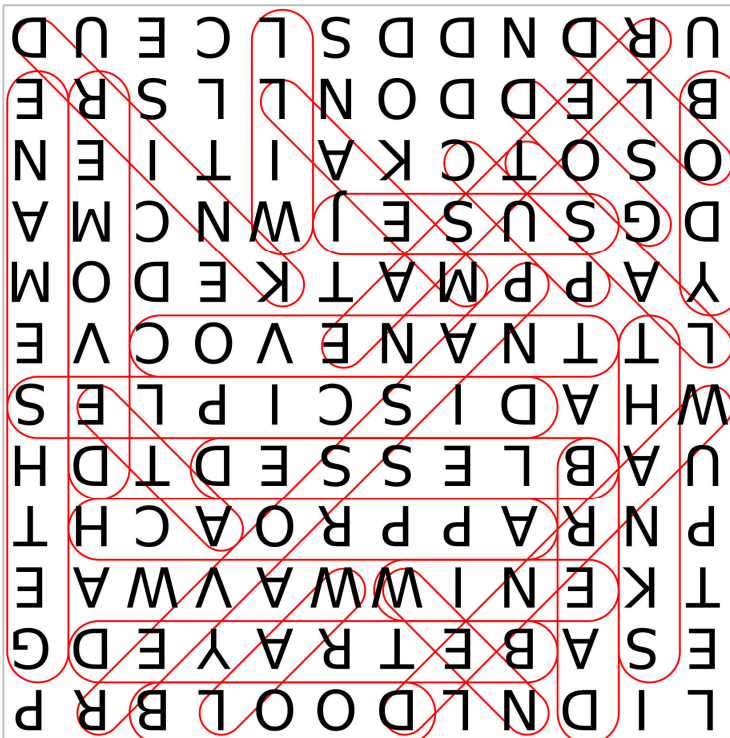
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March Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

Wordsearch Solution



From Our Book of Remembrance

Apr 3	Alan Wilson	1970	Apr 17	Bertha Stanley	1965
	Fred Peck	1977		Dennis Baxter	2001
	William Dawson	1982	Apr 18	Edith Smith	1988
	Joan Brocklehurst	1994		Ada Sayce	1989
Apr 4	Grace Lee	1975	Apr 19	Mary Elizabeth Parkinson	1944
	Geoffrey Birch	2006		Doris Hibbert	1970
Apr 5	Percy Dudleston	1979		Samuel Cook	1989
Apr 6	Herbert Brocklehurst	1975	Apr 20	Louis Bowler	1990
Apr 7	Ellen Ratcliffe	1937		Lena Schofield	1997
	Ian Stephen Duncan	2020		Mary Wright	1989
Apr 8	Alistair William Rose	1983	Apr 22	Mark Allen Cowley	2009
	Forbes		Apr 23	James Johnson	1984
Apr 9	John (Jack) Ireson	1987		Jennie Cook	1995
	Kenneth Langton	2007		Bob Dentith	2021
	Howard Steven Fogg	2008	Apr 24	George Wardle	1997
	Robin Edward Morris	2015		Joan Lindley	1983
Apr 10	Walter Bramall	1977		Doreen Lilian Pritchard	2009
	Minnie Talbot	1984		Graham Webster	2009
	Freda Mary Day	1987	Apr 25	John Jepson Thomas	1991
Apr 12	Jacqueline Ruth Gillaspay	1987		Alice Ann Walton	1998
	Andrea Louise Johnson	2004	Apr 26	Elsie Beatrice Dugdale	1974
Apr 14	Neil Kershaw	2013		Beatrice Isabella Brien	1985
	Helen Shaw	1996		Harry Blackburn	2003
Apr 15	Ernest Norris	1965	Apr 27	John Kenyon	2001
	Joseph Parry	2007	Apr 28	Ada Broadbent	1962
	Alice Banks	2009	Apr 29	Laura Wright	2007
Apr 16	Harold David Robinson	2021			
	Joseph Shaw	1961			
	Emily Spencer	1990			

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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

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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