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May 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

On 6th May His Majesty King Charles III will be crowned alongside Camilla, The Queen Consort, in Westminster Abbey. How can we pray for him, as he approaches this important event? Paul says: *'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'* (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

For God's presence to guide every aspect of King Charles' life as he prepares for his Coronation and future roles. At his Accession, he was proclaimed Defender of the Faith, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Charles has talked about *'the Sovereign's particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England - the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted.'*

For God's wisdom as he provides leadership that will honour God and promote the wellbeing of our society. King Solomon prayed for wisdom for himself: *'So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.'* (1 Kings 3:9).

For God's love to strengthen all relationships within the Royal Family; for reconciliation, understanding, forgiveness and good communication.

For God's purpose to be fulfilled through the work of the King and Queen Consort and their family in the years to come. He has said: *'and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'*

A Prayer for the new King:

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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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Come Together Café

We have been meeting together regularly on a weekly basis since September 2021 on a Thursday afternoon in St George's Lounge, Church Walk, between 1.00 pm and 3 pm and we have increased our friendships to approximately 20 in total.

We share a cuppa and a chat along with varied refreshments, (no charge but donations are very welcome!)

We are self funding but we have managed to access some funding from The Hub, this has helped with activities and refreshments, including our Christmas buffet that we all enjoyed together.

We celebrate special occasions throughout the year and also anyone's birthday. We have activities going on for those who wish to participate and look to continue to grow in the future.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Spring Fair

ST. GEORGES CHURCH
13th May
11AM-2PM
church walk, stalybridge

LOTS OF STALLS,
SOME OLD FAVOURITES,
SOME NEW IDEAS
TEA AND COFFEE IN THE CAFE
AND OUR

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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 May 2023

Tues 2nd 10.30 No service

Sun 7th 5th Sunday of Easter

10.30 Acts 7.55-end; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10;

Tues 9th 10.30 No service

Sun 14th 6th Sunday of Easter

10.30 Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-end; 1 Peter 3.13-end;

Tues 16th 10.30 No service

Sun 21st 7th Sunday of Easter

10.30 Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10,32-end; 1 Peter 4.12-14,5.6-11; John 17.1-11

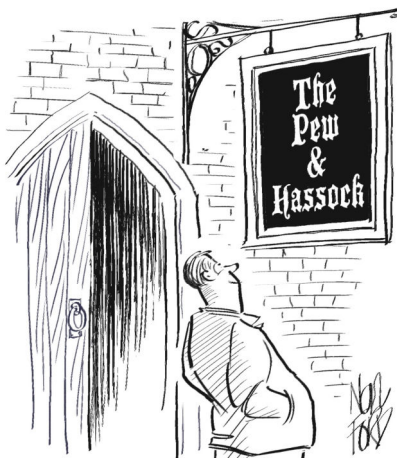
Tues 23rd 10.30 No service

Sun 28th Pentecost - *Whit Sunday*

**10.30 Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23
Worship For All - open air service with Bishop Mark**

Tues 30th 10.30 No service

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Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

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Wednesday

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6.30 pm



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Some dates for your diary - May 2023

Tues	2nd	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
Wed	3rd	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	4th	7 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Polling Station in St George's Lounge
Fri	5th	11.30 a.m - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sun	7th	10.30 a.m.	Sunday Parish Eucharist with hymns
		12.00	Coronation Bring & Share Lunch
Tues	9th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
Wed	10th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
		7.30 p.m.	'Informal prayer, meditation and praise' at St John the Baptist, Mossley
Thurs	11th	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	13th	11 a.m.—2 p.m.	Spring Fair
Sun	14th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	15th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	16th	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
Wed	17th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	18th	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
		1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Come Together Café for coffee, chat & activities
		7.00 p.m.	Ascension Day Service at St George's, Mossley
		7.30 p.m.	Tameside Community Voices Practice
Fri	19th	11.30 a.m - 2 p.m.	Dementia Café - please book places on 07714235736
Sat	20th	2.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea at St George's, Mossley
Sun	21st	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
Mon	22nd	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Tiny Tots
Tues	23rd	6.30 p.m.	Rainbows
Wed	24th	6.30 p.m.	Brownies
		7.30 p.m.	Guides
Thurs	25th	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	28th	10.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist with hymns
		2.00 p.m.	Open-Air Whit Sunday service with Bishop Mark

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



Local Hero John Buckley 1813-1876



John Buckley was born in a cottage on Cocker Hill, Stalybridge on 24 May 1813 and baptised in Old St George's Church. He was destined to have a tragic family life though he himself thwarted death many times.

His early employment was in the textile industry working locally at Harrison's Mill and then Bayley's Mill. However, aged eighteen and recognising that his ambitions went beyond mill work, Buckley went to Manchester and joined the Bengal Artillery. Shortly afterwards came his first posting - to India in June 1832 as a gunner.

In India, Buckley met and married fourteen year old Mary Ann Broadway in 1835. Living in Calcutta the couple had three children but illness struck repeatedly and by 1845 Mary Ann and two of the children had died. Buckley remarried in 1846 but in 1852 he lost the surviving child of his first marriage and in 1853 two sons by his second marriage also died.

In 1857 Buckley, his wife and three surviving children moved to Delhi where he became Assistant Commissioner of Ordnance and was employed at the Delhi Magazine (storehouse for guns and ammunition). It was whilst at the magazine that his conduct merited the award of the Victoria Cross. The citation reads simply as follows :

'For gallant defence of the magazine at Delhi'

He showed terrific courage, defying death. It was in May 1857 that the Indian Mutiny flared up against the rule of the British. The mutineers soon reached Delhi where Buckley and his fellow eight soldiers defending the magazine were vastly outnumbered. Rather than let the ammunition fall into enemy hands they decided to blow up the building and themselves. Miraculously four of them, including Buckley, survived. Buckley was captured by the enemy and soon learnt that his entire family had been ruthlessly murdered by the rebels. He had now lost two wives and eight children in total and wanted to live no longer. He begged for death from his captors but they refused to kill him on account of his bravery at the magazine. Buckley later escaped and rejoined the British army thence volunteering for all manner of dangerous missions in order

to taunt death. He oversaw the execution of one hundred and fifty rebels who were strapped to the muzzle of a cannon and blown apart. On 18 October 1858 Buckley was promoted to Lieutenant, but shortly afterwards fell ill and was given two years leave. He departed for England on 21 May 1858 and arrived home on 6 July.



John Buckley was invested with his Victoria Cross by Queen Victoria on 2 August 1858 during a parade of the garrison on Southsea Common, Portsmouth. He returned to Stalybridge in September 1858, but soon left again for India.

Buckley retired as a Major on 1 October 1861, returned to England and lived for many years with his final wife, Sara, at 213 East India Dock Road, Poplar until his death on 14 July 1876, aged 63. He was laid to rest at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, Mile End in an unmarked grave. A memorial tablet at the Delhi Magazine bears testimony to the heroism of a man who suffered tremendous personal loss. His Victoria Cross is displayed at the Royal Logistics Corps Museum in Camberley.

His grave was left unmarked for 136 years until it was found by Doreen Kendall in 2012. Two years later the grave was marked with a headstone in a ceremony on 14 July 2014, which was attended by Jim Fitzpatrick MP, soldiers from 9 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps and the Victoria Cross Trust.

Commemorations:

A blue plaque to commemorate Buckley's life is sited at the Travellers Call public house in Stalybridge.

Buckley Barracks, home of 9 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (formed from the amalgamation of the RAOC/RCT) at Hullavington, Wiltshire is named for him.

Buckley House, the official residence of the commander of the Defence Storage and Distribution Centre at Bicester is also named after Buckley.



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St George's Snippets

200 Club

April Winners

1st prize £25 no 74 Janet Fielding; 2nd prize £15 no 4 Suzanne Pymme ;
3rd prize £10 no 6 Rose 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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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

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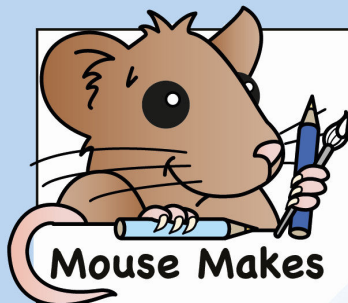


Just a reminder that we are still accepting donations for The Swan Project at Tameside Hospital. The project is looking for charitable donations of hotel toiletries for families who are having to stay with their loved ones and for patients themselves, drawstring toiletry bags, crocheted blankets, items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

Find the answers in the word search

What hid Jesus from the Apostles?

a _____
Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to? _____
Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to? _____
Acts 1:12

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.



READ
Acts 1 4-17

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?

_____ to be Jesus' witnesses.
Acts 1:8

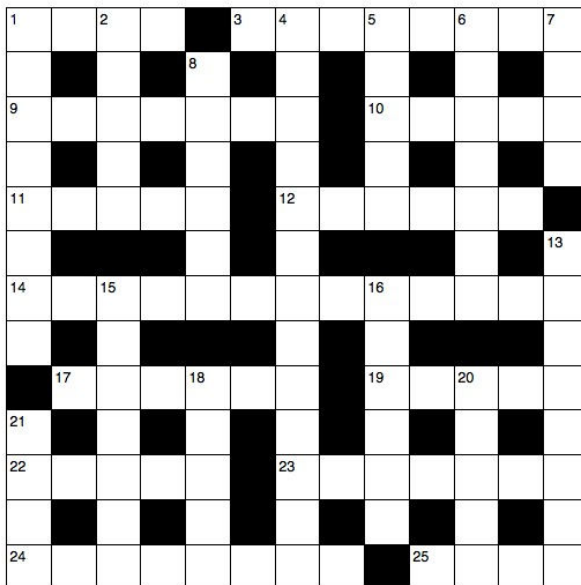
Who appeared to the Apostles? Two _____ and what were they dressed in? _____
Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated? At the _____ of God.
Mark 16:19

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May Crossword



Across

1. 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4), 3. 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4), 9. According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7), 10. Group of eight (5), 11. The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5), 12. — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6), 14. Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9), 17. 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6), 19. Attend to (3,2), 22. Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5), 23. Tea rite (anag.) (7), 24. Rule of sovereign (8), 25. Test (anag.) (4)

Down

1. The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8), 2. 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5), 4. 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5), 5. Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5), 6. Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7), 7. Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4), 8. Minister of religion (6), 13. 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8), 15. 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4), 16. Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6), 18. 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5), 20. Establish by law (5), 21. Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties



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

Artistes regularly



All live sport shown on large screens

Pool tables



Children allowed under supervision

New members always welcome

Contact manager for further info on

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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Pentecost - Not a Ghost but a Gift

We used to call it Whitsun – ‘White Sunday’ because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. It’s now ‘Pentecost’, which is more accurate but needs explaining.

Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer, they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

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April Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

From Our Book of Remembrance

May 1	Stephen Mark Young	2009	May 17	William Henry Priestley	1950
	Kenneth Doggett	2013		Bessie Travis	1991
May 2	Annie Selby	1975		Richard Barratt	2006
	Derek Kay	2009	May 18	Abel Ollerenshaw	1967
May 4	Harry Wright	1981	May 19	Clarice Barber	1976
	Martha Keatting	1996		William Dale	1967
May 6	Evelyn Parkinson	1902	May 21	Gladys Lowe	1996
	William Cooper	1970	May 22	James Geoffrey Brayshaw	1970
	Martha Kinder	1987		George Henry Cope	1970
May 8	Agnes Winifred Barker	1979		David Alan Swift	2019
May 9	Alice Day	1966	May 23	John William Wadsworth	1987
May 11	Catherine Ann Nowel	1988		Agnes Waddington	2007
	Redeyoff			Myrtle Constance Prescott	2016
	Mary Miller(nee Higgins)	2010	May 24	William Grimshaw	1998
May 13	Florence Wilson	1986		Albert Hopwood	2012
	Wendy Rosemary Miles	2016	May 25	Tibor Volcsey	2008
May 15	May Blease	1999	May 26	Ian Peter Blake	2009
	Joyce Honan Jakeman	2004	May 28	Margaret Theodora Roberts	2017
	Mary Woolley	2008	May 29	Martha Cooper	1987
	Charles Swainson	2012	May 30	Pamela Chorley	1973
May 16	Eileen Buckley	1979		Raymond Herbert Russell	2013
	William Hamnett Tonge	2006	May 31	Harry Williamson	2010

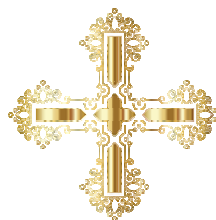
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BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Baptisms

16 April

Aaliyah Rose Stanley



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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

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